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<p>Happy New Year PMI Northern Nevada</p>	<p>PMI-NNV Home</p> <p>Happy New Year 2017</p> <p>Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year</p> <p>With a new year, we have a fresh start and the Chapter has some exciting activities lined up. The information for the January and February dinner meetings are posted below. Save the date: February 9th, 2017, 5:30 PM for a fabulous networking event. Check the website PMI-NNV for updates.</p>
<p>Monthly Dinner Meeting</p> <p>Monthly Lunch Meeting</p> <p>Articles</p> <p>PDU Deals</p> <p>Members</p>	<p>Dinner Meetings for January and February</p> <p>January 24, 2017 Dinner Meeting</p> <div data-bbox="370 1314 615 1562"> A head-and-shoulders portrait of Sharon Grundy, a woman with short, curly brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark red top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. </div> <p>Design Input and Problem Solving Solutions</p> <p>We start 2017 with a lively discussion led by Sharon Grundy about how to look at design and problem solving from all angles. One of the interesting challenges Project Managers face is getting too much input from some people and not enough from others. Sharon will guide us through a discussion of how to bring in all perspectives to ensure the best design or solution to a problem.</p> <p>Location: Twisted Fork Restaurant</p> <p>PDU: 1</p>

[January Dinner Meeting Presentation](#)

Sharon's Bio

Sharon G. Grundy, PMP, SCPM, is a seasoned facilitator, coach and educator. With over 30 years of management and consulting experience in technology organizations, she provides practical experience in project management, adult learning, organizational change management and operations management. Her clients have included Cisco Systems, American Airlines, Baxter Medical Devices, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, IGT and many other technology organizations. Sharon taught advanced project management courses for Stanford University's Center for Professional Development, and has taught at the University of Nevada-Reno and Truckee Meadows Community College. She served PMI as Vice President of Membership for the Golden Gate Chapter, Founding President of the Silicon Valley Chapter, and Vice President of Professional Development for PMI-NNV.

February 28, 2017 Dinner Meeting



Powerful Non-Defensive Communication™ (PNDC): Cutting Edge Skills for Project Managers

Presenter: Jesse Combs, Founder/Principal Consultant, Clearstream Consulting, LLC and Partner, Institute of PNDC

For many project managers, being caught between multiple stakeholder groups with different expectations and agendas can lead to significant levels of anxiety and confusion. And when our personal defensive mechanisms are triggered in response, physiological changes in the brain occur which make it more difficult to think clearly and respond appropriately, ultimately rendering us less effective at resolving the issues at hand.

In this talk, Powerful Non-Defensive Communication or "PNDC" will be presented as an alternative method of responding to and navigating situations that have, in the past, consistently triggered our defensive reactions. We'll first review the current "War Model" of communication, where "to be open is to be vulnerable and to be vulnerable is to be weak," and corresponding physiology of defensiveness as well as the dynamics of power struggle. Then we'll discuss a new way of using tools of communication like questions, statements, and predictions to shift away from outdated and obsolete methods of communicating, using real-world project management examples.

Location: Twisted Fork Restaurant

PDU: 1

[February Dinner Meeting Presentation](#)

Jesse's Bio:

Regarding these real-world examples, Jesse would like to gather at least some from you all as members of PMI Northern Nevada. And so, if you have any examples you'd like to submit of typical defense-triggering project management situations, please send them to him at jesse@pndc.com. He will also be soliciting your ideas via our chapter's LinkedIn group. Finally, anyone who attends this talk can receive for free the audio download of the 80-minute overview of PNDC called "PNDC Principles and Practical Skills" (an \$18 value) read by the creator of PNDC, Sharon Ellison.

Jesse Combs began his career as a molecular biology researcher 25 years ago on the Human Genome Project, and then spent the next 10 years in the biotech/pharmaceutical industry. Always drawn to the IT aspects of his work, Jesse migrated full-time in 2000 to execution of IT-related business projects, first as a web developer and then as a project/program manager. He has spent the last decade as a project/program management consultant in diverse engagements with companies like Nike, Providence Health Systems and Wacom Technology.

Jesse has consistently been recognized for his outstanding project and people management skills, and particularly for his ability to expertly navigate difficult project and interpersonal situations while remaining calm under pressure.

Communication skills are commonly recognized as being among the most important tools in a project manager's repertoire. Jesse has worked diligently over the years to cultivate his expertise in this area, with significant focus on the study and practice of PNDC. He is now a partner in the family-run Institute of PNDC, collaborating with his mother-in-law and wife to take this new model to the next level.

A Few Words From Joe

I would like to wish all the membership a very Happy New Year and a very promising 2017 in front of us all!!

Just wanted to tease you all with some things coming for the chapter.

- We will continue to keep the dinner meeting speakers at a high level.
- You will start to see some networking events spread around town
- You will start to see New Membership orientations
- You will start to see new volunteers becoming more involved

- We will begin to see a presence of PMI-NNV at UNR and engagement with the students

There are some other things in the works as well and we will bring those to you as they develop.

Looking forward to seeing more and more of you at the upcoming various events. Lots of new members and hoping you can make a resolution this year to come out and be engaged with your fellow members.

Here's to a great year!

Sincerely
Joe Fitts
PMI-NNV President

Monthly Lunch Meeting

Join Us For Lunch!



Carson City lunch meeting - 1st Tuesday of the month 11:45am - 1 pm

New Location Villa Basque Deli - 730 Basque Way - Carson City, NV 89706 [Villa Basque Website](#)

Reno lunch meeting - **New Location** 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:45am - 1pm at Napa Sonoma South - 7671 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89511 [Napa Sonoma South Website](#)

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.

[Read more...](#)

Some upcoming Webinars

17 JAN

[MP4PM-MindmaPping for Project Management – an Introduction](#)

Leadership|New Practitioners
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

17 JAN

[What is Innovation and Innovation Management?](#)

Innovation
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

17 JAN

[November Book Club Q&A Closing Webinar - Project Management Simplified: A Step-by-Step Process](#)

Consulting|New Practitioners|Quality|Risk Management|Scheduling|Scope Management
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

18 JAN

[Risk Management in the Construction Sector](#)

Construction|PMI Standards|Risk Management
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

24 JAN

[The Titanic and the Five Deadly Sins of the Project Manager](#)

Leadership|New Practitioners|Risk Management|Scope Management
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

25 JAN

[Project and Program Turnaround](#)

Communications Management|Human Resource Project Management|Leadership
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

26 JAN

[Project HEADWAY: PMOs As If Value Mattered](#)

Project Headway
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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[Diagnosis in change management: Utilizing data collection techniques as an input to change management](#)

Change Management
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



[December Book Club Q&A Closing Webinar - The Social Project Manager](#)

Communications Management|Leadership|PMO
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Single Sign on from PMI for chapter and national websites

Website New Single Sign On (SSO)

PMI-NNV members,

We wanted to inform you that the website has been recently upgraded. The changes that you will see now is a new login help button, the ability to login with your PMI login (Single Sign-on) and direct access to links on pmi.org.

Logging in to the website

To login to PMI-NNV, click on the Login button in the upper right hand corner.

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AFFORDABLE PM CLASSES FOR NEVADA NONPROFITS

In an effort to give back to the community, the Project Management Institute (PMI) is offering a special discount on its Project Management Professional (PMP) exam fee for Nevada nonprofits.

Holiday Party!



Join us for our Annual Holiday Party!
December 6, 2016 – 6PM

This year for our Annual Holiday Party we will be enjoying the amazing food at the Roundabout Grill. You and a guest are welcome to join us to reflect on 2016 at PMI NNV. We will have time for networking, a short review of our accomplishments for the year, dinner and a game.

As we continue to help others in the community, please bring a donation for the Northern Nevada Food Bank and you'll be entered into a raffle.

Cost: (Donation Payment in Advance)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Carson City Lunch Meeting
Dec 6, 2016

Holiday Party
Dec 6, 2016

Reno Lunch Meeting
Dec 20, 2016

Reno Dinner Meeting
Feb 28, 2017

Next you will see a new login screen. Add your username <PMI Number> and password <PMI password>. Click login.

Log in [Help](#)

Please enter your PMI.org username and password and you'll be redirected back to the referring website. You will also be logged in to PMI.org, for your convenience.

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Log in

[Forgot Username?](#) / [Forgot Password?](#)

New User

If you are new to PMI, or if you applied for PMI Membership using a paper application, create an account now using our online registration process.

Sign Up

New PMI.org links

To access the new PMI.org links, select the Home button as shown below.

The screenshot shows the top of the Northern Nevada Chapter PMI website. The header is blue with the PMI logo and 'NORTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER' text. Social media icons for LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook are on the right. A navigation bar contains 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'EVENTS', 'EDUCATION', 'GET INVOLVED', and 'ARCHIVES'. A dropdown menu is open under 'HOME', listing 'Admin Menu', 'User Menu', 'My Subscriptions', 'My Registrations', 'My PMI', 'My Volunteer', and 'My PDUs'. Below the navigation, there is a banner for a 'February 28 2017 Dinner Meeting' featuring 'Powerful Non-Defensive Communication™ (PNDC): Core Edge Skills for Project Managers' by Jesse Combs. A sidebar on the left mentions 'AFFORDABLE CLASSES FOR NEVADA NONPROFIT'.

If at anytime you are unable to login with your PMI number, you can select the Login Help button to login with your email address like you did before the upgrade.

This screenshot shows a different part of the website. The header is blue with the PMI logo and 'NORTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER' text. Social media icons and a search bar are on the right. A navigation bar contains 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'EVENTS', 'EDUCATION', 'GET INVOLVED', and 'ARCHIVES'. A 'Login' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation, there is a 'PLATINUM SPONSOR' section for 'TEKsystems' and an 'AFFORDABLE PM CLASSES FOR NEVADA NONPROFITS' section. The main content area features a 'Holiday Party!' announcement with a date of 'December 6, 2016 - 6PM'. An 'UPCOMING EVENT' sidebar lists 'Carson City Lunch Meeting', 'Holiday Party', 'Reno Lunch Meeting', and 'Reno Dinner Meeting'.

If you are unable to login to the website please [click this link to email the webmaster](#)

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PDU Deals

Attention PMI Members!! As a PMI Member you automatically receive Premium Membership benefits at projectmanagement.com. This allows to you view podcasts for free PDU's and excellent education on your schedule and/or register for webinars.

Career Academy has a limited time offer -\$29 annual Certified Learner Membership! Earn up to 257 PDUs! <http://vip.careeracademy.com>.

Employment Opportunities

IT Project Manager opening at SNC; Sierra Nevada Corp. There are several other positions such as Associate Program Manager, Program Support Analyst, and Business Applications Analyst. Go to sncorp.com/careers. Filter location to the 3 Sparks locations. It's an exciting time at SNC, come be a part of it! [Connect to SNC](#)

New PMI-NNV Chapter Members

New PMI NNV Chapter Members:

Michael Conger
Alicia Powers
Albert Reshaw

We now have 208 Members!

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Businesses are challenged to stay ahead of the latest trends and competitive developments while building a responsive and agile IT capability to support growth. However, since everyone has access to the same tools, technology alone does not offer a competitive advantage. Your advantage depends on how you apply technology—more specifically, on the people who lead, support and optimize your IT initiatives.

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