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Quote of the Month



“Learn avidly. Question repeatedly what you have learned. Analyze it carefully. Then put what you have learned into practice

President's Comments...

As 2011 winds down, it seems timely to note some of our chapter's accomplishments for 2011.

- 1) Provided a chapter survey to obtain feedback from our membership. Out of our approximately 100 members, 26 people completed and returned the survey. The chapter provided 2 incentives (\$50 gift card for completing the first portion of the survey and \$100 gift card for the best feedback in the short-answer section).
- 2) Job postings on our chapter website and in our LinkedIn group significantly increased in 2011. We had at least 1 job posting every month.
 - a. Behind the scenes, the job postings were first sent to our known unemployed members prior to being posted.
- 3) We continued the late 2010 plan to offer call-in locations around the DFW Metroplex. The format was cancelled in August due to lack of participation.
 - a. This was a solid idea, but, for whatever reason, did not work well for our members.
- 4) Despite a difficult year for many of our members on the employment front, our membership numbers at the end of the year are slightly less than our beginning of year numbers.
- 5) Our December luncheon was well-attended. And, we had a significant number of items donated. Each attendee received several items provided for all participants and at least 1 item in the drawings.

Your 2012 ACP Chapter Board will be meeting in December to determine our 2012 Chapter Goals. The new goals will be announced during our January 2012 chapter meeting.

The chapter board is also reviewing the survey results. Each comment is important to us, so thank you to all that provided feedback. You will soon begin to see changes based on your survey comments.

See you on Tuesday, January 10, at our next chapter meeting

-Mike

North Texas Chapter Meetings

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR UPCOMING MEETING

Date: January 10, 2012

Subject 1: BC/DR Veteran War Stories / Lessons Learned

Subject 2: BC/DR and effective integration with Social Media

Speaker 1: Steven O'Neal

Speaker 2: Carol Bearden

Affiliation 1: RentSys Recovery Solutions

Affiliation 2: "Free Agent"

Location: Boy Scouts of America

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

January agenda:

- **Welcome**
 - **Recognize new members**
 - **Recognize visitors**
 - **Announce 2012 North Texas ACP Chapter Goals**
 - **New certifications, New jobs, New job searchers**
 - **IDCE Conference (New Orleans, January 17 – 19). Anyone attending?**
- **North Texas ACP 2011 Member of the Year (MVP—Most Valuable Player): Debra Griffith**
- **Chapter Survey Results: Mark Weidner**
- **Job Corner – Overview: Susan Guinn**
- **Speaker**

NOTE: A cafeteria is available for lunch at the Boy Scouts of America

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Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan 10 th	Boy Scouts of America
Feb 7 th	H5 Colo
Mar 6 th	Boy Scouts of America
Apr 3 rd	H5 Colo
May 1 st	Boy Scouts of America
Jun 5 th	H5 Colo
Jul 10 th	Boy Scouts of America
Aug 7 th	H5 Colo
Sep 11 th	Boy Scouts of America
Oct 2 nd	H5 Colo
Nov 6 th	Boys Scouts of America

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January Upcoming Meeting Information

We are getting off to a roaring start in 2012!! In January we will be having TWO speakers. So kick start your New Year by attending our meeting. Come and listen to the valuable feedback provided by Steve O Neal (RentSys Recovery Solutions) and Carol Bearden about BC/DR. It is always a privilege to learn from the people in the businesses who respond to a variety of different incidents, such as RentSys. Plus Social Media is advancing so rapidly it can be hard to keep plugged in – so we are looking forward to hearing tips and insight from Carol!

Address for Location Boy Scout of America (BSA) Location:

1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75015

Click Here for Google Map

Congratulations to our Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award 2011 Debra Griffiths



Knowing Debra, she was probably asking "Why me?" Well, here is the answer. The nomination stated:

"You have always been a person that will do whatever was asked. That is so rare--and we truly appreciate it".

Debra - Thank you so much for your involvement and support for North Texas ACP. We were looking forward to presenting this award to you at the luncheon, but, we will do it soon!

Ho Ho Ho December Luncheon Ho Ho Ho

We had a truly WONDERFUL Christmas luncheon – great food, terrific company - familiar and new faces. There was an abundance of door prizes –check out the list below!!

- Prize List**
- Boy Scouts of America:** Backpack (1), Roller Bag (2), First Aid Kit (2), Zoom Flashlight (2), Dynamo LED Lantern (2)
 - Carol Bearden:** \$31 Gift Certificate to Thirty-One Gifts (1), Organizing Tote from Thirty-One Gifts (1), 4GB MP3 Player with Billboard 1000 songs pre-loaded (1), AT&T Universal Hands-Free Headset (1), Fold-N-Go Organizer from Thirty-One Gifts (1), Insulated Lunch Tote from Thirty-One Gifts (2), Full-sized Holiday Scentsy Warmer with Scentsy Fragrance Bar (1), Plug-In Holiday Scentsy Warmer with Scentsy Fragrance Bar (1), Gift Certificate for One Warmer of Choice + One Scentsy Fragrance Bar of Choice from Scentsy Catalog (1)
 - Cynthia Rice:** bracelets (5)
 - North Texas ACP:** iPod Touch (2), iPod Shuffle (1), iPod Nano (1), \$25 gift card (4); \$25 Buca de Beppo gift card (1)
 - Rentsys:** Hand sanitizer (for all); \$50 gift card (1)
 - Time Warner Cable:** Gift Bag (9); Drink glass with lid (13), TWC tote bag (6); TWC flash drive (5), TWC drink koozie (1), TWC lunch bag (1)
 - Blackmon Mooring:** \$30 Chili's gift card (1)
 - American Airlines Credit Union:** Flashlight (for all); nail care kit (for all); Airplane Clock (1), umbrella (1)

A great big ACP THANK YOU to all our sponsors and donations!!!

Our thanks go to Mary Crea for coordinating our Christmas Menu and Location. And a big round of applause to goes to Susan Guinn and Carol Bearden for coordinating all the prizes – there were a lot of happy winners!!!



We have Winners! ACP Local Chapter Survey

Thank you to all who participated in our Local Chapter Survey. We received some excellent feedback and insight as to what you, our members would like.

We are pleased to announce that the \$100 gift card for "Best Suggestions" went to:

Richard White



Thanks Richard for your great ideas.

The board will be meeting to discuss all information received early in the New Year.

In addition, the random drawing for the \$50 gift card at the Holiday Lunch went to:

Mirella Coleman

2012 North Texas ACP Board Members

It's that time of year that we like to recognize our hardworking Board members for 2011. We say goodbye to Phyllis Brown – THANK YOU Phyllis for all your work behind the scenes to bring us the great programs we enjoyed in 2011. With that being said, we would like to welcome our new 2012 Board Members into office. They are:

PRESIDENT - Michael Carver

TREASURER - Jerry Knight

SECRETARY - Mark Weidner

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION - Dianne Stephens

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS (New Position) – Mia Marzullo

WEB MASTER - Mark Armour

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP - Scott Hildner

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS - Carol Bearden

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS- Susan Guinn

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION- Mary Crea

****Career Corner****

Welcome to our first column on Careers/ Employee Development. This column will be devoted to our members from the perspective of the employee. We will be focusing on:

- Your job classification, are you?:
 - Unemployed/ in Pre-Employment
 - Under employed
 - Miserably employed
 - Gainfully and Happily employed
- Jobs, which companies are hiring and how can I land that opportunity of a lifetime?
- Career Development/ Empowerment
- Using Social Networking- the Dos and the Don'ts
- Risk, how broad can we go to obtain opportunities?
- Internal HR, just what are they looking for?
- Head Hunters, are they working for me?
- Your community, what can we do to assist the community and also be recognized as a leader?

We will also be asking each of you to let us know what opportunities are available at your company. We are developing a standard job opening template for the person submitting the job to give us the details of the job and if they want to be the main point of contact.

Starting in January we will have two speakers each month, one devoted to the ACP topic of the month and the second speaker will be devoted to our employee career. January's career topic will be given by Carol Bearden and it is on the Tips and Tricks of using Social Media for job hunting.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for topics you want included in the Career Corner, please send me a note at: Susan.Guinn@Citi.com.

Upcoming Event in January – No charge for ACP members!

This conference is being held in New Orleans, which is not too far away. Airfare should be fairly inexpensive, so could be a great opportunity for fellow ACP members from North Texas to do a field trip!

International Disaster Conference & Expo Jan. 17-19, 2012: ACP Members Get 100% Discount on this Conference



IDCE is an event designed to unite the most internationally recognized and distinguished professionals from around the world for three days of problem solving, planning and preparation; and discussing relevant issues dealing with Emergency Management, Homeland Security, First Response, Loss Mitigation, Business Continuity, and all other disciplines within the fields of Disaster Preparation, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation on a global scale.

The International Disaster Conference and Exposition (IDCE2012), to be held January 17-19, 2012, at the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, will bring together emergency management, homeland security and disaster industry professionals from the public and private sectors around the world to share lessons learned and forward thinking regarding the policies, procedures and best practices shaping disaster preparation, response and recovery, loss mitigation, business continuity and more. Conference speakers, exhibitors and attendees will share the latest knowledge, technologies and techniques toward the common goal of minimizing the loss of life and property in future catastrophic events. Industry professionals can register to attend IDCE2012 through the IDCE website at <http://www.internationaldisasterconference.com>.

In addition to having the opportunity to exchange information and share best practices with fellow emergency professionals, IDCE2012 attendees will hear from notable speakers, presenters, panelists and special guests from around the globe. International industry leaders from Canada, the Caribbean, Netherlands, Australia, Europe, China, Japan, Haiti and more, some who have served their nations and localities during some of the most traumatic events of our times, will share their nation's stories and lessons learned.

Presenters on Tuesday, January 17 include:

- Gov. Bobby Jindal – Governor, Louisiana
- Craig Fugate – FEMA Administrator: "Private Sector Resources in the Emergency Management Plan; the Public-Private Partnership"
- Tom Ridge – CEO Ridge Global; First Director DHS; former Governor of Pennsylvania: "DHS and the Face of Emergency Management 10 Years Later"

100% Discount for ACP Members: ACP members should use this code: **IDCEACP** for discount. **Tip:** At the end of registration, place the code in the "Enter Discount Code" section, using IDCEACP. Then hit "APPLY DISCOUNT" and then "Continue" (if you don't hit 'apply discount' prior to 'continue', the discount will not apply). Click [here](#) for details.

Note: The South Central ACP Chapters will meet for dinner on Wednesday night. This will be an ACP-only meeting, to give you the opportunity to interact with other ACP members. Bonnie Canal (President of the New Orleans chapter) and chapter members will select a local restaurant and provide transportation to and from the event.