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Conversation with Aaron
Hall, CARFAX



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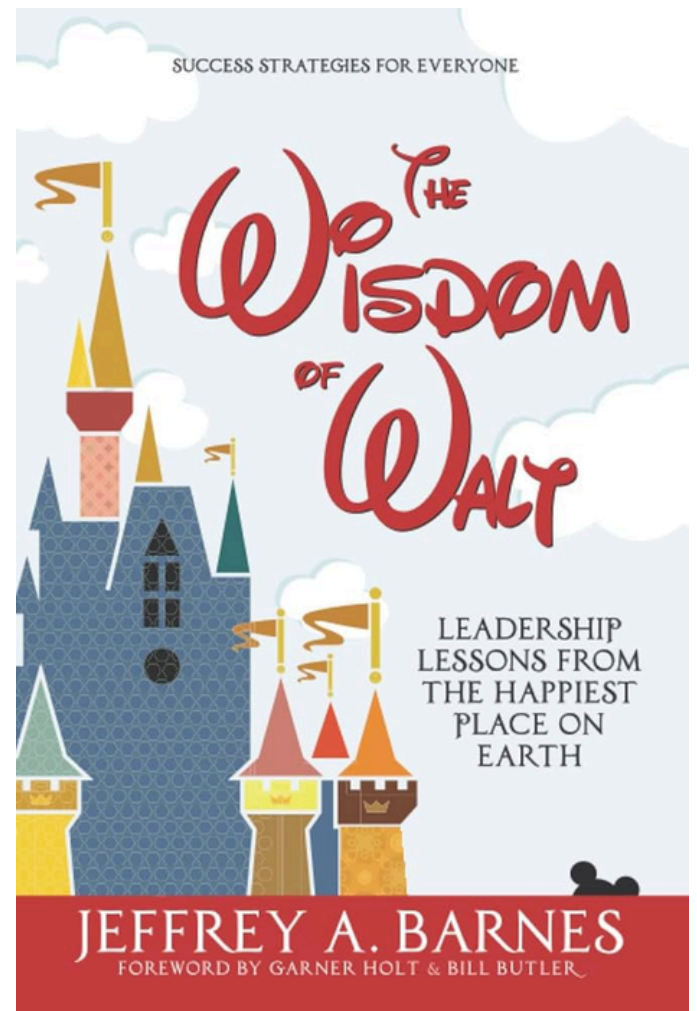


JULY PMS IN THE AM **THE ART AND SCIENCE OF** **STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO** **MANAGEMENT**

Connecting Strategy to Execution
Strategic portfolio management is essential for turning organizational strategy into measurable results, yet many organizations are still working to implement it effectively.

Join Aaron Hall, VP of Portfolio & Project Management at CARFAX (S&P Global), for a candid discussion on how strategic portfolio management works in a complex, growing organization. Aaron will share practical insights on aligning portfolios, products, and projects with business strategy, balancing traditional and agile delivery approaches, and lessons learned from leading a large-scale portfolio transformation.

Whether you're building a portfolio management function or looking to better connect strategy with execution, this session will provide practical takeaways you can apply in your own organization.



JULY PMS AT NOON **SUMMER SOCIAL:** **BOOK CLUB PART TWO:** **"THE WISDOM OF WALT"** **(PAGES 113-219)**

Whether or not you're planning a Disney vacation this year, join us to explore leadership, project management, and teamwork lessons inspired by famous Missourian Walt Disney.

We'll discuss the first half of The Wisdom of Walt (pages 1–112) while connecting with fellow project professionals.

Participants can earn self-directed learning PDUs for the reading and 1 PDU for attending the facilitated discussion.



AUGUST PMS IN THE AM **BONUS EDITION:** **TOUR MU'S NEXTGEN** **PRECISION HEALTH BUILDING**

Join PMI Mid-Missouri for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Roy Blunt NextGen Precision Health Building at the University of Missouri.

Discover how this state-of-the-art research facility brings together healthcare, research, and industry partners while gaining insight into the planning, stakeholder collaboration, and strategic vision behind one of Missouri's most significant capital projects.



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Join Robert Snyder, Founder and President of Innovation Elegance, LLC, as he explores how trustworthiness can become a powerful driver of project success.

Learn how competence, honesty, dependability, and benevolence strengthen teams, improve stakeholder relationships, and create cultures where accountability and collaboration thrive.

Discover practical ways to build trust that leads to stronger project and organizational outcomes.

AUGUST PMS AT NOON **TO BOLDLY GO...** **ESTIMATING PROJECTS &** **TASKS WHEN THERE ISN'T A** **BASELINE**

When historical data is limited and uncertainty is high, how do you create reliable project estimates?

Join Dan Rose, GISP, PMP, as he shares practical techniques for estimating projects without established baselines. Learn how to communicate uncertainty, manage assumptions and risks, and develop credible estimates that support better decision-making throughout the project lifecycle.



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- Catherine Eatherton
- Christopher Cash
- Sally Mackey
- Jana Bott
- Rhonda Durham

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- Arthur Despins
- Elizabeth Lea

25th Anniversary (1 members):

- Nancy Kuse



REMINDER

If you haven't already updated your contact information in your PMI account, please update it, so you can receive communications from the chapter!



As of August 4th, our membership stood at 320 with 221 PMPs, 13 CAPMs, 17 PMI-ACPs, 2 PMI-CPMAs, 1 PMI-PMOCP, 1 PMI-RMP, 91 Members with no Certification and 41 New Members in 2026.

Thank you for your support of PMI Mid Missouri Chapter and the project management profession! Your membership makes our mission possible. We hope to see everyone at a future chapter meeting or workshop.

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