

AITP
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Technology Professionals

Monthly Meeting
of the
Nashville Chapter

Date: Thursday September 12th, 2013

Place: Holiday Inn Vanderbilt

Cost: Members = \$20.00

Guests = \$30.00

Meeting Schedule

5:30 - 6:00 Social/Networking
6:00 - 6:45 Dinner
6:45 Business Meeting/Speaker

\$5.00 Discount for early registration

Contact Mary Simpson for reservations at
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Delivering Innovation

Karen E. Jones - Executive Project Manager with IBM

The dictionary defines "innovation" as the process of making changes or a new method, custom, or device. As Information Technology professionals, we are charged with creating innovation. The question is: How can we bring innovation into the work we are doing today?

Unless you pro-actively and continuously strive to find ways to bring innovation into your work, you will fall far short of your capabilities to deliver. We should be clear that we are talking about positive changes, not changes just for the sake of change.

In our September program, our speaker will outline catalysts that can help to spark innovation, and challenge you to deliver innovation to the work you are doing today and inspire you to create a sustainable culture to continue to generate meaningful innovation for years to come.

Our speaker is Karen E. Jones who is an Executive Project Manager with IBM in the Security, Audit, Risk, and Compliance area. She has been in program and project management for the last 15 years and working in IT for 20 years. Karen is known for her skills in managing large, global, high visibility, troubled projects to a successful outcome.

Karen's current primary assignment is program manager for a major financial customer for a large scale security standardi-

zation and audit readiness for one of IBM's largest outsource accounts. The program is comprised of over 65 teams working in 90 separate sub projects across over 15, 000 servers. Karen is also a noted thought leader and mentor throughout the project management community within IBM.



Karen has a B.S. degree in Computer Science from the Southern Mississippi University. She graduated with Honors and a 4.0 G.P.A. Karen also holds the PMP Certification.

Karen is married and has two grown children. They have been in the Nashville

area since 2000 and now live in Murfreesboro. Karen says they love water sports and their best vacation was sailing around Antigua Island in a 50 foot Catamaran.

Our September program is about a subject that we are always involved in, but rarely have we had someone to discuss how to improve our innovation skills. This should be an interesting meeting. Tell your peers about it.

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Dinner Cost Reduced With Early Registration:
\$15 – Members, \$25 -- Guests