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Our Pres., David Cook, (left) Region 14 Mentor, John Watson



David with PMI Board Chair, Beth Partleton, PMP (cen) and Trinidad Chapter President, Cynthia Hayes, PMP (rt).

GET SET FOR PM DAY NOV 3



PHOTO: Mark Linehan, CEO of Digicel Jamaica – Guest Speaker for PM Day

On November 3rd, the Jamaica Doctor Bird Chapter will host its twelfth annual

PM Day at the Knutsford Court Hotel, starting at 7:30am, with the "International Project Management Day Awards Breakfast", an event highly anticipated among business circles. Attended by top executives of Jamaica's major corporations, this event celebrates excellence in project management performance, among companies and professionals utilizing PMI Project Management methods, tools and techniques. The winner of the Project Management Organization of the Year 2011 (PMOY) will be announced at the Awards Breakfast. In the past the PMI JDBC has awarded 10 publicly listed Jamaican organizations and top private companies with Project Management awards, including, National Commercial Bank and Digicel. The theme for this year's event is "Project Management for Competitive Advantage" and we are honoured to have as our Guest Speaker, Digicel Jamaica's CEO, Mr. Mark Linehan. Training follows immediately after the ceremony, facilitated by Mr. Craig Perue (PMP), Senior PM Consultant, covering several topics including **"management tools for stimulating creativity and innovation that are so advanced that they have not yet been included in The Guide to the PMBOK"**. Participation in the training session will earn certified Project Management Professionals (PMP™) two Professional Development Units (PDU's). Tickets for the Awards Breakfast, Training Session and further details on the event are available at the PMI local office at 14a Lady Musgrave Road or on our website, www.pmijdbc.org

JDBC IN PMI TODAY MAGAZINE

Chapter Achieves Strong Growth Despite Challenging Times



The Doctor Bird Chapter continues to make waves internationally. The August 2011 edition of **PMI Today Magazine** included an article on our chapter's success in its membership drive, entitled, "Chapter Achieves Strong Growth Despite Challenging Times". This article covers the achievement of the Chapter to not only retain its membership during the downturn in the economy but to attract 24 year-to-date new members. Written by our very own Antonette Clarke, the article mentions the Chapter's annual PM Day as one of the vehicles through which the message of PM is disseminated, and highlights some of the past PMOY winners. We congratulate Antonette Clarke for her successful submission to this international magazine and look forward to additional member submissions being included in global publications! Adapted from *PMI Today Magazine*, July 2011, page 29, www.pmitoday-digital.com PMI Inc.; Article: "Chapter Achieves Strong Growth Despite Challenging Times" by Antonette Clarke, PMI Doctor Bird Chapter. click here: <http://www.pmitoday-digital.com/pmitodayopen/201107/#pg29>

UPCOMING COURSES/PMP EXAMS

- BU CiAPM and PMI-JDBC PMP Exam Prep Courses 2012.
- PMP Exam- Sat; Nov 19 Group #:0094111911

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Members - 151

PMP's - 82

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Come join us at our monthly meetings – every second Tuesday from 6 – 7:30pm at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, Knutsford Boulevard. Come Network, Earn PDU's, Share Best Practices and Build Knowledge!

IS JPS MAKING TOO MUCH MONEY? JPS CEO SPEAKS AT OCT CHAPTER MTG



Photo: President and CEO of JPS, Damian Obiglio.

Is JPS making too much money? This question was answered by the President & CEO of the Jamaica Public Service Company (JPS), Damian Obiglio, when he addressed Project Managers from various industries, at the Project Management Institute's (PMI's) Jamaica Doctor Bird Chapter (JDBC) October Chapter Meeting at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. Presenting on the topic, "**The Electric Utility Strategic Focus and Challenges Facing Jamaica,**" Mr. Obiglio, pointed out that the numbers speak for themselves. **He explained, the two components that pose the greatest challenge to the electric utility sector and by extension, the island, are the cost of fuel and system losses.** The point was made that JPS had only made a profit in five of the past ten years. It was highlighted that of the J\$81B that the Company made in sales last year, only J\$3.4B represented profit since the Company's total expenses stood at J\$77.6B. Mr. Obiglio stated that this profit represents a 10% return on equity given that JPS has a total equity base of J\$34B at the end of 2010. He said that JPS had total assets in excess of J\$84B. He further explained that JPS undertakes over 200 projects each year for the improvement of its systems and services to its customers. One such project was the Bogue inlet cooling project which was completed in October 2009, which added 10 MW of power to the Bogue combined cycle power plant (one of the country's most efficient plants). In addition, the Company's first wind farm – the Munro Wind Farm in St. Elizabeth, was commissioned into service in October 2010, and represents an important indicator of the Company's resolve to increase its use of renewable sources to provide energy while reducing the dependence on fuel. The wind farm which cost the Company \$J800M is adding 3 megawatts of electricity to the national grid. The attendees were also reminded that in keeping with the Company's commitment to customers, the Company was recently the sole bidder for a project to undertake the construction of approximately 360MW of electricity to be added to the grid. This is eventually expected to result in a significant reduction in the cost of electricity to the consumers. This project is expected to cost in excess of US\$600M.

CORPORATE PRESENTATIONS GROW PM AWARENESS

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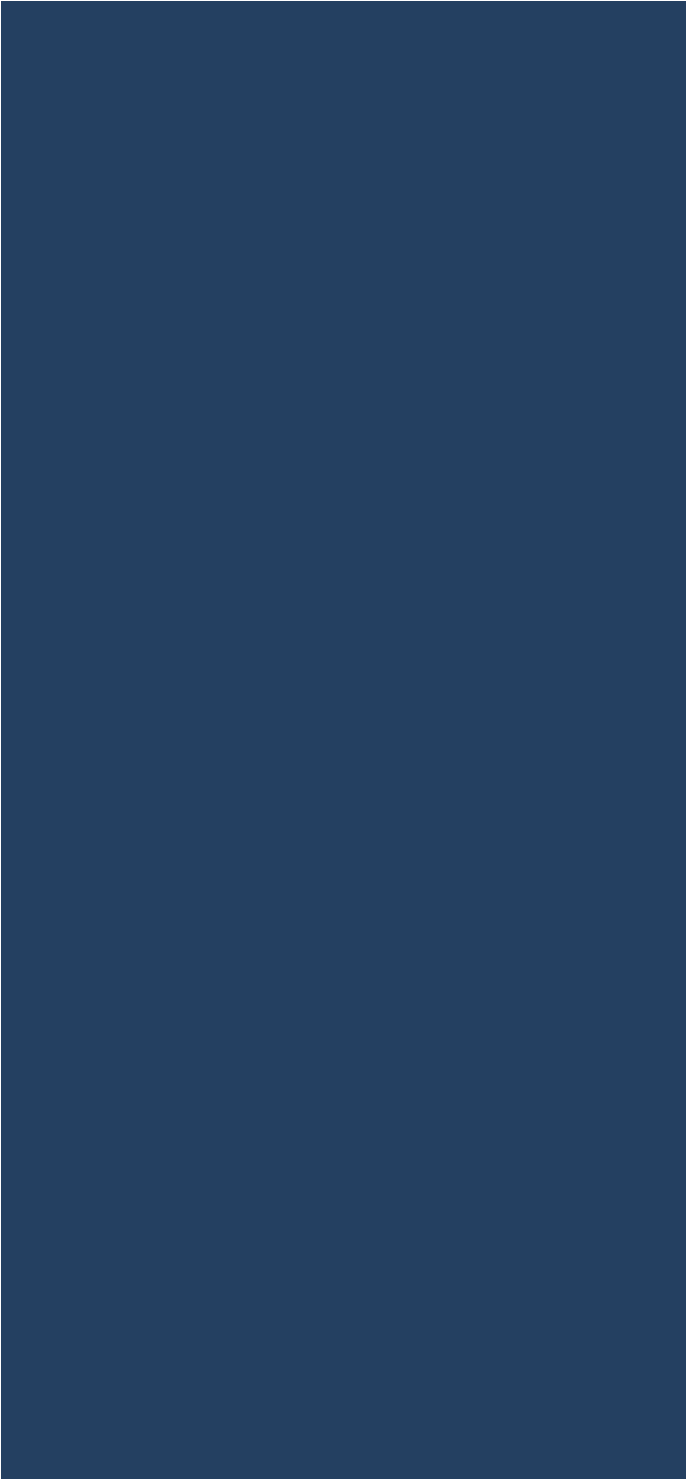
As part of the mandate to grow awareness of the Project Management profession the Chapter conducts short presentations on project management to various business organizations. This year's target for corporate presentations has been achieved as the Corporate Relations team has made presentations to six entities - Insurance Company of the West Indies, Tourism Product Development Company, Ministry of Education, ILLUMINAT (Ja.) Limited, Ministry of Agriculture - Sugar Transformation Unit, and 2nd year students of UTECH - Dept of Computer & Engineering. Coordinating the logistics of corporate presentations can be challenging and we congratulate the Corporate Relations team of Natalie Stennett, Rick Case, PMP and Keith Whyte, PMP lead by Nicola Denniser, PMP, VP Communications, on their execution and commitment. In all cases the team received excellent feedback from attendees on the presentation content. Additionally they have helped to strengthen the image of the Chapter and PMI as well as increase the awareness of Project Management tools and methodologies in our local corporate entities. A very big THANK YOU goes out to the team for their efforts and commitment in this endeavor.

FEATURED VOLUNTEER: WINSOME SLACK



Winsome is a results-oriented professional with over 25 years' experience in the Financial sector, the Retail Industry, the Career Development field, and Electoral matters. She holds a BSc. In Career Development (Hons.); a Diploma in Career Development & Counselling; a Certificate in Practices and Principles of Project Management; and Certificates in Mediation and in Business Studies. She is Currently providing Board Secretariat Support for the GSB Credit Union Limited and is a Returning Officer & Trainer with the Electoral Office of Jamaica. The most challenging and interesting projects she has worked on were the General Elections in September 2007 and the Parish Council Elections in December 2007. She was positioned as the Asst. Returning Officer, having joined the Electoral Office of Jamaica in January 2006, with no prior knowledge or experience in electoral matters. This involved training, selecting and placing over 500 hundred categories of Election Day workers throughout the Constituency, and organizing security with the JCF and the JDF. The

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successful execution of both these elections, as well as the By-Election in 2009 resulted in her promotion from Assistant Returning Officer to Returning Officer of one of the new Constituencies in St. Catherine in May 2011. Her PM Philosophy is "To give of my best at all times, to ensure that the mission and vision of this noble organization is upheld, to engender a spirit of excellence and camaraderie among everyone with whom I come into contact with; and to give God the glory."
