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President's Comments – December 2017

Happy Holidays fellow North Texas Chapter Members! As the year draws to a close, this is a good time to reflect on the past year. I believe we've delivered some great programs, from the recent tour of BNSF to the presentations and tours at Belfor, Regus and Mary Kay. We also had our first virtual meeting in partnership with the California Bay Area Chapter. This is not to mention the great speakers and topics we've had. We heard from one of our Board Members, Wendy Nelson at Raytheon, earlier this year about proving program efficiencies and effectiveness. We also heard from other chapter members like Shane Mathew and Joel Navarro about the innovative approaches they have taken within their programs. Chapter member Greg Holdburg conducted a great presentation about the metamorphosis of the profession. We even heard from well-known and respected members of the BC community like Chloe Demrovsky, President of DRI and Cheyenne Marling, President of BC Management, Inc.

It was a difficult year as well. There was the horrific mass shooting in Las Vegas and, most recently, in our own state at a church in Sutherland Springs. Puerto Rico is still dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. Closer to home, Hurricane Harvey came ashore on August 25th near Rockport, TX as a Category 4 storm. But it was Houston and surrounding communities that were hardest hit by several days of torrential rains that brought devastating flooding to the area. Elsewhere, there were business-impacting events like the Wannacry ransomware virus and the data breach at Equifax that compromised the personal data of at least 145 million individuals and resulted in the departure of the company's CIO and CISO. We also saw social media drive reporting and impact as United Airlines dealt with the aftermath of a passenger who was violently removed by airport security. We are now seeing a torrent of inappropriate behavior allegations against many household names in the film and television business as well as prominent political figures.

It is not just the number of events we've seen this year that is striking but the variety as well as breadth and scope of some. Many of these resulted in the tragic loss of human life. The impact of others was felt elsewhere, whether it was organizational profits or the personal reputation of many well-known celebrities. Time and again we see the evidence that the best organizations and individuals take precautions not just because it is required but because it is the right thing to do. And this

And this is reflected in the fact that the poorest prepared are often affected by problems of their own making. This does not absolve us of our responsibility. Events like these are reminders of the need for preparedness. We can only do so much to mitigate risks. Some are beyond our ability to significantly mitigate, such as storms and floods. Others, such as acts of terror, may be known and understood, but their timing and location are difficult or impossible to predict.

Constantly being the voice of readiness and vigilance can be a daunting task, particularly when others don't see the dangers around them, but it is a necessary role. I find the work I do personally rewarding but have discovered that it comes without a lot of accolades. For that reason, I would like to thank all of you for the work you put in each and every day. It is expected that things will run smoothly and without interruption so it is rare that our contributions to such outcomes is acknowledged. At the same time it is too easy to focus on the problems when they arise rather than the improvements, benefits and opportunities they bring to light. You and your work are truly appreciated and I hope all of you continue in your efforts in 2018. Take care and I hope all of you have a truly wonderful holiday season!

### **2018 ACP Board Elections**

A notification will be sent out with a survey for members to cast their votes. It is still not too late to volunteer for a board position and it is a great opportunity to help shape the direction of our chapter in 2018. If you are interested in running for a position on the board or require more information, please contact Allan Schmidt, [allan.p.schmidt@hpe.com](mailto:allan.p.schmidt@hpe.com)

### **Updated Member Badges**

Our Secretary, Wendy Nelson, has created updated badges for all members. Badges will be available for pickup at the next meeting. If you are not able to attend, please let Wendy know at [wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com](mailto:wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com) to make alternate arrangements. Thanks again Wendy for undertaking this project. It is greatly appreciated!

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**NORTH TEXAS ACP CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of every month from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm. The location varies, so check the Chapter Newsletter or Web Site for location information. If you have a topic you would like discussed or presented please contact any of our board members in the table above.

**Next Meeting**

**Date**-----December 5, 2017

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (RSVP Required)**

**Time**-----11:30 am (Please note earlier start time!)

**Location**           Maggiano’s Little Italy  
205 North Park Center  
Dallas, TX 75225

**[Link to Map](#)**

**Food**----- Lunch sponsored by ACP N. Texas Chapter

**Donating Swag for the Holiday Luncheon**

**We’re looking for donations for door prizes at the holiday luncheon. Items can be singular, bundled, wrapped, unwrapped, or even in giver sacks. For more information on making donations, please contact Carol Delatte at [carol.6323@gmail.com](mailto:carol.6323@gmail.com).**

**Meeting Agenda**

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Welcome.....	Mark Armour
Upcoming Events.....	Mark Armour
ACP Officer Reports.....	ACP Board
Educational Opportunities.....	Carol Delatte

**2018 Meeting Schedule and Locations**

***Schedule and location are subject to change!***

January 9, 2018.....	Quest Diagnostics
February 6, 2018.....	Boy Scouts of America
March 6, 2018.....	Quest Diagnostics
April 3, 2018.....	Boy Scouts of America

*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,

## Mentoring Program

George Philpott, Mentorship Director is currently working on the release of the North Texas ACP Mentoring Program. For more information, contact George at [george.philpott@ftr.com](mailto:george.philpott@ftr.com)

## Training Opportunities

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

- DRI2018
  - February 11-14, 2018 – Nashville, TN
  - Approx \$1195 (\$300 discount expires 1/6/18) Does not include lodging/transportation
  - <http://driconference.org/>
- DRJ Spring World 2018
  - March 25-28, 2018 – Orlando, FL
  - Approx \$1195 (Discounts available for ACP members) Does not include lodging/transportation
    - <http://www.drj.com/springworld2018/>
- Continuity Insights Management Conference 2018
  - April 23-25, 2018 – Miami, FL
  - Approx \$1295 (Discounts available for ACP members) Does not include lodging/transportation
  - <http://continuityinsights.brownrice.com/events/16th-annual-continuity-insights-management-conference>

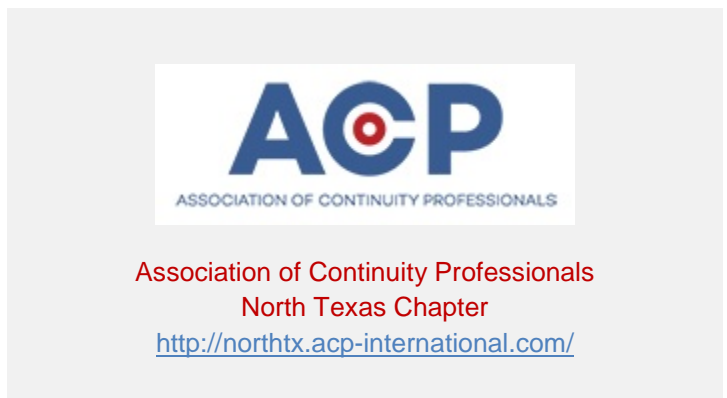
### **Ongoing Webinars:**

- Federal Government
  - <https://www.fema.gov/continuity-webinar-series>
    - The [Continuity Webinar Series](#) is held on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 1 P.M. Central Time.
- ACP International
  - <https://www.acp-international.com/professional-development/webinars>
    - Held monthly. Check website for details.
- Firestorm
  - <https://www.firestorm.com/>
    - Held at least once a month. Check website for details, scroll down and look under Events

- Bright Talk
  - [BC webinars and recordings, by date](#)
    - Random scheduling.

### **Courses beyond conferences/webinars:**

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



There are a number of ways to find out what we have planned:

- 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