The Board of Trustees of the Westchester Chapter of the NYSSCPA Congratulates the Following Winners of the 2015 George Mandel Scholarships:

Shaylin Best, Sleepy Hollow High School
Michael DiPietro, Hendrick Hudson High School
Michael Mirtil Jr., Alexander Hamilton High School
Ilene Rothman, Eastchester High School
Sabrina Ruggerio, Westlake High School

2015 Scholarship Committee
Mark G Leeds, CPA-Chair
Alan Badey, CPA
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Denise Stefano, CPA

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From New Chapter President Michele Lazzara…

Dear Westchester Chapter Members,

I am very excited as I begin my year as President of the Westchester Chapter. Thank you, Bill Zeboris, for your leadership this past year. It was a pleasure serving on the board with you. Your approach was fun and easy, and I appreciate that. Congratulations on a job well done.

I have three goals that I would like to accomplish this year. The first has to do with membership. Membership increased this past year, and I would like to continue this trend, especially with the next generation and women. There were a number of graduating high school students that received a George Mandel Memorial Scholarship at our recent President’s Dinner on May 28th. I congratulate all of them. The education and experience that they will receive in this field will give them the skills and tools to make a difference in any business environment.

The second initiative is a social one. I would like to have a social event where members and their families can come together in a different type of atmosphere. Perhaps a baseball game?

The final goal is to have a legislative event. Government advocacy is one of the lesser known functions of the society. This event will be important to inform membership, increase interest in government affair activities, raise our profile and assist with PAC fundraising. We currently have a tentative date of October 22nd, more to follow…

We will also continue all of the programs that have been successful – such as the golf outing, conferences, CPE and non CPE sessions, high school visitations, etc. There is really something for everyone, and I encourage all of you to get involved.

I am fortunate to be going into the new fiscal year with a talented and dedicated board of directors and committee chairs. I thank you for all that you do and am confident that together we can make 2015/2016 a very successful year.

Regards,
Michele

Michele Lazzara can be reached at: 914-909-3421 or by email at: mlazzara@markspaneth.com
NYS SOCIETY OF CPA'S - WESTCHESTER CHAPTER
Announces
THE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING EVENT
MONDAY, June 8th, 2015
WILLOW RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
123 North Street – Harrison, NY (914) 967-6161

PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2014 - $300
PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15TH, 2015 - $325

SPONSORSHIPS:
Lunch, Golf, Cocktail Hour, Buffet & Dessert* $350
Cocktail Hour, Buffet and Dessert Only $150

* 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 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 8th, 2015

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 for $ ____________ is enclosed.

Send check payable to “NYSSCPA – Westchester Chapter” to:
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1025 Westchester Avenue – Suite 301
White Plains, NY 10604
Att’n: Jeffrey A. Schwartz, CPA
Telephone (914) 286-6908
E-Mail: jeff@stantonandleone.com
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Please Join the Young CPAs at the NextGen Meeting!

**When:** Thursday, June 18th

**Where:** Citrin Cooperman & Co.
Located at: 709 Westchester Ave, STE 200, White Plains

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

Meeting will be held in the kitchen
Breakfast will be provided!

Please contact Matthew Katz at
mkatz@citrincooperman.com
Chapter Committees and Major Events Planning 2015-2016
The Westchester Chapter has organized the following committees for the 2015-2016 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) 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, Co-Chair (914) 674-7779, dstefano@mercy.edu
Gina Goodenow, Co-Chair (914) 997-4486, ggoodenow@marchofdimes.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.
Michele Lazzara, Chair, (914) 909-3421, mlazzara@markspaneth.com

** LOCAL PRACTITIONERS - To coordinate monthly programs.
Stephen E. Franciosa, Co-Chair, sfranciosa@cpa.com
Catherine Censullo, Co-Chair, Catherine.Censullo@emcensullocpa.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, rterran@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, 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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(Following Meetings, excepting exceptions noted)

06/08/15 Golf Outing Event Begins at 11:00 a.m.
06/18/15 YCPA NextGen Meeting 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
06/22/15 Organizational Meeting/Dinner Begins at 5:30 p.m.

Newsletter Committee
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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 2015
(Board Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday Morning of the month. Exceptions are noted)

06/22/15 @ 5:30 p.m. (Organizational Meeting/Dinner)

Location: Ruth's Chris Steak House, 670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown

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