Dear Caryn,

Welcome to the eleventh edition of Milestone (on) Times. This edition has us celebrating our most recently occupied project, a new team member at Milestone, Dana's PMP Certification and another installment of "There's an App for That!". Enjoy!!

New Center for Liver Disease in Houston
St. Luke's and Baylor College of Medicine's new facility

In early Spring 2012, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital occupied the nations leading liver transplant and hepatology department in the world renowned Texas Medical Center. Partnering with Baylor College of Medicine, St. Luke's Center for Liver
Disease is 25k sqft with 20 exam rooms in two Patient Cores. This Center treats all forms of liver disease, ranging from screens of abnormal liver function to liver transplantation.

The project was conceptualized by St Luke's senior administration and brought to a reality by Kirksey Architects, SSR Engineers and Harvey Builders. The project team was lead by Milestone's Caryn Ogier and Dana Harrison.

The design is centered around two symmetric patient cores, each with centralized staff areas and 10 exam rooms on the periphery. This design allows for collaboration by the care providers and unique "on stage / off stage" environments for the patients and their families. The Center also features a paracentesis procedure room that serves four patients at one time.

In addition to the many specific design nuances particular to this center, the Center for Liver Disease utilized the Herman Miller Compass Product for cabinetry in all of the exam rooms. This manufactured millwork product (categorized as furniture), provides for uniform quality with no exposed edges, modular flexibility and integral infection control prevention with its minimization of seams and joints.

In addition to the patients care areas, the Center for Liver Disease also houses all of its faculty and staff. Prior to the opening of this new center, faculty and staff were housed in four separate locations. Being together in one place allows for greater ease of communication for this team of caregivers.

The medical team at the Center for Liver Disease has performed over 1,500 liver transplant procedures. Teaming up with the Baylor College of Medicine enables the Center to educate new generations of specialty caregivers.

Learn more about The Center for Liver Disease at these links: St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine.
Congrats, Dana Harrison, PMP!!

Another Milestone was reached as Dana completed her Project Manager Professional (PMP) program certification.

The PMP certification is a demanding educational and examination program, certifying skills and talents necessary for successful Project Managers.

Congratulations once again, Dana!

Jonathan Cordingley Joins Milestone!

As many of you know, Jon joined Milestone back in January as a Project Coordinator bringing with him a masters degree Masters of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Texas Tech University. This brings the number of Red Raiders at Milestone to two. "Get your guns up!"

Jon's favorite project so far has been the West Bed Tower Vertical Expansion at St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital. This dynamic project mandates teamwork, planning, design creativity and precision construction in the field.

We are happy to have you on our team - welcome, Jon!

Cooking Up Project Management

By Construction Auditor Amy LaTulipe
I had an odd lesson on Project Management recently. Evidently it is more of a universal need than I tend to think.

Two good friends of Scott's and mine came to our house to cook up a fabulous dinner with us. We had planned for a week or two ahead of time - determining what would be on the menu, splitting up the grocery list, etc. I was excited. What a meal this would be!

Fast forward to the day of the meal. We had decided on a French theme using recipes from my favorite cookbook - Dorie Greenspan's Around My French Table.

We started with a simple cocktail (a recipe not in the book) called the French Love. Muddled raspberries, ginger & rose syrups, Chambord and Champagne. Yum! Fortified, we moved on to the harder stuff. We had decided on making several small items first and then after a break we'd make the main course.

The Airline Market here in Houston had some squash blossoms so we decided to stuff them with a ricotta and shrimp filling before flash frying them. OMG! Next were the tuna pizzas with Buffalo mozzarella and basil on phyllo dough rounds. Light, fresh, and delicious!

We were feeling confident and after a break to watch part of the Tour de France cycling race, we pressed onward. Chicken Basquise, brown sugar squash, brussels sprouts en papillote, and a fruit terrine for dessert.

The chicken took a bit of time, but came off without a hitch. Spicy with some onions and bell peppers served over rice. (The cookbook has a much better picture than I could ever take.) The squash side
dish was a disaster. Undercooked and the flavors were too bitter. Oh well, they can't all be spectacular right?

We moved on to making the dessert that we would have later that evening. The fruit terrine calls for peeled and sliced fruit of course. I was having a devil of a time peeling the grapefruit and oranges I needed. What was it that I had learned in my knife skills class last year? I couldn't remember for the life of me. It was a disaster. Juice and fruit pieces everywhere...it looked like I had peeled the things with a hammer.

Scott, ever the sharp Project Manager, said, "why don't you just use the fresh cut grapefruit you have in the small containers in the fridge?" Occasionally I buy citrus fruits pre-cut and packed in juice from the grocery store. Brilliant idea! Sometimes when we are too close to a project it is easy to become lost in the details. Someone who is overseeing the process can often help pull things out of the fire so to speak.

In the end the meal was excellent (especially the fruit terrine) and it was only because we worked together, each person playing to his or her strengths.

There's an App for That!
By Scott LaTulipe

In my never ending quest to obtain the best apps for my smartphone, I've come across these three that I find myself using daily, so why not share them with everyone!

**Instapaper:** This application works in conjunction with Flipboard or Zite! or other newsfeed apps. Instapaper will take articles that you find interesting, but don't have the time to read at that moment, and download the complete article in the background for further offline reading at a later time. Think of browsing your news feeder app
in at the gate prior to boarding a plane. Instapaper will even download the article so you can enjoy it inflight! I highly recommend it for your tablet.

**LinkedIn**: Most of us routinely use LinkedIn on our computers to keep up with our relationships, but I find that their iPad application is outstanding. Specifically, their calendar feature. Prior to attending a meeting, I take some time and fire up the app. When linked to your calendar, LinkedIn will pull up the LinkedIn profiles of the people you are meeting with. Very neat, indeed.

**Note Taker HD**: By far, this is the most requested application by our clients, colleagues and vendors after they see us using this app. All Milestone Project Managers swear by this application and use it almost daily. Note Taker HD allows us to take meeting minutes, mark up drawings (pdf's only), and sketch on the iPad. After you make these "notes" to the base document, the user can email the revised file to anyone - instantly. It takes a bit of getting used to, so I suggest watching the introductory videos on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), but the time you save on marking up drawings and disseminating draft meeting minutes is work the time investment.

If you have an app that you would like to share with us, we would love to hear from you. Email us at info@MilestonePM.com.

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