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Quote of the Week:

*"The great essentials of life are something to do,
something to love, something to hope for."*

~ Thomas Chalmers ~

Annual Luncheon and Officer Elections

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

By Jim Nowak

Last Month's Meeting / Holiday Luncheon

The holiday luncheon last month was a very pleasant occasion; with a very respectable turn out. Hopefully all twenty-four attendees experienced a satisfying dining experience at the Rio Ranch restaurant on Westheimer. The food selection was varied and the portions were sizable. I know that those who ordered the chocolate cake for dessert experienced a real taste treat. A special thanks to all those members who attended. I hope everyone had a great time.

Election of New Officers

During a brief interlude in our dining experience, we took some time to elect the new officers for 2005. Now admittedly there was little voting suspense since, with the exception of the Director of Programs, the candidates for the other positions were running unopposed. Even so, it was nice to have an election without requiring US troops or manual recounts. So congratulation to the new officers of 2005:

President:	Jim Nowak
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A special thanks to Bob Janusaitis for the great job he did in 2004.

ACP Corporate Board of Directors

December 21, 2004 — The Association of contingency Planners has announced the newest members of its corporate board.

The new board members are Curtis Edfast, Agilent Technologies; James Crosson, AT&T; Leah Farr, Apollo Group; and Paul Striedl, RSM McGladrey.

Commission Approves CFCP

The DRII Certification Commission has approved the creation of a fourth certification level. The new level, which becomes effective for any applications received at the DRII office after January 1, 2005, is entitled the Certified Functional Continuity Professional (CFCP). This new certification offers DRI International certification to those individuals who are involved in business continuity, but not on an enterprise-wide scale. The new certification features the same qualifying criteria as the current CBCP certification level. To accommodate the new criteria, the Commission amended the qualifications to obtain both the Certified Business Continuity Professional (CBCP) and the Master Business Continuity Professional (MBCP). The requirements for attaining the CBCP certification have increased, starting with a passing score on the certification examination that increases to 80%. The number of subject areas that must be documented to achieve the CBCP designation increases on Jan. 1, 2005 from the current level of three to a total of five, two of which must come from the "core" subject areas.

The "core" subject areas are the four subject areas determined by the Certification Commission to be critical in the drafting and implementation of business continuity plans. They are: Subject Area 3 — "Business Impact Analysis;" Subject Area 4 — "Developing Business Continuity Strategies;" Subject Area 6 — "Developing and Implementing Business Continuity Plans;" and Subject Area 8 — "Maintaining and Exercising Business Continuity Plans."

Business continuity in 2005

What developments can we expect to see in the coming year? David Honour gives his top ten predictions.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0159.htm>

Successful business continuity programs: be strategic from the start

A business continuity program should start with a well presented business case and a clear roadmap. Mark Carey explains.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0160.htm>

Technology trends for 2005

Most business continuity managers deal with protecting information technology as at least one aspect of their role, so keeping an eye on general IT trends is crucial...

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01680.htm>

Deloitte releases 2004 global risk management survey results

Enterprise risk management still an elusive goal for many financial institutions.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01668.htm>

Planning for extreme events by understanding risk

New NIST report 'Risk analysis for extreme events: economic incentives for reducing future losses' published.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01639.htm>

Poor crisis communications puts reputations at risk

Research by Synstar suggests that many businesses are taking a muddled approach to communications during a crisis.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01631.htm>

Don't shy away from planning for disaster

Three years on from the 9/11 attacks many in the business world have woken up to the threat that terrorists pose, but despite recent warnings of complacency from the head of MI5, Eliza Manningham-Buller, more than half of all companies still do not have a viable disaster recovery plan in place should things go wrong.

http://www.icm-computer.co.uk/newsroom/latest_news2.asp?PRID=103

Eight Best Practices for Disaster Recovery

In the wake of the blackouts, hurricanes and other disasters that have hit in the past year, many realize they need to improve their DR plans. A new article offers its help.

<http://pizzazzemail.com/t?ctl=A19750:22ED146>

Backup and Recovery: First line of Defense for Disaster Recovery

Backup and recovery technologies can add so much more value to an IT shop when it comes to meeting a disaster recovery situation. Unlike in the past, users can now implement simplified server recovery plus integration with other technologies like replication to help make sure all operations can be recovered easily.

http://www.veritas.com/Vrt/offer?_requestid=40811&a_id=9499&

Wake Up Call: Is Email An Integral Part of Your Continuity Plans?

Studies find email is directly linked to revenue, productivity, and reputation and has a deep impact on a company's ability to respond and recover from a disaster or crisis. Michael Rosenfelt expounds. [Click HERE>>](#)

CEOs aware of insider threat but not taking action

Chief executives are aware of the information security risks presented by people within their companies but aren't taking the action to secure the insider threat, according to a survey by Ernst & Young.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=newsDetails&newsUID=66d2e0df-5453-4fd0-9a50-51c4323a0a50&newsType=News>

Opinion: Make security personal

A significant percentage of cybercrime is actually the fault of the very companies that want to protect themselves. Many companies make timid, awkward and ineffective attempts at teaching their staff about company security policies.

<http://www.nwfusion.com/columnists/2004/092704schwartzau.html?n/>

Twelve Mistakes Security Managers Make

Advice: Mistakes are a fact of life, and when it comes to making them, the personnel in charge of IT are no different, says columnist Douglas Schweitzer. Here's his list of the digital security dozen.

<http://www.computerworld.com/newsletter/0,4902,96236,00.html?nlid=SEC2>

Making the case for business continuity

By seizing the initiative and getting involved in all the phases of the business, BC professionals can facilitate the development of processes that can create value for the organisation as well as mitigate risks.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0144.htm>

The myths of business continuity and disaster recovery

Belinda Wilson explodes the top five myths about business continuity and disaster recovery solutions.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0139.htm>

Fixing the backup and recovery problem

Rob Nieboer addresses the three biggest pain points of data protection.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0145.htm>

A Common Set of Criteria for Disaster Management & Business Continuity

Public & private sector members of NFPA's Technical Committee on Disaster Management reviewed and updated NFPA 1600. This edition was approved as an American National Standard by ANSI in 2004. To learn more

<http://pizzazemail.com/t?ctl=A53AF1:22ED146>

The Changing Face of Risk Management

The concept of risk management is changing and safety and security professionals need to understand that evolution. Are you prepared for the changing concept of risk?

<http://pizzazemail.com/t?ctl=A53AFB:22ED146>

Telecommunications resiliency best practices for financial institutions

A new guide has been published in the US.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01649.htm>

The unexpected benefits of good business continuity

Few realize that the benefits of a BC management programs extend far beyond the ability to recover from unpleasant events.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0156.htm>

US Treasury reports on business continuity best practices in the financial sector

New study provides a model for increasing the resiliency of the sector.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01655.htm>

Executive-Level Acceptance of Business Continuity: Progress Is Being Made

Regrettably, most senior executives don't view successful BC planning and execution as critical to their short- and long-term success. They don't see it as a key component of corporate governance and a contributor to shareholder value. They don't understand that it can significantly improve – or ruin – a company's reputation with stakeholders ranging from suppliers to community leaders, Wall Street analyst and the media.

As a result, a majority of publicly held companies do not appear to have increased their BC budgets; indeed, many do not even have a designated BC manager, either part- or full-time.

However, in some areas things are looking up.

<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/archives/2004/dec/1.aspx?ebid=305>

Remote Backup Service Providers: Clarifying the Value Proposition

Online backup of computer data is finally gaining mainstream acceptance among business and consumer clients. After many years of wait-and-see pessimism, the near-ubiquitous nature of broadband Internet service has helped remote data backup finally come into its own.

In an effort to capitalize on the newfound popularity of the service, numerous wholesale online-only backup companies have emerged, advertising remote backup services at ultra low prices. Data storage and remote data repository companies are also on every virtual corner, selling wildly varied products that can initially confuse even backup industry veterans.

<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/archives/2004/dec/2.aspx?ebid=305>

Treasurer's Report

The South Texas ACP Chapter Account Balance is \$5,734.10 as of 10/31/04.

Current Membership Numbers

As of December 2004, we have 44 active ACP members. The South Texas Chapter thanks you for your participation, time, and commitment to continual growth.

Remember, every visitor is a potential member, so BRING a friend or two!!

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 11, 2004
Subject: Introduction to the USA Freedom Corps, the Harris County Citizen Corps, and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
Speaker: Sharae Maudlin
Affiliation: Marketing & Safety Manager, Century Corrosion Technologies
Location: IBM Building, 2 Riverway, Houston, TX - Room 1553
Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

About the Speaker:

Sharae Maudlin is an employee of Century Corrosion Technologies where she is Marketing and Safety Manager. She has experience in safety, hazardous materials, marketing and sales. She gained her safety experience first in hotels while working at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and the Wyndham Warwick Hotel in Houston, Texas. At the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in 1991, she received Evacuation Training in High-Rise Buildings and Hotels from the City of Houston Fire Department. At the Wyndham Warwick Hotel, in 1993, she was appointed to the Safety Committee where she was an active member. While working at Century Corrosion Technologies, Inc. she was invited by Shell Oil Company to be on the Vendor Safety Committee at Shell Offshore where she participated in Safety Round Table Meetings for Shell Offshore. Since September 11, she felt the need to become actively involved in the Harris County Citizen Corps. She was the first civilian in Harris County who received training in the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. She was also the first CERT Volunteer Coordinator in Harris County. In the last two and a half years, she has participated in CERT Train-the Trainer courses, she has participated as a CERT Coordinator for two teams (Westador, the first CERT team in Harris County and the Cypress Creek YMCA). Sharae has participated in several drills in Harris County. The first was Westador's CERT drill, Champion Forest CERT drill, the Harris County drill for First Responders at CyFalls High School and most recently participated in the Cypress Creek YMCA drill and the Harris County drill on September 8th and 9th.

The chapter meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at IBM Building, Room 1553, Two Riverway, Houston Texas. Please feel free to bring a guest. We would love the opportunity to make them members.

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

Upcoming Conferences / Major Events

December 9-11, 2004 ACP/PRISM International Joint Conference ACP International http://www.prismintl.org/	Hyatt Regency Hotel New Orleans, LA
March 6-9, 2005 Spring World 2005 Disaster Recovery Journal http://www.drj.com/conferences/orl2005/8pg/	Disney's Coronado Springs Resort Orlando, FL
March 15 - 16, 2005 The Sarbanes-Oxley Strategic Symposium: Lessons Learned and What Lies Ahead MIS Training Institute http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?type=RegInfo&nav1=4&page=0&subpage=3&region=1&disp=showsym&id=OAP500M	Hyatt Regency New Orleans
March 22-23, 2005 2005 Business Continuity & Corporate Security Flagg Management http://www.flaggmgt.com/bc/	Metropolitan Pavilion New York, NY
April 27-29, 2005 SuperStrategies 2005 MIS Training Institute http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?page=0&subpage=0&region=1&disp=showconf&type=&id=SS05	JW Marriott Las Vegas, NV
May 16-18, 2005 Continuity Insights www.continuityinsights.com	Sharaton New Orleans New Orleans, LA
April 4-6, 2005 - Orlando INFOSEC WORLD™ 2005 MIS Training Institute http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?type=RegInfo&nav1=5&page=4&subpage=2&region=1&disp=showconf&id=OS05	Coronado Springs Resort Lake Buena Vista, FL
May 24-26, 2005 CPM 2005 West Contingency Planning Management http://www.contingencyplanningexpo.com/	Mirage Hotel & Conference Center Las Vegas, NV
June 13-15, 2005 NetSec 2005: The Fine Art of Security Computer Security Institute (CSI) http://www.gocsi.com/netsec/	The Phoenician Scottsdale, AZ
July 10-13, 2005 15th World Conference on Disaster Management (WCDM) The Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness (CCEP) http://www.wcdm.org/main.html/	Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada

DRI International Course Schedule – January 2005 – December 2005

Location	Dates	Course /Exam	Sponsor
New York, NY	Jan. 10-13	BCP 901	CitiGroup
New York, NY	Jan. 14	CBCP Exam	CitiGroup
King of Prussia, PA	Jan. 24-27	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Jan. 28	CBCP Exam	Strohl Systems
Dallas, TX	Feb. 2-3	BCP 501	Protiviti
Dallas, TX	Feb. 4	CBCP Exam	Protiviti
Richmond, VA	Feb. 14-18 & 21-24	BCLE 1000	DRII
Richmond, VA	Feb. 25	CBCP Exam	DRII
Chicago, IL	Feb. 21-24	BCLE 2000	DRII
Chicago, IL	Feb. 23-24	BCP 501	DRII
Chicago, IL	Feb. 25	CBCP Exam	DRII
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	BCP 501	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	BCP 601	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	BCLE 100-300	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	BCLE 350	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	BCLE 930	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9	CBCP Exam	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 11	CBCP Exam	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 11	MBCP Exam	DRJ
King of Prussia, PA	Mar. 14-17	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Mar. 18	CBCP Exam	Strohl Systems
New York, NY	Mar. 30-31	BCP 501	Protiviti
New York, NY	Apr. 1	CBCP Exam	Protiviti
Atlanta, GA	Apr. 4-8 & 11-14	BCLE 1000	DRII
Atlanta, GA	Apr. 15	CBCP Exam	DRII
Sacramento, CA	Apr. 18-21	BCLE 2000	DRII
Sacramento, CA	Apr. 22	CBCP Exam	DRII
Pittsburgh, PA	Apr. 27-28	BCP 501	Tri Rivers ACP
Pittsburgh, PA	Apr. 27-28	BCP 601	Tri Rivers ACP
Pittsburgh, PA	Apr. 29	CBCP Exam	Tri Rivers ACP
Pittsburgh, PA	Apr. 29	MBCP Exam	Tri Rivers ACP
Los Angeles, CA	May 4-6	BCP 501	Protiviti
Los Angeles, CA	May 6	CBCP Exam	Protiviti
New Orleans, LA	May 18-20	BCP 501	Continuity Insight
New Orleans, LA	May 20	CBCP Exam	Continuity Insight
King of Prussia, PA	May 23-26	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	May 27	CBCP Exam	Strohl Systems
Las Vegas, NV	May 26-28	BCP 501	CPM
Las Vegas, NV	May 28	CBCP Exam	CPM
Falls Church, VA	June 1-2	BCP 501	DRII
Falls Church, VA	June 3	CBCP Exam	DRII
Boston, MA	June 13-16	BCLE 1000	
Boston, MA	June 17	CBCP Exam	

King of Prussia, PA	July 25-28	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	July 29	CBCP Exam	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Sept. 19-22	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Sept. 23	CBCP Exam	Strohl Systems
Newport, RI	Oct. 26-27	BCP 501	NEDRIX
Newport, RI	Oct. 28	CBCP Exam	NEDRIX
King of Prussia, PA	Nov. 28-Dec. 1	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Dec. 2	CBCP Exam	Strohl Systems

To register or for further class schedules, visit www.drii.org

[“Silly, Bizarre and Unknown” Monthly, Weekly & Daily January Observances](#)

Here are some of the crazy things you can celebrate during the month of January!!

Monthly Observances

Financial Wellness Month
 International Quality of Life Month
 National Clean Up Your Computer Month
 National Get Organized Month
 National High Tech Month
 National Reaching Your Potential Month

Weekly Observances

New Year's Resolutions Week: 1-7
 Someday We'll Laugh About this Week: 3-7
 International Thank-You Days: 11-18
 Hunt For Happiness Week: 16-22
 Leadership Week International: 23-29
 National Take Back Your Time Week: 24-28

Daily Observances

New Year's Dishonor List Day: 1
 I'm Not Going To Take It Anymore Day: 7
 Show and Tell Day at Work: 8
 National Clean Off Your Desk Day: 10
 National Nothing Day: 16
 Better Business Communication Day: 24
 Fun at Work Day: 28

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