



Recipients of the project of the quarter award. From left to right: Fred Machoka, Pepper Pittman, Dana Berry, Andrea Phillips, Lori Nesbett, Perry Flowers, and Denise Rancour, PMP.

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## Memorial Hermann Healthcare System’s “MEDSAFE Project” Awarded PMI-Houston Project of the Quarter – 3Q11

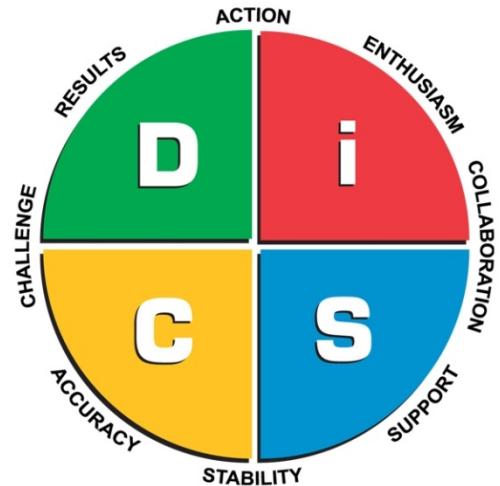
The PMI Houston chapter honoured Memorial Hermann Healthcare System with the Project of the Quarter in recognition for its MEDSAFE Project. Denise Rancour, PMP, led the project in support of Memorial Hermann’s quality strategy to “do no harm”. MEDSAFE provides a bar code confirmation of medications against a verified physician’s order at the patient’s bedside completing the three sides of positive confirmation: provider, patient and medication. MEDSAFE was a collaborative effort among Nursing, Pharmacy Operations, Respiratory Service, Information Technology and System Pharmacy to reduce, if not eliminate, medication errors by implementing an Automated Medication Administration System centered at the point of care.

The team award was presented at the chapter’s monthly meeting held on December 7, 2011 at the HESS Club. Ms. Rancour accepted the award and spoke to the audience about the project's challenges, successes, and the value it brings not only to Memorial Hermann but to the community being served.

## Everything DiSC: Building More Effective Relationships At Work and Out of Work

As we grow and develop as leaders, parents, and volunteers there is a relative contribution of experience, relationships, and education that contribute to our learning. We have many opportunities to enhance our technical, leadership and interpersonal skills but it is not very often that we take dedicated time to help build better relationships. Understanding that improved relationships can help teams perform better the PMI Houston Board of Directors, chapter advisors, and volunteers from all of the chapter committees got together in January for a team building exercise with the objective of helping build better relationships between the teams.

The session, facilitated by Andy Stuart, 2012 PMI Houston Chapter President, used the DiSC model to help identify each other's styles and to identify strategies that will help different styles be more effective when working together. The DiSC model is an excellent tool for helping build more effective relationships with your manager, peers, and even with your family. The DiSC model is a quadrant behavior model that is used to evaluate individual priorities, motivators, stressors and the way people react with other styles in the model. By understanding your own style, your priorities, motivators, and stressors you can identify the behaviors that help you and the one's that may inhibit you from forming effective relationships. Once you have a good understanding of the DiSC methodology you can start identifying the primary styles of people around you and then modify your behaviors with each style to ensure a better working relationship. If you are interested in finding out more about the DiSC model please contact Andy Stuart at [president@pmihouston.org](mailto:president@pmihouston.org)



Above: Members of the PMI Houston board of directors and directors of various committees working on DiSC

# Save the Date!

**PMI** Houston  
Conference & Expo **2012**  
June 4-6, 2012  
The Hyatt Regency – Downtown Houston

The long awaited news has finally arrived! Our team has been working hard with the different vendors and we have decided on a date and venue for the 2012 PMI Houston Conference & Expo.

This year's Conference & Expo will be held between **June 4-6, 2012** at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Houston**. An excellent location that is central for all of our needs!

We are lining up the best speakers and presenters to provide our members with the best training their money can buy! The main conference website has been updated with the latest information and is available at [http://www.pmihouston.org/content.php?page=Annual\\_Conference](http://www.pmihouston.org/content.php?page=Annual_Conference). We will continue to update the content as more information becomes available.

If you have any question or suggestion, please contact me. Thank you for your patience!. We look forward to putting together another successful event for the Chapter.

**Tammy Hong,**  
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# Dinner Chapter Events

Our February Dinner events (Feb 8 at North, Feb 14 at Galleria/HESS) will have Walter Viali as featured speaker. Walter will deliver a two-part presentation during the pre-meeting (5:30 to 6:30PM) and the dinner presentation (7:00 to 8:00pm). We encourage attendees to take advantage and participate in both sessions.



## Pearl Harbor, a Project Management Perspective (2 parts)

### Part 1 – (5:30pm to 6:30pm)

December 7, 1941, or, in President F.D. Roosevelt's words, "a date which will live in infamy." Could the Japanese surprise attack have been avoided? If defending the Hawaiian island of Oahu against internal and external threats was the primary objective of the military authorities, could the U.S. forces have been better prepared? Just how good was Japan's plan for "Operation Hawaii"? This presentation will address how project management could have helped mitigate or outright avoid one of the darkest days in the history of the United States. The first hour of the presentation covers the events leading up to the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

### Part 2 - (7:00pm to 8:00pm)

The second half of this presentation examines the Japanese project of attacking Pearl Harbor and the U.S. project of defending Hawaii from a project management perspective, using the PMBOK Guide Knowledge Areas. Also discussed are the assumptions made by the military leaders of both countries, what happened to the main protagonists involved directly or indirectly in the attack on Pearl Harbor, and valuable lessons learned for today's project managers.

### Speaker: Walter A. Viali, PMP

Walter is a Project Management and Project Management Office (PMO) Management Consultant, Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with a varied background in different industries, which has included several domestic and international assignments. Walter was a member of the PMI team that authored the first release of the PMI OPM3 assessment standard. He was on the Board of the PMI Houston Chapter from 2002 until 2008 and was Chapter President in 2007. He was also on the Board of the PMI Clear Lake-Galveston Chapter in 2009-2010. Currently he serves as a region mentor for PMI's Region 6 (23 Chapters and over 22,000 PMI members in the South Central U.S.).

For more information about the event and to register, go to <http://www.pmi-houston.org/meetinginfo.php>

**EVENTS:**

**GALLERIA HESS CLUB DINNER MEETING:**

**Pearl Harbor: A Project Management Perspective**

**February 8, 2012 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Speaker: Walter Viali, PMP

Dinner Meeting: HESS Club

5430 Westheimer Road. Houston, TX 77056

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**ENERGY CORRIDOR MEETING:**

**Plant Turnaround ("STO") Projects (The Series) Part 3**

**February 13, 2012. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Speaker: Dick Ertl

URS Corporation

10800 Richmond. Houston, TX 77042

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**NORTH DINNER MEETING:**

**Pearl Harbor: A Project Management Perspective**

**February 14, 2012 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Speaker: Walter Viali, PMP

Dinner Meeting: Strack Farms Restaurant

5707 Louetta (Between Kuykendahl & Stuebner-Airline Rd.)

Spring, TX 77379

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**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON MEETING:**

**How to Build a High Performance Project Team**

**February 15, 2012. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Speaker: Jerry Evans, Ph.D.

Technology Building (T2) Room 201

University of Houston

Houston, TX 77204

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**SOUTHWEST MEETING:**

**Social Networking Event**

**February 15, 2012. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

No PDUs will be awarded for this event.

Location: TBD

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**DOWNTOWN MEETING:**

**Topic: TBA**

**February 23, 2012. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Speaker: Caroline Gormley

Location: TBD

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**TRAINING:**

**PMP® & CAPM® PREP - 4 DAY**

February 20, 2012 8:30am to February 23, 2012 4:30 PM

Tri Tech Surveying Company

10401 Westoffice Drive

Houston, TX 77042

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**INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

February 27, 2012 8:30am to February 29, 2012 4:30 PM

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10401 Westoffice Drive

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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>