



Southern New England Chapter of PMI

Making Southern New England better through Project Management™

June Chapter Meeting - Wednesday, June 15th Lessons from a Horse Wreck

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell,
CT - Essex Room

Agenda

- 5:00 - 6:00pm - Registration and Networking
- 5:30 - 6:00pm - Annual Meeting
- 6:00 - 7:00pm - Business Meeting and Dinner
- 7:00 - 8:00pm - Main Presentation

Questions for this event: Mark.Plotzky@sneccpmi.org

Registration: Deadline - Sunday June 12th at midnight.

Pre-Meeting Session

SNEC Annual Meeting by Norm Prevost, PMP

Session Overview

This is the Southern New England Chapter's Annual Meeting and is open to all members and interested parties. Chapter President Norm Prevost will present the annual report of chapter activities and highlights of achievements for 2010.

Attendance for the Annual Meeting is free and no registration is required. **Please note: If you plan on attending the June chapter meeting, you must [register](#) and pay online for the chapter meeting.**

*We are excited to announce that following his all day seminar, **Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Training**, David Dirks will also present the main presentation for the June chapter meeting! Sign up for both events!*

Main Presentation

Lessons from a Horse Wreck by David Dirks, PMP

Session Overview

Project Management is very much a

holistic activity. Successful Project Management requires tools and techniques from many disciplines. Several years ago I was in a debate with a horse: I was thinking ride, he was thinking fly, you can guess who won. As I thought about the events and the subsequent learning I realized that many things about the relationship between a horse and a person are applicable to many other situations, including Project Management.

This talk will review how we can be better Project Managers by using lessons learned from training and riding horses.

Biography

Dave Dirks, PMP, Six Sigma Master Black Belt, is currently CEO and co-founder of AVR Associates, a company focused on the practical use of Project Management, Six Sigma, Portfolio Management and Management of Change. He has over 40 years of industry experience in Industrial Engineering, IT Systems development and management, Document and Knowledge Management systems and Executive Consulting. Dave has been a member of the PMI Mile-Hi Chapter since 2000, and has had unique opportunities to manage significant change projects in just about every facet of business operations. He is highly regarded as a speaker and trainer in PM and Six Sigma in venues such as PMI meetings, state governments, company focus groups and business groups.

Sign Up Now for SNEC-PMI's Special Event - LEAN SIX SIGMA YELLOW BELT TRAINING

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

A one day educational event leading to a Yellow Belt Training Certificate and 8 PDU's

See Page 3 for details!

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June 9th

[SNEC Volunteer Appreciation Dinner](#)
Thursday · 6:00pm - 9:30pm

June 10th

[Hartford Eastside PM Roundtable](#)
Friday · 7:30am - 9:00am

June 14th

[Springfield WMPMF Meeting](#)
Tuesday · 5:30pm - 8:00pm

June 15th

[Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Training](#)
Wednesday · 7:45am - 5:00pm

June 15th

[SNEC Annual Meeting and Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) - Cromwell
Wednesday · 5:00pm - 8:00pm

June 23rd

[PMBOK Educational Series: Integrated Procurement Management](#) - Shelton
Thursday · 5:30pm - 9:00pm

November 3rd

[Neal Whitten - Leadership, Accountability and Professional Maturity](#) - Shelton
Thursday · 7:45am - 5:00pm

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President's Message

By Norm Prevost, PMP

June is quickly upon us, and as we wind down the first half of our program year, we reflect upon what we have accomplished. Our June pre-session in Cromwell will be our

Annual Meeting in which I will review our state of affairs from last year. If the first six months of this year are any indication - we did a lot. Since January of this year we have held 29 separate events and hosted approximately 1341 registrants.

I have mentioned it before, and I will say again; we do *all* of this with volunteers!

June is also the month that we celebrate our volunteers by hosting a volunteer dinner at Saint Clements Castle in Portland Connecticut. I'll let you in on a little secret; join our team of dedicated volunteers and you'll receive an invitation next year. Plus, you will enjoy the networking benefits of collaborating and learning with some the most dedicated and talented people I know.

We aren't done yet; June is also the month that our newly elected board members join us and choose the portfolios they will be working on. Watch for a special summer edition of the newsletter for a complete announcement of the new board. Additionally, while most of you will be enjoying a bit of summer fun with the family, our board and portfolios continue to meet and develop new programming and set the direction for the upcoming year.

Don't worry, we will take some time off so that we can recharge our batteries. I'm looking forward to the new board members who are joining us and the future for SNEC is brighter than ever. As always if you have any questions, comments or suggestions please feel free to contact me.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer.

- Norm

*To all SNEC-PMI chapter members:
Have a great summer – and look for
your next monthly newsletter issue in
early September!*

Welcome New Board Members!

On behalf of the SNEC-PMI Board of Directors, please welcome the newly elected board members for the 2011-2013 term (in alphabetical order):

Judy Borrmann, PMP
Robert Boshka, PMP
Roy Bullivant, PMP
Michael Okrent, PMP
Susan Parente, PMP
Norm Prevost, PMP
Kevin Riley, PMP
Carin Salonia, PMP
Svetlana Veprinsky

Watch for a 'Special Edition' publication this summer with details on the new candidates and their roles!

SNEC PMI SPECIAL EVENT

LEAN SIX SIGMA YELLOW BELT TRAINING

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 7:45 am - 8:00 am

Location: [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#), just south of Hartford in Cromwell, CT

Cost: \$279 per person for SNEC PMI Members, \$309 per person for non- members (cost includes all day session, breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages PLUS a free book!)

Registration: Deadline - Sunday June 12th, Midnight

Agenda

7:45am - 8:00am - Registration, Breakfast & Networking

8:00am - 5:00pm - Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Training presented by: David J. Dirks, CEO and co-founder of AVR Associates. A one day training event leading to a Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Training Certificate and 8 PDU's

Now is the time to gain new skills and hone your current skills. Six Sigma, or fact based management is a major topic of interest in most companies in this competitive environment. 2007 marked the twentieth anniversary of Six Sigma.

The program grew out of a process improvement effort between Motorola and Unisys. It has evolved to become a major force with a set of tools a company or individual may use to improve business performance. Roughly 50% of Fortune 500 companies and over 80% of Fortune 100 companies have active Six Sigma programs. It is increasingly used in service (non manufacturing) environments to improve processes and business performance. Whether a company is actively involved in implementing Six Sigma or not, the philosophy of managing by fact, using proven tools and following an agreed upon discipline is very useful.

This fast paced, one day seminar gives students a basic understanding of Six Sigma, what it is and what it is not. The entry level into the Six Sigma discipline is the "Yellow Belt", which is designed to provide a general orientation and prepare individuals to recognize and meaningfully participate in Six Sigma efforts. This class will provide an excellent opportunity to learn the basics of the Six Sigma methodology and how you can put it into practice in your daily work and your career, whether you are involved in an active implementation or not.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the benefits and implications of the Six Sigma methodology and its significance in the business environment
- Be able to communicate and understand Six Sigma language and terms
- Use the Six Sigma rating to evaluate the capability of a process or organization
- Understand the use and critical factors within the DMAIC process
- Recognize organizational critical success factors in implementing and maintaining a Six Sigma implementation
- Understand and apply basic Six Sigma tools such as process flow charting, value stream mapping, SIPOC, Pareto Chart, Histogram, Trend Chart, Fishbone Diagram, 5 Whys, FMEA, and others.

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Questions? Contact Laurie Codianne, PMP, at 203-758-3577 (evenings) or via email at lcodianne@isp.com.

*Gilda Bonanno was the closing keynote speaker at the 2011 SNEC-PMI Conference. Her speech, **How Will You Spend Your 28,000 Days?**, recounted her experience of being near the path of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami and challenged the audience to consider how they spend their time. Gilda has forwarded SNEC this article at our request:*

Use Your Project Management Secret Weapon

By Gilda Bonanno

Project management skills, both theoretical and practical, are useful not only for our work lives, but also for our daily lives outside of work. As you take steps to break out of your comfort zone and live with purpose and intention, think of project management skills as your secret weapon.

These skills may seem commonplace to you because you use them every day, but not everyone has them. Your ability to manage elements such as cost, schedule, risk, resources and communication is a significant asset as you grow and develop professionally and personally.

One of the best skills that I learned as a project manager was how to ask "dumb questions." Since I managed many process reengineering projects, I often brought everyone involved in a process into one room so we could map out the current state and identify opportunities for improvement. It was my job to ask the "dumb questions" that no one else would ask because they thought they were supposed to know the answer.

In a non-judgmental way, I would ask questions such as, "Why do we need this report?" or "How many approval signatures does it take to spend \$10,000?" or "What would happen if we eliminated this step?"

The responses and subsequent discussion would help us diagnose the root cause of the problem and design a future state process that was more effective and efficient.

Applying the concept of "dumb questions" to your life can be as simple as asking yourself, "How much time do I spend on what I say is important to me?" or "How does this relate to everything else I am doing?" or "Is there another way I can do this – or maybe not do it at all?" Being honest with yourself about the answers can provide the foundation for a plan for your future.

Applying your project management secret weapon to your life can help you to be creative and make important changes that will allow you to live a more inspired life.

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Gilda is a speaker, trainer and coach who helps people improve their communication and leadership skills so they can become more successful than they thought possible. To find out more about Gilda or subscribe to her newsletter, visit:

www.gildabonanno.com



SNEC-PMI MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

HARTFORD EASTSIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE

Friday, June 10th from 7:30am to 9:00am. 1.0 PDU

Location: American Eagle Federal Credit Union Glastonbury Administration Center - Training Room A
20 Western Blvd
Glastonbury, CT 06033

The next Hartford Eastside Project Management Roundtable will be held Friday, June 10, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m., at American Eagle Federal Credit Union Glastonbury Administration Center, 20 Western Blvd, Glastonbury, CT. The roundtable is an opportunity to network with your colleagues in an informal setting, discuss project management topics, and earn a PDU at no cost. Coffee and tea are available.

Presentation: Soft Skills: Tips and Ideas in how to increase Your Emotional Intelligence Quotient

This presentation is comprised of four major components touching on Business Etiquette, Building Relationships, Managing Emotional Situations, and Leadership and Team Interactions. Lisa will allow time for group discussions and sharing of ideas and personal experiences.

Lisa's career with The Hartford began in June 1997 and she has attained increasing levels of responsibilities to arrive at her role today as Project Manager II in Wealth Management Corporate Actuarial. She is a certified PMP and has a Six Sigma & Lean Green Belt. Lisa is currently a member of the SNEC-PMI and is serving as a volunteer overseeing the SNEC-PMI 2011 Board of Directors' elections.

Online Pre-registration is not required.

If you think you'll attend or would like to make a presentation (20 minutes maximum), please contact Sarah Schneiderman at (860) 568-2020 ext 5447 or sarah.s@aefcu.com. If you are a PMP and make a presentation, you can earn 5 easy PDUs.

WESTERN MASS PROJECT MANAGEMENT FORUM

Tuesday - June 14, 2011, 5:30pm - 8:00pm. 1.5 PDU

Location: Western New England College, Springfield, MA
Kevin Delbridge Welcome Center, 2nd Floor Conference Rm
1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA

Cost: \$12 for SNEC members; \$15 for non-SNEC members

Registration: Deadline - Sunday, June 12th, Midnight

Presentation: *Working Remotely... Pros and Cons from Two Experienced Project Managers* with Laura Wirtz, PMP and Mary Ellen Kaeding, PMP

In any working environment, there are pros and cons to working remotely. Two experienced Technical Project Managers from Bank of America will share "tools of the trade" on managing project teams from a home office. They will include tips on using technology to your advantage, maintaining work/life balance, supporting off hours work, and making adjustments to ensure successful project delivery.

SNEC PMI SPECIAL EVENT - LEAN SIX SIGMA YELLOW BELT TRAINING

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([full details on page 3](#))

SNEC JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

Attend SNEC's Annual Meeting and get the latest updates on your chapter's 2010-2011 activities - deadline to register is Sunday June 12th!

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 5:00pm - 8:00pm. 1 to 1.5 PDUs

Location: [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#), Cromwell, CT

Cost: \$35 for SNEC PMI Members, \$45 for non-SNEC members

Registration: Deadline - Sunday June 12th, Midnight

Pre-Meeting Session: *SNEC Annual Meeting* by Norm Prevost, PMP

The Annual Meeting is open to all members and interested parties. President Norm Prevost will present the annual report of chapter activities and condition.

Main Presentation: *Lessons from a Horse Wreck* by David Dirks

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SNEC-PMI SPECIAL EVENT - Neal Whitten's - Let's Talk Leadership, Accountability and Professional Maturity

**Thursday, November 3, 2011 7:45am - 5:00pm.
8 PDUs**

Location: [Hilton Garden Inn](#), Shelton, CT

Cost: \$279 per person for SNEC-PMI Members; \$309 per person for non-SNEC-members (cost includes all-day session, breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages plus a FREE book!)

Registration is now open.

Attendees will gain insights and concrete guidance on how to demonstrate professionally mature behavior that will enable them to perform at their best, benefiting their projects, organizations, and careers. The seminar experience is intensive, revealing, and focused -- aimed at providing participants lessons that can be applied on the job immediately and that will have long-term impact. This seminar will also help project managers, other leaders and team members promote and actively contribute to an effective business culture.

Neal Whitten, PMP is a popular speaker, trainer, consultant, mentor, and best-selling PM author in the areas of leadership, project management and employee development. He has written over 100 articles for professional magazines and is the author of seven books. Neal also has over 35 years of front-line leadership and project management experience.

More PDUs for Volunteers: Announcing the New PMI PDU categories!

Have you heard about the new PDU categories? As a busy PM, you have dutifully filed those PMI emails away in your email box called "PMI PDUs" - and you haven't had a free minute to look at them yet, right? Now, here is your chance to delete those emails.

PMI has not only consolidated the number of categories, they have also simplified the rules surrounding how we earn our PDUs. Here is the principle rule: one hour equals one PDU (except category F). Remember the old rule for volunteering: One PDU for three months, three PDUs for six months, five PDUs for a year. Not anymore! If you volunteer with SNEC-PMI for one hour, you get one PDU.

Savor the moment. No cost PDUs!

If you are suddenly thinking you can enter all 60 of your PDUs with your volunteering hours, hold off. We can only enter 45 PDUs for the "Giving Back to the Profession" division (categories D, E and F) for the 3-year cycle. In other words, this division includes the time you spend as a speaker or author (category D - previously 5 or 10 PDUs per occurrence) and the time you spend working as a PM practitioner (category F - limited to 15 PDUs per cycle).

The bottom line is that we can now enter up to 45 PDUs for volunteering; *three times the previous amount!*

If you are wondering what else has changed, the separation of the categories into two divisions is the organizational change: "Giving Back to the Profession" is the first division; the second is "Education" - and there is no maximum PDU for this division. One hour of education equals one PDU.

PMI has a great [comparison](#) of the new and old categories, [FAQs](#), and an [overview of the changes](#).

So that's the skinny. Volunteering with SNEC-PMI is not only fun and serves as a great venue for networking with other wonderful PMs, it is also a great opportunity to earn more PDUs than ever before! If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to volunteers@sneccpmi.org and check out the [list of opportunities](#) within SNEC.

Submitted by Holly Witalis, PMP

Coming This Fall from SNEC-PMI!

The SNEC Education Committee presents: The PMBOK® Educational Series

As part of the SNEC-PMI survey we asked our membership what additional educational offerings they would like to see. You responded looking for lower cost educational events on project management topics and we listened.



The SNEC-PMI Continuing Education Committee is proud to present The PMBOK® Educational series, concentrating on topics from the PMI Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®) Guide.

This series will begin in the fall, with the date to be announced later this summer. One of the first sessions will cover **Integrated Procurement Management**, in a three-hour instructor-led educational course that will help address *if, when and how* to best draw on one or more suppliers in strategic areas of a project as a tool to help manage project cost, schedule, scope and/or risk. Coverage will include how to leverage insights from the PMBOK Integrated Procurement Management Process Group and tap into the vast supplier base to help bring projects in on time, within budget and in scope.

Attendees will learn about Quality Assurance and Quality Control provisions to help impose proper Quality considerations through the SOW and requirements flow-down, and work through aspects of selecting the most appropriate contract type to get the best value, and/or mitigate project risks. This practical seminar will provide approaches and tools to help guide you through Supplier Management from the Planning phase of your project, all the way through Closing.

*You will receive three PDUs to attend each session - and pricing is \$50 for SNEC members; \$60 for non-SNEC members. This is quality instruction at an affordable rate, so watch your email and www.sneccpmi.org for dates and details on the new SNEC's **PMBOK® Educational Series**, starting this fall!*

NEW SNEC-PMI CHAPTER MEMBERS

as of May 31, 2011

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SNEC-PMI PMP UPDATE

Congratulations from our Board of Directors and our Membership to the newest PMPs in our chapter:

Jennifer Bailey
 Frank DelNegro
 Elizabeth Frasier
 Vijay Gadigeppa
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SNEC-PMI QUICK MEMBER FACTS

As of May 2011 there are
1,725 members in our
 Chapter!

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The SNEC-PMI Newsletter aims to reflect our outstanding membership.

Please feel free to submit a tip, technique, or experience that you have found particularly helpful as a project manager. Submit your tip (50-250 words) to our editor at content@sneec-pmi.org.

All tips are subject to change at the discretion of the editor.