



Events

3/6/09 - Servant Leadership - the High Performance Link

It is a new day and outdated business models are proving increasingly ineffective. The chasm between management and leadership can only be bridged through a new understanding.

To go beyond traditional management paradigms to a new, sustainable approach to management and leadership join **CEO Netweavers** for **Servant Leadership: The High Performance Link**, on March 6, 2009, from 7:30AM to NOON, at the University Hilton, University of Houston.

Please register at:
<http://servantleadershipconference.com>

3/11/09 – APLNH Chapter Meeting – 5:30pm

APLN Houston presents a panel of local agile practitioners **Victor Certuche, John Fuqua,** and **Jennifer Brownson** who will discuss the issues of today. Come ask your own questions of our panel and learn from the experience of those dealing with agile transition issues every day.

Please register at:
<http://aplnhouston20090311.eventbrite.com/>

4/08/09 – APLNH Chapter Meeting – 5:30pm

The evidence is that Superperforming organizations outperform their industry peers by a margin of five to one. In this interactive and experiential session, participants will explore **servant leadership** along with a new set of rules for revolutionizing performance, redefining management and leadership, and bringing organizations to life. **Dave Guerra**, CEO of Corpus Optima presents.

Please register at:
<http://aplnhouston20090408.eventbrite.com/>

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4/27 – 5/1/09 – PMI Houston Conference

Celebrating 25 years of project management excellence, PMI Houston presents their 2009 Conference & Expo: **Moving Project Management from Good to Great**. Held at the George R. Brown Conference Center, this year's program includes two Agile Project Management 1-day workshops prior to the conference and 8 Agile PM Break-Out sessions during the two day conference program (April 30-May 1).

Please see more details and register at:
www.pmihouston.org

4/20-22/09 – Agile Boot Camp: A Scrum Hybrid Approach

An immersion workshop across the broader aspects of Agile Software Development including: the Methodologies, Principles and Practices including; Requirements, Planning, Development & Testing Practices, and Enterprise Scaling & Adoption Strategies. You'll leave understanding the broad dynamics of Agile software teams, why they work so well, and gain real-world experience and guidance on how to adopt Agility within your teams, for improved team performance, product quality, and business success.

Please register at:
<http://www.aspe-sdlc.com/courses/4710B/>

Does That Helicopter Fly?

Our February meeting saw some pretty air worthy helicopters and some that were, well... you be the judge.



Thanks to **Mike Alexander** and the **Seilevel** team for a great Agile Requirements presentation and for providing our standing-room-only crowd with some fun as well. If you missed this one, Mike is presenting again at the **PMI Houston Conference** in April, so come try your luck building your own Lego helicopter.

Mike's presentation is now posted in the Speakers Presentation section at www.APLNHouston.org.

Finding an IT Job in a Recession

I've reviewed over a thousand resumes and interviewed hundreds of people in the consulting and management jobs I've had, I've also managed recruiting functions so I have a pretty good understanding on how the hiring model works. To find a job you need a business approach and using a Product/Market/Sales model can greatly increase your odds of finding the right job for your skills and interests.

Read more at: <http://it.toolbox.com/blogs/agile-pm/finding-an-it-job-in-a-recession-25636>

-Bryan Campbell



Join our new **APLN Houston** group on 

Book-of-the-Month

In keeping with your feedback from our January **Futurespective Workshop** to continue providing a learning forum, APLNH is starting a Book-of-the-Month feature recommending the best books found by our membership. If you have read a book you would like to recommend to your fellow APLNH colleagues, please contact us.

Fearless Change – Mary Lynn Manns & Linda Rising

As a developer, analyst, and designer I have seen the rise of patterns that recognize common behaviors and advance learning of the craft. I was therefore curious about this book; Fearless Change, Patterns for Introducing New Ideas by Mary Lynn Manns and Linda Rising. Then after meeting Linda at a recent conference I was hooked and bought the book.

The authors immediately begin talking about a pattern language that focuses on the *Change Agent*, the *Culture* and the *People* of the organization in which change in being introduced. The pattern names themselves allow us to speak and be understood in this language. For instance:

As an **Evangelist** I want to introduce iterative development by proceeding **Step By Step** to **Test the Waters** while taking **Time for Reflection** and focusing on **Small Successes**.

This is a very insightful book I would highly recommend to anyone wanting to understand how to successfully introduce and adopt organizational changes.

-Robbie Mac Iver



We cannot direct the wind... but we can adjust the sails -anonymous

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