



# North Texas

## THE ASSOCIATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNERS

### MISSION

To provide a powerful network for the advancement of the industry and the development of our business continuity professionals.

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### President's Comments

Can you believe it...? Fall is FINALLY in the air! The colors are changing,

leaves are falling and Halloween is almost here. For our North Texas ACP family, there are so many things in the pipeline and I'm so excited to share them with you.

First of all, I'd like to thank our election committee this year; Ray Abide spearheaded the committee and was assisted by Jim Kinsman and Michelle Lowther. Thank you for your assistance and dedication to North Texas ACP. The final results are in and were announced at the October meeting.

- President .....Susan Guinn\*
  - Treasurer .....Mark Weidner\*
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  - Director of Membership.....Carol DeLatte
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  - Director of Communication.....Martin Gonzalez\*
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We also have two appointed offices, WebMaster- Mark Armour and Director of Career Corner, which is open. Interested parties should contact me.

We have three officers that are not returning to their current roles for 2014, Nadia Mancilla (Director of Membership), Jessie Davis (Director of Education) and Claudia Tatum (Director of Career Corner).

All of them have freely given their time and talent and are truly appreciated. They will be missed.

Our next meeting will be at the Boy Scouts of America National Headquarters on Tuesday, November 5. Come early and grab your lunch in the cafeteria. The meeting will start promptly at noon and we have one of our own members speaking.

The December meeting will be our annual holiday luncheon. This year it will be held at Café De Brazil in Addison, on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open at 11:00 am and we can start

eating at 11:15. This is a free event open to members with a confirmed reservation. We will be sending out evites in November to the email address you currently have on file with National. If you want your invitation to be sent to any other email address, please tell Martin Gonzalez ([martin.d.gonzalez@citi.com](mailto:martin.d.gonzalez@citi.com)). Remember some companies put a filter on evite, so you may not receive it. We will send out a notification to our members telling them once the evite has been processed so you will know if you received one or not.

We are collecting door prizes for the holiday lunch. We are expecting around 65 people. Does your company have any marketing material you can bring to share? In the past we have had some wonderful gifts...Sentsy, jewelry, travel mugs, grocery bags, pens, nail files, iPods, MasterCard Gift certificates. We have even had tickets to major sporting events! Please talk to your company marketing department and see what you can bring. We appreciate any and all donated items. Please tell a member of the board, or me once you have secured a donation and we'll mark you down in the program for December.

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## NORTH TEXAS ACP CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm. The location varies, so check the Chapter Newsletter or Web Site for location information.

### Next Meeting

**Date** ----- Tuesday, November 5, 2013

**Time** ----- 12:00 Noon

**Location** ---- Boy Scouts of America  
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, 75015

[Link to Map](#)

**Food** ----- Is available onsite for purchase

### Meeting Agenda

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Welcome .....	Susan Guinn
Upcoming Events .....	Grace Wright
Career Corner: Volunteers in Disasters .....	Jason Lane
Program: Choosing the Right Emergency Notification System .....	Gerard Ibarra

### Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2013

*Schedule and location are subject to change!*

November 5 .....	Boy Scouts of America
December 3 .....	Holiday Luncheon Café de Brazil - Addison

*"A man can stand a lot as long as he can stand himself."*

*Axel Munthe*

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# Chapter Recognitions

Join us in offering a big Texas  
welcome to our new chapter  
members:

Royce DeRouen

Paloma Garcia

Laurenc Jansch

Ken Jenkins

Donti Twine



Be sure to offer your  
congratulations to our chapter  
members who recently earned a  
certification:



## North Texas ACP Meeting Highlights

### September 2013

Our **Career Corner** speaker, Laura Maczka, the Mayor of Richardson, gave us pointers on how to be recognized as a leader. And, Tom Bowman hosted us on our **field trip** at HP Enterprise Services.

### October 2013

Attorney Amanda Gallegos, was our **Career Corner** speaker. She gave a short presentation on some ethical considerations when using social networking and how to take a creative approach towards creating employment opportunities.



Our **Featured Program** speaker, Dr. Kevin Hamlen, Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Dallas, spoke about his research on malicious software threats, the software security "crisis," and what steps we might take to protect individuals and society from these threats in the future.



Thank you to all of our speakers. We sincerely appreciate you taking time to share information with our chapter.

## Welcome To Career Corner

This column is devoted to our members from the perspective of the employee. We focus on:

- Your job classification:
  - Unemployed / in Pre-Employment
  - Under employed
  - Miserably employed
  - Gainfully and happily employed
- Jobs, which companies are hiring and how you can land the opportunity of a lifetime
- Career Development/ Empowerment
- Do's and Don'ts of Social Networking in a job search
- How broad you can go in your search to obtain an opportunity
- What internal HR is looking for
- How to effectively use head hunters
- How to assist the community and be recognized as a leader

Please send any ideas or suggestions for topics to be included in the Career Corner to Claudia Tatum.



### How to be Recognized as a Leader While Enhancing Your Career Opportunities

by Claudia Tatum

What is a leader? Do you have the characteristics of a leader? Many books have been published describing a good leader and leadership traits. For example, *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* by John C. Maxwell, *Who Says Elephants Can't Dance* by Louis V. Gerstner, *The One Thing You Need to Know* by Marcus Buckingham and *Winning* by Jack Welch. Setting yourself up as a leader could help you on your future career endeavors by

- Exhibiting your dedication
- Demonstrating your initiative
- Enhancing your visibility
- Developing your network
- Building your brand
- Establishing trust
- Showcasing your character

You can be recognized as a leader at your organization, in your community, at your place of worship or at school. Leadership is the act of making others do what you want them to do without saying a word. John C. Maxwell said, "A good leader encourages followers to tell him what he needs to know, not what he wants to hear." Sheryl Sandberg said it best: "Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your

absence." You can be recognized as a leader in many environments.

### Organization or Workplace

- Lead by example
- Do not lie - truth builds trust, lies create a loss of credibility
- Do not bad mouth your peers or leaders
- Keep your word
- Become the go-to person
- Volunteer to work late or to work on weekends
- Serve on Staff Council
- Participate in committees or event planning for your organization
  - Christmas party
  - Halloween decorations
  - Thanksgiving
  - Employees' birthdays celebrations

### Community

- Apply to serve on your City, County, or State Boards and Commissions
- Attend Leadership programs through your Chamber of Commerce, for example:
  - Leadership Richardson (contact your City Manager's Office for details)
  - Leadership North Texas
  - Young professionals
  - Women in Leadership
  - Ambassadors Club
- Volunteer at your local organizations and be open to leadership roles, for example:
  - Altrusa International
  - Rotary International
  - InfraGard
  - United Nations Association
  - Women's Club
  - Boy Scouts of America
  - The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
  - The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)
  - Grassroots or Tea Parties (if you are in politics)
  - The Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Home Owners or Neighborhood Associations
  - Local public library
  - Footwasher Ministries, Inc
  - Network of Community Ministries
  - Boys and Girls Clubs
  - Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
  - Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT)
- Attend your local public service academies and get involved in their alumni associations, for example
  - Police Department
  - Fire Fighter Department
  - State Troopers

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Sheriff Department

Alumni associations will give you volunteering opportunities, provide you with leadership roles, and allow you to learn more about the organizations.

### Place of Worship

- Volunteer in the child care or nursery program
- Teach a Sunday school class as a substitute teacher or volunteer
- If you have the gift and talent of singing, participate in the choir or in the music and worship ministry
- Get involved in the different church activities or programs (e.g. greeters, ushers, sports)
- Join and help on the different bible fellowship groups (e.g. Men's, Women's, Children's, Young or Adults Ministries)

### School

- Serve on the student government or student senate
- Volunteer to tutor your classmates
- Assist your instructors in teaching a class
- Volunteer at the library or any other campus organizations
- Get involved in after-school programs
- Learn from your schools' Volunteerism Office about the different volunteering opportunities off-campus

There are many leadership roles in your workplace, community, place of worship or school that could enhance your leadership skills, network capabilities, and visibility. Find what interests you the most. Do what you love. Make a difference by volunteering while you enhance your leadership skills. Volunteering for a great cause will also give you the experience, skills, and knowledge necessary to pursue different professions, enhance your career, and be recognized as a leader. By volunteering at different organizations and environments, you are gaining the experience necessary to make sound decisions if you decide to change careers.

### Resources

Maxwell, J. C., *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*, 2007, Thomas Nelson

Sandberg, S., *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*, 2013, Knopf



## President's Comments [\(continued from page 1\)](#)

We also conduct a recognition ceremony. If you have received a certification this year and have not been in the newsletter, let Phyllis know ([pmaclachlan@corelogic.com](mailto:pmaclachlan@corelogic.com)). Again, we will put all new 2013 certifications in the program, and we would like to list your name.

Lastly, I'd like to bring to your attention the change in Membership Dues for next year. As you may be aware, in the past when you paid your dues, it was for a one year time period. No matter when you renewed, you paid a lump sum for the next 12 months of dues. Our dues are currently \$115 annually. Starting in January, national is going to change the dues period to be payable in January for all members. We will now be on a calendar year billing cycle. What this means to you is depending on when your dues are up for the 2014 renewal period you will only pay XX/12. For example I'm due in January so I'll pay all 12/12 of \$115 of my dues and it will be \$115. However, Johnny, who renews in April, would only pay 8/12 of \$115 = \$76.66 for 2014. Then, in January 2015 he will then pay the full amount of \$115. So, for 2014, everyone will be paying something different unless you renew in January. Our treasurer, Mark Weidner has the full scoop if you want more details ([Mark.Weidner@energyfutureholdings.com](mailto:Mark.Weidner@energyfutureholdings.com)).

I hope each of you have a great fall and enjoy Mother Nature's break in the air-conditioning. I look forward to seeing each of you in November at the BSA!

*Susan*

## Did You Know?

- Unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it.
- No two corn flakes look the same.
- Rabbits like licorice.
- A lobster's blood is colorless, but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue.
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds.
- The names of all continents both start and end with the same letter.
- If you try to say the alphabet without moving your lips or tongue, every letter will sound the same.
- 82% of people reading this will try to say the alphabet without moving their lips or tongue.

(We can't vouch for these "facts," but they and many others are published on [www.did-you-knows.com](http://www.did-you-knows.com))



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