

Northeast Indiana Chapter Celebrates 20 Years in Style



Celebrating 20 years and still growing

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In 1997 seven Fort Wayne project managers led by David Maynard founded the Northeast Indiana Chapter of PMI, so in 2017, we celebrated in style with a gala buffet dinner and presentations by PMI leaders.



Appleby



Riches



Maynard

NEIC was congratulated by guests Tony Appleby, a member of the PMI board of directors and by Ken Riches, the Region 2 mentor. Both are past chapter presidents and both travelled to Fort Wayne for the celebration.

We have had dealings with Ken Riches before...he attended our last two strategic planning sessions as a contributor and consultant. He also facilitates twice-yearly Region 2 Leadership Institute Meetings and Strategic Advisory Group meetings for Region 2....



...and he keeps us laughing during the breaks between strategy meetings! Our featured speaker, however, was David A. Maynard to provided entertaining musings about the story of the founding of the chapter two decades ago. He took us back to his personal story:



Dave described the process by which the chapter was founded by seven charter members:

Tim Williams

Brian Earp

Bob Anderson

David Maynard

Andrew Berkley

Dennis D. Lane

Dave Vachon

Dave remembers them like this:

It Took a While, But We Got Together



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Introductions were provided by current chapter president Dale Vollenweider and event project manager, Fredi Shawgo. Dale emphasized how during the past three years the chapter has focused on engagement by volunteers and putting into practice the servant leadership principles discussed at PMI regional and national leadership events. When our members are engaged they will benefit themselves, their employers and the community.

Fredi is a relatively new member member, who saw a need and stepped up to fill it, by doing a wonderful job managing the hundreds of details to make the event a success. Past-president Michael Krouse rounded out the planning committee for the celebration event and performed a greatly-appreciated duty....buying the beer!



Fredi is in the foreground, making sure everything runs smoothly!

We also thank our great event sponsor, **Swiss Re** for providing a wonderful facility and use of its caterer. It was a bit rainy, so we could not enjoy the patio, but the food, venue and company was fabulous. Chef Kevin braved the thunderstorm to cook our barbeque buffet to perfection!

So we are now entering our third decade of service to Northeast Indiana Project Managers:



What next? The chapter agile certification training workshop in June is sold out. If you are interested in becoming an ACP or CSM to further enhance your personal value, let us know and we may be able to arrange a return engagement of this highly sought-after training.

All members are encouraged to participate in Fort Wayne's Three Rivers Parade entry on July 8. Just sign up for this free, fun chapter event on the chapter website.

Chapter leaders (directors and officers) will be taking a trip to Chicago to participate in the National Leadership Institute Meeting and further refine our strategy to better serve our community and industry. Things are looking bright and we are growing into our third decade. If you are not a member, join! If you are a member, volunteer. You will love it!



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