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President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable holiday and is looking forward to what 2025 has in store.

Most of us have been/are currently ramping up for the traditional "busy season" (which seems to be perpetual these days) and I just want to thank our Suffolk Chapter members for their undying commitment to their clients and continuing to move this profession forward.

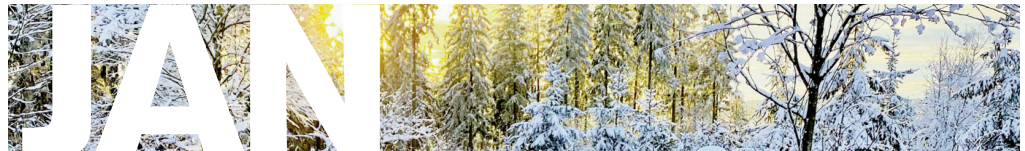
Over the course of the next couple of months, the Suffolk Chapter has a handful of CPE opportunities, including two this month. The Suffolk Nonprofit

Committee is hosting a session on Overlooked Audit Areas on January 27. And on January 30 our Employee Benefits Committee hosts a Labor and Employment Law Update. We encourage you to join us. The full list of current offerings can be found on pages 3-7.

As president of the Suffolk Chapter, I am always looking for feedback and thoughts from members on what they would like to see as a chapter in the future. If anyone has any thoughts or feedback, please feel free to reach out to me directly via e-mail at rhuetter@estee.com.

All the best to you and your families!

– Bob Huether



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Employee Benefits Committee



On December 11, 2024, **Michael Bitton**, a Retirement Strategies Group Consultant with Pacific Life, a life insurance and retirement solutions company that offers a variety of annuities, life insurance plans, workforce benefits, and more, presented to our members a one-hour tech session on Planning for Healthcare in Retirement.

Michael brought his 20+ years of industry experience to present us with understanding the four parts of Medicare including planning for the “When”, the “What” and the “How”. Michael walked us through the differences between Parts A, B, C and D Medicare coverage and included a brief overview Medigap, another health care program that is offered. The discussion went on to include topics of when to enroll in Medicare, the various coverage options and their respective costs. Michael reviewed with our members commonly asked questions by retirees. Our attendees walked

away with knowledge and tools that will be beneficial to clients that may be nearing retirement age or simply looking to plan ahead.

The committee’s own **Joe Sellitto**, of Bradley & Parker, Inc., hosted the seminar at their office in Melville. **Christina Koehler**, a Personal Financial Advisor with WG Financial in Garden City, participated in the planning of this seminar and treated attendees to coffee and some delicious donuts.



Thank you to all who worked to put together this seminar.

HELP WANTED!

The Employee Benefits Committee is looking for members that would be interested in helping organize a networking event to gather representatives from the various sectors surrounding employee benefits. From pension plan auditors or third-party administrators to financial advisors or employee benefits advisors. Employee benefits include such a wide range of topics and industries and what better way to help our clients navigate than with our own network of specialists. Those

interested may contact Christina Galasso cgalasso@acntaxservices.com.

*The Employee Benefits Committee is also looking for a new chair. After chairing the committee for approximately seven years **Christina Galasso** is looking to pass the reigns. The Committee is always looking to welcome new members who are interested in actively participating. Please reach out Christina at cgalasso@acntaxservices.com if you are interested in learning more about the Committee.*

Suffolk Chapter CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY 27, 2025

Overlooked Audit Areas.
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JANUARY 30, 2025

Labor and Employment Law
Update. Details on page 5.

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Uniform Guidance.
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APRIL 24, 2025

Audit Case Studies.
Details on page 7.

Committee Chairs! Send future meeting dates to Janet Verneuille, janet.verneuille@fnbli.com.

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Overlooked Audit Areas

Monday, January 27, 2025

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

At Cerini & Associates

3340 Veterans Memorial Highway, Bohemia

What are the most commonly overlooked audit areas in non-profit accounting? Are you sure? Join the Suffolk Chapter Nonprofit Committee to get a refresher. Highlights:

- Insights into assessing an organization's ability to continue as a going concern and perform sufficient testing.
- Essential guidelines and regulatory requirements for Medicaid compliance.
- Best practices for other often-overlooked audit areas.

SPEAKER

James Laino – Cerini & Associates

Free! 1 CPE credit (Course code: 29081503)

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Labor and Employment Law Update

Thursday, January 30, 2025

9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

At One Huntington Quadrangle (Conference Room)
Melville, NY 11747

Join the Suffolk Chapter Small Business Committee for an update on recent employment law changes as we prepare for a productive 2025. Topics to include:

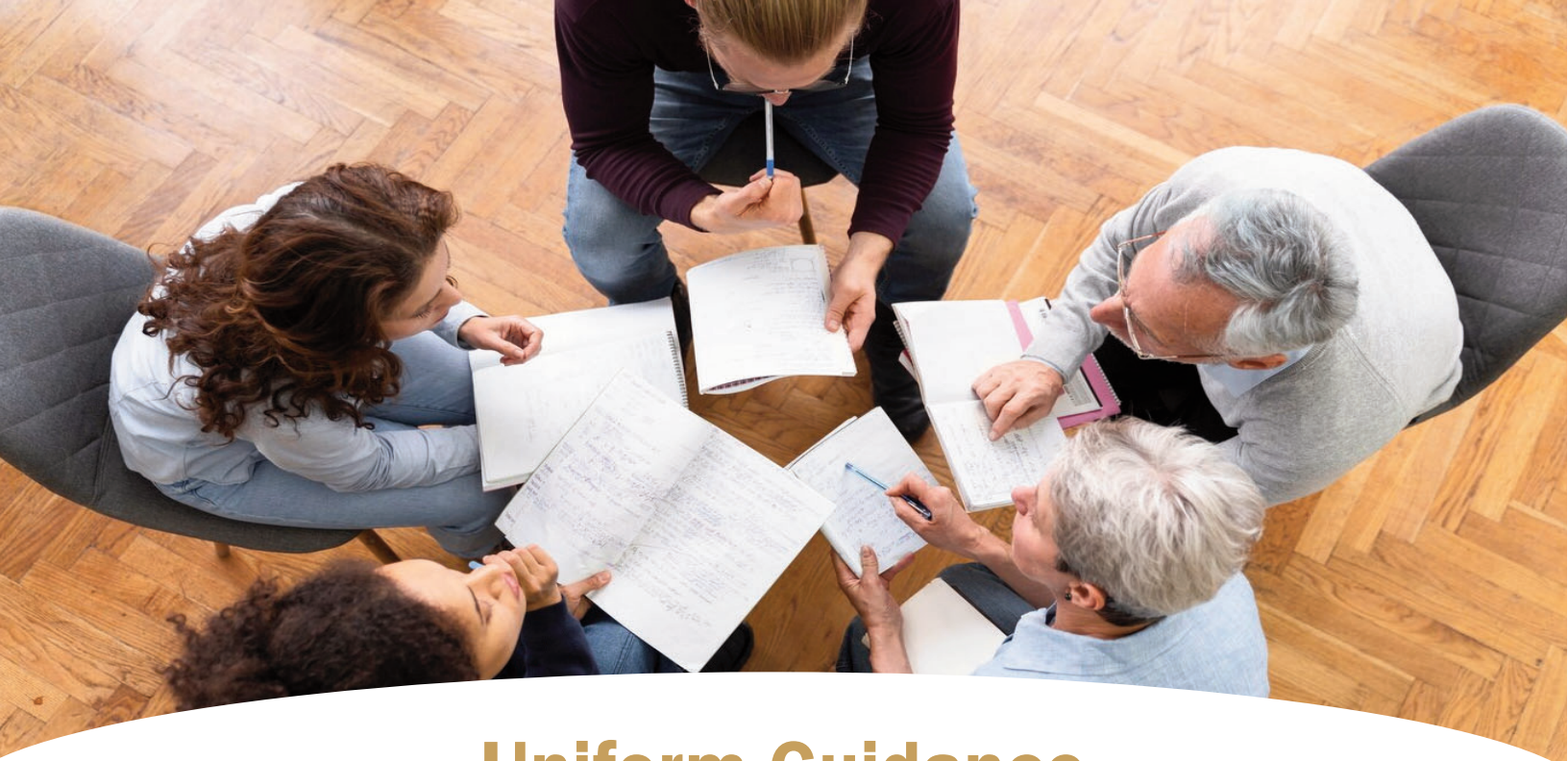
- Freelance Isn't Free Act
- New Rule for Independent Contractor
- New York State Updates

SPEAKER

Elana Henderson – Franklin Gringer & Cohen P.C.

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Uniform Guidance

Thursday, February 13, 2025

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

At Cerini & Associates

3340 Veterans Memorial Highway, Bohemia

What is a uniform guidance audit and when is it required?
Join the Suffolk Chapter Nonprofit Committee to find out more. Highlights:

- When is a uniform guidance audit required for an organization?
- Auditor's responsibility during a uniform guidance audit vs auditee's responsibility
- Key components of performing a uniform guidance audit: Compliance matrix, Compliance supplement, Grant compliance, Testing strategies

SPEAKER

Kelly Ann Mehr – Cerini & Associates

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Audit Case Studies

Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

At Cerini & Associates

3340 Veterans Memorial Highway, Bohemia

Join the Suffolk Chapter Nonprofit Committee for some lessons learned as we wrap up another busy season. Attendees are asked to bring a “case study” to this meeting – an example of a situation faced while performing an audit or bookkeeping for a nonprofit agency.

We will go over each case study, review the obstacles, and have an open discussion about resolving them. We will also review best practices that can be applied to similar situations in future audits or bookkeeping tasks for nonprofit agencies.

SPEAKER

Kenneth R. Cerini – Cerini & Associates

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FUN & GAMES: Confusing Words

Do commonly-confusing words trip you up? Find out!

1. The interior designer thinks the new rug will ____ the room nicely.

- A. complement B. compliment

2. I took a moment to ____ the contract.

- A. pore over B. pour over

3. Squirrels prepare for winter by burying a ____ of nuts

- A. cache B. cachet

4. I go running as part of my ____ workout.

- A. everyday B. every day

5. The head of the armed forces declared ____ law.

- A. marital B. martial

6. The ____ of the story is to be kind to others.

- A. moral B. morale

7. If everybody is ready, let's ____ with the presentation.

- A. proceed B. precede

8. Upon defeating the dragon, heroes were rewarded with the monster's ____.

- A. hoard B. horde

SOURCE: merriam-webster.com

How'd you do? Flip to see if you're right...

1. **A.** Although both words come from the Latin for "to complete" only complement means "something that fills up, completes, or makes better or perfect." **B.** Compliment, on the other hand, means "an admiring remark."
2. **A.** As a verb, pore means "to gaze intently" or "to reflect or meditate steadily." The verb pour has meanings referring to the falling or streaming of liquid.
3. **A.** Pronounced exactly like the word cash, a cache is a (usually hidden) storage place. Cachet is synonymous with prestige.
4. **A.** Everyday, with no space, usually functions as an adjective, and is synonymous with the word ordinary. Every day usually functions as an adverb phrase, as in "I water my plants every day." If you can
5. **B.** Martial refers to military matters. Marital refers to marriage.
6. **A.** Moral and morale differ by one letter, which makes them easy to confuse. Remembering that morale is a way of expressing enthusiasm, which begins with e, might help you keep them straight.
7. **A.** Precede means "to come, be, or go before," while proceed means to "continue after a pause" or "to begin and carry on an action."
8. **A.** A hoard is a stored-up supply. A horde is a teeming, unorganized group, which would make for a poor reward!

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