NYSSCPA’s Westchester Chapter Annual Tax Conferences

Part 1 - Monday, November 2nd, 2015
(8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Part 2 - Tuesday, December 1st, 2015

Note the Location for both dates:
Westchester Hilton
699 Westchester Ave, Rye Brook, NY

These will be Paperless Events

To register for Part 1 Tax Conference click here:
https://cpe.nysscpa.org/product/26073

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Dear Westchester Chapter Members,

Happy Fall! We have somehow gotten through September 15th and have one more deadline to go. Hang in there.

We have also been very busy planning a number of great upcoming events:

- **November 2nd Recruitment Night (Crowne Plaza White Plains)** An opportunity to meet with accounting students and recent graduates looking for an entry level position in the field of accounting.

- **October 22nd Legislative Breakfast (Renaissance Westchester Hotel)** An opportunity to meet with our legislators, discuss the Society’s current legislative agenda and provide input. Attendees include State Senator George Latimer, State Assemblyman David Buchwald and County Legislator David Gelfarb.

- **November 2nd and December 1st Our all-day tax conferences.**

- **November 12th (800 Westchester Avenue)** Our Ethics presentation

I encourage everyone to register and participate in these sessions.

I would also like to thank The Westchester County Bankers Association for sponsoring a networking event on October 1st.

Finally, I am thankful to my fellow board members for all of their support and participation. We would not be able to have successful events without you.

Regards,
Michele

Michele Lazzara can be reached at: 914-909-3421 or by email at: mlazzara@markspaneth.com
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE:

Business and Industry Conference

When: Friday, October 16th, 2015

Where: March of Dimes
1275 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains

Time: 8:25 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Critical Updates and Guidance on the Latest Challenges in Business and Industry

For more information or to register please visit: https://cpe.nysscpa.org/product/26199

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW TO ATTEND THE NYSSCPA WESTCHESTER CHAPTER:

Legislative Breakfast

When: Thursday, October 22nd, 2015

Where: Renaissance Westchester Hotel (Harrison Room)
80 W Red Oak Ln, West Harrison

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Robert Busweiler at rbusweiler@nysscpa.org or 212-719-8385
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE:

Westchester Chapter Ethics Update
(General Ethics - 2 Ethics NYSED credits)
Course Code: 42112612

When: Thursday, November 12th, 2015
Where: 800 Westchester Ave
        Rye Brook, NY 10573
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

A hallmark of the public accounting profession is its commitment to professional ethics and the public interest.

This course meets the New York State (NYS) ethics CPE requirement in general studies. The two CPE credit course focuses on an update to disciplinary actions of CPAs, discussion of the new AICPA revised Code of Professional Conduct (“Code”) Conceptual Frameworks effective December 15, 2015 and new and revised AICPA ethics publications, recent interpretation revisions to the Code and discussion of recent NYS legislation affecting CPAs and proposed changes to NYS Rule 29.10.

For more information or to register please visit: https://cpe.nysscpa.org/product/26216
The Westchester Chapter of New York State Society of CPAs
Presents its Ninth Annual:

Career Opportunities in Accounting Event

An informal gathering for professionals, students, and professors to meet with representatives from a variety of accounting firms, government organizations (IRS and NYS Department of Taxation), and other private companies to discuss Internships, and both Part-Time & Full-Time Positions!

“Mocktails” and appetizers served all evening.

Date: Monday, November 2nd
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel White Plains, NY
Time: 5:30PM - 8:00PM
(Registration starts at 5:30PM)

No fee for students or professors, but advanced registration is required.

Firms looking to participate please contact Heather Oboda at hoboda@citrincooperman.com or if you are interested in volunteering to perform mock interviews contact Ed Wells at ewells@pscpafirm.com

Sign up for a mock interview! Limited spaces available
Contact Ed Wells to reserve your space: ewells@pscpafirm.com

To register, please email: cromanowicz@markspaneth.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

** 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 bbet@odmd.com

** LOCAL PRACTITIONERS - To coordinate monthly programs.
Stephen E. Franciosa, Co-Chair, sf Franciosa@cpa.com
Catherine Censullo, Co-Chair, Catherine.Censullo@emcensullo CPA.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, rt terrano@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
### 2015-2016 Calendar

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### Future Board Meetings 2015

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

- **11/19/2015 @ 8:00 a.m.** @City Limits Diner, White Plains
- **12/17/2015** Conference Call

### Next Newsletter - November 2015

### Trick or Treat?

**Happy Halloween!**
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