TAX HOTLINE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Westchester Chapter in cooperation with The Journal News will host its annual tax hotline on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at The Journal News offices at 1133 Westchester Ave, White Plains, NY. We are looking for volunteers to answer phone in and web chat questions. This is a wonderful way to provide community service and to get publicity for our profession. We need your assistance in helping our county residents with any tax questions they may have. Volunteers will be asked to participate in two-hour time slots:

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in participating, please respond to Robert Winton by email at rwinton@citrincooperman.com or by phone at 914-949-2990 ext. 3326. Make sure that you include your name, address and telephone number along with what time slot you are interested in. We will contact you with more details. We will also let you know what materials to bring that past volunteers found helpful to refer to when answering questions.

Thank you, The Westchester chapter appreciates your help.
From Chapter President Gina Linss.....

Dear Westchester Chapter Members,

Even though it is Tax Season and April 15th will be right around the corner, the Westchester Chapter plans to keep going and stay active throughout these busy months.

Due to hazardous weather warnings the Allied Professionals Networking Breakfast has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 6th. The Westchester Chapter in alliance with professional networking group, The Allied Professionals, will be hosting a 1 CPE seminar on topic “How to use Linkedin Use, Application, and Strategies”. The seminar will be at 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. held at Doral Arrowwood in Rye Brook, NY. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to get practical and strategic advice from an industry expert. Jared Trexler is the marketing and media manager for Ed Slott and Company and will provide practical instructions that you won't get anywhere else. Complimentary headshot photos will additionally be offered before the event. Photos available prior to the session starting at 7:00 a.m. These photos can then be used for attendees Linkedin page! For NYSSCPA Registration please e-mail: Amy Amodeo at rle@ecker-law.com or call (914) 273-0777.

Page one of our February E-Newsletter features the details of our annual tax hotline. The Westchester Chapter in cooperation with The Journal News will host its annual tax hotline on Saturday, March 1, 2014. This committee, chaired by Robert Winton, is looking for volunteers to answer phone in and web chat questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer in your community by assisting local residence with any tax questions they may have. If you are interested in participating, please respond to Robert Winton by email at rwinton@citrincooperman.com or by phone at 914-949-2990 ext. 3326.

Our annual scholarship drive launches in February and we will be accepting applications for our annual scholarships shortly. The Westchester Chapter has been awarding scholarships to deserving Westchester high school seniors for over ten years. Anyone knowing a Westchester high school senior who intends to major in accounting should have them contact Mark Leeds or their guidance counselor for more details. New for this year, we would also like to extend our scholarship efforts to deserving college seniors. However, since our budget for scholarships is fixed, we are looking at other sources of funding. So we are very interested in partnering with firms/companies to create sponsorship opportunities. If your firm or company is interested in sponsoring such a scholarship, please contact Mark Leeds at (914) 468-7313.

The Young CPAs are beginning to start working on their annual Wine Tasting/Networking Event to benefit Blythedale Children’s Hospital. They are currently looking for volunteers to help organize the event. In addition they are looking for donations of raffle items.
From Chapter President Gina Linss continued.....

Last year they were able to raise over $1200 in raffle ticket sales which went directly to the hospital. If you are interested in helping please contact Heather Oboda at hoboda@citrincooperman.com.

On February 11, 2014, the Westchester Chapter will be hosting our annual College Planning Event presented by college planning and consulting expert Gary Carpenter, CPA held at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Gary is the owner of College Planning Services and will speak on various topics relating to the college planning process including the college admissions process, college costs, the financial aid process, financial aid forms, student loans, educational tax benefits, 529 college savings plans and scholarships and other awards. A question and answer discussion will follow the presentation. As one of the Westchester Chapter’s public outreach initiatives, I would like to stress that this event is offered Free of Charge and with no obligations to any attendees. To register, please contact Patricia Galistinos at pgalistinos@citrincooperman.com or Denise Stefano at dstefano@mercy.edu.

Please save the dates for the following events:

February 6, 2014 - Allied Professional Breakfast Event, Doral Arrowwood, Rye Brook, NY, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
February 11, 2014 - Annual College Planning Event, Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY, 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
February 11, 2014 - WCA’s Young Professionals Quarterly Networking Event, Cooper’s Mill, Tarrytown, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 1, 2014 - Tax hotline, The Journal News , 1133 Westchester Ave., 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
April 2014 - CPA Examination Overview - date and location – TBD
May 2014 - President’s dinner and scholarships presentation, date and location – TBD
May 5, 2014 - Estate and Financial Planning Conference, Citigroup Conference Center, Armonk, NY, all day conference
May 13, 2014 - Annual golf outing and networking event, Glen Arbor Golf Club, Bedford Hills
May 15, 2014 - Young CPA wine tasting event to benefit Blythedale Children’s Hospital

Regards,
Gina

Gina can be reached at: 914-949-2990 or by email at: glinss@citrincooperman.com
Due to hazardous weather warning the Allied Professionals Networking Breakfast has been rescheduled for Thursday, 2/6/14 - 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (photos at 7:00 a.m.)

*The Allied Professionals*

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The FPA Greater Hudson Valley Chapter
the Westchester Chapter of the New York State Society of CPAs
& the Westchester County Bar Association
*invite you*
to join us for an Allied Professionals Interactive Networking Breakfast

**Topic:**

*How to use LinkedIn - Applications and Strategies*

- What Social Media is, what it is not
- How LinkedIn fits into the Social Media spectrum
How LinkedIn works - its features and capabilities
Practical business applications and marketing strategies
FINRA Regulations
Optional features available
How to develop an action plan and strategy

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to get practical and strategic advice from an industry expert. Jared Trexler is the marketing and media manager for Ed Slott and Company and will give you practical instructions that you won't get anywhere else.

We are also offering complimentary headshot photos before the event. Photos available prior to the session starting at 7:00 a.m.

WHEN: Thursday, February 6, 2014
TIME: 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
WHERE: Doral Arrowwood (Hudson Room)
Anderson Hill Road, Rye Brook, NY

1 CPE CREDIT OFFERED
$35.00 per person
COURSE CODE: 29115406

For NYSSCPA Registration Please E-mail:
Amy Amodeo at rle@ecker-law.com
or call (914) 273-0777

For FPA Registration Please E-mail:
Marcia Kaplan, CFP at marcia.s.kaplan@ampf.com

For WCBA Registration Please E-mail:
Luis Rivera, Esq. at cle@wcbany.org

A great opportunity for company executives, marketing managers and potential internet gurus!
Bring along a young person from your organization who is comfortable with social media to assist you in implementing your strategy.
The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA) Westchester Chapter is hosting its:

“Annual College Planning Event”

(on the magnificent Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY campus and OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!)

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
Place: Mercy College, 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY  
Victory Hall (School of Business wing of building)  
Trading Floor Instructional Facility (outside of Room/Suite 100)  
Time: 6:15 pm. – 9:00 p.m.

Come hear college planning and consulting experts, Gary Carpenter, CPA and Owner of College Planning Services, and, Al Hoffman, Director of the College Funding Service Center (CFSC) and Co-founder and Board Member of the National College Advocacy Group (NCAG), speak on, and provide insight into, the college planning process. A question and answer discussion will follow the presentation.

Topics discussed will include: The college admissions process (including college visitations, college selection), college costs and funding sources, financial aid process and filing financial aid forms, student loans, educational tax benefits, 529 college savings plans, scholarships and other awards, and much much more!

Attendees will also receive a comprehensive “College Checklist and Timeline for Applying to College” that can assist with planning and organization of this often laborious process!

Light Refreshments will be served!

This event is being hosted FREE OF CHARGE with No Obligation to attendees, so register now as seating is limited.

Contact: Denise M. Stefano at: dstefano@mercy.edu (e-mail) or 914-674-7779 (phone)
Tuesday, February 11th
5:30- 7:30 p.m. @ Cooper’s Mill, Tarrytown

Unwind, sip on a local brew, and join The WCA for its quarterly networking event where over 150 members of the business community come together for an informal gathering.

The rustic Cooper's Mill, located at the Marriott hotel in Tarrytown, is the place to be.

For more information, go to www.westchester.org or call 914-948-6444

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

WCA Members: $45; Future Members: $65

To become a sponsor, please contact Tara Lavery, tlavery@westchester.org, 914-948-4144

Event Sponsor:

2014 Partners: Westchester Chapter of the NYS Society of CPAs | Westchester County Bar Association | The Westchester Women’s Bar Association
Upcoming Events to Remember:

- Young CPAs Wine Tasting Event - Thursday, May 15th, 2014
- CPA Examination Overview Event - Last week of April, TBD

Please look for more details in the upcoming Chapter’s Newsletters!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in volunteering to help organize the Westchester Chapter Young CPAs Wine Tasting/Network Event to benefit Blythedale Children’s Hospital

or

if you are interest in the Raffle donations please contact Heather Oboda at:

hoboda@citrincooperman.com
The Westchester Chapter of the NYSSCPA’s has a number of sponsorship opportunities currently available.

**Golf Outing Committee**

Annual Golf and Networking event

May 14, 2014

$150 to $1,500 plus cost of golf and/or dinner

Please Contact:
Jeff Schwartz
jeff@stantonandleone.com
914-286-6908

**Young CPA’s Committee**

Wine Tasting to Benefit Blythedale’s Children’s Hospital

May 15, 2014

$750 for a table for admissions and logo on flyer

Please Contact:
Heather Oboda
hoboda@citrincooperman.com

**Scholarship Committee**

2014 Scholarships

May 2014

$1,000 Sponsorships Available

Please Contact:
Mark Leeds
mleeds@winprop.com
Denise Stefano
denisestefano@smartpros.com
NYS SOCIETY OF CPA’S - WESTCHESTER CHAPTER
Announces
THE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING EVENT
TUESDAY, May 13th, 2014
GLEN ARBOR GOLF CLUB
234 Bedford Center Road – Bedford Hills, NY (914) 241-0700

PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2013 - $300
PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15TH, 2014 - $325

SPONSORSHIPS:

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

*Lunch, Golf, Cocktail Hour, Buffet & Dessert* includes:
- Greens fees
- Forecaddie
- Cart
- Driving range

**Lunch, Golf **CLINIC**, Cocktail Hour, Buffet and Dessert** includes:
- Morning group clinic will be held from 10-11. Golfers will receive a full swing video analysis. All levels are welcome.
- 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.

***Morning Group Golf Clinic*** 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
- Lunch, golf, drinks and dinner for one

Hole Sponsorship - $150

LIMITED GOLD SPONSORSHIP: $1,850 includes:
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* Includes greens fees, forecaddie, cart, and driving range
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*** 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 13th, 2014

Name (please print) ____________________________
Office Telephone Number ____________________________
Firm Name and address ____________________________
E-mail Address: ____________________________

☐ I want to play in a scramble format (OR BELOW)
☐ I want to participate in the AM golf clinic ($50)
☐ I want to play my own ball
☐ I want to ONLY play in the PM golf clinic ($350)
☐ Dinner Only
☐ Please put me in a foursome. My handicap is _____.
☐ I have arranged my foursome (Please list other 3 names)
☐ 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
Chapter Committees and Major Events Planning 2013-2014

The Westchester Chapter has organized the following committees for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Active committee service and participation is one of the most important ways you can contribute to the profession. Please take a few minutes to review the committees listed below, and contact the Chair/Co-Chair about becoming a member for any that spark your interest. It is never too late!

We need your support and participation!!!

** ACCOUNTANTS IN INDUSTRY (formerly CFO Committee) - A forum for NYSSCPA members who are senior financial executives in industry (CFO’s, Controllers, VP’s of Finance), to meet and exchange ideas and knowledge. Monthly informal hour-long breakfast sessions (3rd Wed)
Deborah Rubin, Co-Chair, drubin@lepatner.com
Michael Herz, Co-Chair, (914) 472-3180, herzm@jccmw.org

** ACCOUNTING CAREERS - Make presentations to high school and college students; coordinate summer COAP Program; Administer Chapter's high school scholarship program.
Denise Stefano, Chair (914) 517-1158, denisestefano@smartpros.com or dstefano@mercy.edu

** ACCOUNTING & AUDITING PRINCIPLES - Primary focus is to discuss current accounting and auditing topics, conduct future CPA seminars and involvement in community and profession-related activities.
Debra Marello, Co-Chair (914) 694-4600 ext 5912, dmarello@darcangelo.com
Grace Singer, Co-Chair gsinger@berdonllp.com

** ESTATE AND FINANCIAL PLANNING - One of the chapter’s most active committees. Annual conference, quarterly presentations and monthly breakfast discussion groups.
Robert L. Ecker, Co-Chair (914) 273-0777, RL.Ecker-Law.com
Howard Klein, Co-Chair (914) 949-2990, HKlein@citrincooperman.com

** GOLF OUTING - Help organize the annual outing. Major networking opportunity!
Jeffrey A. Schwartz, Chair, (914) 286-6908, jeff@stantonandleone.com

** GOVERNMENT RELATIONS - Coordinate activities with the State Society and legislators. To enhance government relations within our local region.
Barbara Bel, Chair, (914) 341-7062 bbel@odmd.com

** LOCAL PRACTITIONERS - To coordinate monthly programs.
Stephen E. Franciosa, Co-Chair, sfcpas@optonline.net
Catherine Censullo, Co-Chair, Catherine.Censullo@cmccensuslocpa.com

** PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Join a group of business professionals. Coordinate events during the year to promote professional and community relations.
Howard Klein, Co-Chair (914) 949-2990, HKlein@citrincooperman.com
Mark G. Leeds, Co-Chair (914) 468-7313, mleeds@winprop.com

** ANNUAL RECRUITMENT EVENT - Coordinate annual event with local colleges, students and business people.
Michele Lazzara, Co-Chair (914) 909-3421, mlazzara@markspaneth.com
Heather Oboda, Co-Chair (914) 949-2990 x 3382 hoboda@citrincooperman.com
Denise Stefano, Co-Chair (914) 517-1158, denisestefano@smartpros.com or dstefano@mercy.edu

** SPONSORSHIPS - Coordinate with institutions who might sponsor Chapter events.
Mark G. Leeds, Co-Chair (914) 468-7313, mleeds@winprop.com
Gina Linss, Co-Chair, (914) 949-2990, glinss@citrincooperman.com

** TAX - Coordinates 2 all-day tax conferences in the October/November and December months: the first on Small Business Taxes and the second on Individual Taxes. Committee also hosts monthly breakfast routable discussion/meetings.
Doug Ruttenberg, Co-Chair, druttenberg@odpkf.com

** YOUNG CPAs - Coordinate different events and outings during the year for Young CPAs.
Matthew Katz, Co-Chair (914) 949-2990, mkatz@citrincooperman.com
Edward Wells, Co-Chair: EWells@pscpafirm.com
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FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS 2014
(Board Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday Morning of the month. Exceptions are noted)

02/20/14 @ 7:30 a.m.

Location: Telephone Conference

NEXT NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2014

Happy Valentine’s Day! Happy President’s Day!
Mortgage Rate Protection

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- Rate protection for 3 years
- Expert advice and help throughout the process

Contact Us

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The Citibank New Mortgage Loan applications received July 23, 2013 through December 31, 2013 Offer no application on Home Equity Loans or Lines of Credit.
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2. You must have a Citibank deposit account before closing. Prior to closing, we will verify that you have a Citibank deposit account. This can be an existing account or a new account.
3. In addition, we will require you to establish direct debt for mortgage payments from a deposit account.
4. Both cashout and home improvement loans are allowed for this program.

Program Parameters:

6) The "Rate Protection Conversion Index" which is based on the Citibank par rate must fall more than one quarter of one percentage point (0.25%) from the Rate Protection Conversion Index.
7) You must notify Citibank to exercise the Rate Protection Option.
8) Mortgage cannot be limited under the Rate or the Security Instrument.
9) You must provide or obtain any documentation the holder requires to affect the new interest rate, including, but not limited to a Loan Modification Agreement.

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