

## PMI Houston Conference & Expo 2012

June 4–6, 2012

The Hyatt Regency – Downtown Houston

### PMI-H Conference: Registration Opened!

The Project Management Institute Houston Chapter invites you to an exciting educational event at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston on June 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Registration for the annual PMI Houston Conference & Expo is now open. Participants can go online and register at: [http://www.pmihouston.org/content.php?page=Conf\\_Registration](http://www.pmihouston.org/content.php?page=Conf_Registration)

The conference features 60 breakout sessions with tracks on agile project management, professional development, program management, project management, and software tools for project managers. The 3-day conference and vendor expo will include a 2-day vendor expo, a variety of one-day workshops starting on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>, networking event and meet the speakers at our evening cocktail reception on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 60 breakout sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, and a 1-day annual job fair on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Featured speakers include Kevin Cullen, Rick Gillis, Barbee Davis, and Joe Lukas. **Kevin Cullen** is the President of Leadera Consulting Group and an expert in the training and development of business leaders worldwide. His full-day workshop will help project management professionals to articulate and communicate more effectively while his breakout sessions and luncheon keynote speech will focus on topics to help you find the “Sweet Spot” for Excellence: The Winning Combination of Leadership and Project Management. **Rick Gillis** returns to present a one-day job search workshop: “Job! 3 Steps to Your Next.” Based on his new book of the same title, Rick will lead attendees through the process of taking a professional and personal inventory to prepare for all employment eventualities.

**Barbee Davis** works for PMI as a Global R.E.P. Reviewer and also creates and manages special international projects. She is a popular and much sought after speaker around the world. Barbee will present a keynote speech on “Excellence: Chasing the Shifting Target.” In this keynote we’ll look at the shift from defining excellence as merely meeting schedule, budget, and quality metrics. **Joe Lukas** will hold a full-day workshop on “Achieving Excellence in Managing Project Risks.” His jobs span engineering, manufacturing, construction, project controls, estimating, contracting and Portfolio, Program and Project Management. With over 35 published articles on various project management topics, Joe is a frequent guest speaker for companies and organizations across the country.

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## PMI Houston participated at the VII PMI Clear Lake Seminar at Sea (SaSVII)

PMI Houston board members participated in the 2012 PMI Clear Lake Seminar at Sea event. As in previous years, the PMI Houston Chapter actively supported and promoted the event organized by the local peer chapter.

The event was held from March 22 to March 26 and over 50 participants attended the seminar. The event included sessions in project leadership, project management tools such as mind mapping, a six-sigma yellow belt certification program, and several networking activities.



**March 22 -26, 2012**  
**Galveston, TX. to Cozumel,**  
*on the "NEW" ship to Galveston*  
**Carnival "Triumph"**  
**7th Annual Seminar at Sea! Topic: Why Project Management ?**



Rita Barrantes, PMI-H VP of Communications, Eric Hintz, PMI-H VP of e-Business, Karen Duncan, PMI-H VP of Marketing, and Giovanni Fanduiz (not in picture), PMI-H VP of programs, attended the SaSVII.

AJ Collier, founder of PMI Clear Lake chapter, was one of the organizers of this event who cheerfully welcomed all participants. Speakers included Walter Viali, PMI Region 6 mentor, who delivered two presentations: "The Doolittle Tokyo Raid – A Project Management Success Story" and "Field Marshall Erwin Rommel: Leadership Lessons from the Desert Fox".

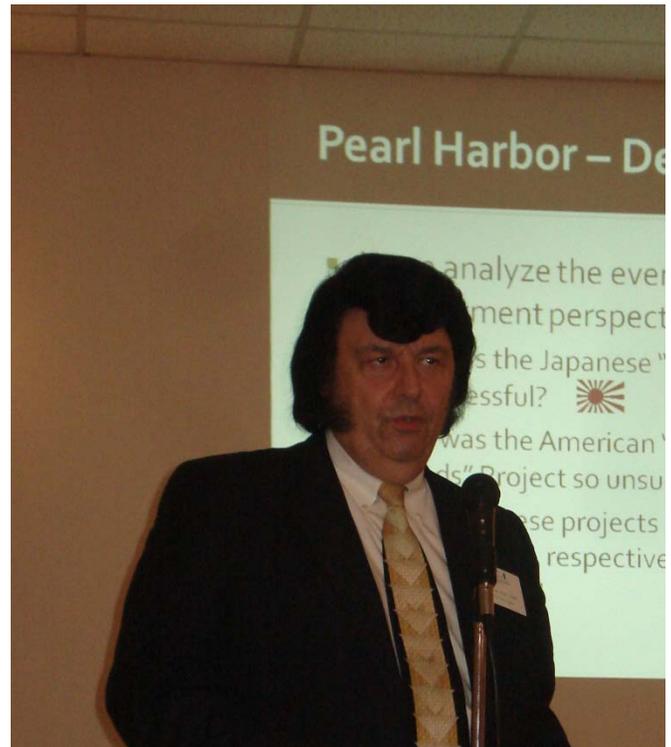
The next Seminar at Sea VIII event will be in April of 2013. For more information about the SaSVIII, contact Sherry at [sherry@houstontravelzone.com](mailto:sherry@houstontravelzone.com) or AJ Collier at [ajc02@earthlink.net](mailto:ajc02@earthlink.net).

## Walter Viali, Region 6 Mentor, Presented Pearl Harbor, A Project Management Perspective

By Bob Masch, PMP, Sr. VP External Operations 2012, PMI Houston Chapter

I finally got to see Walter Viali's presentation on Pearl Harbor, A Project Management Perspective at our North Venue located at Strack Farms on Louetta in Spring Texas on Feb. 14, 2012, on Valentine day of all days. Although I have been to many of Walter's other presentations of historical significance, this particular presentation was moving in many ways. It also was more comprehensive as it was split into two one hour parts.

With the use of historical hindsight, pictures and videos Walter helped us better imagine what it was like during the events that led to, occurred during and after the attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. And in typical Project Management Institute fashion, Walter took us through the PMBOK knowledge areas and hypothesized how project management tools and techniques might have changed the course of history. It was also very interesting to see as Walter interacted with the audience so many people very knowledgeable of the historical facts of the Pearl Harbor attack.



Every month the PMI Houston Chapter holds up to seven chapter meetings all around Houston for the convenience of our members. We invite you to visit our website, review our chapter meeting events and look over our professional development offerings as there is always something of interest available for our many project management professionals.

For a description of the presentation and to read Walter's biography, please access our website [www.PMIHouston.org](http://www.PMIHouston.org) or click on the following link to go directly to the web page: <http://www.pmihouston.org/meetinginfo.php?id=174>.

***Do you have a testimonial to share?***

Send it to me at [vpcomm@pmihouston.org](mailto:vpcomm@pmihouston.org).

I'll be glad to include it in our monthly newsletter. Thanks.

Rita

**NORTH DINNER MEETING:**

**Team Building in a Project Environment  
(Kindergarten skills you can use)**

**April 10, 2012 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Speaker: James T. Brown, Ph.D.

Dinner Meeting: Strack Farms Restaurant  
5707 Louetta. Spring, TX 77379

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**GALLERIA HESS CLUB DINNER MEETING:**

**When "business as usual" isn't enough: Authentic  
Leadership – Access to Breakthrough Results**

**April 11, 2012 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Speaker: James T. Brown, Ph.D.

Dinner Meeting: HESS Club  
5430 Westheimer Road. Houston, TX 77056

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**BRAZOS VALLEY MEETING:**

**Taming the elephant in the room**

**April 16, 2012. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Speaker: Kevin Cullen

Texas A&M Campus. College Station, TX.

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**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON MEETING:**

**The Doolittle Tokyo Raid – A Project Management Success  
Story**

**April 18, 2012. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Speaker: Walter Viali

Bayou City Room 202

University of Houston. Houston, TX 77204

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**SOUTHWEST MEETING:**

**Adding value as a CM (PM) in Different Delivery Methods**

**April 18, 2012. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Speaker: Steve E. Niskanin

Schlumberger – Sugar Land Campus

210 Schlumberger Drive. Sugarland, TX 77478

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**DOWNTOWN MEETING:**

**April 26, 2012. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Main Houston public library branch – Concourse level room

500 McKinney Street. Houston, TX 77002

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**MANAGING PROJECTS WITH MICROSOFT PROJECT 2010 -  
ESSENTIALS (14 PDUs)**

April 2-3, 2012 8:00am to 5:00pm

EPM Architects Training and Solution Center

6300 West Loop South, Suite 570

Bellaire, TX 77401

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**MANAGING PROJECTS WITH MICROSOFT PROJECT 2010 -  
ADVANCED (14 PDUs)**

April 4-5, 2012 8:00am to 5:00pm

EPM Architects Training and Solution Center

6300 West Loop South, Suite 570

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**PMP® & CAPM® PREP - 4 DAY (35 PDUs)**

April 16-19, 2012 8:30am to 4:30pm

Tri Tech Surveying Company

10401 Westoffice Drive

Houston, TX 77042

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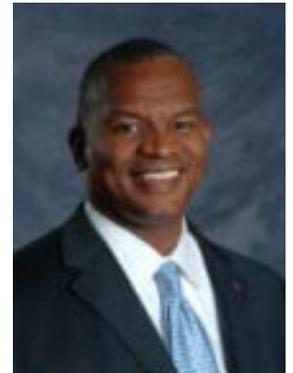
For events and training programs please register online.  
Additional information about coming events and training is  
available at <http://www.pmihouston.org/meetinginfo.php>

***Interested in Volunteering?***

We are looking for a Galleria venue  
director. For more information please  
email Giovanni Fanduiz at  
[vpprograms@pmi-houston.org](mailto:vpprograms@pmi-houston.org)

# Dinner Chapter Events

Dr. James T. Brown, president of SEBA solutions Inc., a Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.) for the Project Management Institute, will be the featured speaker of our April Dinner events (April 10<sup>th</sup> at North and April 11<sup>th</sup> at Galleria/HESS). Dr. Brown has provided training and consulting services for dozens of companies nationally and internationally. He has sixteen years of NASA experience that includes "hands on" experience as a team member, project manager and serving in executive level organizational leadership roles. He provides consulting services in project management and has served as a subject matter expert for a leading project software vendor.



James is the author of [The Handbook of Program Management](#) published by McGraw-Hill. *The Handbook of Program Management* has been ranked as high as number three of all project management books on Amazon.com. He also provides project management training through the online training portal Onepdu.com. He has been published in *PM Network*, *PE Magazine*, *PMI Community Post*, *Projects@Work*, *The Systems Thinker* and *PM World Today*. A recognized authority in project management, he is a frequently invited keynote speaker on project management areas of interest and leadership.

Dr. Brown has a patent for a project scheduling methodology, and has received numerous awards including "Engineer of the Year" from the Cape Canaveral Technical Societies and is a recipient of the "NASA Public Service Medal" for exceptional contributions to NASA's mission. He is a member of the Project Management Institute, the National Speakers Association and the National Association of Corporate Directors. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board for Florida's Technological Research and Development Authority. James has a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Central Florida, a MS in Engineering Management from Florida Institute of Technology and a BS in Electrical Engineering from Tennessee State University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer (PE), a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and Certified Speaking Professional (CSP).

## Topic: Team Building In A Project Environment (Kindergarten Skills You Can Use)

Team building in the project management arena is often an overlooked process frequently given lip service and rarely given time. In work environments that are highly technical, team building process are often non-existent and these organizations often struggle with implementing the basics of project management due to lack of buy in by the team on a number of fronts. Organizations often overlook the fact that teams exist on multiple levels and team building processes need to occur at all of these levels. Additional information about these dinner events is available at <http://www.pmi-houston.org/meetinginfo.php>.

## Recognition: Volunteer of the Quarter

Congratulations to **Suresh Balivada** for becoming the recipient of the Volunteer of the 2012 1st Quarter award. Suresh has volunteered for the last four years on the Marketing committee. In 2011, Suresh stepped in as a director of sponsorships, providing oversight to our Chapter sponsorship relationships and activities. Suresh has been instrumental in conducting a successful 2012 sponsorship drive. Representatives from over 60 companies (Chapter sponsors and Conference vendors) were interviewed to understand the needs of these organizations. With this feedback, our Chapter sponsorship agreement was modified to provide more flexibility, allowing organizations to custom tailor benefits to fit their specific requirements and enhance value to our local membership. The outcomes of this drive include, for the first year to our chapter, two platinum sponsors: EPM Architects and ARAMCO. The relationships that we are forming with these organizations will bring value to our Chapter, our membership, and to the community at large.



“Just as important, Suresh is a delightful individual to work with – professional in all his interactions, respectful of individuals, and behind his quiet persona, he has quite a sense of humor. We are quite fortunate to have someone of Suresh’s caliber to volunteer his time and talents within the Chapter”, said Karen Duncan, VP of Marketing.

## Not sure where to get your PM education?

There are many training organizations out there that offer project management courses, however the majority of these have not been independently assessed against global standards for both project management and continuing education and training by PMI. Only PMI Chapters and PMI Approved vendors offer courses designated as a PMI R.E.P. This indicates that the organization has met PMI's rigorous quality standards and can deliver world-class, effective project management training and education.

Project Management Institute's Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s) are organizations approved by PMI to offer project management training, and are authorized to offer direct PMI Approved PDU's. **Benefits of Training with a R.E.P. include:**

- Demonstrated alignment with PMI, the world's leading, standard-setting project management association.
- Pre-approved by PMI to offer PDUs. Credential holder PDU claims are automatically expedited for processing.
- Qualifications are verified before acceptance and every three years thereafter through PMI's quality review process.
- Every project management course registered with PMI must be reviewed by an appropriate and valid PMI credential holder.
- Verified focus of courses on learning outcomes.
- Project Management Professional (PMP) credential prep courses must be taught by valid PMP credential holders.
- Instructors must be current in learning methods and must continuously enhance their skills.

## Ready to Become a PMI Houston Leader?

Several officer positions are open for election this year. Nominations must be submitted by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The positions open for election this year include the Sr. VP of Internal Operations, VP eBusiness, VP Marketing and the VP Membership. New officers will begin to shadow the current officers in July, and will take office officially in January 2013. EVERY PMI HOUSTON MEMBER in good standing, with a PMP, who has volunteered for the chapter for a minimum of three months in the past year, is eligible for election to the PMI Houston board of directors. There are additional requirements to be eligible for the position of Senior VP Internal Operations.

You may submit your nominations online at [http://www.pmihouston.org/form.php?form\\_id=11](http://www.pmihouston.org/form.php?form_id=11). Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the March and April chapter meetings. Nominations close on April 30, 2012.

Our board openings include the following:

- Senior VP Internal Operations – This officer coordinates the committees that are primarily internally focused: Professional Development, Programs, and Membership. This is a one-year commitment but running for this position implies a four-year commitment, as it leads to successive roles as Senior VP External Operation, President, and Past President. To be considered for the Senior VP Internal Operations, you must have already served for two years as a PMI Board member before running for this position.
- VP Marketing – This officer's committee shall oversee inducing the public to have understanding of and goodwill towards the Houston chapter and development of outreach programs. . VP Marketing is a two-year commitment (2013-2014).
- VP E-Business – This officer's committee shall oversee the web site of the Houston chapter, manage all Chapter web related activities and issues to maintain business and the use of Web-related communication. VP E-Business is a two-year commitment (2013-2014).
- VP Membership – This officer's committee shall oversee the needs of the members of the Houston Chapter; manage all volunteer activities, and direct membership and business and Industry coordination. VP Membership is a two-year commitment (2013-2014).

You can review more information about the PMI Houston board and submit a nomination at <http://www.pmihouston.org/board.php> . If you are interested or have any questions related to the positions, please send an email to [nominations@pmihouston.org](mailto:nominations@pmihouston.org). The members of the nominating committee will provide you with the forms and the process you need to get on the BALLOT.

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