

Mid-Columbia Leadership Development Association

March 14, 2019 Meeting

NOTE DATE AND LOCATION:

THURSDAY
MARCH 14, 2019

LOCATION:

Sandberg Event Center
331 South 41st Avenue
West Richland, Washington

5:30 p.m. - Check in/Networking
(with complimentary appetizers;
wine/beer available for purchase)

6:00 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Presentation

DINNER BUFFET MENU:

- Chicken Masala
- Beef Stroganoff
- Melody of Seasonal Vegetables
- Mixed Salad Greens
- Dinner Rolls w/butter
- Variety of Desserts
- Gourmet Coffee Service

Cost:

\$20 ASQ members and guests

\$5 presentation only

(cash or check)

Reservations are due March 8.
Click [here](#) to RSVP. (Check the
"guest" box, and enter "ASQ" in the
comments box online)

Note: No shows may be billed
unless cancelled 48 hours in
advance.

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Race for the Atomic Bomb: Historic Lessons for Current Day Project Managers and Leaders



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In 1938 many people feared that Adolph Hitler would build an atomic bomb after word spread that German scientists had split the uranium atom (fission). On the eve of World War II, several prominent scientists endorsed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt alerting him to the potential development of "extremely powerful bombs of a new type" and recommended that the U.S. begin similar research. Eventually Roosevelt agreed and the United States' effort to build the atomic bomb was code named *The Manhattan Project*.

One of the most historic accomplishments of *The Manhattan Project* was the Hanford B Reactor. Built in just 13 months, Hanford's B Reactor was the world's first, full-scale nuclear reactor and produced the plutonium used in the world's first atomic explosion. This was the ultimate fast-track project as drawings and blueprints were being developed at the same time the reactor was being constructed. It wasn't unusual for crews to be given hand-written notes or sketches to guide them during the construction process.

As a historical study, the B Reactor project is a fascinating story in itself. But to project managers and leaders, there are an inspiring list of lessons to be learned and a tremendous number of tips to be gleaned.

This program will provide an overview of the incredible project to build the world's first atomic bomb and a few of the challenges those leaders encountered and overcame.

About the presenter: Steve Norton is an internationally recognized trainer, speaker and author. He is masterful at leading people to greater effectiveness in their professional and personal lives. Drawing on his 30+ years of project experience, he provides valuable instruction that adheres to the project management body of knowledge and accreditation program as well as a professional code of ethics for project managers. His popular training courses are acclaimed for his upbeat presentation style, real-life examples, efficient use of class time, and successful student outcomes.