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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

Last Month's Meeting / Holiday Luncheon

The holiday luncheon was a wonderful success; the largest turn out yet!! The food was fantastic, especially the desserts. We owe a special thank you to Iris Patton, Richard Vance, and Cynthia Roop.

Election of New Officers

We would like to announce and congratulate the new officers for 2002:

President:	Iris Patton
Secretary:	Jim Nowak
Treasurer:	Richard Vance
Programs:	W.D. Koempel
Information Mgr:	Venus Adams
Membership:	Pete Walsh
Past President:	Bob Janusaitis

A special thanks to Bob for the great job he did in 2001.

MVP Selection

The votes are in ... The MVP for 2001 is Ms. Iris Patton. This is the greatest honor any chapter member may attain. CONGRATULATIONS!!! And thanks for all the hard work and solid commitment to the ACP.

Message from the President

The business continuity planning industry continues to rapidly grow in an effort to keep pace with technology changes and the ever increasing dependence on computing systems and the Internet. Even more emphasis and importance has been placed on BCP since the tragic events of September 11.

I am proud that our membership has increased to reflect the growth of the BCP industry. We have the largest number of members ever recorded for our chapter. We must continue to recruit more members so I encourage you to invite your management, colleagues, and friends to attend our monthly meetings and to join our organization.

One of my goals for our chapter is to increase member participation – to gain members' active support in a variety of activities from writing articles for inclusion in our monthly newsletters to representing the ACP chapter at conferences and trade shows. If you would like to volunteer to participate in ACP chapter activities, feel free to contact any of the officers. We are also open to any ideas you may have to increase the visibility of our chapter and enhance the chapter's value to its members, their organizations, and the public at large.

I would also like to explore more closely affiliating our organization with other security/contingency relevant organizations such as FBI's InfraGard,

the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), etc. I think the various organizations should leverage each other by holding more joint meetings, conferences, and other events and activities. I think that it is important to work more closely with other organizations so that we present a united front to ensure the security of our nation (especially after September 11).

Thanks for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me to the office of President. Let's join together and make 2002 a great year for the ACP South Houston Chapter!!

Webmaster Needed

The Houston ACP website has been in operation for over four years, it has gone through several changes and continues to provide members with information about the chapter and a repository for previous newsletters. The Webmaster will be stepping down in January and we are looking for a volunteer to manage the site. It takes approximately 30 minutes each month and can be done from any PC connected to the Internet. Please contact Bob Janusaitis at bjanusai@business911.com for details.

Treasurer's Report

The South Texas ACP Chapter cash balances:

Balance 11/30/2001	\$4,319.56
Balance 12/31/2001	\$4,025.82

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 8, 2002
Subject: Human Side of Disaster
Speaker: John Link of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Place: RM 1553 of the IBM Building at Two Riverway, Houston, TX
Lunch: Bring your own lunch or purchase it in IBM's cafeteria
Time: 11:30 – 1:00

The chapter meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in RM 1553 of the IBM Building at Two Riverway in Houston.

Future Meetings

Remember that attendance at ACP chapter meetings count toward your continuing education credits (CEUs).

The planned program schedule for 2002 is:

February 12 - BCP Uniqueness in Various Business Sectors discussed by a BCP Panel (consisting of representatives from banking, investment, medical, energy)
March 12 - Key Employee Security –Terrorist Prevention by the Guidry Group
April 9 - Community Infrastructure Support in your BCP by Jim White of Harris County OEM - Transtar
May 14 - 2002 Hurricane Forecast and Supporting New Technology by a key speaker from the National Weather Service

Board Members

President

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Local ACP Web Site and Links

<http://www.acp-international.com/southtx>.

Upcoming Conferences/Major Events

February 11 – 13, 2002

Data Storage Management & Business Continuity
New York City, New York

Ann Pendleton
312-894-6418
annp@marcusevansch.com

February 26 – 27, 2002

IQPC – Strategic Business Continuity Planning
Toronto, Ontario

www.iqpc-canada.com/NA-1734-01

March 5 – 7, 2002

ISC EXPO. West
Las Vegas, Nevada

www.iscwest.com

March 10 – 13, 2002

DRJ Conference

San Diego, California

<http://www.drj.com>

March 26 – 27, 2002

Business Continuity Planning & Security

Management for IT

Dallas, Texas

<http://www.iqpc.com>

800-882-8684

If you know of any newsworthy items that should be included, please let me know by the end of each month. I will be happy to include them in the list.

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