

## Presidents Message

### PMI Chapter Satisfaction

Every year chapter members have the opportunity to provide feedback to PMI regarding their satisfaction with the local PMI chapter. This year PMI reported that 260,000 chapter members from across the globe were invited to participate in the survey, and approximately 48,000 provided their valuable feedback. This survey is generally distributed early in the year, and each chapter is provided with the compiled results for their specific chapter in the June-July timeframe. As our new year begins on the 1st of July, this survey has been perfect timing for us. Since our inception, we have used this information as a valuable piece of feedback to assist us during our strategic planning. Along with the continual dialog we receive from of our volunteer members, this survey provides another valuable resource to assure we're heading in the right direction in regards to the services we offer for our chapter members.



We recently received this year's results from PMI. Specifically regarding our chapter, 26% of the PMI-NNV membership responded. And I thank you for your participation! We have posted the entire PMI-NNV Chapter Satisfaction Survey results on our web for your review. Overall, the majority of answers indicate that the experience with PMI-NNV is a positive one. This is good validation that we're doing several positive things. There is also constructive feedback; and we need that to help us expand our services and continue to grow in the direction that best meets the needs of our membership.

For example, why did you join PMI-NNV? Although there are several reasons stated, the majority of PMI-NNV members that responded to the survey joined to network with other project managers. This is important for us to keep in mind as we look to providing more networking opportunities in the future. And we got some great comments too; continuous feedback like this helps us focus our actions in the right directions:

"The efforts to organize and continuously develop NNV are appreciated! It's not an easy task for sure!"

"My travel schedule keeps me away from Reno on a regular basis and it's difficult to attend mid-week events."

"The chapter provides both evening and lunch time events – to help people attend around their work schedules – very nice to have this option."

"I do not live in the Reno/Carson City area so I have not participated in any events."

"Although I am a systems analyst, much of my job duties include those of a Project Manager I. As a new PMI member, I found attending events educational and supportive of my pursuit of the PMP Certification. And, it is fun, too. Valuable asset."

"I would be happy with the electronic communication if I didn't receive so much of the same information. It seems like I get several repeat emails."

This survey also asked the respondents to identify services or benefits currently offered by PMI-NNV; and also rate their level of satisfaction to a whole list of chapter services/benefits. These are valuable triggers for us – How are we doing in these areas? Are members aware of all the activities and services we currently offer? And personally, I am very interested in that list – it can be a great "idea generator". What other services are being offered by PMI chapters that our membership would benefit from if we offered it as well?

One disappointing response, to the question "Have you ever volunteered with the Chapter?" Over 50% of the response was no. And I understand – believe me – all of our plates are full, mine included! However, there is a significant value when a chapter can provide services that support and/or bring together like minded professionals such as us. To do so takes teamwork and volunteers to accomplish. I encourage you to use PMI-NNV as a venue to support your aspirations, and also consider volunteering a little of your time. Currently, we have the Meeting Director Position open. In this role, you will have the lead in coordinating our monthly dinner meeting. [Check out the full description on the website.](#)

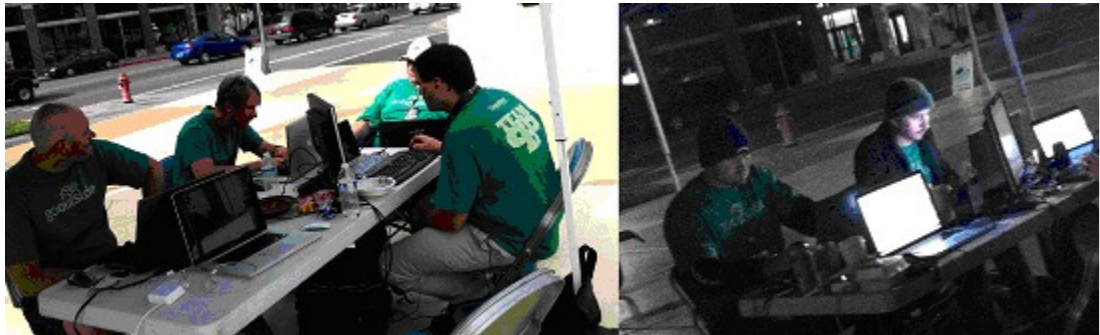
Also, we have not yet set a date for this year's Strategic Planning Session, and most likely will hold it on a Saturday in October. I invite you to consider joining us for a day of brainstorming. We focus efforts in each of our functional areas to set goals for the 1 to 3 year timeframe. You can contact me or any officer with questions/interest. Our membership will certainly benefit from your involvement!

Carmen Jones

PMI-NNV President

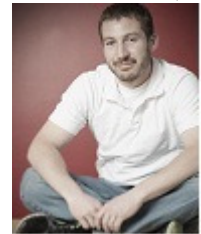
# Monthly Dinner Meeting

## The Ultimate Turnaround: Managing a 24-Hour Project



Many projects demand quick turnaround times. However, 24 hours is more than quick, it is extraordinary in most situations. However, a team of three developers, a designer and a project manager produced an award winning, engaging, feature rich web application in just under 24 hours during the Hack4Reno hackathon. In his August 28 presentation, Project Manager Rob Gaedtke will describe the process, skills required, and project management techniques that went into building the Alpha version of GoOutside.com during the noon-to-noon event.

An avid traveler, outdoor junkie and occasional self-described nerd, Rob Gaedtke, VP of Creative and Technical Services at KPS3 Marketing, manages the agency's creative/tech team; supplying clients with strategic and creative solutions and products. With over seven years of digital and traditional marketing experience, Rob has successfully overseen projects ranging from \$5,000 to \$500,000 working with teams of 20+ people all with diverse skill sets and personalities. His work has received countless regional and national accolades. He was named by the Reno Gazette-Journal as one of the "Twenty Under 40" winners for 2011.



### Meeting Time and Location

The presentation is scheduled for the August 28 meeting of the Project Management Institute's Northern Nevada Chapter. It will be held at Firkin & Wolf restaurant (13971 S. Virginia St in the Sierra Summit Mall, Reno). Networking begins at 5:30pm, dinner and announcements begin at 6:15pm, and the presentation begins at 7:00pm. The charge for dinner and presentation is \$25 (\$20 members); \$10 (\$5 members) for the presentation only. Register on-line at <http://www.pmi-nnv.org/>. One PDU can be earned for attending. Additional information can be

obtained from Wynnlee Crisp, NNV PMI Program Director, (425) 681-7887.

## Monthly Lunch Meetings

In addition to the PMI-NNV monthly evening meetings, we will continue having two lunch time meetings so that you may attend the location most convenient for you. The format will be the same for all lunch meetings: relaxed with lots of discussion about real-life experiences in project management.

### August - Decision Making Techniques

#### August 14th

Our monthly Carson City lunch forum will be held every 2nd Tuesday of every month at High Sierra Brewing Company at 11:30 to 1:00pm.

#### August 21st

Our monthly Reno lunch forum will be held every 3rd Tuesday of every month at Firkin & Wolf at 11:30 to 1:00.

## PMP Prep

### PMP EXAM PREPARATION COURSE – SEPTEMBER, 2012

Thinking about finally going for that PMP credential?

We will be holding the PMP Exam Preparation course on September 8 – 9, 22 – 23. Hold these dates!!! Check our web site for additional information on times, location and cost.

## Do You Deserve Recognition?



Project Managers like you provide a valuable service to their organizations by controlling timing, quality, and cost of important projects. That deserves

recognition.

The goal of International Project Management Day (IPM Day) is to recognize the contributions that Project Managers make to the success of businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

To celebrate IPM Day (November 1), project based organizations worldwide are encouraged to conduct some type of recognition within their organizations to demonstrate appreciation for the achievements of Project Managers and their teams. The Nevada IPM Day Team wants to invite your organization to provide this type of acknowledgement to you and your colleagues. If you think positive reinforcement for the work of Project Managers is important, just let us know who to contact by e-mail. You can enter the name, title, and e-mail address of your CEO, COO, Human Resources Director, and supervisor in the "Comments" box at [http://pmi-nnv.org/index.php?option=com\\_rsform&formId=10](http://pmi-nnv.org/index.php?option=com_rsform&formId=10) and we'll send them suggestions as to how they can honor their employees.

You can see the information that we'll send them at International Project Management Day - NV. Don't you deserve that?

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## Hot Fun at the Membership Appreciation Barbeque

What a great time for a barbeque. And a good time it was! Thanks to Deanna for hosting the barbeque this year – we had plenty of room to spread out and enjoy the day. The weather was perfect, and lots of shady spots for relaxation and visiting. There was a ping pong tournament going on in the game room and of course the kids headed straight for the pool! Was that Jason going down the water slide? Ken Ray and John Sheltren were our master barbequers.... they served up a bounty of chicken, dogs and brats – done to perfection. Thanks guys!! And did we ever have a spread of delicacies to accompany the entrees. From appetizers to desserts, and a variety of side dishes in between – what a great potluck! Speaking of luck – as with potluck tradition, there were plenty of leftovers for attendees to divvy up and share. And that we did; such fun!

This event was for you, our PMI-NNV members. Thank you so much for your time and efforts. Thank you for attending our chapter events. PMI-NNV wouldn't be

what it is today without your continuing support and participation! And the PMI-NNV Board of Directors gives a very special thanks to the following volunteers for taking on key roles for our chapter over this past year: Jessica Craig, Wynnlee Crisp, Sue Churchill, Carol Duncan, Joe Fitts, Polina Ivanova, Natalie and Linda Kennedy, Corinne Kesner, Shoba Lakshminarayana, Lorenz Ledesma, Araceli Madera, Jason Misztal, Steve Rausch, Ken Ray, Susan Redman, Lorie Roberts, Dave and Tracy Sharp, Cheryl Texeira, and Nishu Varma. THANK YOU!!!



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