

From the Marketing and Communications Team and Editor

Welcome to the **February** Issue of our Chapter's newsletter, *PMI-DVC Connect!*

In this issue, we celebrate Black History Month, invite you to complete the Green Project Management Global Survey, and introduce volunteer opportunities on the Finance Committee. We also share content from each of the three SIGs (Special Interest Groups). As per usual, we'll share details about upcoming events, educational resources like certification exam prep dates, and celebrate Chapter members who achieved important milestones.

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There Is No Such Thing As Doing Nothing

As all project managers know, sometimes plans just don't work out because key people are not available. Suzanne Dreitlein was our 2023 volunteer of the year and was supposed to receive her reward in November. However, we haven't been in the same place at the same

time since she was selected. That is until we met up at the Philadelphia Future City Competition on January 20th. I was finally able to give her the award plaque (see photo above). Suzanne was one of the 10 PMI-DVC volunteers (out of the more than 100 volunteers) who made the event successful.

Collingswood Middle School from Collingswood, NJ won the PMI-DVC sponsored award for Project Management Excellence ... [Read more of Ken's recent post and more from President's Corner here](#)



You can always find a listing of upcoming chapter events on our [website homepage](#). Here are a few events happening soon!

<p>CAPM Exam Prep Study Group February 26th to March 27th, 2024</p>	<p>Free for members / \$25 for non-members Read More >></p>
<p>Winter 2024 PMI's ATP PMP® Exam Prep Course March 2nd to April 6th, 2024</p>	<p>\$1191.00 for members / \$1505.00 for non-members Read More >></p>
<p>AI, Ethical Considerations and Project Management March 14th, 2024</p>	<p>Free Read More >></p>



Finance Volunteers Wanted - Volunteer with the PMI Delaware Valley Chapter Finance Committee! In 2023, the chapter transitioned its financial operations to a new accounting firm, providing clarity around its finances and improving operational excellence. In 2024, we are looking for volunteers – both with finance experience and interested in learning more about finance – to support the development of a long-term, sustainable finance committee. This committee will develop its own charges, with the support and direction of the Treasurer and Board of Directors. Some expected topics include developing an investment policy, creating policy and procedure for routine financial activities, and succession planning for the department.

Apply at <https://volunteer.pmi.org/> (Opportunity #44226). Reach out to Rich Rinaldi, VP of Finance / Treasurer, at rrinaldi@pmi-dvc.org for more information.



Green Project Management Global Survey

PMI-DVC Project Managers, please join me and complete this quick [global survey](#) to influence future PM practices, and highlight sustainability issues.

[Green Project Management](#) founded in 2009 by Dr. Joel B. Carboni, is the global leader in sustainable project management practices, and a critical voice shaping the sustainability message and framework in the PM profession. Your experience will inform the survey findings, which will be published in April 2024. “Together We Can” - let's continue to make groundbreaking strides in the realm of sustainable project management.

Green Project Management® or Sustainable Project Management is the application of methods, tools, and techniques to achieve a stated objective while considering the project outcome's entire lifecycle to ensure a net positive environmental, social, and economic impact. In February 2022, PMI and Green Project Management developed a strategic partnership to equip Project Managers with the tools and expertise needed to deliver greater value on global sustainability strategies, goals, and visions.

PMI-DVC has a Green PM Special Interest Group led by Audrey Wilson, awilson@pmi-dvc.org. Please contact Audrey for more information or to volunteer.



Celebrating Black History Month

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As we celebrate Black History Month, let's take a moment to recognize the valuable contributions of Black inventors who have significantly impacted the field of project management.

Throughout history, Black innovators have introduced groundbreaking inventions that have made project management more efficient and effective. For example, Mr. Garrett Morgan's 1923 patent for the traffic light inspired the concept of task prioritization and time management in project planning. Mr. Mark Dean holds three of nine PC patents for being the co-creator of the IBM personal computer released in 1981. In 1995, Mr. Dean was named the first ever African-American IBM Fellow. The co-invention of IBM's first computer paved the way for modern project management tools and software. Mr. Dean also worked on the development of the color monitor and led the team that developed the first gigahertz processor.

Dr. Marian R. Croak is a prolific inventor in the voice and data communication fields, with over 200 patents to her name. She is best known for developing Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP), technology that converts your voice into a digital signal, allowing you to make a call directly from a computer or other digital device. In 2022, Dr. Croak was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame for her patent regarding VoIP technology. She is one of the first two Black women to receive that honor. Dr. Patricia Bath, an Ophthalmologist and inventor of the Laserphaco, a device and technique to remove cataracts was the second Black woman to receive the honor.

As we honor Black History Month, let us celebrate the achievements of Black inventors, and acknowledge the profound impact of their innovations on project management practices. To recognize and embrace diversity in innovation, we can continue to advance and evolve the field of project management for the betterment of all. What other notable Black inventors can you add to the list?

The PMI-DVC DEI Team welcomes new members and contributors to the conversation. Please contact [Priya Rajagopalan](#) or [Marie Hegarty](#) to join the Team.



PMI-DVC is expanding our course offerings in 2024. Please take a few moments for a short [survey](#) about what project management training you would be interested in this year so we can pick the right ones.

Please visit the [Education webpage](#) for course offerings on CAPM, Foundations and PMP and to register (once registration is open).



Current Postings

The Chapter offers members a listing of open positions posted by recruiters or companies seeking Project Managers, Program Managers, Portfolio Managers, or similar roles. The positions are posted for 30 days only. Log in to access the [Job Board](#).

Did You Know?

The Job Posting Board Team offers a semi-regular Newsletter: [Career Connection](#)

From PMI-DVC's Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



From The AI Special Interest Group "SIG"

PMI-DVC's AI Resource Guide: For Your Transformation Journey, January 2024 Release is now available. We welcome your submissions and feedback so, let us hear from you!

New! You can subscribe to the AI Interest Group webpage to receive updates as they are posted! Interested? Complete the information at the bottom of the AI Interest Group webpage.

Reminder, be sure to register for our upcoming monthly virtual events:

March 14: AI, Ethical Considerations and Project Management

April 17: AI Roadmap: Asana and Industry Perspectives

May 7: How To Run Successful AI Projects and Avoid Failure

Consider joining the AI SIG as an Industry-Specific Subject Matter Expert! All the details are on the PMI's VEP (Volunteer Engagement Platform), VEP: 42540.

Are you a Project Manager who has successfully led AI projects? Your insights are invaluable, and PMI-Sweden and PMI-DVC want to hear from you! PMI-Sweden is looking for AI Pioneer PMs To Share Your Success Stories - submission deadline, 3/1/2024. And, your PMI-DVC would like to recognize your achievements so please send your submission to pdamico@pmi-dvc.org too!

Remember, the future of project management is AI-powered!

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**GREEN PROJECT MANAGEMENT
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

From The Green Project Management Special Interest Group (SIG)

Our new PMI-DVC Green Project Management SIG completed its kick-off, welcoming Aaron Skutch, Erin Gover, Patty Newcomb, and Jackie Maniscalco to the

group! We aim to explore, learn, and share with fellow chapter members what “green project management” is, how it can be initiated/practiced/accomplished within projects of all types and sizes, challenges/success stories, and available tools/resources.

Let's get started! Here are 2 introductory resources to watch:

GPM: Evolving Business for the Betterment of Everyone (GPM, Dec2023,10min) - GPM, a trailblazing force in the profession of green project management, is featured in a documentary series produced by the acclaimed TBD Media Group. The series, released and broadcasted by CBS News in December 2023, showcases GPM's exceptional journey as a disruptor and innovator, transforming the project management landscape with their

revolutionary tools and methods for sustainable project management. This video was filmed in Malaysia during Fall 2023.

Project Management in a Green World: Including Sustainability (Amy Merli, Dec2023,60min) - Project managers, are you ready to adapt to the changing landscape of a world that needs to think about Climate Change with projects? Sustainability is more than a buzzword; it's a strategic advantage. Explore how incorporating sustainability principles into your project planning can lead to cost savings, reduced risks, and improved reputation. Join us to discover actionable strategies for incorporating sustainability into your projects and unlock the full potential of your project management career.

Interested in joining our Green Project Management SIG - a research, collaboration, and program speaker identification opportunity? Sign up on PMI's VEP (Volunteer Engagement Platform), VEP 44137. Questions?

Contact Audrey Wilson
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From The Agile Special Interest Group (SIG)

I am delighted to share that Michael Palladino, MBA, PMP, CSM, ATP, SAFe, SA, POPM & SSM, Six Sigma Green Belt will be hosting several virtual events this Spring. Michael Palladino is an Agile and Program Management professional with broad experience across several industries. He is the Director of Enterprise Agility at Bristol Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals. Mike is an adjunct professor at Villanova University teaching courses in Agile and

Project Management and is a PMI ATP trainer. He is a Past President of PMI-DVC and an author for Data Management University Magazine. He is a professional speaker, having presented in many countries for over two decades.

Be sure to register for the upcoming Agile events which Mike will facilitate:

March 20: Adapt, Adopt and Thrive

April TBD: What is Agile & The Agile Mindset

May 14: Intermediate and Advanced Techniques for Scrum Masters & Agile Coaches

June 7: Agile Transformation: Planning the Long Game for Real Change

To join our Agile SIG, complete the Volunteer Opportunity Form, ID: 44436. We want to hear from you if you are interested in enhancing your knowledge of Agile Principles and values, giving back to the community and earning PDUs while participating in the following activities:

Creating richer member experiences with our Monthly Member Event Series. We could use your help if you are interested in contributing as a presenter, speaker, facilitator, graphic recorder, marketer—or something else.

Writing, editing and/or curating Agile content on our blog and website.

Joining our Expert Content Review Team, who is responsible for reviewing submissions and site feedback for technical accuracy and adherence to principles set forth in the Agile Manifesto.

Expanding and refining our Agile terminology, a hugely important part of our work.

Joining us to spread accurate Agile Principles, Practices and Values to our New, Intermediate and Advanced Agile Professionals.

Thank you!

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Each month, we recognize members who have reached important milestones. Congratulations to each of you, and “Welcome” to those of you who are new.

New Members – Welcome to the 78 New Members who joined the Chapter in January 2024

Javier Ibanez, Anissa Rose, Shahadat Hoshen, Lucía López Otaí, Richard Chomik, Nancy Gregory, Zack Tertel, Harumi Walters, KD McKellar, Ka+lat Akinladenu, Brandon Gill, Robert Nyce, Grace Chun, Megan Galeski, Andrew Bender, Sebastian Del+n, Laura Fernau, Mary Odidika, Arnold Payne, Ka+lat Akinladenu, Joy Phadte, Roshelle Leva, Ashlin Miller, JeOrey Haines, Stephanie Levine-Murchison, Erin Burke, Tania Johnson, Carlton Dennis, Patrick Osei,

Casey Righter, Christopher Jennings, Opeoluwa Thompson, Irene Chang, Jeremy Shackelford, Emily Eckel, Chelsy Heydt, Claudia Kane, George DeRitter, APRIL LUBER, Usman Temitope Famuditimi, Nick Seibert, Dave Mongada, Les Chewing, Patricia Rios, Liz Parker, Linda Morris-Barbee, Gustavo Ramos Barbieri, Travis Elwood, William White, Mike Sagel, Elizabeth DiArcangelo, Sean McBrearty, Atinuke Talabi-Adegboye, Michael Fulvio, Kamille Henson, Marissa Martine, Naquawna Letman, Semyon Losmakov, Sekou Soumaoro, Alexis Shivick, Joshua Ryan, Andrea Huban, Margaret McCormick, Ka+lat Akinladenu, Akua Ameyaa, Cleeshea Ferguson, Egino Penaranda, Milagros Cardona, Drew Pradeep, Jill Anick, Annemarie Alden, Steven Graves, Shannon OLeary, Casey Righter, Valerie Sampson, Sarah Goldzweig Panitz, Sarah Dolan, Abey Abraham

Congratulations

Member Certifications:

- Congratulations to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in January 2024:
 - [CAPM](#) - Mike McCloskey, Theresa Monserrat-Brown, Michelle Cordero, Samantha Sherwood, Shannon Kniele
 - [DASM](#) - Tara Russo, David Plunkett
 - [DASSM](#) - David Plunkett
 - [PMI-ACP](#) - Elaine Alexander
 - [PMI-RMP](#) - Kristi Baldwin, Mutasem Alsoub
 - [PMP](#) - Brantlee Underhill, Lydia Minford, Penny Lau, Eric Hoenig, Harrison Grove, Anne Thomas, Mohamed Eissa, Jennifer Aylmer, Darwisa Strabuk, Sarah Goldzweig Panitz

Member Anniversaries:

- Congratulations to our members who celebrated Chapter membership anniversaries in January 2024:
 - **20 Years** – Mary Lynne Bercik, Jennifer Nelson, Tia Jones, Charles LaRusso

- **15 Years** – Rich Carrello, Paul De Sanctis, Albert Jennings, Christopher Young, Paul De Sanctis, David Bulkin, Bella Straznik
- **10 Years** – Jonathan LeBlanc, Michael Beres, Philip Klara, Michael Dolor, Michael Beres, Michael Beres, Oluwatosin Oluwatoye, Sharon Bays, ROBERT HALLINAN, Jill Leayman, Jeffrey Sheldon, Lloyd Ayers, Jenny Anne Horst-Martz, Francis Cann
- **5 Years** – Jared Mason, Susan Gunsenhouse, Jacqueline Keating, Gerard Holmes, Kelly Madeira, Alexander LeClaire, Mark Hilpl, Jared Mason, Irene Lee, Carli Vizak, Sterling McCullough, Jennifer McCarrick, van johnson, Jorie West, Larisa Chavis, Jennifer Beggans, Corinth Ford, Jacqueline Keating, Leta Re-McGlynn

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2024 Annual Plan Goals

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