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Quote of the Month

“We don't have a plan, so nothing can go wrong.”

Spike Milligan

President's Comments...

2011 is quickly coming to a close. But, I urge you to stay focused so you don't miss these North Texas ACP upcoming events and benefits of being a member!

- 1) **Chapter Survey:** There is another article in the newsletter about the survey, with specific information about the survey. I encourage you to think about what you want North Texas ACP to be in 2012 and beyond. The organization exists because others like you decided to be a member. For us to all be successful, it is important to spend some time to write what you like, what you don't like, and things that we can do differently to improve. Yes, that will take some time and thought—and you may win a gift card. The North Texas ACP board made a decision to hold off on the chapter survey so that we would have the 2012 board in place as the results were available for review and action. Your comments will be taken seriously.
- 2) **December 6 luncheon:** As a member, you have a free meal and another way to get to know other North Texas ACP members. If you already have meeting conflicts for 2011, then take the time today to block out what we are using for 2012 planning: Tuesday, December 4, 2012.
- 3) **LinkedIn North Texas ACP group:** We use the discussion area of our LinkedIn site to alert you for job openings, important news, and discussion items. If you aren't a member of this group, please request membership. We review the request list daily. At this point, our chapter's LinkedIn group has the greatest number of members among all the 42 ACP chapters.
- 4) **LinkedIn Skills area:** If you have looked at some LinkedIn profiles recently, there are now some that have a Skills section with blue boxes. This appears to be a new LinkedIn feature. I noticed this first on Carol Bearden's profile. I added some to my profile and found it to be very easy. I believe that this special section will help you be found easier (and likely jump toward the top of the list) as people are searching for a specific skill or certification.
- 5) **IDCE 2012, January 17 – 19, 2012, FREE Conference:** As an ACP member, you can attend this New Orleans conference for free. The instructions on how to sign up will be in the next ACP eNews that will come out in the next week. This conference will have many public sector presentations and also has an ACP track that several chapters (including our own) have been planning. This may be an easy way to get some CEUs (Continuing Education Units) for your professional certification(s). Shane Stovall (Plano Emergency Management) is a chapter member and will be presenting during a breakout session on Thursday, January 19.

Thank you for being a member of North Texas ACP. If you ever have questions, concerns, or comments, feel free to contact any of the chapter board members.--*Mike*

North Texas Chapter Meetings

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING MEETING
BRING A COWORKER!!

Date: November 1st, 2011

Subject: BCP/DR in the 21st. Century from Data to Business Mission

Speaker: Ronald Williams

Affiliation: Clarity Business Solutions

Location: Boy Scouts of America

Time: 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM CST

Agenda:

- Election Results
- Holiday Luncheon
- North Texas Chapter Survey
- **Celebrating Chapter's 25th Birthday!!!**

NOTE: There is a cafeteria available for members to buy lunch at the Boy Scouts of America location

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Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2011

And First Quarter 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 1st	Boy Scouts of America
December 6th	Buca Di Beppo's - Frisco (Holiday Luncheon)
January 10 th	TBD
February 7 th	TBD
March 6th	TBD

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November Upcoming Meeting Information

Ronald Williams from Clarity Business solutions will be our speaker on November 1st. The title of his topic is "BCP/DR in the 21st Century from Data to Business Mission". He is going to discuss the evolution of the role of BCP in organizations. How interdependent organizations (supply/value chain) have become and how much they rely upon practical business recovery capabilities to ensure survival and competitive advantage. What are the new tools, processes and expectations of a new market economy faced with increasing natural and manmade disruptions?

Ronald has been a partner at Bearing Point (Consulting), Role Systems Integration Practice leader, Managing Partner at Clearview International (datacenters, & MSP), Role Consulting Practice leader, CEO Clarity Business Solutions, we develop Risk Management Software (BCP/DR, Process Safety, Process Security, Strategic Planning). (Compliance and Financial Risk Management)

Boy Scout of America (BSA) Location: 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75015

Click Here for Google Map

****Ho Ho Ho December Luncheon – Still looking for Prizes Ho ho Ho****

We are still looking for prize give aways for our annual Holiday lunch. Please check with your company if they have any funds/giveaways left in the year end budget – they may be eager to donate to our worthy cause and spread a little holiday cheer.

Large or small – we'd be happy to receive your goodies. Contact dianne.stephens@vertexgroup.com with details if you are in a position to donate!

Photos from H5 Colo Tour (October meeting)



ACP North Texas Chapter members listen in to H5 Colo presentation



Walt Chambers provides a tour of the facility to members

Do you have an article to share regarding Business Continuity for inclusion in our next Newsletter?

We'd love to hear from you!

Please send your article for submission to dianne.stephens@vertexgroup.com

Be on the lookout for our Local Chapter Survey – Your chance to win Prizes!!

The strength and benefits of our chapter come from the participation of our members. In November, you'll have the opportunity to provide our Chapter with feedback. A brief '2 part' survey will be distributed to solicit your input.

To thank you for your participation we are offering TWO prizes:

- For completing part 1, your name will be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 gift card**
 - For the second part of the survey, the board will select the winner of a **\$100 gift card** based on "best suggestions" for chapter improvement
- So put on your thinking cap, and let us hear from you!!

Info / Rules for Survey:

- The survey will be sent out by e-mail after November Chapter Meeting
 - Member must be present at December luncheon to win
 - Winners to be announced at luncheon
 - Board members are not eligible for either prize

Invitation to North Texas Chapter Members: 2012 CPM Conference: Call for Presentations

Deborah Lovell is extending an invitation to our fellow ACP North Texas Chapter members and requested that we forward this message to members who may be interested in submitting a presentation/abstract for our 2012 Contingency Planning and Management Conference. Our CPM Conference will be held jointly with GovSec (our security conference) on April 2-4, 2012, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, D.C. Information, including the program from last year's event, can be found at <http://www.1105info.com/t.do?id=9025890:30013952>.

To submit a presentation, please go to <http://www.1105info.com/t.do?id=9025889:30013952> (Note: Multiple submissions are welcomed and will be accepted). If you have any questions, or need assistance with the online submission process, please contact Deborah directly. dlovell@1105media.com