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Upcoming Events

November Breakfast Meeting: The Impact Of Aging Business Owners on the Transaction Markets

This presentation is an overview of trends in business transitions. The impact of aging business owners on business valuations will be discussed as well as the results of Chartwell's exclusive survey on transition plans of private business owners.

About the Speaker:

Jon Goetze is managing director of the transaction consulting group at Chartwell Capital Solutions with a focus on assisting business owners and shareholders with ownership transition issues. Mr. Goetze has over 20 years of experience working with private businesses in the areas of financing, mergers and acquisitions, business valuations and strategic planning. During his career, he has been involved with over 50 merger and acquisition transactions and collectively has had responsibility for deal sourcing, due diligence, transaction financing, negotiation and post-closing integration.

Previously, Mr. Goetze has been responsible for consulting at a national CPA firm and building successful consulting practices at two top 25 CPA firms. In addition to his consulting experience, Mr. Goetze has over six years experience in financial analysis and treasury functions at two large financial institutions.

Mr. Goetze has conducted numerous seminars on buying and selling companies and business valuations and is an Accredited Senior Appraiser. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from the University of Minnesota. He also holds a Master of Business Administration degree, with an emphasis in finance and strategic planning, from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

What	November Breakfast Meeting
Date	November 11, 2008
Time	7:00 – 7:40 a.m. Registration, Breakfast, Networking 7:40 - 7:50 a.m. PMI-MN Chapter Business / Introductions 7:50 - 8:40 a.m. Presentation 8:40 - 8:50 a.m. Questions & Answers
Location	Holiday Inn East, 2201 Burns Ave., St. Paul, MN
Cost	Speaker & Breakfast Reservations from 10/30/08-11/10/08: (noon): PMI members \$22, non-members \$25
Register	CTRegistrations: 651-209-8991 or www.ctregistrations.com
PDU's Earned	1 PDU

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Career Networking Group November Event: Tips for Growing Your Career in Project Management

Are you having trouble growing your career in project management?

Best-selling project management author and speaker Rita Mulcahy, a world-renowned project management expert, will deliver a one-hour session full of tips for growing your career in project management.

If you believe your career could benefit from feedback from hundreds of successful project managers, please join us for this special event on Monday, November 17, prior to the monthly dinner meeting!

Her presentation is designed specifically for people looking to further develop or re-energize their project management careers.

Date: Monday, November 17, 2008

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Mulcahy is the best-selling PMP® exam preparation author of all-time. Since 1991, hundreds of thousands of project managers have utilized Ms. Mulcahy's books, classes, e-Learning courses and exam simulation software applications to prepare for the PMP® exam. As the Founder and CEO of RMC Project Management, Ms. Mulcahy and her company train and develop thousands of project managers each year, in over 30 countries across the globe.

All are welcome! This is no cost for this networking session. Remember to bring your business cards and PDA's for informal networking before and after the session.

Recruiters and hiring managers are always welcome to join the CNG session – your insight will be most helpful to the participants!

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November Dinner Meeting: Jobs: Getting One, Keeping One, Preparing for the Next One

In the past decade, the job market for project managers has gone from boom to bust to an all-too-brief period of stability. Now it looks as though rocky times might lie ahead. Laura French, who covers technology careers for the Star Tribune Jobs section, will share the best information she's gleaned through 6 years of interviews with employers, recruiters, coaches and successful IT professionals. She'll cover hot career specialties and tips for networking, resumes, interviewing, and more.

About the Speaker:

Laura French has been writing for the *Star Tribune* Jobs section for the past 6 years. Her articles on technology careers appear on the first Sunday of each month. They can also be found online at www.startribune.com/jobs/technology.

In addition to her contract work for the *Star Tribune*, Ms. French has also been a communications consultant on major IT initiatives at Target Technology, Ameriprise, Allianz and other Twin Cities companies. For more information, visit her website, www.laurafrench.com.

What	November Dinner Meeting
Date	November 17, 2008
Time	4:30-5:30 p.m. Career Networking Group 5:30-6:30 p.m. Registration, Local Interest Groups (LIG's), Networking 6:00-6:30 p.m. New Member Orientation 6:30-7:20 p.m. Dinner 7:20-7:30 p.m. PMI-MN Chapter Business / Introductions 7:30-8:20 p.m. Presentation 8:20-8:30 p.m. Q & A
Location	Hilton, 34th Ave & American Blvd East, Bloomington, MN
Cost	Speaker & Dinner Reservations from 11/04-11/14/08 (11:30am): PMI members \$32, non-members \$37 Speaker ONLY Reservations: PMI member \$15, non-members \$20
Register	CTRegistrations: 651-209-8991 or www.ctregistrations.com
PDU's Earned	1 PDU

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Central Minnesota Outreach Event: PM vs. ScrumMaster

Our next meeting of the St. Cloud Outreach program will be on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at St. Cloud State University. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m. Light dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Steve Hawrysh by Thursday November 13 so we can get a dinner count. Walk-ins are welcome. You do not need to be a PMI member to attend. This session will be an opportunity to earn 1 PDU. To RSVP or if you have questions about the

meeting, please contact Steve Hawrysh by phone at Creative Memories (320) 529-5171 or (800) 468-9335, ext. 5171 or email at SHawrysh@antioch.com.

With the advent of agile methodologies, a new role has emerged – that of ScrumMaster. In many ways, a ScrumMaster fills the same relative role on a project as a Project Manager. But is a ScrumMaster really a Project Manager? How does the role of a ScrumMaster differ from that of a Project Manager? Can a ScrumMaster be a PMP at the same time without going crazy? Come attend this meeting to find out!

About the Speaker:

Ms. Karen Little has more than 34 years of information technology experience, with over 28 in some kind of a management role. She was the chairperson for the 2007 Professional Development Days conference, and assistant web master for the PMI-MN chapter. She is the current Director of Finance for the PMI-MN chapter.

Ms. Little has multiple years of hands on project management experience on both agile and traditional projects, and has also been a stand-up trainer. She is a PMP, a Certified ScrumMaster and a CBAP (Certified Business Analyst Professional), as well as being certified in ITIL Foundation. She has contributed to the next version of the Business Analyst Book of Knowledge, put out by the International Institute of Business Analysts.

Karen Little, certified as PMP, MBA, CSM, ITIL, CBAP, is currently associated with Digineer as a consultant in project management.

What	Central Minnesota Outreach Event
Date	November 18, 2008
Time	5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Arrive and Dinner 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Presentation 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. Q & A
Location	Room 463, Centennial Hall Bldg. St Cloud State University. 720 4th Ave South St. Cloud MN 56301
Cost	Free
Register	Register by Nov 13 to Steve Hawrysh. Phone: 320. 529.5171 or 800.468.9335, Ext 5171 Email: SHawrysh@creativememories.com
PDU's Earned	1 PDU

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Chapter News

PMI-MN Volunteers—Report Your Time!

If you are a PMI-MN volunteer, remember that you must go to the members-only section of www.pmi-mn.org to report your time. If you do not, you will not be rewarded with volunteer credit hours at the end of the year and you will not be invited to the volunteer recognition event in January!

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PMI-MN Merchandise Available!

Have you noticed us at the dinner meetings? The marketing and communications committee began selling merchandise last spring at every chapter dinner meeting. If you have any unused volunteer credit hours, join us at the next dinner meeting and spend those hours on a PMI cap, polo shirt, windbreaker, thermos or one of the many other items for sale! You can purchase merchandise with cash, check or credit card.

Also, watch for PMI-MN merchandise to become available for purchase online soon through www.pmi-mn.org! And if you haven't yet taken the online merchandise survey, please take a moment to take it now. We want to know what kind of merchandise the PMI-MN membership is interested in purchasing! [Take the survey here.](#)

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Thank You to All Members Who Participated in the Member Survey!

A staggering 404 chapter members completed the 2008 PMI-MN membership survey in September. Thanks to those of you who responded for your feedback and support as we work to build a bigger and better PMI Minnesota! We are currently in the process of analyzing the survey results and your feedback. Watch for future updates from the membership committee regarding how PMI-MN will be incorporating some of the recommendations made by survey respondents. Also, congratulations to chapter member Mark Schnabel for winning the \$50 gift card drawing!

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Congratulations to Our New PMPs

The following PMI-MN members received their PMP from 9/1/08 - 9/30/08.

- Brian Ball, PMP
- Sunitha Ratnam Bartaki, PMP
- Stacy Bertrang, PMP
- Benita Bjorgo, PMP
- Brigitte Brezny, PMP
- Doug Wright Brown, PMP
- Rajan Thanu Chattanathan, PMP
- Juliana Chen, PMP
- Andrew Paul Coffey, PMP
- Swapna Dash, PMP
- Merton M Denley, PMP
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- Leone Hunter, PMP
- Madhu S. Iyengar, PMP, CAPM
- Julie Ann Kern, PMP
- Sarah Courtney Leitzen, PMP
- Leigh Elizabeth Limoges, PMP
- Angela Lommen, PMP
- David K Madson, PMP
- Sangram Keshari Mahapatra, PMP
- Chandramouli Narayanaswamy, PMP
- Cindy Lou Person Nelson, PMP
- Lars Arnold Oldenburg, PMP
- Rajeew Ranjan, PMP
- Sivaraman Sambasivam, PMP
- Lyle Shidla, PMP
- Mary Ann Solie, PMP
- Andrew J. Staut, PMP
- Greg Svendsen, PMP
- Harathi Tadepalli, PMP
- Jennifer Thielen, PMP
- Jennifer Lynn Thoen, PMP
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- Russell Bruce Williston, P.E., PMP
- Ming Yu, PMP

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Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for submission to PMI-MN News is the 22nd of the month, one month prior to publication. The deadline for the December newsletter is November 22. Articles may be e-mailed to: newsletter@pmi-mn.org. Please contact us with any questions or comments you have.

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