

September Volunteer Spotlight

Prakash is a Principal Project Management Professional with Ally Financial, headquartered in Detroit. Surya has years of experience in Project Management, with companies such as KPMG, PwC, GM, and the City of Detroit.



Surya immigrated from India in 1989 with his wife Suneeta. Together they have raised their children in Michigan.

In his spare time, Surya enjoys running and has participated in several half marathons. Surya is very active in his community, such as serving as treasurer on the Deerbrook Subdivision board, membership with the Asian Middle Eastern Employee Resource group and has raised funds for many charities.

Surya enjoys being an avid volunteer with PMI Great Lakes since 2007, with a passion to further the mission of the project management profession.

As Vice President of Membership, some of his key accomplishments includes hosting PMIGL events along with:

- In 2020, happy hour, cocktail classes, trivia's, and of course lots of prizes.
- Received chapter recognition in 2020 for Excellence in Membership Retention.
- The 2021 spring happy hour included recognition of all volunteers and excellent food.
- Successful Golf Outing events in 2019 and 2021.
- As President in 2014, Surya presided over changes to the chapter bylaws with team members, which provided a better member experience.
- Conducted multiple chapter onboarding events for new members.
- As VP of Programs, Surya's leadership was instrumental in relocating the Annual Symposium to the Showplace in Novi, MI. This difficult but needed change improved quality speaking devices, improvement of food selection, visual ambiance and overall increased attendance and revenue.

PMIGL acknowledges the hard work and time of our volunteers, ordinary people doing extraordinary work to make PMIGL one of the best places to volunteer your services, gain experience, and meet wonderful people.

Surya Prakash, you are our Spotlight Volunteer for September 2021. **Thank You** for your contributions, kindness, and sharing your professional experience to make PMIGL the perfect place to volunteer!