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# Insights

PMI Chicagoland Chapter Newsletter

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE PMI CHICAGOLAND PROFESSIONAL BREAKFAST MEETING.

## The Real World: Agile

**SPEAKERS:** Mark Des Biens, PMP, CSM and Len Lagestee

### **Presentation Abstract:**

The true story of seven team members, picked to assemble, work together and have their lives time-boxed into two-week iterations, to find out what happens when people stop being polite... and start getting agile..."

Just like MTV's "Real World" television show, our organizations, teams and individuals are often ill prepared for the realities of being agile. We will tell the story of some of the best lessons and experiences we've had in more than eight years of being agile. And give you real agile techniques and tools that have helped our teams deliver value to our customers on a consistent basis.

Attendees will learn:

- **Transformation**  
One day you're a Project Manager the next day Scrum Master, Really?!
- **Bad Team to Good Team**  
Explore one team's dramatic turnaround.
- **What's a Leader to Do**  
How the manager has become a servant leader
- **Communities to Lean On**  
When the show is over and you still need help, who can you call?

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Whether you are currently practicing agile or about to embark on an agile transformation journey, this session will demonstrate the real actions we've seen work to help give our teams the competitive advantage.

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CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

## Chapter Breakfast Meeting



**Mark Des Biens**

### Speaker Bios:

**Mark Des Biens** is a PMP and Certified Scrum Master, and Agile Coach with more than 20 years of project management experience. He joined cars.com in 2008 as Project Manager, and has been a part of more than a dozen agile teams. He developed and led the Agile Orientation courses at cars.com and is the Scrum Master & Mentor for their Agile Internship Program.

Mark is an avid support of Toastmasters, and has served as the cars.com sponsored club's President and Treasurer. He is currently mentoring the CDW Toastmasters Club in Chicago. He has participated in district speech and evaluation contests, and has achieved his ACB and ACL certificates. email: [mark.desbiens@gmail.com](mailto:mark.desbiens@gmail.com) twitter: @markdesbiens



**Len Lagestee**

**Len Lagestee** is an experienced software and web development practitioner. In 2004, Len found his passion with Agile methodologies and became a coach, mentor, and evangelist. Len became a Certified Scrum Master in 2005 and in 2010, he joined cars.com as the Agile Practice Manager, taking an active role in the transformation from waterfall methodologies to Agile.

With this role, Len encouraged, led, and supported seven Scrum Masters/Agile Coaches.

In early 2013, Len has become a full-time Agile coach with SPR/Redpoint Technologies and continues to provide insight into agility, leadership, team building, and organizational change on his blog:

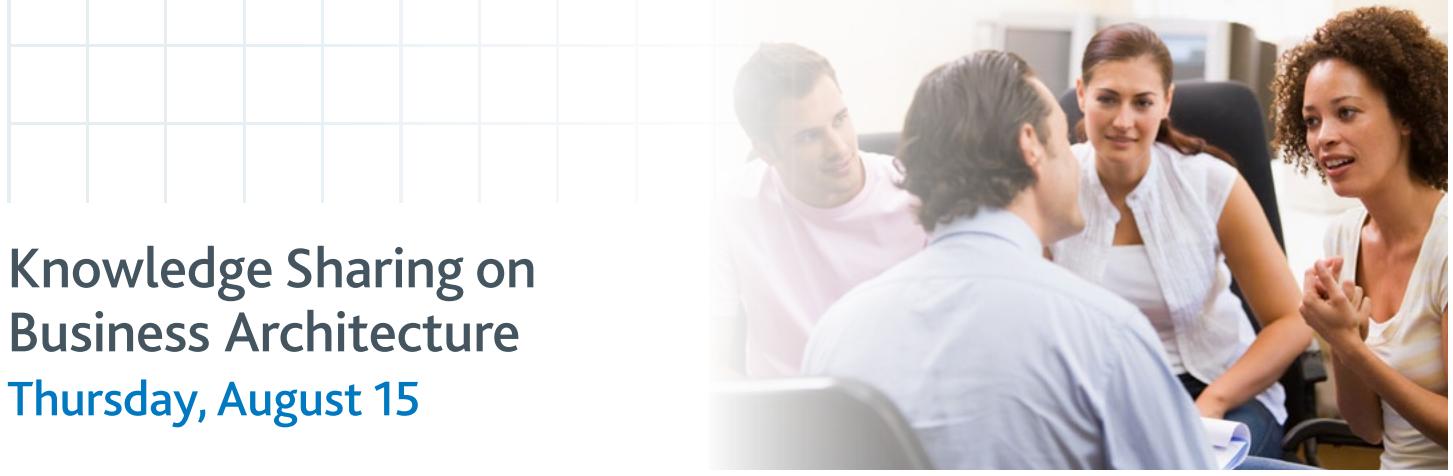
[www.illustratedagile.com](http://www.illustratedagile.com).

twitter: @lagestee.

DATE & TIME:

**Thursday, August 22**

7:30 - 9:30 am



# Knowledge Sharing on Business Architecture

## Thursday, August 15

The next PMI Chicagoland Knowledge Sharing event will be on Business Architecture, with Badar Munir, at CJE Senior Center in Deerfield, IL, Thursday, August 15, 2013.

Earn two PDUs. To register, send an e-mail, daytime phone number and 1 – 3 questions about Business Architecture, to [pmgroup@pmi-chicagoland.org](mailto:pmgroup@pmi-chicagoland.org), or sign up at [www.pmi-chicagoland.org](http://www.pmi-chicagoland.org).

Two PDUs are earned for participating for attending the session. Anyone interested in discussing Enterprise Mobility is welcome to attend. Just send an email to PMgroup@pmi-chicagoland.org, and include your name, daytime phone number and one to three questions about MS Project.

### About our Facilitator:

**Badar Munir** is a Business and IT Transformation consultant with 20+ years of US and Global experience. He is Chief Architect at i3 Technologies, Inc, a Chicago area based management consulting firm.

Badar employs Business Architecture and Enterprise Architecture skills and techniques to lead business transformational initiatives and solve strategic business issues. Badar has performed leadership roles in M&A/Divestitures; Architecting start-up/green field companies and their functions; Reengineering critical organizational capabilities, and services; and establishing Enterprise Architecture programs & offices for Fortune 500 clients. Badar is determined to use Business Architecture as a tool for critical strategic planning, improving operational efficiencies, revamping business models and enhancing competitive edge.

After earning a BS in Computer Science and a MS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Badar became a dedicated sooner boomer. He is a certified Business Architect from DePaul University and an Open Group TOGAF v9 certified Practitioner.

He can be found at LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/badarm>

### Information on CJE SeniorLife

Since 1972, CJE SeniorLife has enhanced the lives of older adults and their families through an innovative, comprehensive network that includes housing, health care, community services, health and wellness education, life enrichment programs and applied research. CJE is a partner in serving the community, supported by the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

So mark your calendars now for the August Knowledge Sharing Meeting on August 15, 2013, on Business Architecture at CJE Senior life in Deerfield, IL.

### When:

Thursday, August 15

### Time:

- **6:30 - 7:00 pm:** Informal networking and light refreshments
- **7:00 - 9:00 pm:** Presentation and facilitated discussion

### Where:

CJE Senior Life  
1551 Lake Cook Road  
Deerfield, IL 60015

# Professional Development Day 2013

## Mastery beyond the triple constraints

Speakers: 20+ speakers on PM methodologies and topics

Presentation titles and breakdown of sessions: Detailed Educational track info and schedule for the PD Day event will be posted soon.

The Tracks for PD Day include:

1. Program and Portfolio Management
2. Agile, Collaboration and Emerging Trends
3. Stakeholder Management/Procurement/Risk Management
4. Leadership lessons from the C Suite

PMP: 8 PDU

**Super Early-Bird pricing only available until August 15, 2013**

Registration link: <https://m360.pmi-chicagoland.org/event.aspx?EventID=84437>

- \* Super-Early Bird Discount of \$100 from regular admission price for PMI and non-PMI members
- \* Super Early-Bird Discount for current full-time students of \$150 (please scan your student id and with transcript send email to [pddayregistration@pmi-chicagoland.org](mailto:pddayregistration@pmi-chicagoland.org))

**When:** Friday, November 1, 2013

**Where:**

Meridian Banquets  
1701 W Algonquin Rd  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008  
Phone: (847) 952-8181

[Click here to register](#)  
or visit the Chapter website at:  
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### We Welcome Our New Members

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 Tamiko L. Acevedo  
 Shikhar Agarwal, PMP  
 Pete Bochek  
 Rodney Brown  
 Kathy Chandler  
 Sue Cho  
 Jane Clinkert  
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 Bill Cowan  
 Rosanne S Delaney, PMP  
 Aida Diagne, PMP  
 Suzanne Diebold-Martin, PMP  
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 Patrick Dunne  
 Lori Edwards  
 Sandhya Ehle, PMP  
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 Neha Gadhia  
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 Robert German  
 Vikramjeet Gill  
 Kevin Givens  
 Michael Golichowski  
 Dave Gorby, PMP  
 Christine Gornick  
 Brad L Gowgiel  
 Donna L Hackman, PMP  
 Michael Hahn  
 Megan Hamlin  
 Brian Havlovic  
 Suzanne Hemenway  
 Lee Hensel  
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 John Jackson  
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 Amar Patel  
 Manisha Patel  
 Seth Pittluck  
 Amjad Rehman  
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 Brett Richards  
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 Kolette Stim  
 Manuel Sukerman  
 Ruby Sullivan  
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 Kavin Williams  
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### Congratulations to Our New PMPs

Kirsten Ahlen, PMP  
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 Karen Crawford, PMP  
 Aida Diagne, PMP  
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 Kathleen Lakota, PMP  
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 My-Hien Ngo, PMP  
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 Kinga Piatkiewicz, PMP  
 Rolando Ramos, PMP



*The PMI Chicagoland Leadership Team is made up of dedicated volunteers who constantly strive to add value to the membership and to forward the best interests of the chapter. Please feel free to contact any member of the Board or Directors with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have.*

The Leadership Team consists of two groups. There is an elected Executive Board made up of the President, Past President and Vice Presidents. The primary function of this board is to set the strategic plan for the chapter and to oversee the execution of that plan by the Directors and their volunteers. The Directors are appointed by the Executive Board and are responsible for the execution of the strategic plan through the tactical day to day operation of the chapter. The Directors coordinate the efforts of chapter member volunteers to accomplish the activities of the chapter. If you are interested in serving your PMI-Chicagoland Chapter, contact our **Director of Volunteers** for more information.

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