The NYSSCPA’s Westchester Chapter
Wishes you and your loved ones:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & A
HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!

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From Chapter President Gina Goodenow…

Dear Fellow Westchester Chapter Members,

Welcome to December! I can’t believe 2017 is almost over already. Every year it seems December comes quicker than the last.

My fellow CPA friends and I always call December 31th CPE day since we are rushing to get in the hours. Don’t let that happen to you!

We still have one more opportunity to get some credit in before the end of the year at our tax conference. At this conference you can get a full day’s credit in while learning great information and networking with other CPAs.

We hope to see you at a future event.

Our board would like to wish you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Gina Goodenow

Gina Goodenow can be reached by phone at (212) 251-4042 or by e-mail at GinaGoodenow@gmail.com

Happy Holidays
For the second year, the Internal Revenue Service, state tax agencies and the tax industry will host National Tax Security Awareness Week to encourage both individual and business taxpayers to take additional steps to protect their tax data and identities in advance of the 2018 filing season.

**IRS, State Tax Agencies and Tax Industry Announce National Tax Security Awareness Week, Nov. 27-Dec. 1**

**Security Summit**
The IRS has joined with representatives of the software industry, tax preparation firms, payroll and tax financial product processors and state tax administrators to combat identity theft refund fraud to protect the nation's taxpayers.

**NEWS RELEASES:** (Please check each day for the following news releases to be posted)

**Nov 27:**
Online Security-Seven Steps for Safety

**Nov 28:**
Don’t Take the Bait

**Nov 29:**
Victims of Data Breaches

**Nov 30:**
Avoid the W-2 Scam

**Dec 01:**
Be Alert to Identity Theft
IRS TAX TIPS: (Please check each day for the following tips to be posted)

**Nov 27: Eight Steps to Keep Online Data Safe**

Tax Tip - Nov27 - EightStepsOnline.docx

**Nov 28: Recognize Phishing Email Scams**

Tax Tip - Nov 28 - Phishing Scam.docx

**Nov 29: Five Steps Data Breach Victims Can Take**

Tax Tip - Nov 29 - Data Breach.docx

**Nov 30: Thieves Use W-2 Scam to get Employee Data**

Tax Tip - Nov 30 - W-2 Scam.docx

**Archived Webinar: Don't Take the Bait**

TWITTER & HASHTAG: Please be sure to follow @IRSnews, @IRStaxpros and @IRSenEspanol on Twitter

TWEETS: You can also post any of the sample tweets below included on your own feed or issue new ones, also using the hashtag #TaxSecurity.

- This is the #IRS National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week. Help us keep you safe: www.irs.gov/securitysummit
- On #IRS National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week, learn basic steps to protect yourself and your tax data online. www.irs.gov/securitysummit
- It’s National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week and #IRS has tips to keep you safe online. www.irs.gov/securitysummit
- On #IRS National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week, learn what steps to take if you’re a data breach victim: www.irs.gov/securitysummit
- On National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week, #IRS offers tips on the signs of tax-related identity theft. www.irs.gov/securitysummit
- #TaxSecurity: #IRS offers steps to keep you safe and protect your tax return and refund in 2018: www.irs.gov/securitysummit
JOIN US AT THE ACCOUNTANTS IN INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE NYSSCPA WESTCHESTER CHAPTER WEDNESDAY JAN. 17, 2018

UNDERSTANDING TODAY’S STOCK MARKET

We welcome our speaker, Keith Small, Regional Planning Specialist with Cetera Financial Specialists. Please join us in an interactive and informative discussion on understanding the basics of the stock market. This session will cover:

- Why Invest?
- How Do People Invest?
- What Have We Learned?
- Not Investing Means Taking Risks, Too.
- Pursuing a Better Investment Experience: 10 Best Practices
- Questions / review

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE CENTER OF SKADDEN ARPS AT 360 HAMILTON AVENUE IN WHITE PLAINS FROM 7:45 TO 9 AM

Learn and Earn 1 CPE credit. Under the new Accountancy law all CPAs in industry are subject to the CPE regulations. - Course Number 29112804.

Bring a colleague. We provide the coffee and conversation to wake up your brain. We would like to thank our sponsor, Lisa Esteves, Controller, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP for the use of their conference center.

Contact Michael Herz, michaelbherz@gmail.com or Deborah Rubin, drubin@lepatner.com for further information.
How to Start a Women's Initiative at Your Firm

December 12, 5:30 – 7 p.m.
NYSSCPA Headquarters
14 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005
Open to ALL Members

For several years now, the AICPA, and other accounting organizations have released figures showing that, despite the fact that men and women enter the accounting profession in just about equal numbers, the leadership in accounting firms is still overwhelmingly male. Evidence continues to mount, arguing the business case for women's advancement in the profession, but how can this be done in an effective manner?

A panel of professionals will share their experiences and techniques. Learn how to get both employer and employee buy-in and where firms have found success and faced challenges.

At the live session, enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments while networking with other local professionals. Advance registration is required. Registration is $20 for members, and $35 for non-members. No walk-ins permitted. Only 21 and over, please.

About the DIY Monthly Workshop Series: How to Start a Women's Initiative at Your Firm is part of the NYSSCPA’s new DIY Monthly Workshop Series, sponsored by the Women’s Initiative of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee. The workshops are open to men and women interested in learning a new skill. Diversity and inclusion aren’t just for the board room, and in this series, learning a new skill is more fun when there’s a mix of professionals in the room!

If you have questions or an idea for a future DIY Monthly Workshop, contact Lauren Biggers, Associate Director, Member Relations, at lbiggers@nysscpa.org.
Proudly Announces
THE ANNUAL GOLF & NETWORKING EVENT
MONDAY, August 13th, 2018

WYKAGYL COUNTRY CLUB
1195 North Avenue – New Rochelle, NY (914) 636-8700

PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2017 - $350

Next Gen members (and their guests under 40 years of age) - $200, but limited to three foursomes

OPTIONS TO ATTEND:

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* Includes greens fees, forecaddie, cart, and driving range

Hole Sponsorship - $150

*** 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 registration/driving range/putting green/BBQ lunch at 11:00 am, followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. There will also be on-course refreshments. Cocktail “hour” and hors d’oeuvres will begin at approximately 5:30 pm with open bar. Prizes will be awarded during buffet dinner and thought the pro shop closes around 7:00 pm, any certificates can be redeemed after the event.
- 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 – August 13th, 2018**

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 play my own ball
☐ Dinner Only
☐ Please put me in a foursome. My handicap is _____.
☐ I have arranged my foursome (Please list other 3 names)        ☐ ____________________________
                      ☐ ____________________________
☐ My check (only form of payment) for $ __________ is enclosed.

Send check payable to “NYSSCPA – Westchester Chapter” to:
Emmerman, Boyle & Associates, LLC
1025 Westchester Avenue – Suite 301
White Plains, NY 10604
Att’n: Jeffrey A. Schwartz, CPA
Telephone (914) 286-6908
E-Mail: jschwartz@eba.nyc
Need help with a tax issue?
Have a tax issue you’d like to share with your colleagues?
Then,

JOIN US AT THE
TAX COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING!

Please Note: December Meeting is call in only

When: 1st Wednesday of each month

Where: D’Arcangelo and Company, LLP
800 Westchester Ave, Room N-400
Rye Brook, NY 10573

Time: 8 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

If you cannot make it in-person, you could also conference in by phone!

Call in #: 800-501-8979
Access Code: 2589247

For more information please contact Doug Ruttenberg at druttenberg@pkfod.com or call 914-341-7064
Chapter Committees and Major Events Planning 2017-2018
The Westchester Chapter has organized the following committees for the 2017 -
2018 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** - 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, (212) 935-4400, drubin@lepatner.com
Michael Herz, Co-Chair, (914) 662-2525, 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) 674-7779, 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.
Denise Stefano, Chair, (914) 674-7779, dstefano@mercy.edu

** COAP COMMITTEE** - Coordinate the COAP (Career Opportunities in the Accounting Profession)
Program, a week long training program that takes place during the summer targeted to minority
students interested in the Accounting profession.
Frank Pellegrino, Co-Chair, (914) 345-5888, FPellegrino@pscpafirm.com
Carolyn Christesen, Co-Chair, (914) 606-6876, Carolyn.Christesen@sunywcc.edu

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

** GOVERNMENT RELATIONS** - Coordinate activities with the State Society and legislators as well
as the IRS. To enhance government relations within our local region.
Bernadette Schopfer, Chair, (914) 644-9247, bhs@mgroupusa.com

** LOCAL PRACTITIONERS** - To coordinate monthly programs.
Stephen Francisoca, Co-Chair, (718) 885-9191, sfranciosa@iona.edu
Catherine Censullo, Co-Chair, (914) 997-7724, Catherine.Censullo@cmecnusllocpa.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 x3382, hoboda@citrincooperman.com
Denise Stefano, Co-Chair, (914) 674-7779, dstefano@mercy.edu

** SPONSORSHIPS** - Coordinate with institutions who might sponsor Chapter events.
Richard Terrano, Chair, (212) 330-6085, rterrano@markspaneth.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, Chair, (914) 381-8900, druttenberg@odpkf.com

** YOUNG CPAs NextGen** - Coordinate different events and outings during the year for Young CPAs.
Matt Katz, Co-Chair, (914) 949-2990, mkatz@citrincooperman.com
Greg Re, Co-Chair, (203) 327-7151, Gre@mdcocpa.com

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

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# 2017-2018 CALENDAR

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*(E-mail submissions to the newsletter committee no later than the 10th day of the month prior to publication.)*

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## FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS 2017

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

- **12/21/17 @ 8:30 a.m. - Conference Call**
- **NEXT NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2018**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!**