



PCAM
Professional Coaches Association of Michigan

PCAM Newsletter

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Hello Friends of PCAM!

This newsletter finds us celebrating the recent MSU victory, or bemoaning U of M's loss in our states "football game of the year". Having been born and raised in Louisiana, my school is LSU, so I am partially exempt from Michigan rivalries.



Competition is a wonderful thing; but I choose to celebrate collaboration as I give thought to where PCAM is as an organization, both in the number of collaborative opportunities that various members have co-created, and the external collaborations that we have pursued or are pursuing with other organizations. Most recently we celebrate our collaboration with Wayne State University to co-sponsor the presentation by Ian Woodall, Mt. Everest mountain climber, on the topic "The Gentle Art of Personal Inspiration and Practical Leadership". The presentation, held on September 21 at Wayne State's Farmington Hills campus, was an overwhelming success, as gauged by the feedback received from participants. We were inspired to act in spite of our fears, and to "step up to opportunities to lead, realizing that we may not always be the best person for the job, but we might be the only one available and willing to step forward". Thanks to our friends and fellow PCAM members at Wayne State, especially Terry Margolis and her team for the outstanding job they did to facilitate this activity!

PCAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Last call for Early registration for the PCAM Annual Conference which ends on October 15! So, if you have not already registered for the conference please do so at once! The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. Dan Leask, Conference Chair, and Barbara Grigsby, Paula Kirsh, and Kristi Pavlik are planning an exciting event. Bestselling author and career coach, Laura Berman Fortgang will be our keynote speaker, and Ed Modell, the ICF President-Elect will be joining us for the conference! This conference has been especially designed with you in mind! The conference theme is: "Coaching at the Crossroads." Both the keynote presentations and the breakout sessions will focus on the crossroads that you and your clients face as you strive to maximize both your coaching abilities, and the success of those you serve.

Early registration for the PCAM Annual Conference ends on October 15. So, if you have not already registered for the conference please do so at once by visiting the [Conference Website](#).

International Coach Federation Conference

The International Coach Federation convenes in Fort Worth, Texas on October 26 - 30, 2010. Those of us who have attended past years conferences have always left feeling connected, enriched, and inspired. To register for the event, you can do so by going to the [ICF Website](#)

Anyone with questions about the conference, and/or would like assistance in determining whether or not they should attend, please drop me an email at Milton@GreatMindsIncorporated.com. I would be more than happy to share my

experiences with you and support you in your decision making process.

PCAM Leadership Opportunities

The 12th Annual International Coach Week celebration is scheduled for February 6-12 in 2011. In an attempt to get an early start on planning our activities for next year, the PCAM board is currently recruiting volunteers to serve as the committee chairperson, and/or for committee members. We have no preconceived idea of the nature of our activities in 2011, so there is plenty opportunity to create and lead our organization to develop activities that will surpass what we have done in the past. Involvement in this activity is also a great way to get to know others in PCAM and become known for what you bring to our community. Please drop me an email with your interest or any questions you have regarding this opportunity at Milton@GreatMindsIncorporated.com

The date for **PCAM's Annual Conference in 2011** has not yet been determined, but we are also seeking to identify PCAM members who are interested in serving on next year's planning committee. Ideally, we would like to announce next year's planning team at this year's conference in Lansing on November 12-13. Please forward your name and contact information to Kristi Pavlik at Kristi@michigancoaches.org on or before November 1. This is yet another opportunity for members to get involve, make a contribution, and support PCAM to become the organization that you need PCAM to be.

Additionally, any PCAM members with other ideas about other initiatives PCAM would benefit from pursuing, and are interested in participating in or leading those initiatives, are encouraged to share your interest with me or other PCAM board members as we work to develop plans for next year! We welcome your ideas and your contributions!

PCAM Empowerment Forum

The October PCAM Empowerment Forum will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Walsh College in Troy. The agenda has already been distributed, and yet another informative meeting has been planned. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for what will be the last Forum of the year!

Membership Renewal and Free Membership in 2011: Membership renewals are still on-going for the upcoming year. If you have not renewed your Membership, you can do so by [clicking here](#). Please do so as soon as possible so that we can monitor our progress towards our goal of 165 members by year end. Also, as a reminder the Board approved a contest for the recruitment of new members. The member, other than yours truly, who recruits the most new members to PCAM in 2010 will receive free PCAM membership in 2011!!! There is a space on the membership registration form for individuals to put your name in as a referral. Please remind them to do so when joining so you get proper credit for the referral.

Best regards,

Milt

**Milton Eric Fletcher
2010 PCAM President**

Community Highlights

Coach Cafes'

The Coach Cafes' meet monthly and continue to provide a dynamic and supportive experience for those who participate. They are geographically dispersed in four areas throughout the state. If you have not already done so you are encouraged to check out one of the Cafés in your area. To have your name added to the notification list of any of the Cafes please go to <http://michigancoaches.org/events/>. The Coach Cafe' flyer is at the bottom of the page with the name of the person to be contacted.

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PCAM Coaches Café

Come and join us for Collaborative Coaching Conversations!

Informal gatherings allowing an opportunity for collaborative coaching conversations around the substantive issues of building a successful coaching business.



Detroit Area: 3rd Friday of the month · 8:30 AM · Cosi Restaurant at 28674 Telegraph Road · Contact: Milt Fletcher for more information 248.569.9383

Ann Arbor Area: 3rd Friday of the month · 9:00 AM · Panera Bread at 3205 Washtenaw Avenue · Contact: Julie Kassalow Norris for more information 734.332.7871

Lansing Area: Last Friday of the month · 9:00 AM · Coffee and Friends Cafe' at 5100 Marsh Road, Okemos · Contact: Melinda Adams for more information 517.420.4020 or melinda@greatpeoplesoar.com

West Michigan TeleCafe': 3rd Friday of the month · 9:00 AM · Conference call information: 218-339-4600 PIN: 293548#. If you would like to be added to the West Michigan coaches distribution list please e-mail Kyle Dooley Kinder at kylekinder@sbcglobal.net

Please don't hesitate to contact our dedicated Board members with questions, observations or suggestions.

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