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# PMI – NEIC Newsletter

## Our next program will be Wednesday, February 28th, 2007

### Wellness and Insurance: Project Management Challenges

**Nancy Hoffman, PMP, of Benicomp Advantage**

Sources suggest that up to 70% of illnesses are lifestyle related. Learn how employers are managing the cost of group health insurance and how it may affect you. The implementation of wellness concepts using project management knowledge and skills will be presented including a behind the scenes preview on the project and process that makes it come together.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our new PMPs. **Kathi Heyes** (from Lincoln Financial Group), **Darius Bovian** (from DePuy), **Scott St. Louis** and **Daniel Zilai** (both from General Dynamics) on attaining their PMP Certification recently!! It's great to see more people obtain their professional credentials.

## NEIC membership

The chapter offers a warm welcome to Michelle Hoover (who works for the City of Fort Wayne) as our newest Chapter member. Please be sure to welcome Michelle if you see her at our next meeting.

## Dashboard

- Current Membership [as of the January BOD meeting] was 139 members.
- % PMP [as of the January BOD meeting] is 56%.
- Deadlines February meeting RSVP, and for April Professional Development session.

## Make plans now...

**April 14th (Saturday)**. Professional development half-day session. Joe Dorko of Lutheran Hospital, who made a very engaging presentation at a recent meeting, will be speaking on "Exemplary Leadership". \$25 registration fee includes speaker, continental breakfast, snacks, and door prizes. Registration is now open for the opportunity to earn 4 PDUs locally. You can Reserve a place for the half-day session at [www.PMI-NEIC.Org](http://www.PMI-NEIC.Org)

## PMP exam preparation class

Dave Maynard, PMP, and Chapter VP of Professional Development, confirms that the next class starts on Monday, March 5th. This 8-week course exceeds the 35 contact-hour requirement, and is completely taught on-line, allowing you to get through the material on your own work-schedule. The course also includes assistance in preparing your Exam Application. For more information, check out the Chapter's education website at [www.pm-neic.org](http://www.pm-neic.org)

## Upcoming chapter meetings

Meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, at Hall's Guest House on Washington Center Road in Fort Wayne.

- March 28 – Carol Dostal of IPFW will be speaking on the Future Cities Competition, and the role Project Management plays in that.
- April 25 – Michelle Hill will be speaking on Six Sigma.
- May 23 – Linda Hite-Mills, PMP, will be sharing how Project Management techniques were used to establish the new Computer Forensics curriculum at Indiana Tech.
- September 26 – Greg McCormick, PMP, will be discussing the parallels between project risk management (as general techniques) and the pre-incident portion of Business Continuity planning (a specific application of those same techniques).

If you have ideas for a topic you'd like to see presented, or if you are willing to share your project-related experience with the group, please contact Pat Ruger, VP of Programs [programs@pmi-neic.org](mailto:programs@pmi-neic.org).

## Board member profile

### Paula Felver, PMP, Chapter President

My name is Paula Felver, and I'm the President of Northeast Indiana Chapter of the PMI. I've been a member of PMI and NEIC since getting my PMP certification in 1999. Before becoming the President, I served as the Chapter Vice President of Programs. Several years ago the Chapter held a Vendor Night, and I helped organize that.

My background is in Information Technology, so I made my way up through the computer programmer career path. Most of my Project Management experience came from managing projects at Lincoln Reinsurance.

I started working for Parkview Health about four years ago. I work there as a Project Manager and use my project management skills, from inception to closing a project, and all areas described in the PMBOK Guide. We also use Process Improvement techniques.

I've been married for 35 years (to the same man), and we have one son who lives in Cincinnati. I enjoy SCUBA diving and underwater photography. Last year, my still photo of a tug boat in the British Virgin Islands won 2nd place in the black and white category of the Indianapolis IMAX photo contest. My husband and I try to scuba dive in the Caribbean 2 or 3 times a year. Our next trip is in March – we're going to the Cayman Islands, where we we'll be living on a boat for a week, and diving at sites near all three islands.

## Milestones

### January Meeting; attendance 43, guests 9

Jim Anderson, Director of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, talked about a current project to transform the 30-year old African Veldt into a new exhibit called the "African Journey".

This \$8.5 million project will be the largest effort ever undertaken by the Zoo. Key results of the project are a modest expansion of the zoo grounds and a major transformation of the current exhibit into an immersion of African sights, sounds, animals, and culture.

The most amazing observation that many of those in attendance had was the fact that this huge effort is being made without a large project team of employees, and without any formal project management techniques! Jim did explain, however, the large amount of time had been invested in research and planning through discussions with other zoos and the construction contractors.

Jim acknowledged the recent announcement of a "leading gift" of \$1.1 million from the Lincoln Financial Group Foundation toward a new, state-of-the-art giraffe exhibit. Many of our Chapter members are employees of LFG.

Thanks to Jim for his interesting presentation about a local community asset. We offer him and his team our best wishes on their project!

Kim Gorman was the winner of the door prize at this meeting – she won a 128 MB "flash-drive", with the PMI-NEIC logo on it. Congratulations to Kim! Why not be the first in your office to claim one of these snazzy little drives? Attend the next Chapter meeting, and you'll automatically be entered in the drawing. Register now!

## Microsoft Project

The Chapter is exploring the possibility of offering a professional development session on the use of MS-Project. If this is a topic that you're interested in, please let Pat Ruger, VP of Programs know what you think the session could/should include as far as content, and whether you'd like this to be a hands-on session or not.

## Name the newsletter

We are considering changing the name of the Chapter newsletter. If you can think of something that's both catchy and politically correct, please send your suggestion to our [Communications group](#).