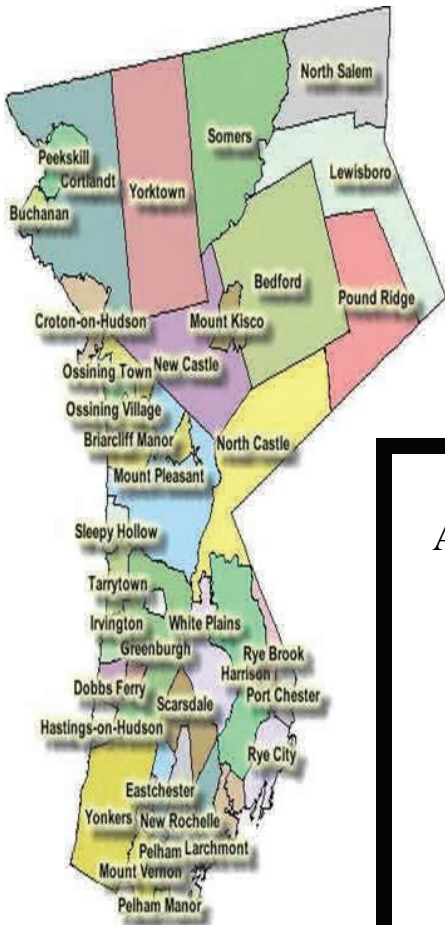


Westchester Chapter E-Newsletter

April 2013



The NYSSCPA Westchester Chapter
Accounting and Auditing Principles Committee presents:

“New York State Mandatory Quality Review Requirements and How to Prepare”

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 66 Hale Avenue, White Plains, NY

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(registration/check-in/light dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.)

Featured Speaker: Grace Singer, Partner (Berdon, LLP)

Cost: \$55 per attendee

CPE Code: 29110310 (2 CPE Credits (Auditing))

Mandatory Quality Review is now in effect for New York State CPA firms who perform attest engagements and employ two or more professionals. Learn what the new requirements are and how to prepare!

Contact: Denise Stefano at: denisestefano@smartpros.com; or 914-517-1158

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Debra Mareello at: dmareello@darcangelo.com; or 914-694-4900 ext. 5912

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From Chapter President Denise M. Stefano

Dear Westchester Chapter Members,

Well, the Chapter is back from its short “hiatus.” I hope everyone was able to take some time to enjoy the holiday.

As busy season starts to wind down and we push to meet upcoming deadlines, I thought I’d use this letter to remind everyone of the technical, outreach, and social events the Chapter currently has scheduled to run later this month and into May and June. I hope we can count on all of you to join us at these events, and help make them as successful as our past events have been this year.



- On Wednesday evening, April 24th, we will host a 2-CPE credit presentation on the Mandatory NYS Quality Review Requirements, and the process for preparing for these reviews. Grace Singer, Partner at Berdon, LLP and the Chapter’s Accounting and Auditing Principles Committee Co-Chair, with extensive expertise in this area, will be our featured speaker. The event is being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains, NY. Anyone interested can contact either myself or Debra Mareello (dmareello@darcangelo.com).
- On Tuesday evening, April 30th, in continuing our outreach goals and initiatives, we will be presenting a program (in partnership with Becker Professional Education) that will feature discussion on a host of CPA Examination topics, including the examination’s computer-based functionality, examination content, administration process, and so much more. Becker Professional will also conduct a live demonstration of the new task-based simulation problems being featured on the examination. This event will also be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains, NY and is being offered by the Chapter “free of charge” but seating is limited, so those interested should contact me as soon as possible in order to ensure their seat. This is sure to be an excellent and informative event for firm staff members (particularly those who have not yet passed the examination), students, college faculty, and really anyone who just wants to keep abreast of the sweeping changes that have been made to the CPA Examination over the years.
- On Thursday evening, May 2nd, at Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison, NY, our Young CPAs Committee will be hosting their very popular Annual Wine Tasting event, which will feature a fundraiser to benefit Blythedale Children’s Hospital. We are still in need of raffle donations, and there are still opportunities for sponsorship available, so if interested, please contact either Heather Oboda at: hoboda@citrincooperman.com or Ed Wells at: ewells@pscpcfirms.com.
- On Monday, May 6th, the Chapter is hosting its all-day Estate, Tax, and Financial Planning Conference, which will, once again, be held at the Citibank Executive Conference Center in Armonk, NY. This one is sure to be a sell-out, so if you haven’t yet registered, please consider doing so as soon as possible.
- On Tuesday, May 14th, we will be holding our Annual Golf Outing at Glen Arbor Golf Club in Bedford Hills, NY. As one of the Chapter’s highly attended social events, it is booking quickly, so interested parties should contact Jeff Schwartz at: jeff@stantonandleone.com to register. There are still gold sponsorship and hole sponsorships available.
- On Wednesday evening, May 15th, my year as President of the Chapter will culminate in our Annual President’s Dinner and Reception, which is being held at Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison, NY, and I would be honored to have you, our supportive members, join myself and the Chapter at this wonderful social event, which will also provide you with the opportunity to mingle with colleagues, business associates, friends, and past Chapter Presidents. The event will also host the welcoming of our 2013-2014 Chapter President, Gina Linss, present the 2013-2014 Chapter Board, and feature an awards ceremony. I hope to see you there! Contact Mark Leeds more information or to register: mleeds@winprop.com.
- Finally, we invite all Young CPAs to attend the statewide NYSSCPA’s Young CPA’s Conference. This two-day conference is being hosted on June 10th and 11th at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, NY. A host of professional-development topics will be presented at this conference and it will draw young CPA participants from chapters throughout the state, as well as many of the NYSSCPA’s senior leaders. We implore of firm management to support and strongly encourage staff participation at this event. For more information, contact: Ed Wells at: ewells@pscpcfirms.com.

As I conclude this note, I would, once again, like to express how appreciative the Chapter Board is of your support and participation in our programs. Without that support, we could not be as vibrant and active a Chapter as we are!

Warm Regards,
Denise

Denise can be reached at: 914-517-1158 or by email at: dstefano@mercy.edu or denisestefano@smartpros.com.

The NYSSCPA Westchester Chapter
(In conjunction with Becker Professional Education) Presents:

**“Everything You Need to Know About
the CPA Examination and More”**

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel

66 Hale Avenue

White Plains, NY

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Registration & Refreshments will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m.

This event is being provided “free of charge,” so please reserve your space now as seating is limited!
Refreshments will be served!

For more information and/or to reserve your space, please contact

Denise M. Stefano at: denisestefano@smartpros.com

or dstefano@mercy.edu or (914) 517-1158

Join the Westchester Chapter’s Young CPAs as they host their:

Annual Wine Tasting Networking Event

to benefit

Blythedale Children’s Hospital

When: Thursday, May 2nd

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Willow Ridge Country Club

123 North Street

Harrison, NY 10528



Come spend an evening enjoying good wine and company
at beautiful Willow Ridge Country Club! Guests will be able
purchase tickets to win various raffle items
(all proceeds will benefit Blythedale Children’s Hospital)

Raffle donations needed/sponsorship opportunities are available

For more information regarding registration for this event and/or donating raffle items or
sponsorship opportunities, contact:

Heather Oboda at: hoboda@citrincooperman.com or (914) 949-2990 ext. 3382

- OR -

Edward Wells at: ewells@psepaifirm.com or (914) 345-5888 ext. 110

The NYSSCPA Westchester Chapter hosts its:

Annual President's Dinner and Reception

Honoring the Chapter's 2012-2013 President,
Denise M. Stefano,
and
welcoming the Chapter's incoming 2013-2014 President,
Gina Linss

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Location: Willow Ridge Country Club
123 North Street, Harrison, NY

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(cocktail reception beginning at 6:00 p.m.)

Cost: \$65 per person

Contact Mark Leeds for more information and/or to register:
mleeds@winprop.com or (914) 468-7313

Join the Westchester Chapter's Young CPAs at the:

Annual Statewide Young CPA Conference

*A two-day CPE Event
(16 CPE credits)*

When: Monday, June 10th and Tuesday, June 11th

Where: Radisson Hotel in Utica, NY

Come learn about self-directed leadership, internal controls, networking and business etiquette, time management, work/life balance, building your personal brand, and business communication essentials.

A Great Opportunity to meet other Young Professionals throughout the state and develop essential business skills needed to further your career in the accounting profession

For more information about the event and/or to register contact:
Edward Wells at: ewells@pscparfirm.com or (914) 345-5888 ext. 110

The NYSSCPA Westchester Chapter hosts its:



13th Annual Estate, Tax, and Financial Planning Conference

Date: Monday, May 6, 2013

Location: Citigroup Executive Conference Center
188 King Street, Armonk, NY 10504

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(check-in at 8:15 a.m.)

Cost: \$135 member/\$175 non-member

CPE Code: 28611333

Register online or call: 1-800-537-3635

Register early as space is limited.

Pre-registration is required.

No walk-in registrations will be permitted.

**Chapter board member elections for the
2013-2014 fiscal year
will take place at this conference*

Calling all “techie”

The NYSSCPA Westchester Chapter’s
Accounting and Auditing Principles Committee
needs YOU!



(even if you’re not a “techie” but aspire to be,
or just want to keep abreast of current accounting and
auditing practice), we need your participation!

Come work with us on the planning of our Fall and Spring
technical CPE events, and facilitate monthly roundtable
sessions where technical accounting and auditing issues
can be discussed.

For more information contact:

Debra Marelo at: dmarelo@darcangelo.com or

Grace Singer at: gsinger@berdonllp.com

NYS Society of CPA'S - Westchester Chapter
Announces
THE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING EVENT
TUESDAY, May 14th, 2013

GLEN ARBOR GOLF CLUB
234 Bedford Center Road – Bedford Hills, NY (914) 241-0700

PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2012 - \$300
PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15TH, 2013 - \$325

SPONSORSHIPS:

Lunch, Golf, Cocktail Hour, Buffet & Dessert*	\$350
Lunch, Golf <i>CLINIC</i> , Cocktail Hour, Buffet and Dessert**	\$350
<i>BOTH CLINICS ABOVE AND BELOW ARE LIMITED TO 12</i>	
Morning Group Golf Clinic***	\$50
Cocktail Hour, Buffet and Dessert Only	\$150

LIMITED GOLD SPONSORSHIP: \$1,825 includes

- ◆ Sign near tee box area that company sponsored the hole
- ◆ Table at registration desk
- ◆ Reserved tables at cocktail hour and dinner
- ◆ Recognition at dinner
- ◆ Brunch, golf, drinks and dinner for one

Hole Sponsorship - \$150

* Includes greens fees, forecaddie, cart, and driving range
** The afternoon group clinic will be held from 1-4. It is an intro to all aspects of golf & is a substitution for playing in the event. Minimum of 4.
***The morning group clinic will be held from 10-11. Golfers will receive a full swing video analysis. All levels are welcome.

***** RESERVE EARLY – THIS EVENT WILL GET CLOSED OUT! *****



Line up your foursome with CPAs, clients, bankers, lawyers, etc. If you can't complete a foursome, we will do it for you.



The day begins with **sign-in/registration at 11:00 am**, followed by lunch buffet at 11 am and **shotgun start at 12:30 pm**. Cocktail "hour" and hors d'oeuvres will begin at **approximately 5:30 pm** with open bar. Prizes will be awarded during buffet dinner. **ALL PRO SHOP CERTIFICATES MUST BE REDEEMED THAT EVENING.**



Our members, attorneys, bankers, and friends have contributed prizes. We thank them for their contributions.



Clients, spouses and others are welcome to attend!



Make your reservations early. I look forward to seeing you.



Rain or Shine! * No Refunds

Jeff Schwartz, Chairman

Westchester Chapter Golf Outing – May 14th, 2013

Name (please print) _____	Office Telephone Number _____
Firm Name and address _____	E-mail Address: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>I want to play in a scramble format (OR BELOW)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to participate in the AM golf clinic (\$50)
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>I want to play my own ball</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to ONLY play in the PM golf clinic (\$350)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please put me in a foursome. My handicap is _____.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have arranged my foursome (Please list other 3 names)	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.	

Send check payable to "NYSSCPA – Westchester Chapter" to:
Stanton and Leone, 1025 Westchester Avenue – Suite 301, White Plains, NY 10604
Att'n: Jeffrey A. Schwartz, CPA
Telephone (914) 286-6908, E-Mail: jeff@stantonandleone.com

2013-2014 Chapter Board Nominations Announced

The Westchester Chapter Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of Officers and Directors for the 2013-2014 Chapter year. All candidates have consented to serve if nominated and elected. Nominations took place at the Chapter's December 3rd, 2012 tax conference. Elections will take place at the Chapter's May Estate Planning Conference.

Officers:

President	Gina Linss
President-Elect	William Zeboris
Vice President	Michele Lazzara
Treasurer	Catherine Censullo
Secretary	Deborah Rubin

Board Members to fill vacancies:

2013-2015:	Michael Herz
2013-2015:	Debra Marello
2013-2015:	Heather Oboda
2013-2015:	Edward Wells

Board Members continuing 2-year terms:

2013-2014:	Doug Ruttenberg
2013-2014:	Jeffrey Schwartz
2013-2014:	Robert Winton
2013-2014:	*TBD

Pursuant to the by-laws, current Chapter President, Denise Stefano, will serve on the Board as Immediate Past President.

* Rodney Ertischek, who was slated to continue his 2-year term, recently resigned his Board position. The Chapter's Nominating Committee (Denise Stefano, Mark Leeds, and Howard Klein) is currently addressing Rodney's replacement. Any Chapter members who are interested in serving on the Chapter Board should contact the Chapter President (and Nominating Committee Member), Denise Stefano at: (914) 517-1158 or denisestefano@smartpros.com or dstefano@mercy.edu.

2013 CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program/Activity/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/24/13	“NYS Mandatory Quality Review Requirements and How to Prepare” (CPE event)	5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
4/30/13	“Everything You Need to Know About the CPA Examination and More” Event	5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
5/2/13	Young CPAs Wine Tasting Networking/Benefit Event	5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
5/6/13	Estate Planning Conference	8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
5/14/13	Annual Golf Outing Event	All Day Event
5/15/13	Annual President’s Dinner and Reception	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
6/10/13 and 6/11/13	Statewide Young CPA’s Conference	Two-day/All Day Conference

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FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS 2013

(Board Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday Morning of the month. Exceptions are noted)

April 18th and May 15th (Evening meeting prior to President’s Dinner/Reception)

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