President’s Message

As I begin my term as the Suffolk Chapter President, I want to thank Felix Russo, the Immediate Past President, all members of the Board of Directors, and all committee chairs for all their hard work, commitment and dedication to the NYSSCPA and the Suffolk Chapter.

The Chapter could not run without all their hard work and countless hours devoted. It allows our chapter to hold informative CPE events, social events and excellent networking opportunities.

My career in the accounting profession and the NYSSCPA began 13 years ago as an intern still attending college. My mentor, Cynthia Barry, advised me to get involved with the Young CPA (now NextGen) Committee, which was being chaired by Harold Deiters and Paul Becht. At the time I thought, ‘Hey, at least I get a nice breakfast out of these meetings.’

Back then I never would have thought I would be here today as the President of the Suffolk Chapter. I still get to enjoy the monthly breakfasts but I have gotten so much more out of the NYSSCPA in those 13 years.

Most of us are familiar with the tangible benefits of becoming a member of the state society, such as discounts on CPE, insurance, shopping, travel, etc. but it’s the intangible benefits that provide the most benefit and value.

It’s the relationships that you form with colleagues over the years; it’s the professional network you build year after year. These relationships are invaluable.

I encourage everyone to read through this newsletter to learn more about the various committees within the Chapter as well as information on all of our upcoming events.

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In addition to this newsletter I invite everyone to view our Chapter webpage, which can be found HERE. Our chapter has a great summer full of wonderful events lined up.

I would like to thank all those who attended our 10th Annual Membership Event on June 22, held at the Stonebridge Country Club. *(Details on page 5.)* Around 50 members and non members joined us. The purpose of the event was to encourage participation and help CPAs in our chapter learn about all of the benefits you can gain by being active in the Society, and specifically in our Chapter. The event was a great start to the year.

I would like to remind everyone of the “Carry It Forward” initiative to honor the late state-wide past president, David Moynihan. The Moynihan Fund seeks to honor the memory of David Moynihan, who was a champion of providing educational opportunities to young-adults, whether in high school, college or just starting out in their careers. Take a few minutes and visit the website and make a donation to help provide support for these great initiatives.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Suffolk Chapter President and I look forward to an exciting and productive year ahead. I encourage our chapter members to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or comments and I look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming events.

I wish you all a warm, beautiful and safe summer.

— Brian Michels
Special Offers from the Suffolk Chapter

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- golf outings
- networking events
- technical workshops

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Installation Lunch

The annual installation luncheon for the Suffolk Chapter of the NYSSCPA was held on Wednesday June 25 at the Stonebridge Country Club. Outgoing President Felix Russo passed the torch to incoming President Brian Michels. The Installation Luncheon serves as a celebration of the installation of this year’s Officers and Executive Board, as well as remembrance of all the hard work of this past year by the Board and its various committees.

After opening remarks, Brian Michels introduced representatives from the NYSSCPA city office who provided commentary on the Society’s mission statement, including Manager of Chapter Relations Lelia Dickenson, Director of Membership Lisa Axisa, Manager of NextGen Programs Jacqueline Helpern, Manager of Chapter Engagement Michael Molaro, and Chapter VP Susan Barossi. The city representatives talked about membership recruitment, career development and advocacy. Lelia reminded the audience on the procedural aspects of running events and technical sessions for the Chapter. Incoming statewide President-Elect Harold Deiters spoke on chapter leadership and the importance of building relationships within the NYSSCPA.

Brian acknowledged and thanked each board member and committee chairperson in attendance for their continued commitment and dedication to the Suffolk Chapter and provided a brief overview of some of the many accomplishments the chapter has had over the past year including technical, social and philanthropic events. He discussed his goals for the upcoming year and focused on increasing membership, engagement and Chapter involvement at the younger NextGen level.

Each of the Chapter’s committee chairs discussed their committee achievements during the past year and their goals for the upcoming year. Brian thanked Felix for leading our Chapter through another successful year.

This looks to be an exciting year ahead for the Chapter with a lot of opportunity for growth!

If you or someone you know is interesting in taking a more active role in the Suffolk Chapter or looking to join a particular committee, please contact Brian Michels at bmichels@sheehancpa.com.
On June 22, members of the Suffolk Chapter Board and chairs of its various committees came together to meet with professionals who were looking to become members of the NYSSCPA and become active in the Suffolk Chapter. Also in attendance were several Past Presidents of the Suffolk Chapter.

Over 50 people enjoyed a buffet dinner and open bar, helping to set the scene for a casual environment for socializing and networking. In addition to Board members, committee chairs and Past Presidents, attendees included college students, individuals new to the workforce in both public and private practice, and sole practitioners. This event marks the annual kick off of the Chapter’s membership efforts and was a great success.

The event serves as an invitation to all CPAs, as well as those interested in joining the chapter, to meet the Suffolk Chapter leadership, find out about the various events the Chapter holds, and the benefits of becoming active within the Chapter. Chapter President Brian Michels shared examples of the Society’s core values and goals for the upcoming year, including a focus on reaching out to the Chapter’s east end members.

A highlight of the evening’s affair was the awarding of scholarships to three deserving high school seniors. The Undergraduate Accounting Scholarship Program is made possible through funds that were earmarked by the Suffolk Chapter’s Annual Banker CPA Golf Outing in May.

The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to high school seniors who plan to major in accounting on a full-time basis at a New York college or university. Each recipient receives a $1,500 scholarship to be used toward their first year of college tuition.

The Chapter reached out to all Suffolk County high schools, requesting guidance counselors to share the information with their students and to collect completed applications. The counselor then chose one deserving student from their school and submitted the application with all required documents.

This year’s scholarship recipients were:

- **Nicholas DiModica** – Deer Park High School
- **Ryan Tschirhart** – Northport High School
- **Laura Zaweski** – Hampton Bays High School

We congratulate the scholarship recipients and wish them continued success in their academic endeavors.

If you are looking to become involved with a Chapter committee please reach out to Brian Michels at bmichels@sheehancpa.com.
Committee Report:
Cooperation with Attorneys

On Saturday June 11th, the Cooperation with Attorneys Committee hosted an east end wine tasting and social event. Sharing the bus ride to the east end were the New York State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section – 10th District, and the Nassau County Bar Association New Lawyers Committee.

The event was well attended by a number of attorneys and CPAs. Attendees were able to sample wines at multiple vineyards.

What began as a lovely day turned dark and rainy. Fortunately, after the rain passed, Osprey’s Dominion allowed attendees to taste wines as well as have fun with some outdoor lawn games.

Thanks to our sponsor, Citi Commercial Bank, along with its vice president, Eric Volges, for their sponsorship and support of the event.

For more information on how to get involved with the Cooperation with Attorneys Committee, contact David Oksenhorn at david.oksenhorn@marcumllp.com.
Mark Your Calendar...

AUGUST 11, 2016
Supersized Networking Event.
Details on page 8.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
Young Professionals Golf Classic.
Details on page 9.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
Forensic & Valuation Services event:
Wage & Hour Presentation.
Details on page 10.

OCTOBER 20, 2016
Fall Banker/CPA Networking Event.
Details on page 11.

OCTOBER 26, 2016
NextGen Committee Event: Becoming a
Rainmaker. Details on page 12.

For up-to-the-minute chapter activities:
www.nysscpa.org

Search for the Suffolk Chapter
under “Membership”

Committee Chairs!
Make sure to get all future meeting dates to Melissa Hicks at melissa.hicks@bakertilly.com.
Supersize It...

The NextGen Committees of the Suffolk and Nassau Chapters present the

5th Annual
Super-Sized Networking Event!

Thursday, August 11, 2016 | 6 to 8 p.m.
Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury

$50 per person

Come to this strictly social event to mingle with your peers, including:

Risk Management Association – Young Professionals
New York State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section
Nassau County Bar Association – New Lawyers Committee
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, LI Chapter
The Maurer Foundation for Breast Health Education Inc. – Young Professionals

Passed hors d’oeuvres and poolside dinner! Premium open bar!

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See You in September...

The NextGen Committee of the Suffolk Chapter of the NYSSCPA is proud to host

The 21st Annual
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GOLF CLASSIC

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Hamlet Willow Creek Golf & Country Club

7:30 a.m.         Hot gourmet breakfast
8:30 a.m.         Shotgun start
1:30 p.m.         Cocktails, buffet, raffles

Fabulous raffle prizes! Beat-the-hack competition! Lunch at the turn!

Please register early! 9/13/16 is the last day we can accept golfers!

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Save the Date...

The Forensic & Valuation Services Committee invites you to

SAVE THE DATE

Wage & Hour Presentation

Tuesday, September 20, 2016  |  6:30 to 9 p.m.
at the Hotel Indigo, Riverhead

$25 per person

Please make plans to join us for this east end event – a discussion on wage & hour provisions.

More details to come...

For info: John Spatola – jspatola@nsslpcpa.com, 631-543-1333
Save the Date...

Fall 2016 Banker/CPA Networking Event

Join the Cooperation with Bankers Committee, Suffolk and Nassau Chapters...

Thursday, October 20, 2016
6 to 9 p.m.
at The Main Event
1815 Broad Hollow Road
Farmingdale

Includes open bar, appetizers, dinner, dessert!

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Contact Danielle Schadler
dschadler@bethpagefcu.com
The NextGen Committee invites you to

**Becoming a Rainmaker**

*Effective Business Development and Networking Strategies*

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (Registration/breakfast at 8 a.m.)

at KPMG LLP

1305 Walt Whitman Road, Melville

Room 201-Atlantic, 2nd Floor

$10 per person

**Speaker:** Rich Isaac, Founder of Sandler Training, Hauppauge

*Breakfast Included! Seating is limited and pre-registration is required.*

2 CPE credits (advisory)

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# Fun and Games – Complex Crossword

## Across
1. Put on the back burner
6. Find fault
11. "Top Gear" airer
14. Clio's sister muse
15. Dress style with a flare
16. "Who ___ you kidding?"
17. Wet stopper
19. Little guy or little amount
20. Common grain unit
21. Display fallibility
22. Fasten with rope
23. "Family" member
27. Gets back in business
29. Roth plan
30. Like a dental school exam?
32. Definitely not a slacker
33. Do a portrayal
34. Bit of gossip
36. "You never know..."
39. Damon of films
41. Teapot part
43. Practice boxing
44. Muhammad's religion
46. Relative of "thud"
48. "Long ___ and far away ..."
49. Biblical birthright seller
51. Heat-cracked
52. Cape color in a big ring
53. Committing a computer crime
56. What champagnes do
58. Last name among Boston hockey legends
59. Majors worth $6 million
60. Valuable rock
61. Form of flattering poetry
62. Place to take one's cuts
68. Unharden a garden
69. Autumn bloom
70. Sky supporter of myth
71. Ancient flood insurance
72. Crystal-lined cavity
73. Garden mix

## Down
1. Cotillion star, informally
2. Period of history
3. Far from slim
4. Body of beliefs
5. Pitcher's "cuff"
6. Vehicle making pick-ups
7. Monte Rosa is one
8. More repulsive
9. Made tough by habitual exposure
10. What limos provide
11. Section of the Big Apple
12. Organ with ideas
13. Formally gives up
18. Where we all began
23. It's in Florida
24. Dangerous whales
25. City known for cereal
26. Some accessways
28. TV-dinner veggies
31. Some aerial maneuvers
35. Essentials for all sports
37. Bread roll
38. Crumble to the sea
40. Kind of force
42. Atlantic game fish
45. Postal worker's burden
47. Riot queller
50. Anxiety
53. Uproarious commotion
54. Intense passion
55. Affect
57. Right-hand page, in printing
63. Danson of TV shows
64. Feeling of anger
65. Surname among boxing legends
66. Square dance invitee
67. Feminizing suffix

ANSWERS

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