



# WMPMI Year in Review - 2017

## January

WMPMI kicked off a new year with a Dinner meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Nora Bouchard presented how to focus on [Strengths](#), and Dave Maynard shared how to [Make Project Risk Management Work](#). Back by popular demand, WMPMI Breakfast meetings resumed in 2017 at the Women's City Club of Grand Rapids on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

## February

Marni Vyn shared tips on effective uses of [Resumes & LinkedIn](#) at the Dinner meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Get your resume and compare how it stacks up against current trends. The WMPMI Breakfast meeting also occurred on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## March

Monthly WMPMI Dinner and Breakfast meetings continued in March with featured presentations by Amy Flick / Dan McGraw on [Getting Real with the PMI Talent Triangle](#), Mike Krause on [Benefits Realization](#) and Jay Keller on [How to Integrate PMO process within Agile](#).

## April

WMPMI kicked off April with [THEProject Collegiate Competition](#) on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Teams from several Western Michigan colleges and universities delivered presentations that offer solutions to a real-life scenario in the form of a project plan. Congratulations to the "Turnip the Beet" team from Michigan Technological University on winning the \$5,000 grand prize.

Jeff Kissinger presented [Project Prioritization Made Easy - Keep It At the Top](#) at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Breakfast meeting.

## May

The WMPMI annual state-of-the-chapter presentation by the WMPMI Board President and VPs was a topic at the May 8<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting. David Dahl's presented [Words to Lead By](#) on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the new Breakfast meeting venue, University Club in Grand Rapids, MI. May was wrapped up with the WMPMI Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

## June

WMPMI launched a pilot for Lunch Meetings on June 9<sup>th</sup> and Breakfast meetings continued on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Both events were held at the University Club in Grand Rapids, MI. The PMI Region 4 conference hosted in Rochester, New York occurred in early June.

## July

Kelly Talsma kicked off the WMPMI Lunch Meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a presentation titled, [Decisions, Decisions, Decisions](#). Breakfast meetings continued in July on [How to Find Work and Stay Employable](#) with Ken Soper.

## August

[Yes, Keep on Changing](#) was the theme of the August 11<sup>th</sup> Lunch Meeting presented by Matt Boon. Later in the month Jim Donovan shared [Project Scheduling](#) tips at the Breakfast meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## September

September was event-packed with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner meetings. The dinner meeting venue changed to the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, MI. Jill Arehart presented [Project Management - Labor Market Trends](#). WMPMI also hosted the [2017 Professional Development Day \(PDD\)](#), themed PM-IQ, at the Pinnacle Center.

## October

WMPMI Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner meetings continued. Check out presentations, [Viewing Projects Through a New Pair of Glasses](#) by Des Nelson and [Leadership...Woman Style](#) by Gabrielle Haskins. Several members of the WMPMI Board attended the 2017 LIM in Chicago, IL in October. WMPMI's President-elect, Jeff Kissinger, completed the PMI Global Leadership program. Twelve individuals from around the globe are selected to participate in this program each year. Congratulations Jeff!

## November

WMPMI offered free Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner meetings to U.S. veterans in November. Thank you for your service! Each meeting featured [presentations](#) by veterans who have served in various branches of the U.S. military. November also marked the kick-off of THEProject 2018.

## December

Breakfast and Lunch meetings occurred in December. WMPMI wishes you and yours Happy Holidays. Enjoy!

Visit [wmpmi.org](http://wmpmi.org) to learn more about WMPMI events and volunteer opportunities. We look forward to seeing you in 2018!