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PMI - Montgomery, AL Chapter, Inc. **Capital Project Manager / Monthly**

**Neal Whitten to Speak at Seminar and Dinner Meeting**



Neal Whitten, a nationally known authority on project management, will present a seminar in Montgomery on Thursday, June 9, and will also speak at the Montgomery Chapter's dinner meeting that evening. The seminar, Neal Whitten's No-Nonsense Advice for Successful Projects, largely based on Neal's new book by the same title, goes beyond the basics of project management and reveals leading-edge best practices that make all the difference between leading consistently successful projects and playing the victim with troubled projects. The seminar fee includes a copy of the book for each attendee.

**Seminar registration.** The seminar will be held at the Capital City Club June 9, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$79 for PMI members and \$89 for non-members. You may register on-line at [www.pmimontgomery.org](http://www.pmimontgomery.org) and pay by credit card or check. A few walk-in registrations can be accommodated the day of the seminar. Walk-ins must pay by check or cash only.

**Dinner meeting.** At the dinner meeting Neal will speak on Behaviors to Master When Dealing with Your Leaders. Not only will Neal identify what your boss expects from you, but he will articulate what you expect from those under your direction. Topics include: don't take it personally, don't dump and run, make it brief, offer professional criticism, bring solutions with problems, wear one face, and many more. The meeting, held at the Capital City Club, begins with networking at 5:30 followed by dinner at 5:45. The meeting fee of \$20 includes a sit-down dinner with salad, entrée, vegetables and dessert. To register go to the Events page of [www.pmimontgomery.org](http://www.pmimontgomery.org) or email [vpfinance@pmimontgomery.org](mailto:vpfinance@pmimontgomery.org).

Neal Whitten, PMP, is a popular speaker, trainer, consultant, mentor, and author in the areas of

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**Chapter Library Opening Soon!**

Are you studying for the PMP exam? Do you want to learn more about a certain aspect of project management? If you have answered yes to either question, the PMI Montgomery Chapter library is a great resource for project management related books! The chapter library has 38 titles to help you increase your project management knowledge and get you ready to pass the PMP exam. The book list is available online on the Chapter Library page of [www.pmimontgomery.org](http://www.pmimontgomery.org).

discretion of the chapter librarian. Mr. Jason Hall of Rheem volunteered to serve as the chapter librarian and made it possible to offer this new member benefit.

-Rod Heath

The request and borrowing process are undergoing final development and will involve submitting a request via the website. To borrow a book from the chapter library you must be a chapter member in good standing. Members may request up to two titles (depending on availability) at a time. The borrowing period is one month with a possible additional month if no one is waiting for the books. The titles will be available for pick up at the monthly chapter dinner meeting on the second Thursday of the month and will be due for return at the dinner meeting the next month. Other arrangements can be made in special circumstances to have requested books delivered or picked up at the



## PMI® Announces Significant Changes to the New PMP® Exam

In May PMI sent a letter to officers of the PMI chapters describing major changes in the new PMP exam effective September 30, 2005. If you are considering taking the PMP exam, you'll want to pay close attention to the following changes when deciding when to take the exam:

- **Passing score** for the new exam will be **81.7%** (143 questions correct of a total of 175). The passing score on the current exam is **68.5%** (137 correct of 200 on the test.) This is a HUGE change.
- **Eligibility requirements** for the test have also changed. For the current test your project management experience can include performing project duties as a member of the project team. For the new exam you must have **led and directed** project management activities.

**Collection of project contact information.** Applicants will be required to provide contact information for each project that is submitted as part of the application. During the application evaluation review period and if an application is selected for audit, PMI will contact manager(s) indicated on the application to validate the documented experience. This may be a problem if you have changed jobs during the time-frame covered by your application.

If you are considering taking the exam, what does all this mean to you? Obviously, there are great benefits to taking the current exam that is available through September 24, 2005. If you have questions or need other information, please contact Betty Corbin at 334-244-3057, [president@pmimontgomery.org](mailto:president@pmimontgomery.org) or Bruce Paterson at 334-230-6325, [vpprofdev@pmimontgomery.org](mailto:vpprofdev@pmimontgomery.org).

### *In the News ...*

On May 30 Allyson Pitman, Chapter VP, and Charlie Hardy, VP Public Relations, discussed the Whitten seminar on the WAKA noon news interview segment.

On June 2 WSFA-TV 12-Talk, the interview segment of their noon news show, featured Charlie Hardy and Bruce Paterson, VP Professional Development, discussing the Whitten seminar.

Allyson Pitman was also interviewed by WTSU radio, 89.9, on June 2.

The May 27 *Montgomery Advertiser* Business page carried an article about the seminar.

## Project Management Professional (PMP®) Exam Prep Review Course at AUM July 25-27

(1- 6:00pm, AUM Library Tower, 10th Floor, \$495 for PMI Chapter members, \$595 for others)

This course is designed to equip students to pass the **current** version of PMI PMP certification exam. Therefore, participants should plan to take the exam no later than **September 24, 2005**.

**Prerequisites:** Please visit the certification area of [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org) and make certain that you satisfy the experience requirements for taking the PMP exam. To register call 334-244-3804.

### *CONGRATULATIONS !!*

To Our Newest  
Project Management Professionals!  
Lee Ann Brown, PMP / Kathlyn Lee, PMP  
Sandra Penner, PMP

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS:



## PMI Montgomery Chapter Monthly Dinner Meeting

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. For reservations, email [vpfinance@pmimontgomery.org](mailto:vpfinance@pmimontgomery.org) or visit the Events page of [www.pmimontgomery.org](http://www.pmimontgomery.org). Cost is \$20 payable via credit card on-line or 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.*

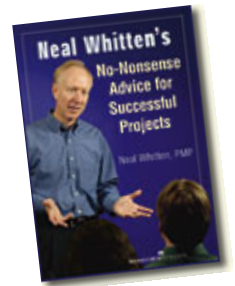
**June 9, 2005** - Speaker: Neal Whitten, PMP, Consultant. Presentation topic: Behaviors to Master When Dealing with Your Leaders.

**July 14, 2005** - Speaker: Duncan Lamb with Craig Lamb & Singletary Associates. Presentation topic: Introduction to Project Portfolio Management.

**August 11, 2005** - Speaker: Jim Anderson, PMP, Senior Technical Business Analyst with IT Systems and Operations at Colonial Bank. Presentation topic: It's a Risky Business.

### *Neal Whitten to Speak* (Continued from page 1)

both project management and employee development. He is the author of five books of which his newest is *Neal Whitten's No-Nonsense Advice for Successful Projects*. Neal has over 30 years of front-line project management experience, of which 23 years were with IBM. He has developed and instructed dozens of project management, software development and personal development classes, and presented to thousands of people from across hundreds of companies, institutions and public organizations. Neal is a member of PMI, is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), and is a contributing editor of PMI's *PM Network* magazine. Neal can be reached through his website at



[www.nealwhittengroup.com](http://www.nealwhittengroup.com).

## Successful Project Management—Introductory Level

**Session 1: June 22, 23 & 24, 8:30-4:30, Session 2: August 22, 23 & 24, 8:30-4:30**  
AUM Library Tower, 10th floor, Fee: \$399

This three-day seminar provides an overview of project management concepts and principles. Participants learn through lecture, group exercises and case studies. Provides 21 hours of training that apply to the 35 hour requirement for the PMP. For more information visit [www.aum.edu/coned](http://www.aum.edu/coned) and choose Professional Development or call 334-244-3057. **To register call 334-244-3804.**

### Welcome New Members March-May, 2005

- Martin A Alvarez
- Mr. James M. Jordan
- Mr. Jerry D Short
- Mrs. Catherine C. Horton
- Mr. Keith G LaFrance
- Mr. Mel D Tench
- Mr. Henry Kravec P.E.
- Mr. Steve A Russell
- Ms. Rhonda J Goins
- Mr. Anthony S Krell
- Mr. David A Bobo
- Mrs. Kathlyn M Lee , PMP
- Mr. James M Beam
- Ms. Katherine A Lasicki
- Daniel R Mayfield

### *Region 14 Symposium, June 26-28* *Unleashing the Power of Project Management*

Join us June 26th - 28th in Atlanta, Georgia for three days of educational seminars, workshops, vendor trade-show and networking at the PMI Region 14 Symposium - **Unleashing the Power of Project Management**. Go to [www.pmiregion14symposium.org](http://www.pmiregion14symposium.org) for details on all program information as well as hotel and convention center information.

Three days of activities including Key-note Speakers Dr. Francis Hartman, Rita Mulcahy and Neal Whitten along with nearly 50 educational presentations in six targeted areas of focus will deliver a solid educational program and 12.5 PDUs. Our evenings are well

planned with an opening Reception Sunday evening in the exhibit hall, Monday evening will provide you with an opportunity to dine at one of Atlanta's many fine restaurants.



## From The President ...

This month I would like update you on characteristics of our chapter and tell you about 2005 goals set by the chapter's Board of Directors.

When the board met in December 2004 to make plans for the coming year, we had 73 members, an increase of 50 over the membership at 2003 year-end. We set a goal of 125 members by the end of 2005. As of May 31, we have 89 members, an increase of 16 from year-end. Our 89 members include 21 PMPs.

Our membership is made up of employees of at least 32 different organizations. The company with the largest number of members is Colonial Bank with 13. They are followed by Rheem Manufacturing with 9, VT Miltope with 8, Regions Financial with 6, and NCI with 5. Many of our members are involved in information technology projects. However, we also have members who do projects in manufacturing, construction and finance.

Another goal is to have an average of 40 attendees at each monthly dinner meeting. We set this goal because we want to have *active* members, members who really get the benefits of PMI chapter membership. We feel that meeting attendance is an indicator of member involvement. Attendance so far is has ranged from 20 to 48 with an average of 34.

In line with our goal to have active members, we also set

a goal to have at least 10 members in volunteer positions other than the board members. So far, we have 7 volunteers who are involved in such activities as greeting guests at the meetings, working at the meeting registration table, and making the chapter library available to the members.

We also set a goal to add professional development seminars in addition to the Successful Project Management, PMP Prep and MS Project courses offered in conjunction with AUM. The first of these new seminars, Neal Whitten's No-Nonsense Advice for Successful Projects, will be held on June 9. I'm sure many of you will want to take advantage of the opportunity to hear this well-known speaker and authority on project management. We will have another seminar later this year and are currently investigating alternatives. Let us know if there is a particular topic or speaker you would like.

Please contact the appropriate board member with your suggestions on how we can improve our chapter and make it better serve your needs. Each board member's name, email address, and phone number is printed in the newsletter. You can also find us at each meeting wearing "Board Member" name tags. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Betty Corbin, President*

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### 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).





## PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (PMI) MONTGOMERY CHAPTER ANNOUNCES

### “SUMMER '05 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE” 1 JUNE – 11 AUGUST 2005

There's been no better time to become a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI) and your local PMI Montgomery Chapter. Just look at a few of the benefits you'll enjoy:

- Professional standards
- Project Management Certification
- Discount rates on PMI products/services
- Education and Training
- Development seminars
- Research and Reference Materials
- Bi-monthly Chapter Newsletter
- Access to local PM job postings
- Opportunity to network with other PM professionals in the Montgomery area

If you're interested in joining the world's largest professional association dedicated to advancing the profession of project management, or if you would like to learn more about PMI and Chapter membership, please visit our website at [www.pmimontgomery.org](http://www.pmimontgomery.org) or contact one of the following:

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## Join and Win!

**All new PMI members that join our Chapter during this drive will be entered into a drawing for a Toshiba Portable DVD Player!**

Dynamic Scheduling With Microsoft Office Project 2003

Author: Eric Uyttewaal, PMP

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What differentiates this book from all the other books about Microsoft Project? The focus is not on the software itself, but on building good schedules using the software.

*Dynamic Scheduling* is really a course in a book (IIL offers a course using it as a textbook) that begins with the concepts of project management and ends with evaluating the project. It gives instructions, tips, and best practices on setting up a project, entering tasks, estimates, dependencies, deadlines, resources, and more; all the components of a good schedule. Mr. Uyttewaal explains the relatively new concept of the resource-critical path, which is significant for resource constrained projects (is there any other kind?).

*Dynamic Scheduling* can help you build good, solid, consistent schedules. It is a very good resource if you are managing single projects or if you are moving to portfolio management. In fact, if you are beginning to manage multiple projects, you really need to apply the information available in this book!

--Allyson Pitman



## Chapter Library—Partial Listing

Title	Author/Editor	Copy-right
<i>A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge, 2000 Edition (Hardcover)</i>	Project Management Institute	2000
<i>A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge, 2000 Edition (Version 1.3 CD)</i>	Project Management Institute	2000
<i>Annotated Bibliography of Project and Team Management (CD)</i>	David I. Cleland, Gary Rafe, Jeffrey Mosher	1998
<i>Annotated Bibliography of Project and Team Management (Softcover)</i>	David I. Cleland, Gary Rafe, Jeffrey Mosher	1998
<i>Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) Role Delineation Study</i>	Project Management Institute	2002
<i>Don't Park Your Brain Outside, A practical guide to improving shareholder value with SMART management</i>	Francis T. Hartman	2000
<i>Essentials of Project Control</i>	Jeffrey K. Pinto, Jeffrey Trailer	1999
<i>Government Extension to A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK Guide - 2000 Edition)</i>	Project Management Institute	2002
<i>Leadership Skills for Project Managers</i>	Jeffrey K. Pinto, Jeffrey Trailer	1998
<i>People in Projects</i>	Project Management Institute	2001
<i>PM 101 According to the Olde Curmudgeon, An introduction to the basic concepts of modern project management</i>	Francis M. Webster, Jr.	2000
<i>PM 102 According to the Olde Curmudgeon, An introduction to the basic concepts of modern project management</i>	Francis M. Webster, Jr.	2002
<i>Project Leadership from Theory to Practice</i>	Jeffrey K. Pinto, Peg Thomas, Jeffrey Trailer, Todd Palmer, Michele Govekar	1998
<i>Project Management Casebook</i>	David I. Cleland, Karen M. Bursic, Richard Puerzer, and A. Yaroslav Vlasak	1998
<i>Project Management Casebook, Instructor's Manual</i>	David I. Cleland, Karen M. Bursic, Richard Puerzer, and A. Yaroslav Vlasak	1998
<i>Project Management Experience and Knowledge Self-Assessment Manual</i>	Project Management Institute	2000
<i>Project Management for Managers</i>	Mihaly Gorog and Nigel J. Smith	1999
<i>Project Management for the Technical Professional</i>	Michael Singer Dobson	2001
<i>Project Management Professional (PMP) Role Delineation Study</i>	Project Management Institute	2000
<i>Q &amp; As for the PMBOK GUIDE 2000 Edition</i>	Project Management Institute	2003
<i>Quantifying The Value Of Project Management</i>	William Ibbs, Ph.D. & Justin Reginato	2002