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Welcome to News Bites for the North Texas Association of Continuity Professionals



President's Comments

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Normally I use this space to speak about happenings in our community and activities within our chapter. With the year drawing to a close and a new Chapter President taking over next year, I'd like to dispense with the typical shop-talk for once.

First, I'd like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your chapter president. It is hard to believe that I held this role for two years, the time has flown by so fast. President sounds like an important and challenging title but the real work is done by the other members of the board. I thank them all for their time, effort and support in continuing to make our chapter extremely successful. As much as I would enjoy serving for another year, I know that I just do not have the time or energy to commit to it while also pursuing other endeavours. The good news is that I leave you in great hands as most of the board members will continue on in either their current roles or fulfilling new ones.

Second, I wish everyone well for the coming New Year. In last month's comments, I reflected back on 2017, both the good and bad. I'd like to look forward optimistically with all of you. Although I step down as chapter president, I'm still a member and will continue being an active participant in the business continuity community. I see both great challenges and opportunities ahead and I look forward to the coming journey.

Lastly, I encourage each of you to be open the changes ahead while being true to yourself. For much of my career, and in the positions I held outside of the discipline, I was a bystander. I was lucky to fall into this profession and found a true passion doing this work. If you are the same, and find that business continuity is a true calling, then you must be an active participant. You can anticipate a lot of discussion about the future of the industry and I expect those of you who care about its future to become involved in that conversation. I care less about what opinions you hold than about the fact that you share those beliefs openly and honestly. Dialog is a must if we're to sail to our chosen destination rather than be swept elsewhere by outside forces.

I'm putting the soapbox away now but thank you for hearing me out. I've truly enjoyed working on your behalf and am eager to continue working with you in the years to come. Have a truly wonderful New Year and I wish you happiness in all your endeavours.

Here is a quick overview of what is happening in your ACP Chapter over the next four months

Date	Location	Agenda
January 9, 2018	Quest Diagnostics 2665 Villa Creek Drive Farmers Branch, TX 75234	Welcome & NT ACP Business Upcoming Events Spotlight Program Educational Opportunities
February 6, 2018	Boy Scouts of America 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane Irving, TX 75038	Welcome & NT ACP Business Upcoming Events Spotlight Program Educational Opportunities
March 6, 2018	Quest Diagnostics 2665 Villa Creek Drive Farmers Branch, TX 75234	Welcome & NT ACP Business Upcoming Events Spotlight Program Educational Opportunities
April 3, 2018	Boy Scouts of America 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane Irving, TX 75038	Welcome & NT ACP Business Upcoming Events Spotlight Program Educational Opportunities

Check [here](#) for current topic, speaker, and meeting location.

Please contact a board member if there is a topic that you would like discussed, if interested in presenting, or know of others who would be willing to present at an upcoming meeting

Training Opportunities

Upcoming Conferences (training courses often available pre- and post-conference)

- DRI2018: February 11-14, 2018 – Nashville, TN
<http://driconference.org/>
- DRJ Spring World 2018: March 25-28, 2018 – Orlando, FL
<http://www.drj.com/springworld2018/>
- Continuity Insights Management Conference 2018: April 23-25, 2018 – Miami, FL
<http://continuityinsights.brownrice.com/events/16th-annual-continuity-insights-management-conference>

Ongoing Webinars:

- Federal Government - <https://www.fema.gov/continuity-webinar-series>
- ACP International - <https://www.acp-international.com/professional-development/webinars>
- Firestorm - <https://www.firestorm.com/>
- Bright Talk - [BC webinars and recordings, by date](#)

Courses beyond conferences/webinars:

- Business Continuity Institute - www.thebci.org
- Disaster Recovery Institute International - www.drii.org
- ISO Based Training - <https://pecb.com/training>



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- Our web site: <http://northtx.acp-international.com>
- Join our LinkedIn Group for the latest updates and job opportunities: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2670621>
- Our monthly newsletter
- Follow us on Twitter: @Northtxacp