

# Michigan Huron Valley PMI Chapter



FALL 2020 Newsletter

## BOARD MESSAGE

### Hello MI Huron Valley Members!

The leaves have changed and we all continue to have personal changes as we handle this pandemic. We kicked-off our return from summer break with our September chapter meeting where all meeting proceeds (\$422.95) were donated to our local non-profit, [Food Gatherers](#), in Ann Arbor! It was so nice to see all these smiling faces (screenshot from meeting is below)!



On page 2, we talk about the launch of a **pilot Book Club** that was born from the recommendation of one of our long-standing members! As the club progresses, we'll be sure to update you on feedback, and introduce similar activities, if well received. We are spending a lot of time discussing how to **increase our engagement** with you, our members, when we can't meet up in person. We plan to connect with you personally in the short term and can't wait to hear how you are doing and what you need support from within this PMI community! If you want to help with this effort, please contact Lindsay at [VPCommunications@pmi-hvc.org](mailto:VPCommunications@pmi-hvc.org).

**Stay safe, healthy, and positive!**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **November 19th: Ready, Set, Change!** with April Callis Birchmeier, CCMP™, PMP®, CSP
- **December:** Rest up and celebrate the end of a challenging year. We'll kick back up in 2021!

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION IS [ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

## TRAINING

Due to the continuing COVID-19 challenges, we are delaying the launch of the **Disciplined Agile training** to the Spring 2021. Please email Cathy Fisher at [vptraining@pmi-hvc.org](mailto:vptraining@pmi-hvc.org) if you have suggestions on additional training you would like to see offered through our chapter.

## PILOT BOOK CLUB

A small group of 12 members have started a pilot Book Club! The chosen book is "Lincoln on Leadership" by Don Phillips. The book examines Lincoln's leadership abilities and skills and how we use them as examples in our own lives. The group meets monthly to review and discuss. Meetings are facilitated by Ed Pelic, newly appointed Director of Professional Development. We are testing this format to see how well it's received and to help focus on small group networking and engagement. Participants can claim PDUs for the time reading book and for each meeting. If you are interested in joining a small group for a future book, podcast, or similar discussion, please email Cathy at [vptraining@pmi.org](mailto:vptraining@pmi.org).

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Current Members: 590  
New Joiners: 16

Covid-19 has challenged us as a society and it has been amazing how all of us have risen to the challenge in our own ways as problem solvers, collaborators and servant leaders.

We would also like to develop the leadership skills of our members at the local level and are looking for volunteers and/or ideas on how to engage virtually. Please email Smitha at [vpmembership@pmi-hvc.org](mailto:vpmembership@pmi-hvc.org) with the subject 'Engagement' and share your ideas.

## Welcome New Members!!

Husam Eddein Abugroun	Brent Miller
Shuchi Arunika	Ken Norwood
Joshua Barhitte	Craig Ross
Justine Brish	Michael Rudzinski
Sam A Choucair	Katherine Seeburger
Danielle Delongchamp	Lisa Venditelli
Timothy Fortin	Brendan Welsh
Kamilah Kelsaw	Christina Ytterock

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