

# NEWSWIRE

ASSOCIATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNERS

## SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

*February 2002*

### **Last Month's Meeting**

John Link, with Memorial Herman Healthcare Systems spoke to us about the Human Side of Disaster. He emphasized the importance of caring for the employees. This goes beyond getting them out of the building safely. It includes giving them updated information, realizing that traumatic events may cause traumatic stress, training management on the effects of and how to deal with traumatic stress, and having Professional people for your employees to talk with after the disaster. Just because the disaster is over, does not mean everything, including the mental health and welfare of your employees is over also. As a company, if you take care of your employees, they in turn will help take care of the company.

John Link has been in Business Continuity Profession for 12 year. He started this chapter about 10 years ago, and has been a major part of it since. During Tropical Storm Allison, his company, Herman Memorial HealthCare Systems took on 48 million gallons of water. He played a major part in the recovery and is a very great source of information.

### **Local ACP Webmaster Named**

We have a new Webmaster – Dianna Petterson. Thank you for volunteering. We know you will do a remarkable job.

The local website is <http://www.acp-international.com/southtx>, please take time to visit the site. It contains helpful information and links.

### **Welcome New Members**

A wonderful welcome to our new members:  
Barbara Davila, with American General  
Ben Morton, with Chevron/Texaco

### **Treasurer's Report**

The South Texas ACP Chapter cash balances:  
Balance 12/31/2001      \$4,025.82  
Balance 01/31/2002      \$4,349.82

### **Next Meeting**

When: Tuesday, February 12, 2002  
Subject: Continuity Uniqueness Panel  
Speaker: ACP Members  
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. Please feel free to bring a guest. We would love the opportunity to make them members.

### **Future Meetings**

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

### **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MARCH MEETING DATE!!!!**

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 19** – DRJ Conference Review by ACP members attending the Conference

**April 9** – Executive Protection, by The Guidry Group

**May 14** - 2002 Hurricane Forecast and Supporting New Technology by a key speaker from the National Weather Service

**June 11** – Community Infrastructure Support in your BCP (Homeland Defense maybe) by Harris County OEM

### **Board Members**

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## Upcoming Conferences/Major Events

Date, Subject, and Location	Contact Information
February 11 –13, 2002 Data Storage Management & Business Continuity New York City, New York	Ann Pendleton 312-894-6418 <a href="mailto:annp@marcusevansch.com">annp@marcusevansch.com</a>
February 26 – 27, 2002 IQPC – Strategic Business Continuity Planning Toronto, Ontario	<a href="http://www.iqpc-canada.com/NA-1734-01">www.iqpc-canada.com/NA-1734-01</a>
March 5 – 7, 2002 ISC Expo, West Las Vegas, Nevada	<a href="http://www.iscwest.com">www.iscwest.com</a>
March 10 – 13, 2002 DRJ Conference San Diego, California	<a href="http://www.drj.com">www.drj.com</a>
March 26 –27, 2002 Business Continuity Planning & Security Management for IT Dallas, Texas	<a href="http://www.iqpc.com">www.iqpc.com</a> 800-882-8684
CPM 2002 Continuity Management Conference April 15 – 17, 2002 New Orleans, Louisiana	<a href="http://www.contingencyPlanning.com">www.contingencyPlanning.com</a>

*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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