Hope everyone got through the September 15 deadline; it was an especially tough one. Only one more to go with October 15 and then we can all take a little breather.

Even with the impact of COVID, our committees are still doing their best to provide value added service for all our members. On September 23 the Employee Benefits Committee presented a webinar on Defined Contribution in Review and Recent Case Studies in Fiduciary Failures. There was also another virtual event on October 5 on the Secure and Cares Act.

The Members in Industry Committee had a virtual event on September 17, Creative Financing Options; Financial Challenges Caused by COVID-19, attended by 30 people online and it was well received. The committee is also planning an event in October for unemployment law impacted by COVID-19, highlighting legal issues. And in November they’re looking into doing a session on PPP guidance when, hopefully, forgiveness measures are finalized. Finally, the committee is looking at a GAAP update in December and an economic and tax update in January.

Please also note that plans are underway for the All-Day Tax Seminar to be held virtually on Saturday, December 5 from 8 am to 5 pm. We have some great speakers lined up so stay tuned for a save the date flyer.

Even in the midst of a pandemic our committees are still dedicated to providing seminars to our members and even though we cannot meet in person we can still deliver the quality that our members our used to. Kudos to our committee members.

You will also hear from our statewide officers when they visit our Chapter for the annual Professional Issues Update / Town Hall event being held on October 26, virtually. This event is FREE and provides the chance to hear what the Society has been working and advocating on behalf of the membership at large. We will also be having our annual Ethics presentation given by Ernie Smith, managing partner at Nawrocki Smith. Stay tuned for information to sign up for this great event.

There also be information about Toys for Tots so stay tuned.

This is normally my favorite time of the year—the seasons change, the leaves turn to all the beautiful colors of the rainbow and it just seems like a calmer time. This year I hope that the change in season leads to a calmer world and I am sure we all hope for some relief from this pandemic and more understanding between all of us as human beings.

Enjoy the cool weather and I wish you all good luck in finishing up with the October 15th deadline. Look forward to seeing and hearing from you all soon.

– Kenneth Laks

President’s Message
OCTOBER 15, 2020
WEBINAR: COVID and the Workplace: Labor and Employment Law Concerns. Details on page 3.

OCTOBER 22, 2020

NOVEMBER 2, 2020
WEBINAR: Navigating Medicare - What You Need to Know When Enrolling. Details on page 5.

DECEMBER 5, 2020
WEBINAR:

COVID and the Workplace: Labor and Employment Law Concerns

Thursday, October 15, 2020
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Join the Members in Industry Committee for this informative session.

Topics:
Leave Rights and Responsibilities
Working from Home
Screening and Accommodations
State Re-Opening Regulations and Safety Plans

Speaker:
Rachel Gold, Abrams Fensterman LLP

2 CPE credits (specialized knowledge). Course Code: 29085105

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Questions? Janet Verneuille, janet.verneuille@fnbli.com
WEBINAR:
The Impact of CYBER CRIME

Thursday, October 22, 2020
8:00 to 9:00 am

Find out how to identify common cyber attacks. Understand common valuation questions encountered after cyber attacks. We will also review cyber risk management practices to reduce risk and properly respond to attacks.

- History of Data Breaches
- Impact of Cyber Crime and Types of Cyber Crime
- Cyber Crime Risk Prevention Management

Speaker:
Dimitris Bantileskas, CPA/CFF/CITP, CVA, CFE
Nawrocki Smith LLP

1 CPE credit (specialized knowledge). Course Code: 29085106

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Questions? John Spatola, jspatola@nsllpcpa.com
WEBINAR:

Navigating Medicare: 
What You Need to Know When Enrolling

Monday, November 2, 2020
9:00 to 11:00 am

Education and information so that clients can make the right coverage selections to meet their individual needs.

- Who is eligible for Medicare and when do they become eligible.
- Available coverages under Medicare
- How to customize your coverage to serve you best

Speaker:
Alexander Anastasi
Senior Health Plan Specialists Inc.

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Annual All Day
TAX CONFERENCE

Saturday, December 5

TOPICS
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New York State Tax Update
PPP Update
and much more

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The NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter has a few committees looking for a chair!

- CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS & REAL ESTATE
- COOPERATION WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
- EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
- ESTATE/FINANCIAL PLANNING
- MANAGEMENT OF AN ACCOUNTING PRACTICE
Do you get confused by these commonly-confusing words? They’re trickier than they appear...

1. THE SCHOLARS ARE KNOWN TO ______ OVER THE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.
   A. pore
   B. poor

2. HE GOT HIS ______.
   A. just desserts
   B. just deserts

3. MANY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES TO ESCAPE HARASSMENT AND ______ FOR THEIR BELIEFS.
   A. prosecution
   B. persecution

4. HE WORE A ______ EXPRESSION AFTER CRACKING OPEN THE DENSE, CONFUSING PHYSICS TEXTBOOK.
   A. bemused
   B. amused

5. THE CEO PRESENTED HER PLAN TO ______ A CHANGE IN THE CORPORATE CULTURE.
   A. effect
   B. affect

6. DESPITE BEING FOOLED BY THE CARD GAME SEVERAL TIMES, THE ______ TOURIST KEPT PLAYING.
   A. credulous
   B. credible

7. THE FLOWERS ______ THE DECOR.
   A. compliment
   B. complement

8. A FEELING OF ANTICIPATION PRICKLED UP MY SPINE AS I MADE MY WAY UP THE TWISTY, ______ PATH.
   A. tortuous
   B. torturous

9. THE MAGICIAN ______ MOVED THE SELECTED CARD TO THE TOP OF THE DECK.
   A. discreetly
   B. discreetly

10. PASSENGERS CAN NOW USE ELECTRONIC DEVICES, BUT THE USE OF CELLULAR DEVICES REMAINS ______.
    A. prescribed
    B. proscribed

SOURCE: merriam-webster.com
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6. Cooperation with Educational Institutions
7. CPE/Professional Development
8. East End
9. Emerging Technologies
10. Employee Benefits
11. Estate/Financial Planning
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
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