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Two PMP Bootcamp Courses
Virtual Online (2 Dates)

November 9th – 12th (4 Days)
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Election Applications Due
October 16th

PMI Central Florida Restarts In-Person Dinner Meetings

PMI Central Florida

restarted its' Live and In-Person Dinner Meetings on Tuesday October 6th at Dubsdread Country Club. The turnout was very heavy and we appreciate the strong support from guests and members.

This event featured an Industry Panel discussing impacts, review, unexpected positives and permanent changes that the Covid-19 outbreak has caused. The members of the panel also addressed the job situation going forward and work setup and operation.

The Industry Panel consisted of: Ben Andrade of Universal Studios, Steve Bohan of the Department of Defense – Navy, Jim Dedmon of Orlando Utilities Commission, and Bruce Wells of Advent Health. The panel addressed how their particular organizations.....



David Siegel
Vice President of Programs

...continued to serve the public as well as what changes have been made to the work place to keep the organizations both safe and functioning during this difficult period of time.

Ben Andrade of Universal Studios presented a video promotion of the extensive measures taken by Universal to make its' theme parks and hotels very safe for visitors. The video showed actual cleaning and sterilizing steps taken by theme park workers. Masks and other safety items are also made available to the attendees. Masks are to be worn at all times throughout the park.
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L to R: Ben Andrade – Universal Studios, Stephen Bohan – Department of Defense – Navy, Jim Dedmon – Orlando Utilities Commission, and Bruce Wells – Advent Health

Stephen Bohan discussed how many Federally-based organizations continue to support their various Programs and Strategic Projects working in a virtual environment. These organizations have had to deal with a need for expanding support infrastructure with more people working from home. The Federal Government, as with the Commercial Industries are adapting to a possible permanent new norm with many employees working from home.

Jim Dedmon of Orlando Utilities Commission also addressed the work-force at home situation.....

....and how OUC continues to keep its' service level at maximum throughout this crisis. Issues of expanding the virtual infra-structure for the work-at-home setup has been addressed early-on in this situation and has yielded very positive results.

OUC has also been working with its' customers who have been left unemployed and financially strapped by this current situation. The organization has continued to provide top customer service to OUC clients throughout the pandemic.

Bruce Wells of Advent Health / Florida Hospital covered many areas of how Advent continues to both....

....maintain high healthcare service levels at its' various hospitals while expanding several acute-care support areas of the organization.

Maintaining traditional services coupled with the new acute care needs of Covid patients required the organization to expand not only accommodations for Covid, but also those areas of Advent that support at-risk patients that are more susceptible to Covid such as Heart, Stroke, and Diabetic Patients.

The organization has been able to maintain its' entire workforce since Covid began adapting workers to new job requirements.

PMI Central Florida – President's Message

I want to express my very sincere thanks to all of the members and guests attending our October Dinner Meeting held at Dubsdread Country Club.

The turnout was fantastic and the panel provided one of the most interesting and informative sessions to date. My personal thanks go out to Mr. Ben Andrade of Universal Studios, Mr. Stephen Bohan of the Federal Department of Defense – Navy, Mr. Jim Dedmon of Orlando Utilities Commission and Mr Bruce Wells of Advent Health / Florida Hospitals.

There were many interesting take-aways from the panel. All agreed in the expansion of work-from-home capabilities. In addition, most if not all reported an increase in productivity. Many cited the large decrease in non-constructive conversations that are the norm at centralized office work places and locations. So it appears that there are....

....lessons learned and some productivity improvements experienced by having employees work from home. The panel all agreed on how even collaborative online meetings appear to run more effectively with a reduction in side-bar discussions.

Several organizations are going to maintain much of a home work environment for a number of reasons. The first important gain is the productivity and how employees gain personal time by not having to fight traffic for hours in their day. It also allows them to supervise children without impact to their work product. A big gain is the more efficient use of formal corporate office space. The bottom line is that if your job does not require you to be in the office, then it ends up being a win-win for both employer and employee. There was comment on how monitoring of activity on the home work setup gave rise to some anxiety by employees however this pales in comparison....

Eric Schmitz
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Florida
Chapter
President



....to the unproductive process of lower/mid-level management walking around checking on who is sitting at their desk.

To be sure, there will be a continuous fine-tuning and operational refinement to the work-at-home model. Some local organizations, such as Lockheed Martin, have implemented some form of hybrid work-at-home and work-on-site program for over a decade.

This has served to help a number of situations that go well beyond just the employer and worker setup and situation. In general, having employees work from home will take tens of thousands off the roads and relieve a significant part of traffic congestion.

In closing let me again express my thanks to the panel members and also to our high participation by the PMI Community.

PMI Central Florida Hosts Live Virtual PMP Prep Courses

PMI Central Florida is Hosting two Live Virtual PMP Bootcamp Courses. These courses are set up as four days in a row formats of Monday through Thursday. The two offerings are set up for Nov. 9th through Nov. 12th and Dec. 14th through Dec. 17th.

Several inquiries have been made by both members and non-members of our PMI Central Florida Chapter. Our current goal is to provide these offerings in a setup....

....that will work well for participants during the long Covid situation.

We will be keeping a very close watch on the next steps to be taken by PMI Global on their scheduled Test Change. At present that date is set for the start of January 1, 2021.

This has been pushed back one time before and the possibility is that this might occur again due to the extended effect of Covid....



Carol Francum
Vice President Education

....It is advisable to take the exam prior to its' planned change. When a new version of the PMBOK is released and the Exam changes, it does take a period of time for the Test providers to fine-tune the exam to an optimum level.

November Dinner Meeting – Tuesday November 10th Topic: Facts, Myths, and Misconceptions about the Cloud

An Extra Dinner Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday - November 10th, 2020 at the Dubsdread Country Club. PMI Central Florida is Hosting a session covering all concepts, goals, costs, myths, and complete misunderstandings related to Computing in the Cloud.

We will have a Cyber Security Architect and....

....Cloud Architect discuss the many pitfalls, hidden issues, new considerations, security problems, data protection, and outright hidden costs that are of concern when considering migration to the Cloud.

Today there are more misconceptions related to Cloud Computing than with any other previous technology....

Neil Copeland
Vice President Records



....adoption. Companies need to be very mindful of this undertaking with a full understanding of the risks and current failures. Please join us in November for this very interesting session.

Dinner Meeting Socials Provide Career Connections

PMI Central Florida is emphasizing Career Development opportunities. To this goal, our Dinner Meetings have a Social Time Period from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Staffing and Career Placement Representatives to meet with job seekers.

This allows many staffing companies to work simultaneously with many job seekers on job placement opportunities.....

....At present, the job market seems to be struggling with significant interest by those staffing companies in new positions, while their clients tend to be slow on the process.

There is substantial view of the new work environment where many companies are adopting the work-from-home setup. While this has been under probationary testing over the last eight months, companies....



Kent Burns
Vice President Member Relations

....have adopted this setup on a more permanent basis. There are cost savings to be realized by adopting this model. Companies are able to reduce the amount of expensive office space, workers don't spend time on the road. Win-Win!



Ben Andrade
Universal Studios



Stephen Bohan
Department of Defense - NAVY



Jim Dedmon
Orlando Utilities Commission



Bruce Wells
Advent Health

**PMI Wishes to Thank The
October 6th Dinner Meeting
Industry Round Table Members**

The CIO Institute Schedules Virtual Enterprise World 2020

Enterprise World 2020 will be conducted in both a Virtual and Recorded setup. The event is under the total control of The CIO Institute which will open the conference to the online public on Monday, October 26th with four days-worth of sessions covering all areas including Project Management, Disciplined Agile....

....Business Analysis, Data Management, Enterprise Architecture, Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Business Process Re-Engineering, Master Data Management, Artificial Intelligence, Business Analytics, and much more.

The Total PDUs offered for the four days sum to 32.....



David Siegel
Vice President of Programs

....It will also be possible to register for single sessions only. The list of speakers providing presentations are listed below:



Bill McCorey
Universal Orlando



Loretta Smith
DAMA President



Francesco Puppini
Data Management



Tom Reale
CIO Brown Books



Fletcher Previn
CIO of IBM



JOHN ZACHMAN
Business Architecture



BILL INMON
Data Warehousing



Carol Francum
Business Analysis



Alec Sharp
Business Process



Mary Levins
IT Governance



Dr. Dean Kashiwagi
Product Management



Tony Johnson
Project Management



Cort Coghill
Enterprise Architect



Scott Ambler
Disciplined Agile



Jaime Halscott
Cyber Security

PMI Holiday Gala 2020 set for Thursday December 17th

PMI Central Florida has set the date for the PMI Central Florida Holiday Gala for Thursday, December 17th hosted at the Orlando Science Center.

With all of the difficulties and problems our friends and family have had to navigate, it will be nice to look forward to our annual event where we can all take some time to enjoy the gifts of the season and look forward to positive things for next year.

We will be conducting our annual Toys for Tots this year with a goal of expanding the success of the charity. There may be children who have lost parents, grandparents, or family/friends this year and we want to make this year a special time for families.

We will also be conducting the traditional accompanying activities including: Awards, Door Prizes, and Program Presentation.



Cara Parson
Vice President Treasury

We hope to see you at the Holiday Gala this year. We are planning an extra-special program for attendees. This event has become the outstanding Holiday Event for the Technology Community.



PMI Holiday Gala 2020 Full Promotion

Come Celebrate with US again – Thursday December 17th

At the 2020 Holiday Gala

Hosted by **The CIO Institute and PMI**
Orlando Science Center – Dino-Digs Ballroom

Awards
Featuring the CIO Expert Panel
Toys For Tots
Door Prizes



Program
Music
Entertainment