

Westchester Chapter E-Newsletter

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TAX HOTLINE ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Westchester Chapter in cooperation with *The Journal News* will host its annual tax hotline on **Saturday, March 3rd, 2018** from **9 a.m. to 12 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. This year it is particularly important due to the recent tax law changes.

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.

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From Chapter President Gina Goodenow...

Happy New Year and Welcome 2018! Our profession certainty has had a lot going on already with the new tax bill. Even though I'm not a tax professional, I've been following it closely myself. I'm sure our tax members have been working tirelessly determining how it will impact their clients and will be putting out guidance shortly (if not already!). I expect the tax hotline we host every year will be getting many more calls as well!



Please join us Wednesday, Jan. 17th for our free CPE session on Understanding Today's Stock Market with Keith Small of Cetera Financial Specialists. The session will be held at Skadden Arps, 360 Hamilton Ave., White Plains in their 3rd floor Conference Center from 7:45 to 9 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

I hope to see you at a future event and wish you a wonderful and prosperous 2018!

Sincerely,

Gina Goodenow

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

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE – JANUARY 30, 2018
7:30 AM TO 9:30 AM
JOIN THE ALLIED PROFESSIONAL GROUP OF WESTCHESTER
AT THEIR NEXT BREAKFAST CPE EVENT:
“THE LONG LASTING IMPACT OF THE TAX REFORM”
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS GREAT EVENT!**

Save the Date on Your Calendar and Register: January 30, 2018 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am at the Doral Arrowwood to learn about the new tax law while you network with your colleagues.

The new tax reform was signed into law on December 22, 2017, ushering in major new changes beginning in 2018 and extending over many years to come. How will you help your clients plan in a totally new environment? Whether you are a CPA, a financial planner, or an attorney, these changes will have a major impact on how your clients make decisions going forward. How will you prepare yourself to help your clients deal with these changes?

Take advantage of this opportunity to network with your fellow CPAs, attorneys and financial planning colleagues and start thinking about how you will address your clients' situations under this new legislation, while you learn more about how the new tax law works.

We will have a highly qualified panel of speakers, with [Ronald Hegt](#), [William T. Conron](#), [Anthony Cilibrasi](#) and [Jennifer Sklar-Romano](#) from Citrin Cooperman (click on names for bio), who will educate you and answer your questions about the new tax law and its impact to your clients. Put this down on your calendar right away so you don't miss this tremendous learning and networking opportunity.

This is a great way to get a leg up on 2018 by beginning to learn, gain perspective, prepare and gather resources to help your clients navigate the new laws and make better decisions. Don't get left behind by being uninformed.

There are major implications for you and your clients who are individuals, pass-through entities, corporations, businesses of all types, those who have international issues, and those who need to update their estate and gift planning strategies. Don't get caught off guard by not understanding the major provisions of this law. You may be surprised at how far-reaching its impact will be.

For those of you who help your clients make planning decisions, this is a must attend event.

There is much practical knowledge to be learned by the attorneys, CPAs, and financial planners alike in the handling of issues of concern to your clients. Start building your foundation of knowledge and gather resources to help your clients get the best advice going forward. Put yourself in a strategic position to better serve your clients.

Rub elbows with your peers and colleagues and learn from their experiences and best practices. Gain more resources you can turn to when you need more help.

Online registration is available by clicking the link below. This course will qualify for one CPE for CPAs in taxation. Additional continuing education credits are pending and information on those will be available shortly.

**Tuesday, January 30th, 2018
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Doral Arrowwood
975 Anderson Hill Rd, Rye Brook, NY 10573**

TO REGISTER:

Contact your Association Person or click on the link below.

Registration fee for members and non-members is \$40.00, including breakfast. This course will qualify for one CPE for CPAs in taxation. Additional continuing education credits are pending for CPF CE credit and CLE credit. Information on those credits will be available soon.

FPA Greater Hudson Valley
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[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

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NYS SOCIETY OF CPA'S - WESTCHESTER CHAPTER

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:

Lunch, Golf, Cocktail Hour, Buffet & Dessert* \$375
Cocktail Hour, Buffet and Dessert Only \$150

SPONSORSHIPS:

LIMITED GOLD SPONSORSHIP: \$1,900 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

* 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!

When: 1st Wednesday of each month

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

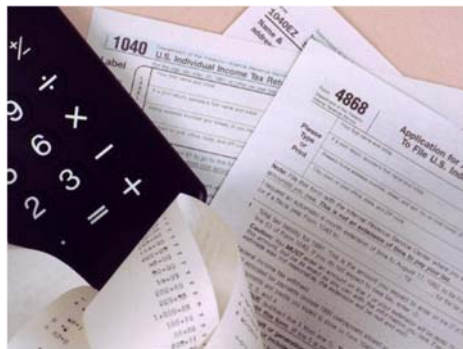
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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!



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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@mercv.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@mercv.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@pscparfirm.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

** **GOLF OUTING** - Help organize the annual outing. Major networking opportunity!

Jeffrey A. Schwartz, Chair, (914) 286-6908, jschwartz@eba.nyc



** **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@mgrouppusa.com

** **LOCAL PRACTITIONERS** - Coordinate monthly programs.

Stephen Franciosa, Co-Chair, (718) 885-9191, sfranciosa@iona.edu
Catherine Censullo, Co-Chair, (914) 997-7724, Catherine.Censullo@cmcensullocpa.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

** **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@mercv.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 roundtable discussion/meetings.

Doug Ruttenberg, Chair, (914) 381-8900, druttenberg@pkfod.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@mdcccpa.com

2017-2018 CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program/Activity/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
01/17/2018	Accountants in Industry CPE - Understanding Today's Stock Markets	7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
01/30/2018	Allied Professionals Breakfast CPE Event	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
03/03/2018	Tax Hotline	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
08/13/2018	Annual Golf Outing	All Day Event

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FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS 2018

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

1/18/18 @ 6:00 p.m. - Citrin Cooperman

Location: 709 Westchester Ave, White Plains, NY

NEXT NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2018

*The New Year
Should Start
A New
Chapter
In Our Lives*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

