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Quote of the Month

"Consultants always know that when you see the light at the end of the tunnel...order more tunnel." *David Tickner*

President's Comments...



Your 2012 North Texas ACP Board established the following goals for 2012:

- **Increase membership in the ACP North Texas Chapter by 20%**
- **Improve community outreach**
- **Increase membership value.**

I am excited as we work to grow our chapter in 2012 while making it valuable to you as a member. Our chapter is part of the Association of Contingency Planners national organization, which also has similar goals for 2012. Specifically, membership emphasis is planned to broaden our reach beyond business continuity, disaster recovery, and emergency management in and around our current 43 U.S. chapters. Several programs are underway at the national level to also increase your benefits from being an ACP member.

Our community outreach goal is directed at increasing our chapter's visibility as we help others in the DFW area. Some ideas the Board has in this area are working in a food bank, participation in mock disaster events/drills, and participate/sponsor outside events. Some other ACP chapters hold a food or toy drive in conjunction with the December luncheon.

Without your participation, we won't be able to meet these goals. Please contact any or all of your Chapter Board members with ideas--and be on watch for community involvement opportunities for our chapter.

-Mike

North Texas Chapter Meetings

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR UPCOMING MEETING

Date: February 7, 2012

Subject: "Why the Institute?" & "Engaging & Sustaining Interest of the Board"

Speaker: Alex Arvanitidis

Affiliation: Business Continuity Institute (BCI)

Location: H5 Colo (*Note: There is a cafeteria available for lunch*)

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

Agenda:

- Welcome
 - Recognize new members
 - Recognize visitors
 - New certifications, jobs, job searchers
 - Career Corner – Susan Guinn + guest speaker Lucy Cortez
- Upcoming Events
 - BCAW
- Additional items of interest
- Spotlight: Julie Hicks – Continuity Housing
- Speaker 1: Alex Arvanitidis
- Speaker 2: Lucy Cortez – Toto, Training and YOU

Special Points of Interest/Inside this issue

- *Meeting recap*
- *Welcome , Congratulations, Thanks, Hellos and Goodbyes*
- *News*
- *Career Corner*
- *Upcoming Meeting Information*

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January Meeting Recap

What an action packed meeting our group experienced during our January meeting! From exciting news about our 'Career Corner', to which media and social networking to use/not to use, and finally an insight into several recoveries during live disasters! We were exposed to a variety of different recovery tools which are available to keep in our DR/BC 'toolbox'. And the bottom line of the message? **STAY FLEXIBLE...**

Our thanks go to Steve O Neal from Rentsys, for taking time to give us a very informative presentation.

Also thank you to Carol Bearden for bringing us laughter and tips on the 'best kept secrets' on Linked In.

Last but not least – thanks to Susan Guinn who spoke about ContinuityLink. ContinuityLink offers multiple Business Continuity Management public or in-house training opportunities here in the US and Europe. Qualified and experienced instructors provide basic or specialized training for the Business Continuity Management role. There is some upcoming BC training in Houston. Please check their website for additional information. <http://www.continuitylink.com>. Members of ACP are eligible to receive a discount. *Contact Susan for more information (Susan.Guinn@citi.com)*



Company Spotlight

Nancy Heath (Director of Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery – Energy Future Holdings)

Our spotlight this month was on Energy Future Holdings/TXU energy. Many thanks to **Nancy Heath** for giving us a glimpse of her company and their BC/DR structure – we appreciate you taking time to visit. Come back and see us soon Nancy!

➤ February Speaker Information

In February we will be hearing from Alex Arvanitidis from the Business Continuity Institute. He will be doing a "two in one presentation". The first part of the presentation is about "Why the Institute?" that is "Why get certified and become a member of the BCI". The second part of the presentation is called, "Engaging & Sustaining Interest of the Board" and is based on a recent survey that the BCI conducted, that we thought our practitioners would be interested in. This will also give those that are not familiar with our research a sample of what BCI does.

We will also be discussing what's new in the job market and Training in Career Corner – so be sure to come and hear about current openings and industry trends!

Welcome New Members

We would like to give a warm North Texas chapter “Howdy” to the following new members:



Lucero Cortez
Kristin Dolliff

Congratulations

Well done to the following members on their recent Certifications:



Mike Carver – MBCP
Dianne Stephens - MBCI

Goodbye...

We will be saying ‘Au Revoir’ (til we meet again) to Carol Bearden, who is stepping down from her brief occupation of the Program Director. Carol has landed a new position and is taking a short sabbatical from the BC/DR world. Until we meet again Carol – we wish you every success with your new Project Management position.

Lasting change does not happen
overnight, but in increments of a
day, an hour, a minute ~ Sarah Ban
Breathnach

News!!!

Information about New International Standards for Business Continuity

The New International Requirements Standard (ISO 22301) for Business Continuity Management Systems is scheduled to be published between April and June 2012

How close will ISO 22301 be to BS 25999-2?

ISO 22301 is based on BCM best practice, as is BS 25999. As such the contents of the document are likely to be similar taking into account the evolution of the BCM practice since the last publication of BS 25999-2 (4 years). However there won't be a one-to-one conversion between ISO 22301 and BS 25999-2.

Will there be an ISO equivalent of BS 25999-2?

Yes, ISO 22313 should become available in late 2012.

For additional information on the comparison of today's business continuity standards, you can visit Searchdisasterrecovery.techtarget.com tips (Note: You will need to register as a free member first)

Complimentary 15th Edition Disaster Resource GUIDE

The upcoming 15th Edition of the Disaster Resource GUIDE is complimentary to BC/EM/ERM industry professionals (a print or digital copy)

Below is a sign up link...

http://www.disaster-resource.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=80&Itemid=20

Career Corner

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?

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

Welcome to...

Career Corner:

The following introduction was from Marcia Zidle of the Free Management Library

"Businesses used to partner with employees to carry out employees' career planning and development. Times have changed. Now, businesses are coming to view career development primarily as the employee's responsibility. If you are concerned about your career, as you should be during these turbulent economic times, then take complete ownership of it.

Where do you want to be one, three, five or ten years from now? Do you have an action plan to get there? What career options are there for you to get greater challenge, variety or personal satisfaction? How well do you leverage your strengths and networks to advance your career? Are you using the latest job search strategies so that you can stand out from the crowd? In other words, how well do you manage your career?"

This month we will be covering the importance of training. We will have a speaker at the meeting in February, so plan on attending and find out what you can do for your training. Take a look at the follow link and see if it applies to anyone you know.

<http://www.glassdoor.com/blog/career-plan/>

In the coming months, we will be covering articles on how you can take charge and ownership of your future. Some of the articles will be links to websites; some of them will be from interviews from HR professionals in your companies.

Again, all of this information will be driven from what you are interested in. Please contact me at Susan.Guinn@citi.com or at 469-220-8604. I want to hear your ideas and thoughts on Career Development.

Upcoming Events

Business Continuity Awareness Week March 19th to 23rd Theme for 2012 will be "TIME"

Commonly known as "BCAW", this established global educational event provides an excellent opportunity for the business continuity community to collectively reach out to new audiences and help them understand the benefits of Business Continuity Management.

Continuity Insights – Scottsdale, Arizona April 16-18

The Continuity Insights Management Conference, April 16-18, 2012, Scottsdale, AZ, is the premier event for strategic business continuity discussion. Three days of comprehensive educational programming, numerous networking opportunities, a review of the latest technologies and practices, additional certification and post-conference workshops, and much more.

FAST FACTS

Talking Stick Resort, 9800 East Indian Bend Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Conference and Exhibition: April 16-18, 2012, Monday to Wednesday (times vary)

Post-Conference Classes: April 19-20, 2012, Thursday and Friday (workshops and times vary)

Continuity Cares: April 19 and 20, 2012, Thursday and Friday, a community volunteer effort.

For complete information: <http://www.continuityinsights.com/scottsdale>

Or email Bob directly at: Robert.Nakao@advantagemedia.com

Directions to our Upcoming Meeting

Address for H5 Colo Location:

H5CoLo
2712 Park Central
Dallas, Texas 75251

- Park in the visitor parking provided.
- As you face north towards the buildings you want to enter into 4PC (3 story building on the left)
- Take the Elevator to the Ground Floor (Basement) and you have arrived.

[Click Here](#) for Google Map - Should you have any questions, Please call (972) GET-COLO or (972) 438-2656



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Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
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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