



PMI HURON VALLEY CHAPTER PULSE



Message from our President, Shannon Priest

Greetings PMI Huron Valley Chapter Members - Thank you for your continued support and engagement as we wrap up an activity-packed second quarter of 2026. I am grateful our chapter continues to experience tremendous momentum—through our programs, partnerships, and the enthusiastic involvement of our volunteers and members. Below you'll find highlights from April, May, and June:

APRIL 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **In-Person Events:** We are committed to hosting at least 1 in-person event per quarter like the *April Monthly Chapter Meeting (In Person) | LEAN Workshop - Reduce Waste by Achieving Smooth Flow*.
- **April 2026 Quarterly Newsletter:** We successfully published and distributed the newsletter, featuring updates across membership, mentoring, career development, and chapter initiatives.
- **Monthly Leadership Discussion:** The series continued offering engaging, thought-provoking sessions designed to connect members and deepen leadership capabilities.
- **Michigan Chapter Collaboration:** Together, with our fellow chapters across Michigan, we continue exploring shared programming opportunities, co-hosted events, and cross-chapter engagement.

MAY 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Celebrating Angelo Miele's Retirement:** Our chapter honored Angelo Miele for his extraordinary years of service and his lasting contributions to PMI-HVC. We wish him a fulfilling and joyful retirement.
- **2 New Board Members:** Please join us in welcoming Rishi Bhattacharyya and Carrie Buss to the Board. Their energy, vision, and experience will be instrumental as we continue expanding chapter programs.
- **Our first "New Member Social Mixer" was a great success!** Members met at the Whitetail Deer Museum in Grass Lake, MI, where we enjoyed pickleball, a museum tour, and family-friendly activities in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

JUNE 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **June 11 Volunteer Appreciation at Weber's Boutique & Hotel:** With over 30 active volunteers supporting programs, events, and operations, this celebration reflected our gratitude for their dedication.
- **June 16 Professional Development Day (PDD):** Virtual full day of learning around navigating change, leadership strategies, and elevating project impact. Participants earned PDUs while engaging with expert speakers and skill-building sessions.
- **PMI-HVC Student Club initiative:** Supporting academic outreach and early-career project managers. This program will deepen engagement with colleges and universities across Michigan.
- **Small-group "mini socials" are expanding:** Thanks to positive member feedback we will have more low-pressure networking opportunities, allowing members to build relationships in casual, local settings.
- **First annual "Volunteer of the Year" award - Lynne Braden from Mentorship Program:** This June, we proudly introduced this award recognizing outstanding service within the chapter. This year's award, honoring excellence and mentorship, celebrates members who embody the spirit of leadership and community support.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Ongoing chapter collaboration across Michigan * Continued Leadership Discussions * Expanded student engagement * More member social & family-friendly events * New mentorship & professional development opportunities * Preparation for Q3 initiatives



Welcome Our New Board Members



VP Administration
Carrie Buss



VP Communications
Rishi Bhattacharyya



More in-person events to come
like the April In-Person *LEAN*
workshop

Thank you to everyone who made it to
the Volunteer Appreciation event at
Webers & thank you to all our
volunteers!





Membership Updates

Current Members: 608

**We're celebrating these
milestone anniversaries from
May through June:**

10 years:

- Christian Egelhof
- Tammy Froberg
- Thomas Krul
- Jeffery Riddle
- Gregory Stathes

15 years:

- Tonya Ritter
- Roshan Rodrigues
- Karen Saito

20 years:

- Marcia Ann Farris
- Laurie Kelly
- Cynthia Quinkert

VOLUNTEER

WITH US!



**Interested in volunteering? Contact
Lindsay (vpmembership@pmi-hvc.org) or complete this form:
[Volunteer Information | PMI
Michigan Huron Valley](#)**



**Our next Monthly Membership
Welcome Meeting is on 7/28**

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Professional Development Updates

It has been an exciting quarter for professional development within our chapter!

- First and foremost, we broke the registration record for our annual Professional Development Day in June. On behalf of the entire Professional Development team, THANK YOU so much to our chapter for being so wonderfully supportive of our programs, and in particular this Professional Development Day! We were able to offer thirteen professional development units (PDUs) through this PDD, focusing on upskilling topics like AI to stay future-ready as project managers.
- We also have a few exciting updates from the Mentoring program, which continues to provide a valuable and beautiful exchange of perspectives within our chapter. Lynne Braden, who has served as a mentor for years, won Volunteer of the Year at our June chapter meeting, thanks to her thoughtful, tailored approach to mentoring. We're also planning to begin offering a mentoring pod later this year specifically for chapter members preparing to study for the CAPM exam. This will complement the mentoring pod we offer for aspiring PMPs. I am so incredibly grateful for ALL our chapter members that stand up to volunteer their time and talents to participate in the mentoring program. And if YOU are reading this and thinking that YOU might like to become part of this wonderful program, please reach out to me!
- Our Career Circle programs and PMP Study Group programs are both on hold this summer as our chapter members enjoy vacations and time with family in our beautiful Great Lakes state. This fall, we'll kick both programs back up into full-force... and the PMP Study Group will begin their focus on PMBOK 8 standards! If you've been thinking about beginning to study, there's no better time now that the new standards are in place. If you're interested in participating in either, reach out.
- I'm grateful to our entire Professional Development team for another wonderful quarter: Ed Pelic, Nic Jain, Soumya Pochiraju, Terri Ridenour, Liz Voisine, Adela Zhgaba, and Kayla Kaliman have been an amazing support in moving our goals forward. As always, if you want to learn more about any of these initiatives OR get involved in supporting them, I'd love to hear from you. The reason this team has so many great updates to share in the first place is the generosity of spirit of our members and volunteers, and I'm always happy to hear more about what's working for chapter, and what might work even better in the future. Have a beautiful summer, and we'll see you in the fall!
- **Caroline Horste, VP of Professional Development | VPPD@pmi-hvc.org**



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Stay Tuned For The Next Chapter Meeting in September!



PMP EXAM PREP STUDY GROUP

If a PMP credential is on your list for 2026, don't tackle it alone! There's no better way to set yourself up for exam prep success than to join a group of study buddies.

The team meets once a week virtually to work through exam prep topics, complete the exam application, and support each other. If you've been saying "this is the year", this is your chance to join a group of like-minded colleagues as you work toward putting those letters behind your name.

To learn more or join the group, reach out to Caroline Horste, our VP of Professional Development at VPDD@pmi-hvc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- No meetings July & August
- Sat 8/22: In-Person Picnic 11am-2pm @TBD
- Mon 9/21: Virtual Chapter Meeting
- Thurs 10/15: In-Person Chapter Meeting (Networking and Meet with the Regional PMI Leadership team)
- Wed 10/21 - Sat 10/24: In Person - PMI EVENT @ DETROIT – PMI® Global Summit 2026
- Mon 11/16: Virtual Chapter Meeting
- No meetings December

LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION BOOK CLUB

Our continuing series on engaging project management books - reading not required to attend!

Join Ed Pelic & Nic Jain on Aug 3 from 6:30-7:30PM to discuss Henry Kissinger's "Leadership" (For Chapter Members ONLY)

REGISTER NOW