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North Texas Chapter

Everything we do professionally and as an organization is dedicated to protecting lives, safeguarding businesses, and fostering community resiliency



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President's Comments – June 2018

Distinguished North Texas ACP Chapter Members.

Hope this column finds you and your continuity programs performing well. Your chapter President took some time off at a Yoga Retreat in the Bahamas. What a beautiful island country! There are 700 of them. You might ask how I know that. While my taxi was taking me to the pier to catch the boat to Paradise Island we passed several "700 Spirits and Wines" locations. I finally asked the taxi driver why they called the stores 700 Spirits and Wines. His reply was: "there are 700 islands in the Bahamas." Wow, 700! Paradise Island, where the Atlantis Resort is located and the

Yoga Retreat, is very small, about a mile long and ¼ mile wide. There are no roads. A causeway to Paradise Island from Nassau ends at the Atlantis resort. So the wealthy have these golf cart looking things with big tires that swiftly take them to the Atlantis via the beach.

As I returned home, relaxed and rejuvenated, I found a program on our DVR that my husband saved because he knows my passion for continuity. I am not a Mark Levin follower, however, my husband listens to him every day on the radio in his man-shop.

I can't tell you how many times I visited his man-shop just in time to hear "get off the phone you dumb dope!" I'm told this phrase is a favorite comment by Mr. Levin with callers on his radio show. The Fox News Channel has sponsored a show for Mr. Levin entitled *Life, Liberty, and Levin*. The April 22<sup>nd</sup> show, which Mr. Levin called "...a topic of grave importance," with his guest Dr. Peter Pry, Director of the Task Force on National and Homeland Security. Dr. Pry endeavors to carry on the work of the EMP (Electromagnetic Pulse) Commission from the Reagan years. Here is a link to the Fox News Mark Levin archives - <https://video.foxnews.com/playlist/on-air-life-liberty-levin/>. It's a good program and I highly recommend you have a listen. I do have a USB copy of the program if you cannot find the April 22, 2018 program on the Fox News web site.

I've not worried too much about nuclear war due to the fact it would ruin all resources when detonated at ground level, which I'm sure our attackers would want

to avoid. After watching this show a nuclear bomb can be detonated in the atmosphere where the results will be a large electromagnetic pulse that will destroy electronics across a huge area. This includes high voltage transformers that will fail and hence no more power for a long, long time. Without power in a widespread area, I predict our society would come to a standstill within about a week. An EMP scenario takes on a new level of threat and highlights the need for personal preparedness due to the likelihood of total social anarchy. Most business continuity plans assume society is intact. Yes, we've had widespread power outages from hurricanes, tornadoes, and wildfires is not at all the same magnitude. At least not to the extent that Dr. Pry eluded to in this program and the report from the EMP Commission –

<http://www.empcommission.org/reports.php>.

Now that I've added a new threat for you and your programs to consider, be thinking about how well you are personally prepared for social anarchy. Do you have at least seven days' worth of food and water for your family and pets? How well do you know your neighbors? Your neighborhood? Your city? I'm glad I live in the country. I just hope when it happens I'm not too far away from home! How about you? Have you seen this informative web site – <http://www.prepandbeready.com/?cat=20> ?

I welcome your comments on this threat at [wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com](mailto:wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com). Until next month, enjoy your air conditioning.

At your service, Wendy

### Updated Member Badges

Updated badges are now available. Please contact Carol DeLatta at [carol.6323@gmail.com](mailto:carol.6323@gmail.com) to make arrangements to have your badge mailed to you. Thanks again to our Chapter President, Wendy Nelson for undertaking this project. It is greatly appreciated!

### Updating Your Contact Information

**Please ensure you keep your contact information current on the national website. This information is used by the board to contact our chapter membership!!!**

### May 2018 Chapter Meeting Highlights

If you missed last month's members only meeting, held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the **Toyota North America** campus in Plano, you missed an exciting and very informative event. Team Toyota hosted a great ACP event for our North Texas chapter members. Multiple executives and management covered the DR and BCP planning and strategy that Toyota uses to be successful, and answered every question asked by our members. After the presentations, gift bags, and "car giveaway", ACP members were provided a tour of the new Plano campus (which is extremely impressive to say the least!) At the conclusion of the tour, there as a North Texas ACP Mixer with food and drink that was sponsored by both **Toyota** and **Ripcord Solutions**. No attendee drove away from that meeting disappointed and we again want to Thank Team Toyota and Ripcord for preparing, planning and hosting our Chapter Members in such a unique way at our monthly meeting.

### It's Spring. It's North Texas ACP Mentorship Time

It's time for the North TEXAS ACP Mentorship Program! The Mentorship Program is a chance to form a relationship with new and future ACP members and develop your personal and professional skills! Don't miss this chance to further your development within the ACP industry! We are looking for volunteers. If you would like to be a Mentor or Mentee or know someone that may be interested, please contact George Philpott at [george.philpott@ftr.com](mailto:george.philpott@ftr.com)

### Programs:

Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Boy Scouts of America in Irving. We are lucky to have Melissa Rhodes from Assurance Software (previously *Sungard Availability Software & Services*) in town and be able to present to us in person. Her presentation topic will be "**Planning a Surprise DR exercise – Is your program ready to take DR testing to the next step and have a surprise DR test?**" We would also like to thank Melissa in advance for sponsoring lunch for our meeting. To make sure lunch is available, please confirm your attendance in advance via the meeting invite that has been sent out. The ACP-NT continues to appreciate the speakers and hosts of our monthly events in supporting our profession.

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**NORTH TEXAS ACP CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of every month from 12:00 noon to 2:00 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**-----June 5, 2018

**Time**-----12:00 pm

**Location**-----Boy Scouts of America  
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75015

[Map](#)

**Lunch**-----Sponsored by Assurance Software

**Check your email for RSVP for accurate headcount!**

**Meeting Agenda**

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Welcome.....	Wendy Nelson
Upcoming Events.....	Wendy Nelson
ACP Officer Reports.....	ACP Board
Featured Speaker.....	Melissa Rhodes

**Program:** Planning a Surprise DR exercise – Is your program ready to take DR testing to the next step and have a surprise DR test?

**2018 Meeting Schedule and Locations**

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

June 5.....	Boy Scouts of America
July 10.....	Quest Diagnostics
August 7.....	Boy Scouts of America
September 11.....	Quest Diagnostics
October 2.....	Boy Scouts of America
November 6.....	Quest Diagnostics
December 4.....	Holiday Luncheon-North Texas ACP Members and invited guests ONLY-RSVP Required

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 an upcoming meeting.

## The Benefits of ACP Membership

Submitted by: Carol DeLatte, MBCI, CBCP and Secretary for the North TX Chapter of ACP

Why should you join or renew your ACP membership? We polled several active members of the North Texas Chapter, here's what they had to say:

- ... information provided ... which helps me stay relevant in the industry.
- ... network, which often includes sponsored lunches (free to ACP members)
- ... BC learning/improvement and support group
- ... the friends I have made (i.e. networking)
- ... learning new ways of doing things
- ... behind-the-scenes field trips which are interesting, relevant, educational and fun
- ... personal development – Over and above the professional side, by being a member and working with peers across multiple companies, industries and disciplines, I have a better appreciation of areas that I may not have exposure to within my own company. As such, I can use that information about my industry to advance myself personally and professionally.
- ... deep-dive discussions on relevant and timely topics

... networking. Meet the best people within the DFW area that have similar job duties.

## What's your "WHY"?

What does ACP National list as top benefits of membership? Here's their top ten list:

10. Online Resources – news, information etc. [www.acp-international.com](http://www.acp-international.com)
9. Recognition – peer support and industry acknowledgement of accomplishments
8. Industry Presence – recognized as authoritative voice for the profession
7. Local Chapter Presence – 30+ chapters across US
6. Speaker's Bureau – locally and nationwide
5. Sharing Accomplishments – share your news, we will broadcast it!
4. Member Discounts – group insurance, conferences, trade publications
3. Social Media – LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook – to name a few
2. Education – local presentations, monthly national webinars, annual conference
1. Networking – often with food/drinks involved!

**If you haven't renewed for 2018, now is the time to reconsider.**

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## Training Opportunities

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

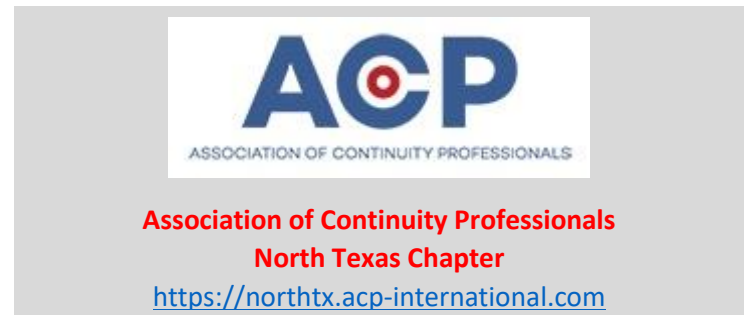
- DRJ Fall 2018
  - September 23-26, 2018 – Phoenix, AZ
  - <http://www.drj.com/fall2018/>
- ASIS 2016 Seminar and Exhibits
  - September 23-27, 2018 – Las Vegas, NV
  - <https://www.gsx.org/>
- BCI World
  - November 6-7, 2018 – London, UK
  - <https://www.thebci.org/event-detail/event-calendar/bci-world-conference---exhibition-2018.html#about>

### **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