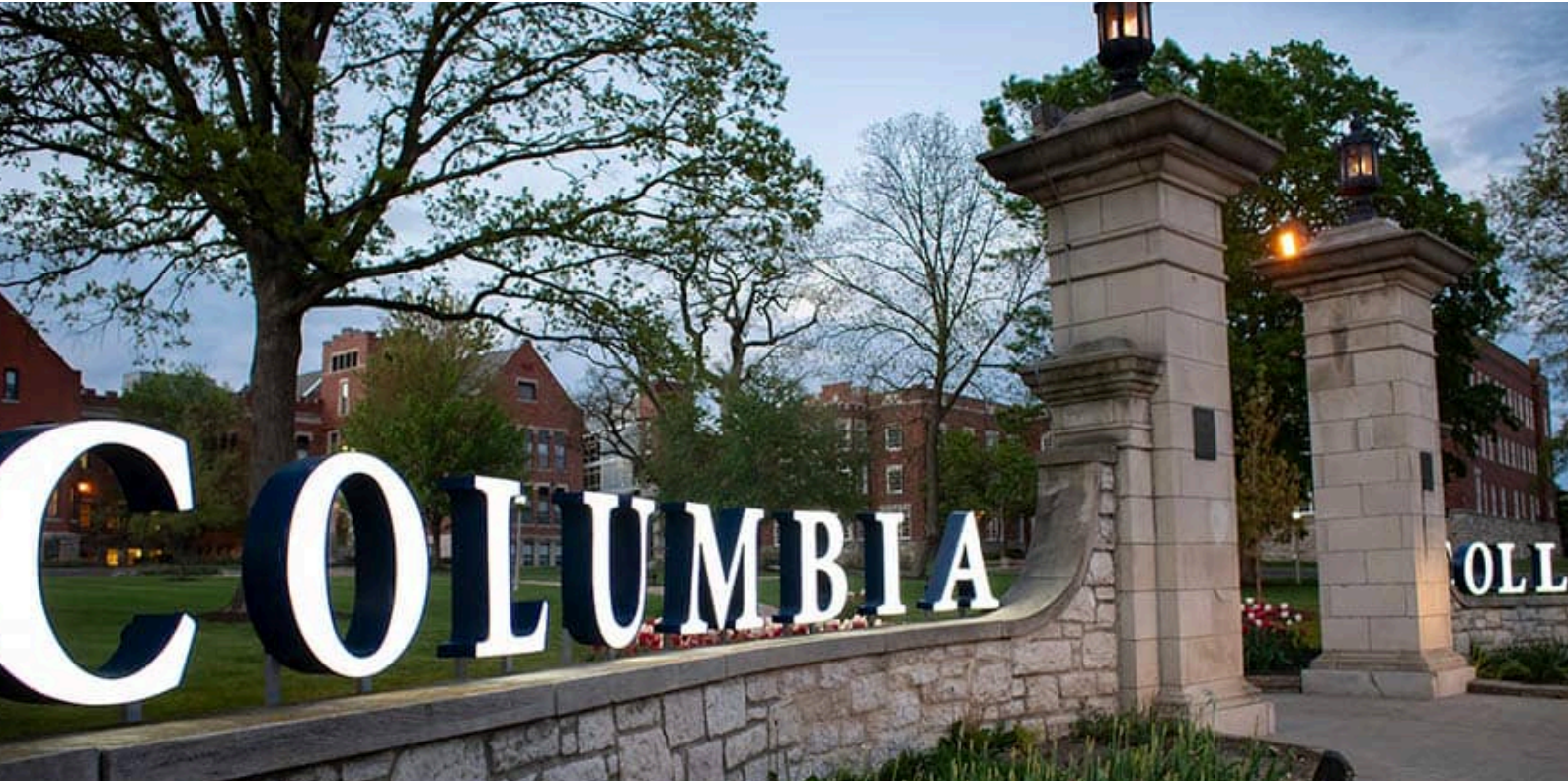


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MAY PMS IN THE AM SMALL BUSINESS TACTICS FOR PROJECT MANAGERS

What does a hospitality mindset have to do with project management? More than you might think. Grab your coffee and join Kristen Lux and Greg Grimes of For the Love of Systems (FTLOS) for a practical session that translates their small business operations frameworks into tools and strategies that resonate with anyone who manages people, processes, and projects for a living.

Kristen and Greg bring over four decades of combined experience in small business operations, including early careers in high-end hospitality environments, where anticipating needs and flawlessly executing are the standard. That same service-first ethos informs their frameworks and approach to business operations.

Grab your coffee and plan to join us online.



MAY PMS IN THE AM BONUS EDITION TOUR OF MU POWER PLANT

Get an insider's look at the University of Missouri Power Plant during a special behind-the-scenes tour hosted by Jim Wilbur, PE, Manager of Utility Production Engineering, along with MU energy staff. This visit offers project management professionals a unique opportunity to explore how a critical, continuously operating facility manages complex infrastructure projects amid shifting energy markets and sustainability goals.

Attendees will learn about innovations such as the biomass bioreactor and the challenges of integrating renewable energy sources into the grid. MU experts will share real-world insights into regulatory constraints, stakeholder demands, and the strategic decision-making that drives energy and infrastructure operations.



MAY PM LUNCH NETWORK SPRING FLOWERS: ENJOYING THE BEAUTY OF GREAT PLANNING

This May, we're putting a spring twist on project planning. Inspired by the saying "April showers bring May flowers," attendees are invited to bring their favorite project-planning tools for an open, collaborative discussion on how to cultivate successful project "gardens."

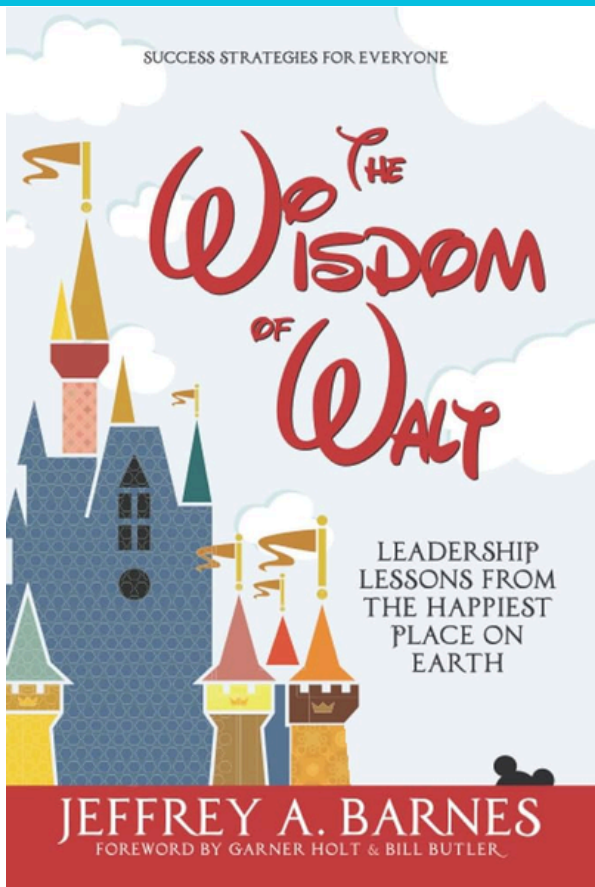
Join us online during lunch for a relaxed, interactive session facilitated by Jana Bott. All participants are encouraged to share their tips, experiences, and tools.



JUNE PMS IN THE AM FROM PROJECT PLANS TO PUBLISHED PAGES: PMS WHO WROTE THE BOOK

Discover how project managers turn their skills toward one of the most personal challenges they can take on: writing a book. In this PMs in the AM session, attendees will hear from PM professionals who have successfully moved from idea to publication while balancing full-time careers and daily responsibilities.

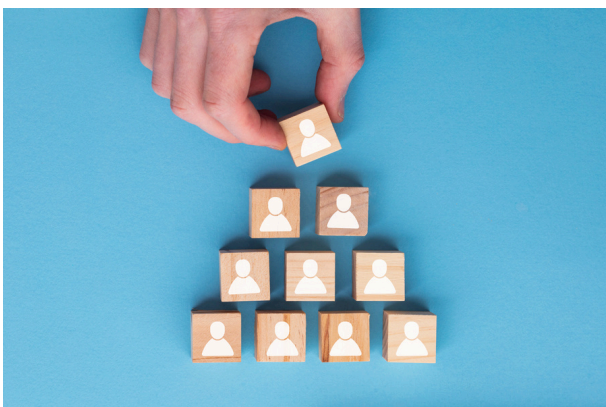
The conversation will explore why PMs choose to write, how project management tools and techniques support the writing and publishing process, and how authorship can enhance credibility, networking, and career growth. Speakers will also offer honest reflections on the tradeoffs, surprises, and lessons learned—valuable insight for anyone considering writing or simply curious about the journey.



JUNE PM LUNCH NETWORK SUMMER SOCIAL: BOOK CLUB PART 1: THE WISDOM OF WALT

Tap into leadership and project management insights inspired by Missouri native Walt Disney in this fun summer learning event. Together, we'll explore ideas like trusting your "Walter Ego," making a strong "Main Street Impression," going "Beyond the Berm," and creating memorable "E-Ticket Experiences" for teams, projects, and customers.

This session offers valuable professional development, encourages member engagement, and provides a lighthearted seasonal connection point.



CHAPTER MEMBER ORIENTATION

Join us for an engaging session designed to introduce you to the PMI-Mid MO Chapter, including its purpose and its role in supporting our members.

During this event, you will have the opportunity to meet with fellow PMI-Mid MO chapter members while immersing yourself in a welcoming atmosphere.

To ensure this event caters to your needs, we will set aside time for questions. Feel free to ask about anything that piques your interest, whether it's the chapter's activities, membership benefits, or how to get involved.



VOLUNTEER APRECIATION AND SPOTLIGHT ON THE FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & NORTHEAST MISSOURI

Join us as we celebrate the dedication, generosity, and impact of our chapter volunteers. This annual gathering is our opportunity to express gratitude and highlight the many ways volunteers strengthened our work throughout 2025. The program will include special recognition of our chapter volunteers and the presentation of the 2025 Volunteer of the Year Award, honoring an individual who went above and beyond in service. A meal and complimentary beverage ticket will be provided.

We're also excited to feature Katlynn Adkins, Chief Communications Officer at the Food Bank of Central & Northeast Missouri, who will share insights on the incredible difference volunteers make. In 2025 alone, volunteer support helped deliver 21 million meals and reinvest \$2.6 million—demonstrating the power of people working together.

All volunteers and chapter members are encouraged to attend this fun, fellowship-filled evening as we celebrate and uplift those who make our chapter thrive. Non-alcoholic beverages are included with the meal.

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New Members (4 members):

- Billie Since
- Michael hayes
- Dennis Watts
- Micah Rudd

5th Anniversary (13 members):

- J.P. Doran
- Kari Utterback
- Prudence Myers
- David Magnusson
- Kevin Keens
- Michelle Lugria
- Mariah Oetting
- Shannon Murray
- Rachel Jung
- Jordan Kellerman
- Lisa Meester
- Sarah Renna
- Rebecca Johnson

10th Anniversary (7 members):

- David Kent Barnes II
- Olawale Ibitoye
- Kimberly Russell
- Tami Clark
- Ciara Bauer
- John Isbister
- Darin Boggs

15th Anniversary (8 members):

- Robin Jones
- Travis Nichols
- Leonard Kellogg
- Catherine Eatherton
- Christopher Cash
- Sally Mackey
- Jana Bott
- Rhonda Durham

20th Anniversary (2 members):

- 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 May 14th, our membership stood at 328 with 224 PMPs, 12 CAPMs, 19 PMI-ACPs, 1 PMI-CPMAI, 1 PMI-PMOCP, 1 PMI-RMP, 96 Members with no Certification and 22 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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