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Monthly Dinner Meeting April 2016

April 26, 2016 Dinner Meeting



Effective Communication – Navigating through egg shells in today’s faster, cheaper, better environment!

One of the most important skills for a project manager to master is the ability to communicate! Think about the challenges you face daily: negotiating for project resources, delivering “bad news” to customers, establishing assignments, gathering/providing status, addressing expectations, and “navigating through egg shells” – that is, dealing with the “emotional behavior” of teams, stakeholders, and customers. Today’s competitive pressure for faster/cheaper/better creates an environment ripe for communication breakdowns. Our effectiveness depends upon our ability to successfully communicate with others; speak with clarity and conviction when setting priorities, presenting ideas, giving feedback, and providing clear explanations and directions. Want to become an awesome communicator? Let’s get down to the basic principles to do just that!

NOTE: The meeting date has changed to the FOURTH Tuesday of the month

Meeting Date and Location

April 26th 5:30pm - 8:00pm

New Location - SMOKE FREE

Twisted Fork Restaurant

1191 Steamboat Pkwy, Reno, NV 89521

Members: \$20, Non-Members \$25

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*Speaker: Carmen E. Jones, PMP
Effective Communication – Navigating through egg shells in today's faster, cheaper, better environment!*

Carmen's Bio:

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Monthly Dinner Meeting May 2016

May 24, 2016 Dinner Meeting



Expanding Influence without Authority

Do you ever feel short of influence and power?

On projects we often need to exert influence when we have limited or no authority. We are called to motivate action and contribution from employees who are not direct reports, provide vision that guides our team and relationship to other teams, manage conflicts and cultivate high levels of stakeholder buy-in and adoption. Our influence can make the difference between a successful and unsuccessful project outcome, not to mention increase our comfort along the way.

Communication is the key to building and exercising influence. Communication skills are often under-taught, under-considered, yet they are the core of our role as project manager. In this session we will focus on real-world scenarios and explore techniques and strategies for expanding influence through the power of communication!

NOTE: The meeting date has changed to the FOURTH Tuesday of the month

Meeting Date and Location

May 24th 5:30pm - 8:00pm

New Location - SMOKE FREE

Twisted Fork Restaurant

1191 Steamboat Pkwy, Reno, NV 89521

Members: \$20, Non-Members \$25

Early Pricing expires May 23rd. \$5 more for same day registration (either online or

at door).

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Speaker: Larry Ebert

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Larry's Bio:

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Chapter Survey Results

Thanks to all who took the time to tell us your thoughts and ideas. We are already acting on some - new dinner location and day of week as well as lunch discussion topics - and the chapterboard will be putting others in place in the next few months.

Here are highlights of the responses to our chapter-initiated survey that focused on lunch and dinner meeting venues, presentation and discussion topics and even menu choices.

We were very happy to get a more than 10% response rate, which is well above survey norms.

Dinner Meeting topics that earned high interest included:

- Strategic planning, analysis and alignment
- Business models and structures
- Project briefings by area companies
- Industry knowledge and standards
- Agile / scrum practices
- Data gathering and modeling
- Coaching and mentoring
- Negotiation
- Conflict management
- Influencing

- Current trends influencing the PM discipline (new products, techniques)
- Millennial relevance in practices and technologies
- Change management
- Advanced topics, such as portfolio management

Lunch discussion topics earning high ratings were:

- Engaging stakeholders and getting buy-in
- Care and feeding of a PM: Your Brand, Respect, Self-Esteem, ROI/Value
- PMI's 9 (10) knowledge areas
- Educating and strategizing with sponsors

Many people are interested in continuing the short Technical Tools segments in these areas:

- Risk Management
- Scheduling
- Managing documents
- Web pages
- Change management
- Lessons Learned

As you might anticipate, reasons people don't attend meeting was overwhelmingly "too busy / other priorities" though location / venue and food were factors. In addition, more than half the respondents ranked "willing to pay \$2-5 more for dinner meetings" highest and preferred a small private room at a restaurant and ordering from a limited menu above specific types of food or buffets.

Overall, the Board was very glad to have this chance to check in with potential members and infrequent attendees, as well as members. It helps us center our efforts and provide the programs and venues that seem to mean the most to many of you. Of course, you don't need to wait a few years for another chapter-initiated survey – please express your ideas or concerns to any Board member at any time or use the dinner meeting evaluation form to make your opinions known. Thank you. And thanks everyone who helped to create the survey.

Monthly Lunch Meeting

Join Us For Lunch!!



Carson City lunch meeting - 1st Tuesday of the month 11:45am - 1 pm Grandma Hattie's 2811 South Carson St, Carson City NV

Reno lunch meeting - 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:45am - 1pm at El Pescador - 499 East Plumb lane, Reno NV 89503 [El Pescador Menu](#)

The format is roundtable, relaxed with lots of discussion about real-life experiences in project management. The meeting is free, each attendee is responsible for their lunch order.

PDU's: Attendees will qualify for one (1) PDU. - Please register for restaurant planning purposes.

Registration: Meeting registrations are posted on the top right corner of this home page.

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Articles from around the web....

If you have a few extra minutes, these articles offer some good tidbits.

- [Difference between Program Manager and Project Manager](#)
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- [5 Tips to Build a Happy Team](#)
- [Know your Earning Power](#)

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New Members and PMPs

New PMI NNV Chapter Members:

- Michael Silber
- Jim Vesser, PMP
- Becky Contos
- Polina Ivanova, PMP
- Igor Remizov
- Silvia Alfonso, PMP
- William Huddleston, PMP

New Certifications:

Congratulations to our newest PMP:

- Michael Allen, PMP

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