As of June 1, I have begun my term as the 47th president of the Suffolk Chapter, following our outgoing president, Amanda Sexton. I cannot thank Amanda enough for her hard work and commitment to our chapter and I’m also so proud to have such a strong board of directors, committee chairs and co-chairs to work with during the upcoming year.

As I begin this new chapter in my life, I began reflecting on the journey that has brought me to where I am today. I began my career in accounting because I excelled in and enjoyed math and was unsure what career would make the most sense to me. I never would have guessed that 16 years after I graduated college, I would allow Excel to do all math for me.

I enjoy my career more than I ever imagined I would, including my participation in the Suffolk Chapter of the NYSSCPAs. I have met so many different people in many different areas of accounting that I now call friends. I have to thank everyone who has helped me along the way.

The Suffolk Chapter has a committee focused on providing high schools and colleges with exposure and resources about the profession to its students and I have been the chair of that committee for the last three years. Through this committee, we connect our students who attend local colleges to young professionals, which allows them to get advice on their career path and see what working in the accounting industry will truly be like.

Our Chapter also has many other committees that are very active, including NextGen, Employee Benefits, Members in Industry, and Forensic and Valuation Services (FVS) Committees.

The NextGen committee is a group of young professionals who host various events, from education events, to

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President’s Message (cont’d)

networking events, to social gatherings. This allows young professionals to network and get to know individuals who they can possibly work with in the future.

Members in Industry Committees consists of members that work in private firms or companies who want to stay connected, to build upon and maintain their relationships, expand their knowledge, and obtain CPE necessary to maintain their CPA licenses.

There are many other committees as well. As you flip through the pages of this newsletter you’ll learn more about the various committees that our Chapter has, the events held over the past couple of months, and the ones that are coming down the pike. I encourage you all to attend one of these events and get to know us a little better.

If you’re ready to get involved, check out the information on page 14 and let me know.

If you’re not sure where you’d fit in or just need to get introduced, please feel free to email me at mhicks@centralnassau.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

– Melissa Hicks
Suffolk Chapter Installation Luncheon

The annual Installation Luncheon for the NYSSCPA, Suffolk Chapter was held on Wednesday May 30, at the Stonebridge Golf Links & Country Club. Outgoing President Amanda Sexton, CPA/ABV/CFF, CFE passed the torch to incoming and 47th President Melissa Hicks, CPA. Melissa thanked Amanda for leading our Chapter through another successful year.

The Installation Luncheon serves as a celebration of the installation of this year’s Officers and Executive Board, as well as recognition and information-sharing by the Board and the Chapter’s various committees as to the mission and purpose of the committees, what types of events they held during the 2017-2018 year and what they are planning for the upcoming year.

After opening remarks, incoming President Melissa Hicks introduced representatives from the Society’s headquarters in New York City. In attendance from the Society’s headquarters were Iralma Pozo, Darryl Jackson, and Lelia Dickenson, Manager of Chapter Relations. Also in attendance was outgoing Statewide President Harold Deiters, who installed the 2017-2018 Suffolk Chapter Board and Officers.

Melissa thanked all of the Board and Chairs and Co-Chairs for their ongoing hard work and dedication to the Chapter and informed the group of four Chapter committees that are in need of a Chair or Co-Chair, which include the following:

- Emerging Technologies
- Estate and Financial Planning
- Managing an Accounting Practice
- Small Business

This looks to be an exciting year ahead for the Suffolk Chapter with a lot of opportunity for growth and new ideas! 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 Melissa Hicks at mhicks@centralnassau.org.
Views from the Suffolk Chapter Installation Luncheon

The 2018-19 NYSSCPA Suffolk Board – L-R: Robert Huether, Sean Kelly, John Spatola, John Hermus, Amanda Sexton, Tom Pirro, Melissa Hicks, Ken Laks, Janet Verneuille, Frank Giambruno, William Huether

Darryl Jackson

Iralma Pozo

Melissa Hicks, Lelia Dickenson

Harold Deiters installing the board

Amanda Sexton, Melissa Hicks
Committee Report: Members in Industry

The Suffolk Chapter NYSSCPA Members in Industry committee meets monthly from September through May. We welcome CPAs across all industries and practices. Our morning meetings start and end promptly, from 8 to 10 a.m. There are no entry fees and meetings earn two CPE credits. For more information: Janet Verneuille, JVerneuille@empirenb.com.

Projected Meeting Dates

Mark your calendar now!

Wednesday, September 19, 8-10 a.m.
Software Licensing Compliance and Defense
Speaker: Mike Cleary, President of Canyon Consulting.
Hosted by Empire National Bank, 1707 Veterans Highway, Islandia.

Wednesday, October 17, 8-10 a.m.
Affordable Care Act Update coupled with Worker’s Compensation, Federal and State Department of Labor Issues, and Unemployment Insurance
Speakers: Anthony Cardona, Cardona & Company and Bob Arnold, Jr., Arnold Standard Risk Services, Inc.
Hosted by Empire National Bank, 1707 Veterans Highway, Islandia.

Wednesday, November 14, 8-10 a.m.
Joint Meeting with Nassau Chapter CFO Committee: Blockchain 101
Speaker: Richard Gordon, Blockchain Solution Sales, IBM Corporation.
Location TBD.

Wednesday, December 19, 8-10 a.m.
Annual GAAP Update
Speaker: Paul Becht, Margolin, Winer & Evens LLP
Hosted by Empire National Bank, 1707 Veterans Highway, Islandia.

Wednesday, January 16, 8-10 a.m.
Annual Tax and Economic Update
Speakers: Ernest Patrick Smith & John Spatola, Nawrocki Smith, LLP
Hosted by Empire National Bank, 1707 Veterans Highway, Islandia.
Mark Your Calendar...

JULY 25, 2018
East End Committee Meeting. 8 am at the Hotel Indigo. For info, contact Sean Kelly, skelly@mfbcpa.com.

AUGUST 8, 2018

AUGUST 16, 2018
Cooperation with Attorneys Committee: Brewery Bus Tour! Details on page 8.

AUGUST 23, 2018
East End Committee: Riverboat Tour. Details on page 9.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
Members in Industry meeting: Software Licensing Compliance and Defense. Details on page 5.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
Annual Young Professionals Golf Classic. Details on page 11.

OCTOBER 17, 2018
Members in Industry meeting: Affordable Care Act Update. Details on page 5.

NOVEMBER 14, 2018
Members in Industry meeting: Blockchain 101. Details on page 5.

DECEMBER 19, 2018
Members in Industry meeting: Annual GAAP Update. Details on page 5.

JANUARY 16, 2019
Members in Industry meeting: Annual Tax and Economic Update. Details on page 5.

For up-to-the-minute NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter activities CLICK HERE
A Supersized Date...

The NextGen Committees of the Suffolk and Nassau Chapters present the

7th Annual Super-Sized Networking Event!

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 | 6 to 8 p.m.
at the Woodbury Country Club
884 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury

$60 per person

Come to this strictly social event to mingle with your peers:
• Risk Management Association, Young Professionals
• New York State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section
• Nassau County Bar Association, New Lawyers Committee
• Suffolk County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Committee
• Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers

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

For info: Rebecca Brodsky – rbrodsky@sheehancpa.com, 631-665-7040

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Tour the Island With Us...

Brewery Bus Tour!
Thursday, August 16, 2018
2:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The NYSSCPA Suffolk Cooperation with Attorneys Committee is teaming up with the New York State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section for food, fun, and beer tastings at three breweries!

- Sand City Brewing Co.
- Small Craft Brewing Company
- Lithology Brewing Co.

Pick-up Locations:
Melville – LIE Exit 49 Park and Ride
Mineola – Nassau County Bar Association (15 West St)

More info:
david.oksenhorn@marcumllp.com
Registration deadline August 13!

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Boating on the East End...

The NYSSCPA Suffolk East End Committee invites you

Riverboat Tour along the Peconic River

Thursday, August 23, 2018
6 to 9 p.m.
Long Island Aquarium
431 East Main Street, Riverhead

Join us for a Riverboat Tour along the Peconic River, then come back for networking, drinks and appetizers.

Sponsorship opportunities are available!

$55 per person

RSVP HERE
Or contact Amanda Sexton; asexton@mfbcpa.com
Save the Date...

The Banker/CPA Committees of the NYSSCPA Suffolk & Nassau Chapters invite you to

“Indian Summer” Networking

Thursday, September 20, 2018 | 6 to 9 p.m.
at Jewel Restaurant
(on the East Patio, weather permitting)
400 Broadhollow Rd, Melville

Join the Suffolk and Nassau Chapters for a strictly social event under the setting sun.

For more info contact Danielle Schadler
DSchadler@bethpagefcu.com, (516) 349-6887
Golfing This Fall...

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

The 23rd Annual
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GOLF CLASSIC

Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Willow Creek Golf & Country Club

7:00 a.m.       Hot gourmet breakfast
8:00 a.m.       Shotgun start
1:00 p.m.       Cocktails, buffet, raffles

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

☐ GOLD SPONSORSHIP: $3,500
  Two foursomes
  Ball Marker and two hole sponsorships
  Beverage cart and Lunch sponsorships
  Tee sign at Beat-the-Hack hole
  Name/logo in event program
  Two pin flags | 48 raffle tickets

☐ SILVER SPONSORSHIP: $2,000
  One foursome
  Breakfast and two hole sponsorships
  Name/banner at registration table
  Name/logo in event program
  Pin flag | 24 raffle tickets

☐ BRONZE SPONSORSHIP: $1,500
  One foursome
  Two hole sponsorships and pin flag
  Name/logo in event program
  12 raffle tickets

☐ HOLE SPONSORSHIP: $150
  Tee sign displaying company logo/name

☐ INDIVIDUAL GOLFER: $250
  18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, and dinner
  _ Please place me in a foursome OR
  _ Preferred foursome listed below:
    Golfer #1: _________________________
    Golfer #2: _________________________
    Golfer #3: _________________________
    Golfer #4: _________________________
  Golfers listed will play together unless otherwise instructed

☐ BUFFET ONLY: $100

$25 PER GOLFER

GREAT HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES!

REGISTER EARLY!  9/18/18 is the last day we can accept golfers!

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Via PayPal. No PayPal account necessary.

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• EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
• ESTATE/FINANCIAL PLANNING
• MANAGEMENT OF AN ACCOUNTING PRACTICE
• SMALL BUSINESS
Fun and Games – Kenken

A logic game that is a step up from Soduko...

Use numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. No numbers can appear more than once in any row or column. Figure out which numbers go in each “cage.” Each cage has a target number when combined using the specified mathematical operation (either addition, subtraction, multiplication or division).

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2. Community Affairs
3. Construction Contractors
4. Cooperation with Attorneys
5. Cooperation with Bankers and Other Credit Grantors
6. Cooperation with Educational Institutions
7. CPE/Professional Development
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12. Forensic and Valuation Services
13. General Taxation
14. Golf Outing
15. Management of Accounting Practice
16. Members in Industry
17. Membership
18. NextGen (Young CPAs)
19. Not-for-Profit & Government
20. Public Relations
21. Real Estate & Construction
22. Small Business

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- golf outings
- networking events
- technical workshops
- informational seminars
- charitable events

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