



A Year and Counting: A Day in the Life of a New PMP

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I PASSED

NOW

SHOW ME THE MONEY



I WANT TO CONTINUE TO
ENHANCE MY PM
REPUTATION STARTING
NOW

MY PM JOURNEY

- Obstacles, Motivation and Passion to be a PM
- Networking and Gaining Experience
- Sustaining an active role in the PM community

MY JOURNEY TO THE EXAM

CAREER Obstacles

- Education
- “Project” Process before Training
- Didn't know of PMP
- Personal Issues
 - FEAR
 - Two weeks before exam

MY JOURNEY TO THE EXAM

CAREER Motivation

- Meeting the “Right” People
- “Project” Success
- Support
 - Church
 - Mentors
 - Leadership – BEFORE
 - Friends

MY JOURNEY TO THE EXAM

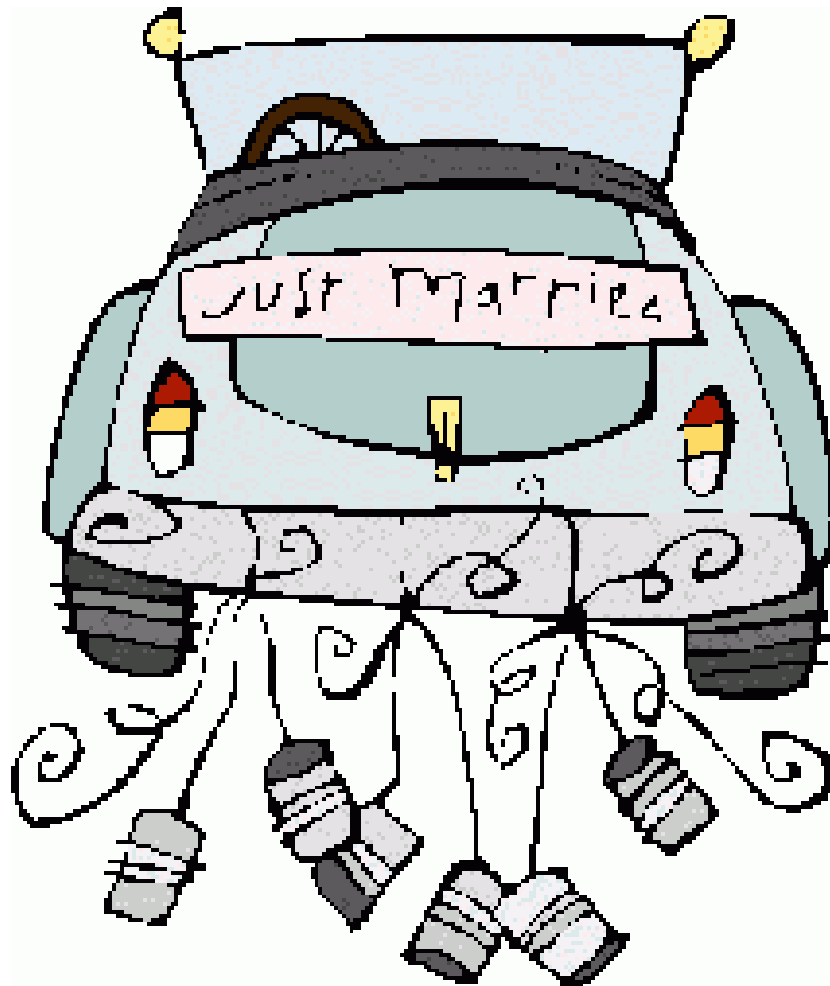
CAREER Motivation

- Surveys
 - Global Knowledge
 - Fourth on List
 - <http://www.globalknowledge.com/training/generic.asp?pageid=3736>
- EARNINGS POTENTIAL

MY JOURNEY TO THE EXAM

From success at work,
volunteering and relationships
built throughout my career, my
passion for Project Management
has grown.

THE PMP “HONEYMOON”!!



THE PMP “HONEYMOON”!!

Training is Done, Studying is Done,
I’m Ready for the Exam

Exam Preparation

- Two months studying
 - 35 Contact Hours
 - Application Approved
 - Testing Environment
 - Clear Mind

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The Exam

- Question One
 - Emotion



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The Exam

- Question 200
 - Emotion



THE PMP “HONEYMOON”!!

After The Exam

“The Honeymoon”

- CONGRATULATIONS

- Was it your first try?

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After The Exam

“The Honeymoon”

- “What Are We Going To Do With You?”
- HUH?

THE REALITY OF IT ALL



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- It doesn't come to you
- Don't be discouraged, avoid negativity
 - Opportunity Abounds!

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- Current Role – Application
 - Talk
- Organizational Culture

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- Mentor Relationship
- Community Volunteer
 - PMI meetings
 - PMI Volunteer
 - Network

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Sustain an Active Role in PM

Make it a habit to keep PM in your daily life.

Various PMI Meetings

- Toastmasters
- Area Meetings
- Main Chapter Meetings
- Webinars

THE REALITY OF IT ALL

Sustain an Active Role in PM

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Volunteer

- Help Build Chapter
- Many Opportunities Available

CONCLUSION

Building a Reputation as a PMP is not an overnight process and the journey will give you lessons and experiences that will enrich your PM skills for life, work, fun, etc.

CONCLUSION

- Success=Passion
- Experience = Engaging Yourself
- Sustainability = Experiences and Relationships

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- Next Job Selection
 - Consider Role and Project – Decide
 - Negotiate Role and or Project Changes to improve opportunity for success.
- Choose to Stay

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