ATTENTION:  OPEN HOUSES!!!

The Westchester Chapter Accountants in Industry and Local Practitioner Committees Open House
June 4, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. @ Webster Bank, White Plains

The Westchester Chapter Young CPA Meeting Open House
July 11, 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. @ Citrin Cooperman, White Plains

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From Chapter President Gina Linss ….

Dear Westchester Chapter Members,

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me this opportunity to serve as President of the Westchester Chapter. With your help, I am confident that we can grow the membership base, continue our outreach to local colleges and students interested in accounting, and increase our public exposure in the Westchester community.

Within the past two years, our chapter has been actively working on increasing our number of State Society members. Currently, there are approximately 29,000 members of the NYSSCPA. The Westchester Chapter has almost 2,500 members. Now, we should take this goal to the next level. I welcome and strongly encourage all new and not so new members of the society to get involved. The Westchester Chapter would like to invite all members to a “Committee Kick Off” which each of our committees will be hosting during the upcoming year. The first OPEN HOUSE on June 4th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. will introduce “The Accountants in Industry and The Local Practioner’s Committees.” Through the sponsorship of Webster Bank in White Plains, these two Committees will be hosting a CPE seminar on Fraud Awareness. This seminar and open house will be held at Webster Bank located at: 1 North Broadway, Suite 111 in White Plains, NY. The cost of this seminar is $15. To register or for additional information, please contact me at: glinss@citrincooperman.com. If you are unable to make this event, please feel free to contact me and I can direct you to the appropriate committee heads.

I was invited to my first NYSSCPA Westchester chapter event by the managing partner of my office. New to my firm’s Westchester office (transferred from our New York City office) and brand new to Westchester County, I was excited by the opportunities the Chapter offered. Shortly after this event, I signed up as a member of the Young CPA’s Committee. The Young CPA Committee continues to be a valuable means of networking for the newer members of our profession. In that spirit, on July 11th, the Young CPA Committee will be hosting its Committee Kick Off / OPEN HOUSE, held at the office of Citrin Cooperman & Company at 709 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, NY from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Please email Heather Oboda at: hoboda@citrincooperman.com to RSVP for this event. I would like to encourage all young CPAs to attend. I would also like to ask the partners and the employers to allow and encourage their young CPAs to get involved in this committee and participate.

Lastly, but equally important, is our continued involvement with the Westchester community. We have had great success showcasing the chapter by participating in outreach programs and charitable events. We should continue our efforts for these great causes.

I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve as President of the Westchester Chapter. Most of all, I welcome your ideas and strongly encourage your involvement in chapter activities.

Regards,
Gina

Gina can be reached at: 914-949-2990 or by email at: glinss@citrincooperman.com
The Westchester Chapter Accountants in Industry and Local Practitioner Committees are hosting a joint Open House/CPE Event, sponsored by Webster Bank, addressing:

“Fraud Awareness”

Light refreshments will be served!

When: Tuesday, June 4th  
Where: Webster Bank, 1 North Broadway  
       Suite 111  
       White Plains, NY 10601  
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
(Check-in, light refreshments start at 5:30 p.m.;  
CPE presentation begins at 6:00 p.m.)  
Fee: $15 per person  
(Participants will receive 1 CPE Credit)  
CPE Code: 29115401 (Specialized Knowledge)

For more information about the event and/or to register contact:  
Deborah Rubin at: drubin@optonline.com or (212) 935-4400 OR  
Gina Linss at: glinss@citrincooperman.com or (914) 949-2990 ext. 3338

Join the Young CPAs of the Westchester Chapter NYSSCPA at their General Meeting Open House!

When: Thursday, July 11th  
Where: Citrin Cooperman  
       709 Westchester Ave, Suite 200  
       White Plains, NY 10604  
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

You will learn about the supportive networks available to young CPAs and CPA candidates. If you are interested in developing professional relationships & opportunities, enhancing your professional skills and have a desire to build a better profession, this is the meeting for you!

For more information about the event and/or to register contact
Heather Oboda at: hoboda@citrincooperman.com
Join the Allied Professionals of the Westchester Chapter NYSSCPA, the Financial Planning Association Greater Hudson Valley Chapter, and the Westchester County Bar Association for a presentation on:

“Identity Theft & Privacy Laws”

When: Wednesday, June 12th  
Where: Doral Arrowwood Conference Center  
975 Anderson Hill Road, Rye Brook, NY  
Time: 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Fee: $35.00 per person

Featuring Guest Speaker: David A. Menken, Esq. of Smith Buss & Jacobs, LLP

For more information about the event and/or to register contact Amy Amodeo at: rle@ecker-law.com or (914) 273-0777

Join the Westchester Chapter’s Young CPAs at the:

Annual Statewide Young CPAs Conference  
A two-day CPE Event  
(16 CPE credits)

When: Monday, June 10th and Tuesday, June 11th  
Where: Radisson Hotel in Utica, NY  
Fee: $225 member, $350 non-member

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@pscpafirm.com or (914) 345-5888 ext. 110
You’re Invited to the **Young Professional Quarterly Reception**!

Expand your professional network, grow your business and be active in the community!

**When:** Wednesday, June 19th  
**Where:** Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club  
555 South Barry Ave  
Mamaroneck, NY  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Members: $45  
Future Members: $55

To register please visit: [https://westchester.org/eventregister.php?event=387](https://westchester.org/eventregister.php?event=387)

**Guest Speaker:** Marissa Brett, WCA’s Executive Director of Economic Development/The BLUEPRINT for Westchester

**Co-hosts:** NYSSCPAs, Westchester County Bar Association and Westchester Women’s Bar Association
Calling all “techies”…….

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 Marello at: dmarello@darcangelo.com or Grace Singer at: gsinger@berdonllp.com

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Shout out from the Accountants in Industry!

Starting in the Fall 2013, the Accountants in Industry Committee is planning several meetings (offering CPE credit), which will feature topics of interest to the Chapter’s members working in industry, non-profits, and public accounting who have industry and/or non-profit clients.

If you have a topic of interest you would like to see covered, or have a speaker you would like to suggest, we want to hear from you! Please send contact Deborah Rubin at:

dbrubin@optonline.net or (212) 935-4400 ext. 216
2013-2014 Chapter Board Nominations

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 6th 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:       *Gina Goodenow

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

* Gina Goodenow was recently voted (by the Westchester Chapter Board) to assume Rodney Ertischek’s board seat vacated during the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Ms. Goodenow is, therefore, slated to continue a two-year term through the 2013-2014 fiscal year.
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, dbrubin@optonline.net
Michael Herz, Co-Chair, (914) 472-3300
michaelbherz@gmail.com

** 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, RLE@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@emcensulloepca.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, mlaazzara@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@odmd.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 2013

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

July 18th at the Westchester Marriott, Tarrytown, NY

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Mortgage Rate Protection

If mortgage rates drop, you can lower yours at no charge!

If you’ve been waiting to purchase or refinance a home because you thought rates might go even lower, you don’t have to wait any longer! With Mortgage Rate Protection from Citibank, you can apply for a new mortgage today. If our rates go down in the next three years, you can lower your rate at no charge.

Please see important terms & conditions below:

- Competitive mortgage rates today, with protection if our mortgage rates decrease in the future
- Rate protection for 3 years
- Expert advice and help throughout the process

Contact Us

Important Conditions:

The Citibank First mortgage loan applications received by July 31, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Offer not applicable on Home Equity Loans or Lines of Credit.

1. Your eligibility in the program will be determined at the time you apply for a first mortgage loan on a specific property through your Mortgage Consultant.

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 debit for mortgage payments from a deposit account.

Both purchasing and refinance loan applications are available for this program.

Program Parameters:

6. The "Rate Protection Conversion Index" which is based on the Citibank prime rate must fall more than one quarter of one percentage point (0.25%) from the Rate Protection Conversion Index to affect our rate the Rate Protection was selected.

66. You must notify Citibank in writing to exercise the Rate Protection Option.

64. Mortgage cannot be included under the Rate Protection Option.

64. You must provide complete and accurate information to the lender in order to exercise the Rate Protection Option.

Terms and conditions of accounts, programs, products and services are subject to change.

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