

## Monthly Dinner Meeting Courtyard Marriott, Culver City

### Project Management Tools: The Real Deal

**Date:**  
Thursday,  
15 May 2014

**Time:**  
6:00pm to 9:00 pm

**Location:**  
Courtyard by Marriott – LA  
Westside, 6333 Bristol  
Parkway, Culver City  
90230 310-484-7000.  
Self Parking at hotel (\$6).

**Space is Limited,  
Reservation is suggested**

**Members \$28 in  
Advance, \$35 at the  
Door.**

**Non-members \$45.**

We all use them—Project Management Tools. This relationship between Project Managers and the tools they use can be described in a multitude of ways, depending on who is doing the talking. But, do tools make the Project Manager, or is it the reverse? Will your answer depend on which tool you are using or how experienced you are?

Come hear a panel of experienced PM's talk about how to evaluate, select and best use of Project Management tools. No vendor hype, just the real deal—the good, bad and the ugly—of the tools that help to make or break any project.

After the panel, an open discussion between the audience and the panel members will then ensue. So come and check your thinking on this relevant topic, contribute your views and ask your burning questions. **Meet our panel:**



**Lynda Murray-Thomas** is an IT Program Manager at NBCUniversal. Where she was responsible for leading multi-million dollar application development efforts for Universal Studios Hollywood, and more. She is a PhD candidate at University of Maryland, and holds an MBA in Information Systems from Cal Poly Pomona, and is a Certified PMP.

**Tom Kuby** works with LATimes/Tribune Technology where he executed the acceptance test for moving to computers in the LA Times newsroom. He has managed systems, help desks and support teams before managing projects for all eight Tribune newspaper companies.

**Nicole Desproges**, Sr. Director of IT Portfolio Management for DIRECTV in El Segundo, CA, is responsible for IT Governance. Prior to this, she worked at Philips, a Dutch multinational electronics company headquartered in Amsterdam. Nicole has a Master degree in International Public Administration, with PMP, CSM, ITIL v2 and Prince2 certifications under her belt.

**Francis Cheung**, Director of PMO for Guthy-Renker, Santa Monica, is responsible for launching global products and for building the PMO vertical. Prior to this, he held leadership positions in Marketing and IT leading strategic revenue producing initiatives with companies such as DIRECTV, Ingram Micro, and Warner Bros. He holds an MBA from UCLA, a B.S. in Computer Science from UC Santa Barbara, and is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

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