

BUSINESS

Meeting targets Microsoft Project users

Chuck Thibodeau will preview Microsoft Project 2002, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 during a meeting co-sponsored by Microsoft and the Michigan Project Users Group, Southeast Michigan Chapter, at the Microsoft Office, Southfield Town Center, Building 1000, Suite 1930 in Southfield.

Registration begins 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Microsoft Project users and all those interested are welcome to attend.

Thibodeau will discuss the advanced new features and applications of Microsoft Project 2002 including Microsoft Project

Standard, Microsoft Project Professional, Microsoft Project Server, Microsoft Project Web Access (Microsoft Project Server Client Access Licenses) and more.

Thibodeau, a Microsoft Technology Specialist, has spent the last 18 years in the project management industry in various roles including presales support, business consulting, account management and business management for project management software and consulting firms. He has worked with clients to develop enterprise project management solutions in almost every sector — automotive, financial, pharmaceutical,

aerospace/defense, manufacturing, telecommunications, high tech, retail and utilities.

Reservations are necessary and seating is limited. To make a reservation, send an e-mail to logistics@mpug-sem.org or call (734) 741-0841. Membership advantages apply. For more information on reservations, directions to the meeting, and membership, visit the MPUG Southeast Michigan Chapter Web site www.mpug-sem.org or the MPUG Global Web site www.mpug.org.

The Michigan Project Users Group-Global was established in April 1997 to serve the needs of

MS Project users. MPUG-Global has more than 2,000 members. Member benefits include access to a "members only" Web site that contains presentations for all chapter meetings, articles, tips, and information from Microsoft. A subscription to The Project Network, MPUG-Global's quarterly newsletter, Monthly Ezine with tips, tricks and the latest news, MPUG "members only" special offers, evaluation/beta copies of Microsoft software, opportunities for sharing knowledge, and networking opportunities with other members and experts in the field.

Schoolcraft offers international business series

Classes that teach the basics and fine points of doing business outside the United States are underway at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Participants in Schoolcraft College's International Trade Certificate Program may choose the entire series, which began March 12, or specific sessions. Each session meets from 2-5 p.m., either Tuesdays or Thursdays.

The series includes:

- March 19 and 21, International Finance: Letters of credit; methods of payment; currency exchange rates; choosing a bank; financing options.

- March 20 and 28, International Logistics: Risk management, export procedures and documentation; electronic data interchange; freight forwarders vs. international logistics firms.

- April 2, Cross Cultural Communication: The role of culture in business; customs and etiquette; negotiations; hosting international visitors; living and working abroad.

- April 16, Foreign Government Sales: Doing business with developing nations; the role of multinational development banks; USAID.

- April 23, Trade Agreements/Legal Aspects of Foreign Trade: The role of the World Trade Organization; regional trade agreements; international trade-related organizations.

Two country-specific seminars feature Canada and Mexico on April 4 and the European Union on April 18.

Participants can earn a certificate of achievement by attending all core seminars and one country-specific seminar for a \$500 fee. Individual seminars are \$90 each. For more information or to register, call (734) 482-4448, ext. 5672.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

MON, MARCH 18

BUSINESS LUNCHEON

The Economic Club of Detroit will hold its Luncheon Meeting at the Troy Marriott Hotel at noon. J. T. Battenberg III, chairman, CEO and president of Delphi Automotive Systems, Inc., will present "Building Value and Trust in Today's Business World." Tickets are \$28 for club members and \$33 for guests. For reservations, call (313) 963-8547.

TUES., MARCH 19

NORTHVILLE BUSINESS

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the 13th Annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase 6-8 p.m. at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville. The showcase will feature 90 exhibitors from retail, service and professional businesses in the Northville community. Area top-rated restaurants and caterers will provide samples from their menus. Free give-aways, raffles and promotional goodies. Cost: \$7, adults; \$6, seniors; \$3, children under 12. Call (248) 349-7640.

THURS, MARCH 21

BUSINESS "BRAO"

Here's a chance to tell everyone about your business. Morgan Stanley, 100 W. Big Beaver (just west of Livonia), Troy, invites you to join them 8-9 a.m. for a "business brag fest." Participants have 60 seconds to

say anything and everything about his or her business. Bring plenty of business cards. RSVP by calling (248) 641.1750 or e-mail: sandy@troychamber.com.

ASQ

The American Society for Quality, Ann Arbor Section will sponsor their "Annual Career Night" 6:30-9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Plymouth Rd. at US 23, Mark Bourget of Manpower, Inc. will discuss "Navigating a Turbulent Job Market." Pizza and pop served. Free for students and ASQ members. \$10 for non-ASQ members. E-mail your reservation by Mar. 18 to arrangements@asq1010.org.

TUES, MARCH 26

RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS

Otha Smith, a mutual fund consultant with Morgan Stanley, will present "Smart Solutions for Your Retirement Distribution" 7 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. No cost. Call Wendt Landreth at (734) 779-8025.

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CLUB

Enron executive Sherwan Watkins — who recently testified before a Congressional subcommittee about the company's improper partnerships — will be the guest speaker at the Women's Economic Club noon luncheon at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The event will honor Metro Detroit's 100 Most Influential Women, as selected by *Crain's Detroit Business*. Tickets are \$40 for members and \$35 for guests. Call (313) 963-6088 or visit www.womeneconomicclub.org

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Bids will be accepted for the Cadillac CTS at the Heart Ball or by closed bids prior to the event.

Closed bids accepted in the American Heart Association office until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2002.

To receive a closed bid form, please call the American Heart Association office at (248) 827-4214.

Leading bids to be announced at the onset of the Heart Ball on March 9, 2002.

Final bids taken until the end of the live auction at the event.

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or
Tuesday, April 16, 6 - 8 p.m.
at UDM's Ward Conference Center,
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Or contact us at 800-635-5020 or www.udmercy.edu

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There is an old advertising saying that claims Babies and Puppies are the two cutest things imaginable. We at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers disagree. We feel that Babies and BUNNIES are much cuter!

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The cost is \$25 for a 1x2 (2 inches x 2 inches)
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The deadline for this promotion will be on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. The actual run date will be on Easter Sunday, March 31st. You will be able to see the children on Easter Sunday in one of our editorial sections.

Below is information on how to send in your special message with payment, or you can call **734-953-2073** with any questions.

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