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Quote of the Month

"It is the way we communicate with others that determines the quality of our lives..." *Anthony Robbins*. This is especially true during an incident.



President's Comments...

The year is nearly half over. How is your annual exercise schedule holding up?

Please block out your calendar now for our upcoming chapter meetings. The topics for the rest of our 2012 meetings can be found on page 7. If you don't block the meeting dates now, it is so easy to let others keep you from attending by taking that time slot.

One area where I could really use your help is during our Overview of DRII Professional Practices meeting which is planned for November 6 but may swap with our September 11 meeting topic. I need 10 people to volunteer.

Yes, seriously! Each person would [quickly] cover a specific DRII Professional Practice. After the professional practice is covered, we plan to have a discussion about how the group applies the practice in the real world. This is a great way for North Texas ACP to reach out to new professionals in our field. If your manager is not familiar with business continuity and/or disaster recovery, bring him or her to the meeting, also.

Elections for chapter officers will be coming up quickly as the summer draws to a close. If you would like to know more about what is required for any of the positions, please reach out to any of your board members.

Hopefully, you aren't now in a panic. You did not miss the summer. But, keep an eye on your exercise schedule or that very well may consume your entire year!

Don't forget to sign up for our June 14 field trip to the National Weather Service in Norman, Oklahoma.

-Mike

North Texas Chapter Meetings

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR UPCOMING MEETING

Date: Thursday June 14, 2012

FIELD TRIP

National Weather Service Field trip to Oklahoma

Location: Norman Oklahoma

(Note: We will be meeting for lunch at a local restaurant)

Time: Refer Page 3 for more details

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Special Points of Interest/Inside this issue

- *June Field Trip*
- *April Meeting recap*
- *Career Corner*
- *Upcoming Meeting Calendar for 2012*
- *Welcome*
- *Congratulations*

June Meeting information

SPECIAL FIELD TRIP FOR ACP NORTH TEXAS MEMBERS

Let's get together for an exciting road trip opportunity to visit the National Weather Service! Located just north (ok a little farther north) of the Texas border in Norman, Oklahoma, This trip is an exciting opportunity to learn more about weather warnings and how the center prepares relevant storm information and distributes it to the public before, during and after a weather event.

We will journey together on a chartered expedition to Norman where we will tour the facility and then have our monthly meeting over lunch at Norman's local Sooner Legends restaurant. Please note: this will serve as June's scheduled meeting; there will not be a local meeting in Dallas during the month.

The details:

- Thursday, June 14th
- Meet in Lewisville (Vista Ridge Mall) at 630am to board chartered bus/other transport (exact location details to be provided as we get closer to the event)
- Depart immediately to make 10:00am tour
- Lunch around noon – we have a fun location in mind...
- Return to Dallas (Lewisville) – leaving Norman no later than 2:30pm

Your action:

- Limited to the first 35 respondents
- Cost is \$35 per person, plus lunch
- Due and payable as soon as possible

****PLEASE BRING CHECKS PAYABLE TO' ACP NORTH TEXAS'****

- Send your reservation request to Mia Marzullo @ miachelle.marzullo@lexisnexis.com .

NOTE: Be prepared to show your government issued I.D. at the facility's entrance

- **Non US Citizens must provide additional information prior to the event; please contact Mia for information**

Questions? Please email or call Mia directly at 214.731.1121

Welcome New Members

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



**Wendy Ector
Martin Gonzalez
Sheri Harrelson
Mathew Kennedy
Dana McGowan
Brandon Mohom
Warren Shayler
Samuel Taylor**

Congratulations!!



A hearty “Congratulations!” to the following members on their recent Certifications:

David Sidway - MBCI certified

Every man dies.
Not every man really lives.

William Wallace

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:

My article this month is 8 Core Beliefs of Extraordinary Bosses. <http://www.inc.com/geoffrey-james/8-core-beliefs-of-extraordinary-bosses.html>

We all know that we are in charge of our own destiny; nothing can be daunting or more prophetic. Recently I took a mandated training class about Customer Service Excellence in the workplace, depending on how we see ourselves; our customers can be either internal employees or outside customers, where we try to do right by both. This brings us to our column today on "8 Core Beliefs of Extraordinary Bosses." Our positions lead us to be Project Managers and Program Managers, both requiring a delicate balancing act on influencing others. I encourage each of you to take a look on how you can be a leader in your own destiny.

Speaking of leadership, our Board is planning a few field trips for the summer months to make your membership more interesting and more rewarding. The first one is the trip to Norman, Oklahoma to the National Weather Service. If you have not already done so, please contact Mia at: Miachelle.marzullo@lexisnexis.com to secure your reservation, no later than June 1, 2012. The cost is \$35.00 and checks payable to North Texas ACP should be sent to:

Comerica Bank
PO Box 650282
Mail Code: 6527
Dallas, TX 75265-0282

Attention: Jerry Knight

The second one will be in August will be in Fort Worth at Bureau of Engraving, from a Risk Management perspective. You can bet managing money is a very risky business. Please plan on attending if you can.

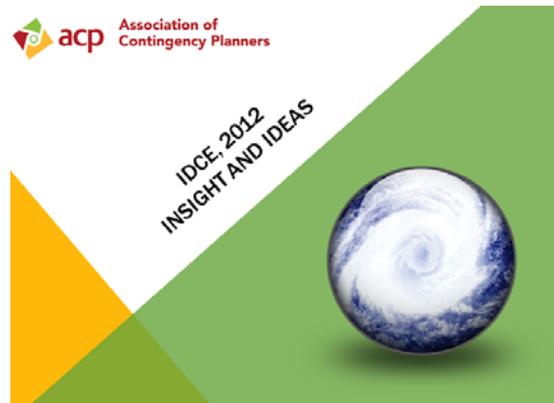
Remember you too can also be an Extraordinary Boss, take the time to develop you career to where you want it to be.

Susan

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.

April Meeting Recap

Below are some bullet points covered during the summary of IDCE 2012 convention, given by Mia Marzullo. Thank you for a great presentation Mia!



Think Bigger

- The world is not planning big enough
- Plan for the unexpected
- Volunteerism, Student education and coordination
- Partner and Private Partnership (PPP)
- Technology in response

More interactive and creative effort

- Mitigation and preparedness
 - Identify the bigger widespread event
 - Cooperative efforts amongst diverse groups
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Private sector must lead the way

- Depend less on government
- Innovate and integrate self reliance
 - Personal and professional

Get the next generation involved!

- College/University level
- Internships, work programs, volunteer efforts
 - Training, exercises, lecturing
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- Stop, drop and roll?
- Personal disaster plans
 - Family plan projects

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Get involved

Community outreach

Inspired to do more with next generation

- Tour the national weather center (OK) with OKC chapter
 - Work with local colleges/universities
 - Mentoring/training/lecturing
- Presenting ACP as membership option

UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting calendar

Date	Location	Spotlight	Career Corner	Presentation 1	Presentation 2
June 14	Oklahoma	National Weather Service, Norman, Oklahoma			
July 10	Boy Scouts	Jesse Davis, AA Credit Union	DRI 2012: Mary Crea	Risk Database: Michael Gaciri	John Small (PS Prep)
Aug 7	Fort Worth	Bureau of Engraving	none	Risk Manager	Tour
Sept 11	Boy Scouts	none	none	Private Public Partnership: Mia getting a speaker	[swap with November if date is an issue]
Oct 2--tentative	UNT (evening)	none	none	UNT speaker	NTX ACP Overview for the students
Oct 9 2-4 PM	Gaylord Texan	CPM West: ACP Regional	none	Keynote (Nat'l Board?)	Introductions
Nov 6	Boy Scouts [consider holding this meeting topic at H5 CoLo]	none	none	Overview on DRII Professional Practices: Short by section, then roundtable--identify SMEs for future sessions	[swap with September if date is an issue]
Dec 4	Lawry's	Annual Luncheon: 65 people limit	Recognize 2012 MVP	Welcome / All 2012 Certifications & Awards	Prizes



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Meeting Schedule and Locations for 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jun 14th	Field Trip
Jul 10 th	Boy Scouts of America
Aug 7 th	Field Trip
Sep 11th	Boy Scouts of America
Oct 2nd	Evening Field Trip
Nov 6 th	Boys Scouts of America
Dec 4th	Holiday Luncheon

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