



Saturday, 04 February 2017

<p>PMI Northern Nevada</p>	<p>PMI-NNV Home</p> <p>Power Up for 2017</p> <p>Lots of events and activities to keep you engaged and productive</p> <p>After a great dinner meeting last month, the schedule is filling in rapidly for the rest of the year. PMI NNV is working to provide its members with the activities and material to be the best you can be. The information for the February and March dinner meetings are posted below. Save the date: New Memebr Orientation session on March 1st!</p> <p>Check the website PMI-NNV for updates.</p>
<p>Monthly Dinner Meeting</p> <p>Monthly Lunch Meeting</p> <p>Articles</p> <p>PDU Deals</p> <p>Members</p>	<p>Dinner Meetings for February and March</p> <p>February 28, 2017 Dinner Meeting</p> <div data-bbox="407 1493 602 1709">A headshot of Jesse Combs, a man with glasses and a light blue shirt, smiling.</div> <p>Powerful Non-Defensive Communication™ (PNDC): Cutting Edge Skills for Project Managers</p> <p>Presenter: Jesse Combs, Founder/Principal Consultant, Clearstream Consulting, LLC and Partner, Institute of PNDC</p> <p>For many project managers, being caught between multiple stakeholder groups with different expectations and agendas can lead to significant levels of anxiety and confusion. And when our personal defensive mechanisms are triggered in response, physiological changes in the brain occur which make it more difficult to</p>

think clearly and respond appropriately, ultimately rendering us less effective at resolving the issues at hand.

In this talk, Powerful Non-Defensive Communication or “PNDC” will be presented as an alternative method of responding to and navigating situations that have, in the past, consistently triggered our defensive reactions. We’ll first review the current “War Model” of communication, where “to be open is to be vulnerable and to be vulnerable is to be weak,” and corresponding physiology of defensiveness as well as the dynamics of power struggle. Then we’ll discuss a new way of using tools of communication like questions, statements, and predictions to shift away from outdated and obsolete methods of communicating, using real-world project management examples.

Location: Twisted Fork Restaurant

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[February Dinner Meeting Presentation](#)

Jesse's Bio:

Regarding these real-world examples, Jesse would like to gather at least some from you all as members of PMI Northern Nevada. And so, if you have any examples you’d like to submit of typical defense-triggering project management situations, please send them to him at jesse@pndc.com. He will also be soliciting your ideas via our chapter’s LinkedIn group. Finally, anyone who attends this talk can receive for free the audio download of the 80-minute overview of PNDC called “PNDC Principles and Practical Skills” (an \$18 value) read by the creator of PNDC, Sharon Ellison.

Jesse Combs began his career as a molecular biology researcher 25 years ago on the Human Genome Project, and then spent the next 10 years in the biotech/pharmaceutical industry. Always drawn to the IT aspects of his work, Jesse migrated full-time in 2000 to execution of IT-related business projects, first as a web developer and then as a project/program manager. He has spent the last decade as a project/program management consultant in diverse engagements with companies like Nike, Providence Health Systems and Wacom Technology. Jesse has consistently been recognized for his outstanding project and people management skills, and particularly for his ability to expertly navigate difficult project and interpersonal situations while remaining calm under pressure.

Communication skills are commonly recognized as being among the most important tools in a project manager’s repertoire. Jesse has worked diligently over the years to cultivate his expertise in this area, with significant focus on the study and practice of PNDC. He is now a partner in the family-run Institute of PNDC,

collaborating with his mother-in-law and wife to take this new model to the next level.

March 28, 2017 Dinner Meeting



Reno Rodeo Foundation: Supporting the Community:

The Reno Rodeo Foundation is committed to enhancing and enriching the lives of Northern Nevada families by aiding children with extraordinary needs, building community partnerships, providing grants and scholarships to eligible Northern Nevada high school graduates. As General Manager of the Reno Rodeo Association, George is involved in multiple foundation projects in addition to putting on the annual Reno Rodeo, “The Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West.” He will tell us about what goes into running all these multiple projects in support for Reno and the surrounding areas.

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George Combs's Bio:

George Combs was born and raised in Caldwell Idaho and grew up in the country with horses and western way of life. He owned a construction company for 25 years which allowed him to be involved with local rodeo and give back to community. In 2007 he sold his construction company and semi-retired. In 2009, he became Business manager for Caldwell Night Rodeo. Late in 2015 the opportunity came up to move to Reno and become the General Manager for the Reno Rodeo. He was hired and began his journey as General Manager in March 2015. He has been married to his wife (Shannon) for 32 years and has 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren. They truly love living in Reno and being part of the Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West and the Biggest Little City.

A Few Words From Joe

Welcome to February! Is it just me or is time just flying by in 2017?

I wanted to extend a thank you to all of you that came out the networking event last week that was in downtown Reno. This was the first of more to come and a way for the chapter to start to get out to different parts of the community and trying to make things easier for our members to network outside of the dinner and lunch meetings that we currently have.

I wanted to also give a pre-shout out to the team from the chapter that is going to the PMI Region 7 Meeting in March. This is a great opportunity for the team to meet other counterparts from other chapters in our region. Look for more information on their experience in upcoming newsletters.

Hoping to see you at some of our events. (Especially those of you that normally aren't able to attend any of chapter events due to various life obligations.) We would love to see you and help expand your network in the growing region here in Northern Nevada.

Sincerely
Joe Fitts
PMI-NNV President

Monthly Lunch Meeting

Join Us For Lunch!



Carson City lunch meeting - 1st Tuesday of the month

11:45am - 1 pm

New Location Villa Basque Deli - 730 Basque Way - Carson City, NV 89706 [Villa Basque Website](#)

Reno lunch meeting - [New Location](#) 3rd Tuesday of the month 11:45am - 1pm at Napa Sonoma South - 7671 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89511 [Napa Sonoma South Website](#)

The format is roundtable, relaxed with lots of discussion about real-life experiences in project management. The meeting is free, each attendee is responsible for their lunch order.

PDU's: Attendees will qualify for one (1) PDU. - Please register for restaurant planning purposes.

Registration: Meeting registrations are posted on the top right corner of this home page.

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Some upcoming Webinars

- 2/15/17 12:00 PM [Leading Change in an Operation Excellence Culture](#)
 - 2/21/17 1:00 PM [Cyber Security for Project Managers - A Critical Responsibility for Professionals](#)
 - 2/22/17 1:00 PM [The 3 C's of High-Performance Project Management](#)
 - 2/23/17 12:00 PM [Expert Judgment: How to Incorporate the Latest Developments in Using this Common PM Tool](#)
 - 2/23/17 3:00 PM [Project HEADWAY: You Can't Manage Expectation, But You Can Help Them Along](#)
 - 2/28/17 12:00 PM [Agile Process Design](#)
 - 3/1/17 11:00 AM [Feedback to Feedforward - Never Avoid Giving Feedback Again](#)
 - 3/1/17 2:00 PM [When Change is not a Change Anymore](#)
 - 3/16/17 1:00 PM [Getting Ahead with Practical Game Theory](#)
 - 3/16/17 3:00 PM [Project HEADWAY: What We Still Get Wrong About Team Building](#)
 - 3/21/17 1:00 PM [Emerging Technologies – The New Norm for Projects](#)
 - 3/27/17 1:00 PM [Risk Management in the Construction Sector - Rescheduled](#)
 - 3/30/17 12:00 PM [January Book Club Q&A Closing Webinar - Managing the PMO Lifecycle](#)
 - 4/20/17 3:00 PM [Project HEADWAY: Consulting Is Everyone's Job](#)
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IT Project Manager opening at SNC; Sierra Nevada Corp. There are several other positions such as Associate Program Manager, Program Support Analyst, and Business Applications Analyst. Go to sncorp.com/careers. Filter location to the 3 Sparks locations. It's an exciting time at SNC, come be a part of it! [Connect to SNC](#)

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