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## PMI Houston Conference & Expo 2012

June 4-6, 2012

The Hyatt Regency - Downtown Houston

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 is peaking, so don't wait until the last minute, register online at:

[http://www.pmi-houston.org/content.php?page=Conf\\_Registration](http://www.pmi-houston.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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**NORTH DINNER MEETING:**

**The Tao of Everest**

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

Speaker: Ian Woodall

Dinner Meeting: Strack Farms Restaurant

5707 Louetta. Spring, TX 77379

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**GALLERIA HESS CLUB DINNER MEETING:**

**The Tao of Everest**

**May 9, 2012 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Speaker: Ian Woodall

Dinner Meeting: HESS Club

5430 Westheimer Road. Houston, TX 77056

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**SOUTHWEST MEETING:**

**Topic: TBD**

**May 16, 2012. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Speaker: TBD

Schlumberger – Sugar Land Campus

210 Schlumberger Drive. Sugarland, TX 77478

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**DOWNTOWN MEETING:**

**Topic: TBD**

**May 31, 2012. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Speaker: Deborah Castillo

Main Houston public library branch – Concourse level room

500 McKinney Street. Houston, TX 77002

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**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON MEETING:**

No meeting this month. Meetings will resume in August.

Bayou City Room 202

University of Houston. Houston, TX 77204

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

May 7-8, 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 SERVER 2010 (21 PDUs)**

May 21-24, 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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**PMP® & CAPM® PREP - 4 DAY (35 PDUs)**

May 21-24, 2012 8:30am to 4:30pm

Tri Tech Surveying Company

10401 Westoffice Drive

Houston, TX 77042

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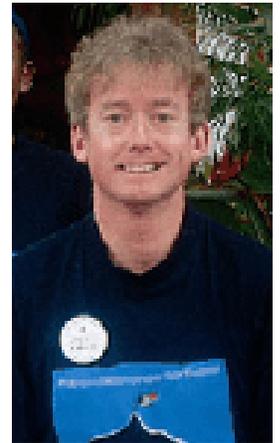
For events and training programs please register online. Additional information about coming events and training is available at <http://www.pmihouston.org/meetinginfo.php>

# Dinner Chapter Events

This month, our dinner meetings at North and Hess will have Ian Woodall as the featured speaker. Ian was born in England, but then spent twenty-two years in South Africa, before returning to the UK. Before embarking on his Everest expeditions Ian worked as a school teacher, an internal auditor, a restaurant owner & head chef, as well as serving as an officer in the British Army. Ian now works as a conference speaker using his Mt Everest experience (The Tao of Everest) to promote the values of personal inspiration and practical leadership.

**Topic: The Tao of Everest**

**Triumph, tragedy, storms and summits. Embark on an emotional and uplifting storytelling experience to the top of the world (.....twice!)**



As the first rays of dawn crept across the Tibetan plateau Ian Woodall stepped on to the summit of Mount Everest and into history, one of a select few to have climbed the world's highest mountain by both its south and north sides.

During his first ascent from the south Ian's team were trapped at 24 000ft in the worst storm in Everest history which claimed the lives of eight fellow climbers. After the trauma and tragedy of the storm Ian and his team nevertheless chose to try again, finally reaching the summit as the only ones left on the mountain.

Two years later while attempting the north side of Everest Ian stopped only a few hundred meters below the summit to try and help a dying American climber. The woman's first words were, "Don't leave me". Yet ultimately Ian had to leave her to secure the safety of his own team.

Nine years later Ian returned to 26 000ft on the north side of Everest to bury the woman he had been forced to leave behind. After wrapping her in the Stars & Stripes he slid her gently down the North Face to join her beloved husband lying somewhere below.

Now, using the power of emotional storytelling, Ian brings the triumphs and tragedies of climbing Mount Everest directly to his audience in a funny, poignant story of personal inspiration and practical leadership.

Additional information about these dinner events is available at <http://www.pmi-houston.org/meetinginfo.php>.

## Interested in volunteering in the PMIH Chapter?

Volunteers are needed. Currently there are positions available in several groups.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Communications team, please contact Rita Barrantes, VP of Communications, at [vpcomm@pmihouston.org](mailto:vpcomm@pmihouston.org)

If you are interested in volunteering with the Programs team, contact Giovanni Fanduiz, VP of Programs, at [vpprograms@pmihouston.org](mailto:vpprograms@pmihouston.org)

If you are not sure what type of position would be right for you or if you are interest in volunteering with another group, please contact Philip Lee at [vpmembership@pmihouston.org](mailto:vpmembership@pmihouston.org)

## 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. 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).

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).
- VP of Outreach - This officer's committee shall oversee all outreach initiatives of the Houston chapter. These include Corporate Outreach, Academic Outreach, and Community Outreach. The Vice President – Outreach shall also perform the duties and responsibilities as described below.

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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