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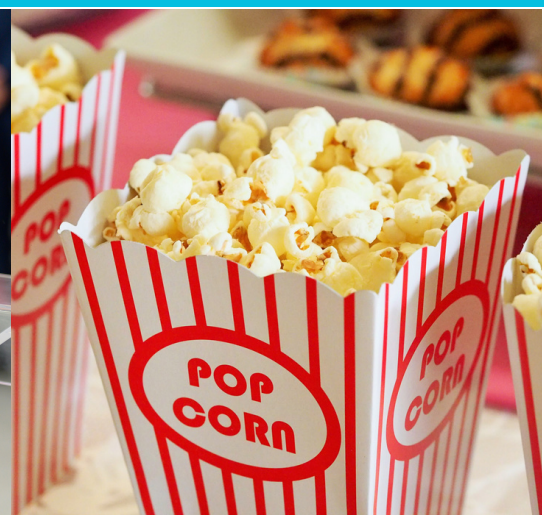
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Jana Bott, PMP



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Thursday October 8th
Columbia Event Center
Courtyard by Marriott
Columbia, MO



SEPTEMBER PMS AT LUNCH FALL IN: THE POLITICS OF PEOPLE IN PROJECTS

Projects don't happen in a vacuum—they happen within organizations where people bring different priorities, personalities, motivations, relationships, and definitions of success. Join Jana Bott for a Power Skills session that explores the often-unwritten side of project management: the people and organizational dynamics that can influence how work gets done.

Together, we'll explore how project managers can better understand stakeholder interests, recognize sources of influence beyond formal titles, navigate competing priorities, and build productive relationships. We'll also discuss practical approaches for communicating effectively, managing disagreement, and influencing others when you don't have direct authority.

Rather than viewing organizational politics as something inherently negative, this session will examine how awareness of these dynamics can help project managers anticipate resistance, build support, strengthen trust, and create better conditions for successful project delivery.



SEPTEMBER PMS IN THE AM LEARN EARNED VALUE MANAGEMENT BY BUILDING A PAPER TOWER

Earned Value Management (EVM) can feel complicated when introduced through formulas and terminology alone. In this interactive session, J. Scott Christianson, known to many as "Prof C," makes EVM tangible through a hands-on paper tower challenge.

Participants will build their own project and use it to explore the fundamentals of measuring project performance, including planned work, completed work, schedule, and cost. Along the way, you'll work through basic EVM calculations, interpret what the measurements reveal about project performance, and get an introduction to more advanced calculations that can help project managers understand where a project stands—and where it may be headed.

Come ready to build, calculate, and learn! Participants should bring 8.5" x 11" paper, paper clips, tape, scissors, and a ruler.



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BEHIND THE BUILDS AT LAKESIDE ASHLAND DRIVE-IN

Join PMI Mid-Missouri for a special evening of project management, networking, and a movie under the fall stars!

Start the evening with a 1.0-PDU “Behind the Build” session featuring Lakeside’s owners and project partners. Hear how the vision for Lakeside became a reality and explore real-world lessons in planning, stakeholder coordination, scope, cost, schedule, risk, and business objectives.

Then stay for a showing of E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982) at 6:30 PM. Your \$30 registration includes admission for one carload of family and friends, plus bottomless popcorn and soda.

Gates open at 5:00 PM | PDU Session at 5:30 PM | Movie at 6:30 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and join us for an evening of learning, connection, and fun!

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- Adam Gilliam
- Derek Wekenborg
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- Prudence Myers
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- 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



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As of September 17th, our membership stood at 321 with 223 PMPs, 12 CAPMs, 17 PMI-ACPs, 2 PMI-CPMAIs, 1 PMI-PMOCP, 1 PMI-RMP, 91 Members with no Certification and 46 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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