



ASSOCIATION OF CONTINUITY PROFESSIONALS

North Texas Chapter

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



Holiday Edition 2018

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President's Comments

Greetings of the Season, Fellow North Texas Chapter Members.

I am off work until Monday, January 7. Hopefully I'll get something accomplished while I'm off. As I reflect on what we've accomplished as a chapter in 2018, I am very proud of our members for making the North Texas Chapter THE best chapter in the entire ACP organization! I do hope you enjoy the entire holiday season with family and friends. I was visiting a close friend this week and there was a box on her coffee table of an Amazon Echo. I asked her if she was going to

"hook it up." Her answer was "No, I didn't buy it and it came from some advertising company and I'm planning on sending it back." I told her to throw it away, especially if it was unsolicited. We began to discuss a world with listening devices and camera's everywhere. According to relink.com, most of us are photographed over 75 times a day without even thinking once about people capturing our images. You may have forgotten your neighbor's outdoor surveillance, the traffic cameras, hidden lenses in the office elevator, street monitoring areas, and police cars, just to name a few.

Now, we are buying devices to save us a few steps to turn something on or off or lock the front door...you know the new gadget where someone is always listening. For the most part, these devices save us time and effort to allow us to do the "good things," like something other than walking to lock the front door. I put on my devil's advocate hat and mentioned if the device is unsolicited, maybe someone added something to listen in, not just Amazon. Even with Amazon, your conversations are not private.

The very next day my friend sends me this story – <https://gizmodo.com/the-amazon-alexa-eavesdropping-nightmare-came-true-1831231490?fbclid=IwAR3UG-RxNWf5dQrmLnqQHJjk2hK9gHPUzAJUSaOF8jzl-9NtkMOjgbB-wjs>

I'm curious as to your take on the Internet of Things (IoT) capturing thousands of our images and/or conversations. Send me your opinions, or your take on

security, or maybe that family holiday picture to [wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com](mailto:wendy.a.nelson@raytheon.com).

Chet has some great meetings lined up for you so you won't want to miss any chapter meetings in 2019. Block time off on your calendar for the first Tuesday of every month, except for January and September (08-Jan and 10-Sep are due to holidays). See you there!

At your service,

Wendy

### **Programs Update From Chet Bojarski:**

Wendy did a great job recapping the programs schedule in her previous article, and during our year end event we held in December. I personally wanted to take a moment to Thank You and also say that I am honored to have been nominated as your programs director again for 2019.

I have been working diligently over the past few months getting ready for the 2019 year. I am very excited that we will build on our 2018 program and member accomplishments, and expand the programs in this next year. During 2018 I personally hope that every member and meeting attendee had a great return on their North Texas ACP Chapter membership investment. We see our membership and monthly attendance continuing to grow, and I will do my best to ensure you remain an active member in our program by providing unique and time appropriate presentations at our monthly meetings. In fact, we already have on the calendar three after meeting networking sessions in 2019 to encourage you to know your fellow members, with the first being this February.

Join us on January 8<sup>th</sup> where Jim Rosenbluth with Prepara Corporation will be flying in to present as our guest speaker (we will be at our normal Quest meeting room starting at Noon). His presentation will be "Business Continuity v. 3.0: BC Goes Strategic", and we look forward to his presentation to kick off our 2019 sessions!

Have a Fantastic and Safe Holiday Season.

### **Member Badges**

Updated member badges have now been mailed out. If you did not receive yours or are a new member and would like to request a badge, please contact Carol DeLatta at [carol.6323@gmail.com](mailto:carol.6323@gmail.com). Ensure your membership information is up-to-date.

### **Mentorship Program**

Having a great mentor is one of the greatest things that can happen to you in life. Someone once said "IF I SEE ANY FURTHER, IT'S BECAUSE I STOOD ON THE SHOULDERS OF THOSE THAT ARE AHEAD OF ME.

With that said, we have a need for a Mentor.

We have a young educated professional that works in the Ft Worth, Texas area looking for a great Mentor. I have met and talked with this young man, and am very impressed with his wanting to grow his Business Continuity (BC) and Crisis Management (CM) skills. He has a college degree, is CBCP certified, and speaks 2 languages: English and Spanish. This professional has worked for the same international company for over 13 years and just started in the BC/CM field just over a year ago. He is eager to learn. Is a great listener, and asks smart questions.

If you are willing and excited to take on this Mentorship challenge, please reach out to me; George Philpott, CBCP, [george.philpott@employbridge.com](mailto:george.philpott@employbridge.com), [gwphilpott@aol.com](mailto:gwphilpott@aol.com), or my cell; 214-986-0708.

### **2019 National Board Elections**

Congratulations to Susan Guinn and Allan Schmidt on their election to the ACP National Board of Directors! Their 3 year term begins January 1, 2019. Susan was re-elected to her second term while Allan is new to the board this year.

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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**----- January 8, 2019

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

**Location:** Quest Diagnostics  
2655 Villa Creek Drive #160  
Farmers Branch  
Dallas, TX 75234

[Map](#)

**2019 Meeting Schedule and Locations**

*Schedule and location are subject to change!*

January 8.....	Quest Diagnostics
February 5.....	Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits
March 5.....	Quest Diagnostics Lab in Irving (Not regular Quest meeting location)
April 2.....	SIRIUS Computer Solutions
May 7.....	Toyota North America Headquarters - Plano
June 4.....	Boy Scouts of America
July 9.....	Quest Diagnostics
August 6.....	Boy Scouts of America
September 10.....	Site visit (TBD)
October 1.....	Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
November 5.....	Mary Kay Headquarters
December 3.....	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!

## Training Opportunities

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

- DRI2019
  - February 17-20, 2019 – Las Vegas, NV
  - <https://conference.drii.org/>
- DRJ Spring 2019
  - March 24-27 – Orlando FL.
  - <https://www.drj.com/spring2019/>
- Continuity Insights Management Conference
  - April 15-17, 2019 – New Orleans, LA
  - [www.continuityinsights.com/events/17th-annual-continuity-insights-management-conference/](http://www.continuityinsights.com/events/17th-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



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