

Advancing project management in the Capital City

### ***PMI Montgomery Celebrates Being Chartered!***

***The chartering process took a year to complete! A celebration was held at the Capital City Club November 11th.***



*Shown from left (2004 Officers): Claude Kenter (VP, Public Affairs), Brad McCann (VP, Finance), Allison Pitman (VP, Programs), Betty Corbin (Chapter Vice President), Rodney Heath (Chapter President), Noreen Pritts (VP, Communications), Richard Walton (VP, eBusiness)  
Each officer received a plaque in recognition as a founding member, and all charter members received a certificate.*

#### **PMP Credential Demonstrates Competencies for Defense Acquisition Course**

Recently, the Acquisition Management Functional Group (AMFG) of the United States Department of Defense (DoD) determined that individuals who have achieved the Project Management Professional (PMP®) credential have also achieved the competencies in Defense Acquisition University (DAU) course PMT 250, entitled "Project Management Tools." As a result, in the program management career field, current PMP certification may be applied toward Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act Level Two certification in lieu of PMT 250. PMI is the first organization to achieve this distinction. This recognition represents a key step in PMI's quest for Level Two Alternative Certification and is particularly critical as the DoD anticipates recruiting heavily from the civilian workforce within the next five years to replace an expected high number of retirees. There are still many unresolved issues associated with this initial recognition that PMI will continue to explore with representatives from the DAU and DoD.

### ***Special Thanks***

#### ***To Our Volunteers***

***Your contribution is important! Your names will be added to our annual drawing ~ Don't forget volunteer activities can be used to earn PDU's!***

***Shelby Kelley Debbie Watson***

***If you'd like to volunteer your valuable assistance for one hour a month or more, see website for details, or contact any board member. Your name will be automatically added to our list for the 2005 drawing!  
[www.pmimontgomery.org](http://www.pmimontgomery.org)***

## ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH PROJECT MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

Most PMI members view project management as a profession, or at least, as a means to earn a living. But most of us have benefited in other ways too. Project management is a rare profession that provides not just a means to earn a living, but a better way to organize almost every aspect of our lives. The principles of project management apply not just to construction and software development, but also to home improvement, weddings, vacations, and high school homework assignments.

It is the recognition of project management's inherent ability to improve lives and communities that drives the PMI Educational Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1990 to "promote economic, educational, cultural, and social advancement through the application, development, and promotion of project management concepts, theories, and life skills". It continues to focus on enriching "lives through knowledge and education of project management life skills".

Although the Foundation is an autonomous organization, it was established by PMI and continues to enjoy a very close relationship with PMI and many of its chapters and SIGs. Many chapters and SIGs make a formal donation to the Foundation each year. Others are involved through the participation of their members, supporting the Foundation through membership on the Board of Directors or one of its project teams, or simply by making a donation when they renew their PMI membership.



However, many members of the *PMI-Montgomery* are unfamiliar with the Foundation and are asking for more information. Others recognize the way project management has enriched their own lives, and find themselves in passionate support of the Foundation's mission and objectives. They are asking how they can get involved. Here are several places to start.

1. *PMI Today*
2. Chapter News
3. Check the Foundation's web site: <http://www.pmi.org/pmief>.

In the meantime, your financial contributions can be put to work immediately. If you are renewing your PMI membership, you have an opportunity to make a donation, and we urge you do so. Alternatively, you can make a contribution at any time via check or credit card payable to:

*PMI Educational Foundation, Four Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073-3299 USA.*

The Foundation's web site (<http://www.pmi.org/pmief/donation.htm>) provides other convenient ways to get involved in this important work.

### Congratulations to our newest Project Management Professionals!

The Chapter would like to recognize the following members on their recent certification as

Project Management Professionals (PMP's):

**Joe Baker, PMP**

**Bruce Patterson, PMP**

**Allyson Pitman, PMP**

**Chris Cardella, PMP**

If you would like to learn more about certification, information can be found on the PMI website under the certification tab.

<http://www.pmi.org>.

### **\*\*NOTICE\*\***

**Every PMI member should have received a copy of the new PMBOK Third Edition with their November issue of PM Network magazine. The PMP Exam will be based on this new PMBOK edition beginning in September, 2005.**

### JOIN US !!

The next PMI General Membership Meeting will be held at the Capital City Club on 13 January 2005 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

We're on the web!  
[www.pmimontgomery.org](http://www.pmimontgomery.org)

## Montgomery Chapter Recognized at PMI International Leadership Meeting (Anaheim, California)

**Ms. Betty Corbin, PMP (Chapter Vice President)** had the privilege of attending the **PMI Leadership Meeting** in Anaheim, October 20-23 where officers of PMI Chapters from all over the world were in attendance. The Montgomery Chapter was recognized during the opening session as one of the newly-chartered chapters.

Ms. Corbin accepted the PMI Montgomery Charter plaque (picture center)

from Greg Balestrero, CEO of PMI (right) and Kenneth Harley, Chairman of the Board (left).



Ms. Corbin met with officers of **chapters located in smaller cities, similar to our chapter in Montgomery.** After ten years, the Huntsville chapter has approximately 120 members, the Columbus chapter 87 members, and Corpus Christi, Texas has 45 members after five years. **In comparison, after only ONE year,** the Montgomery chapter has over 60 members! "I found chapters chartered three to four years with 200 to 300 members. We're off to a great start in Montgomery, and I hope we'll have over 125 members this time next year," says Ms. Corbin.

PMI Chapters are divided into **regions**, and the Montgomery Chapter is part of **Region 14** (which includes Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina and the Caribbean). "The first morning of the conference was dedicated to regional meetings, and I enjoyed meeting and sharing ideas with PMI officers in our region. Atlanta is a giant chapter in Region 14, with over 2500 members, and the South Florida Chapter, which includes Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, was honored as **Chapter of the Year**," says Ms. Corbin. "They have been successful in getting many volunteers involved in chapter activities, and we hope to use some of their ideas. Several chapters reported success in holding career fairs for unemployed members. Fortunately, we seem to have few unemployed members in our chapter."

**Mark your calendars — 27-28 June 2005**, for a PMI Region 14 Symposium to be held in Atlanta. This symposium will give you the opportunity to gain valuable project management knowledge (as well as PDUs for those PMPs) **without** having to spend a lot of time and money for travel!



**For professional development**, PMI Montgomery plans to continue a relationship with AUM Continuing Education which offers a 15-hour PMP Prep course and a 21-hour introductory project management course each quarter, as well as offering MS Project courses. AUM gives PMI members discounted rates for several of their courses. The Denver chapter holds one-hour roundtables in which members meet to discuss a project management topic of interest. These sessions are free and earn 1 PDU. Some chapters have been successful with half-day seminars that can be offered at low cost. Several Montgomery PMI members expressed interest in further Six Sigma training after Dr. Mark Clark spoke at the Montgomery general membership meeting on that topic, and the Memphis Chapter has held a Six Sigma seminar. For folks who can't attend a PMP Prep course in the daytime, the Birmingham chapter offers a low-cost PMP study group in the evening. **Mr. Bruce Paterson will be the VP, Professional Development next year, and he wants to hear from you!**

Ms. Corbin reports, "Although our Montgomery Chapter is new, I attended three previous Leadership Conferences when I was an officer of the Houston Chapter. These meetings have always been organized and run in a very professional manner, and this was no exception. I returned filled with enthusiasm and ideas. I hope many of you will have the opportunity to attend one in the future."



## PMI Montgomery Monthly Dinner

We hold a dinner meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the Capital City Club, in the RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street, one of the premier meeting places in Montgomery. For reservations, call (334) 613-4053 or email [vpfinance@pmimontgomery.org](mailto:vpfinance@pmimontgomery.org). Cost is \$20 payable by check or cash at the door (\$18 for students). Our Chapter is responsible for payment for the committed number of meals that are reserved. Therefore, if you make a reservation but are unable to attend, you will be invoiced for the amount of your meal unless you cancel by noon on the day of the meeting. For information about handicapped accessibility, please contact the Capital City Club at (334) 834-8920.

**February 2005** - Speaker: Rick A. Morris, Executive Director of the Ramsey Foundation, Presentation topic: "The Ramsey Foundation - Using Project Management Skills to Give Back to Our Community."

**March 2005** - Speaker: Pete Land, MS, CSP, CMC, CPCM and Five Star Speaker of Peter A. Land Associates, Inc. Mr. Land has presented high-impact presentations and keynotes for the past 20 years to large multi-national associations and corporate audiences. Topics include motivation, leadership, change, and

## Professional Development Units (PDU) Given for PMI Monthly Dinner (Chartered Event)

A Professional Development Unit (PDU) is the measuring unit used to quantify approved learning and professional service activities. One (1) PDU is earned for every one hour spent in a planned, structured learning experience or activity.

Beginning in January 2005, one (1) PDU can be earned by attending our monthly dinner which includes a one-hour presentation.

### Has your email address changed?

If you are a PMI member, please update your contact information by logging onto [www.pmi.org/members](http://www.pmi.org/members). This is our source for all member email addresses. For non-members, send your updated information to Jim Pritts at [vpmembership@pmimontgomery.org](mailto:vpmembership@pmimontgomery.org).

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