Tax Hotline Announcement: Volunteers Needed!

The Westchester Chapter in cooperation with The Journal News will host its annual tax hotline on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Journal News offices at:
1133 Westchester Ave, White Plains.

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.

If you are interested in participating, please contact 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.

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.
Dear Fellow Westchester Chapter Members,

Well, 2017 certainly started out with a bang. It is turning out to be a year of challenges and surprises, and it is certainly a year of change.

On the political and economic front, President Trump’s whirlwind decisions from Day 1 are keeping everyone on their toes. And what could have been more surprising to the start of the year than the 2017 Super Bowl results? Who would have thought the Patriots would win the game in overtime after what initially appeared to be a crushing defeat from the Falcons?

And for those of us in the tax preparation arena, what a surprise we had when New York State Department of Taxation and Finance suddenly decided this year to require Driver’s License information in order to e-file returns, and waited until early this year to let us know about it.

To continue to help you stay on top of your game, we have scheduled a second planning event, “CPA Firm of the Future”, this time presented by Bill Carlino, Managing Director of National Consulting Services. He will help you CPA firm leaders focus and position yourselves to remain competitive as the world moves towards value pricing, marketing, and technology shifts for both staffing and attracting Millennials. Stay on the cutting edge so you won’t be left behind. Join us on February 15th at 7:45 am at Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP in White Plains.

Our activity calendar will slow down a bit, as you tax professionals hunker down and plan to meet your clients’ tax obligation deadlines. So get ready, get set, and go! If you need some help with a pressing tax issue, or have a tax issue to share with your colleagues, don’t forget to join the Tax Committee the 1st Wednesday of each month at D’Arcangelo and Company. Just think, the season will be over before you know it, and it will then be time to breathe a sigh of relief.

May will be another busy month on the calendar. We are planning an interesting Allied Professionals event, and will soon be rolling out the date and topic for you to save on your calendar.

We have our first Networking Barbeque at Willow Ridge Country Club on May 18th. Don’t miss out this great event!
We also plan our President’s dinner in May, where we have the changing of the guard and the awarding of our NYSSCPA Westchester Chapter High School scholarships. Speaking of high schools, don’t forget to contact Denise Stefano if you are interested in participating in high school visits to discuss careers in accounting.

If you are thinking of joining us for our Golf Outing in June so that you can relax after a busy tax season, don’t forget to take advantage of the discounted pricing available before February 15th. Save June 12th on your calendar so that you can join us for a day of fun and relaxation.

I wish everyone continued success on your ventures for 2017. Thank you to everyone who joined us in January to share their ideas for the managing partners’ breakfast and took part in our planning and networking activities.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. We will be taking a break in March and will have our next newsletter out at the beginning of April. So don’t forget to look us up and stay in touch.

Thank you all for your contributions to our efforts and for making Westchester such a great Chapter.

Best Regards,

Catherine Censullo can be reached at: 914-997-7724 or by email at: Catherine.Censullo@cmcensullocpa.com
JOIN US AT THE
ACCOUNTANTS IN INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2017

THE FIRM OF THE FUTURE

We welcome our speaker, Bill Carlino, Managing Director of National Consulting Services. Please join us in an informative discussion centered around the fact that "this is not your father's accounting firm". You can’t run an accounting firm in 2017 like you did in 1980. Firms need to be ready to adapt to the rapid advances in technologies, globalization and organizational structure in order to remain competitive.

In this session attendees will learn:

➢ Tear up those timesheets: it’s time to adopt value pricing;
➢ Why you need marketing and business development specialists;
➢ How technology can improve synergies and efficiency – particularly with satellite offices;
➢ Getting ready for more mobile and remote workers;
➢ Using technology and social media as a recruiting tool to attract and build bench strength;
➢ The changing of the guard: Baby Boomers vs. Millennials.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE CENTER OF SKADDER 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 29115707.

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.
Join us for a BBQ

Save the Date
NYSSCPA Networking Event
123 North St, Harrison, NY 10528
Willow Ridge Country Club
May 18th, 2017 5:30 pm-8:30pm
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!  

When:  1st Wednesday of each month*  
*Confirm meeting changes with Doug Ruttenberg at druttenberg@pkfod.com  

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  

Contact Doug Ruttenberg at druttenberg@pkfod.com for committee updates and details
NYS SOCIETY OF CPA’S - WESTCHESTER CHAPTER
Announces
THE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING EVENT
MONDAY, June 12th, 2017
WILLOW RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
123 North Street – Harrison, NY (914) 967-6161

PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2016 - $300
PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15TH, 2017 - $325

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*LIMITED GOLD SPONSORSHIP:*
- 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

*** 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/brunch at 11:00 am, followed by a 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 – June 12th, 2017

Name (please print) __________________________________________
Office Telephone Number ______________________________________
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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)
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☐ My check for $ __________ is enclosed.

Send check payable to “NYSSCPA – Westchester Chapter” to:
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Att’n: Jeffrey A. Schwartz, CPA
Telephone (914) 286-6908
E-Mail: jschwartz@eba.nyc
** 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 Franciosa, Co-Chair, (718) 885-9191, sfranciosa@iona.edu
Catherine Censullo, Co-Chair, (914) 997-7724, Catherine.Censullo@cmecensullocpa.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) 674-7779, dstefano@mercy.edu

** SPONSORSHIPS** - Coordinate with institutions who might sponsor Chapter events.
Richard Terrano, Co-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 roundtable 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
Edward Wells, Co-Chair, (914) 345-5888, EWells@pscpafirm.com

We need your support and participation!!!
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**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS 2017**

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

02/16/17 @ 8:00 a.m. - Conference Call
Call in number: 800-501-8979 - Access Code: 5627592

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**HAPPY TAX SEASON TO ALL!**

Happy Valentine’s Day ♥!