

The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants

## Westchester Chapter **F-Newsletter**

December 2011

# Young CPAs of Westchester

When: Thursday, December 1, 8:30–9:30 a.m. (8 a.m. registration / breakfast) Where: Conference Room, 707 Westchester Ave., White Plains

## **Banker's Perspective on Understanding Financial Statements**

**Cost**: \$10 members; \$15 nonmembers **CPE**: 1 credit **Course Code: 29110209** 

To register, email hoboda@citrincooperman.com.

This event is hosted by the Young CPAs Committee and sponsored by M&T Bank.

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As Chapter President by Mark G. Leeds .....

### "Thanks for the Memories"

It is the day before Thanksgiving as I write my fi-

nal message for 2011 so in the spirit of the season, here is what I am thankful for this year (in no particular order):

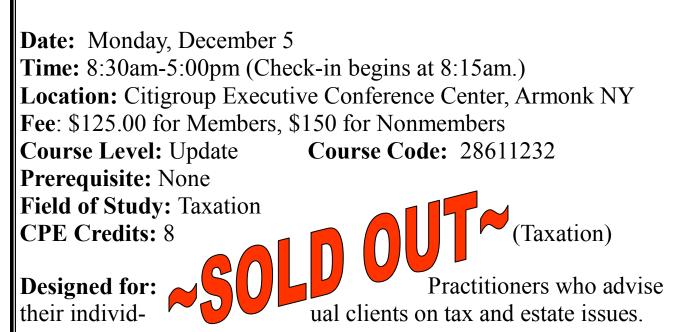
- I am thankful for a fully engaged Board and Committee Chairs who always work with each other for the betterment of the Chapter and the Society.
- I am thankful for the NYSSCPA support staff (especially the Manager of Chapter Relations) who have yet to say "no we/you can't.
- I am thankful for the 76 members who attended our Town Hall on November 10 and engaged in a discussion of current issues with Society Leadership.
- I am thankful for the Society Leadership's continued focus on the needs of the membership.
- I am thankful for our sponsors whose support allows us to "give back" through scholarships, free programs, reduced fees, etc.
- I am thankful for everyone who attends our educational, professional, social or charitable functions.
- I am thankful for the new members who joined our Chapter this year and for the existing ones who stuck by us.
- I am thankful for all the companies who show their support through participation and encouragement of their staff to participate.
- I am thankful for the "send" button on my computer which allows me to keep in touch with my Board (I know some of them are thankful for the delete key).
- I am thankful our dues are so reasonable and that we have programs to help those who are experiencing financial difficulties.
- I am thankful for the Young CPA's and their work that will allow us to continue our mission.
- Finally I am so thankful to have the opportunity to serve such a renowned institution with such a wonderful membership as its. President
- membership as its President.
- Best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy Happy New Year

Mark G. Leeds, President NYSSCPA-Westchester Chapter <u>mleeds@winprop.com</u> www.nysscpa.org





# Westchester Chapter Individual Tax and Estate Planning Conference



**Objective:** To enable participants to effectively advise their clients on significant tax issues.

**Register early:** space is limited to the first 110 registrants.

**Please note:** preregistration is required; no walk-ins will be accepted. Register online at <u>www.nysscpa.org/epass/chapters/chapterinfo.aspx</u> contact the FAE at (800) 537-3635, or mail checks payable to FAE to: P.O. Box 34782, Newark, NJ 07189-4782

\*\*Chapter nominations will take place at this meeting.\*\* \*\*Westchester Chapter extends its sincere thanks to Citigroup for its ongoing support and its very generous continued sponsorship of this program!\*\*



## Westchester Chapter Accounting and Auditing Committee

The Westchester Chapter Accounting and Auditing Committee is pleased to present monthly accounting and auditing technical sessions. Each session will be one hour in a format which includes a presentation and plenty of roundtable discussion. These free sessions will qualify for 1 credit of CPE. The sessions will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, except for December (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday).

The sessions will be from 8 am to 9 am. The scheduled dates and topics are as follows:

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Accounting software – ProSystem fx Engagement and Caseware

Everyone is welcome and the sessions are free of charge. Bring your ideas and topics for future presentations. Sessions will be held at:

D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite N-400 Rye Brook, New York 10573

If you have any questions, want to RSVP, or need additional information, please call Karen Marinaccio at 914-694-4600 or e-mail kmarinaccio@darcangelo.com.

2012 dates 4/17, 5/15, 6/19

The nominating committee for the 2012 membership year consists of : Mark Leeds, Howard Klein and Barbara Bel Chapter nominations will take place at the December 5th, chapter meeting.

## Save The Date Upcoming Events



### December 2011

Managing Partner lunch is scheduled for December 9 at the Rye Town Hilton at 12pm. Contact Mark Leeds @ 914/468-7313 if interested.

January 2012 College Night

February 2012 Tax Hotline

March 2012

YCPA co hosted Young Professional Networking Event March 21, 2012 (location TBD)

May 2012

~ Estate and Financial Planning Conference Monday May 7, Citicorp Conference Center, Armonk, NY

~ Annual Presidents Reception and Awards Dinner

July 2012 Golf Outing - Tuesday, July 10 at Glen Harbor Country Club, Bedford Hills, NY. *Stay tuned for details and early registration savings*.

**Date To Be Determined** Young CPA Candy sale to raise funds for BOCES Tax Season

#### **CHAPTER COMMITTEES 2011-2012**

The chapter has organized the following committees for the 2011-2012 year. Active committee participation is one of the most important ways you can contribute to your profession. Take a few minutes to review the committees listed below, call the chair to sign up for one that sparks 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.) Jake Meyer, Co-Chair, Jacob.Meyer@genspring.com Deborah Rubin, Co-Chair, DBRubin@optonline.net

#### **\*\* ACCOUNTING CAREERS - Make**

presentations to junior high, high school and college students. Denise Stefano, Co-Chair (914) 517-1158, denisestefano@smartpros.com

#### **\*\* ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES &**

AUDITING - Primary focus is to discuss current accounting and auditing topics, conduct future CPA seminars and involvement in community and profession-related activities. Debra Marello, Co-Chair (914) 694-4600 ext 5912, dmarello@darcangelo.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

\*\* GOLF OUTING - Help organize the annual outing. Major networking opportunity! Jeffrey A. Schwartz, Chair, (914-286-6908 email: 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 <u>bbel@odmd.com</u>

#### **\*\* LOCAL PRACTITIONERS -**

To coordinate monthly 2-hour Sunday breakfast programs. Stephen E. Franciosa, Chair (718)885-9191 sfcpas@optonline.net Catherine Censullo, Catherine.Censullo@cmcensullocpa.com

#### **\*\* PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY**

**OUTREACH** - Join a group of Business professionals. Coordinate 2 events per year to promote professional and community relations. Howard Klein, Co-Chair (914) 949-2990, HKlein@citrincooperman.com

#### \*\* RECRUITMENT NIGHT -

Coordinate annual event with local colleges, students and business people. Denise Stefano, Co-Chair (914) 517-1158, denisestefano@smartpros.com Heather Oboda at (914) 949-2990 x 3382 or via e-mail: hoboda@citrincooperman.com

\*\* SPONSORSHIPS: Coordinate with institutions which might sponsor our events. Mark G. Leeds, Chair (914)468-7313, mleeds@winprop.com Gina Linss, Chair, (914) 949-2990 glinss@citrincooperman.com

\*\* TAX : Coordinates 2 all-day tax conferences, October & December, one on Individual and one on Business Taxes. Monthly breakfast discussion meetings. Rodney Ertischek, Chair (914)762-5018 rodneyh@optonline.net

\*\* YOUNG CPA's - Coordinate different events and outings during the year for CPA's. Heather Oboda, Co-Chair (914) 949-2990 x3382, HOboda@citrincooperman.com Edward Wells, Co-Chair EWells@pscpafirm.com

# 2011-2012 CALENDAR

DATE	PROGRAM/ACTIVITY	TIME
Dec 1	Young CPA Meeting	8-9:30 am
Dec 5	Individual Tax Estate Planning Conference	8.30-5 pm
Dec 9	Managing Partner's Lunch	12 pm
Dec 13	A&A Committee- Accounting Software	8-9am
Jan 2012	College Night	TBD
Feb	Tax Hotline	TBD
Mar 21	Young CPA Networking Event	TBD
May 7	Estate and Tax Planning Conference	8:30-5pm
	Annual Presidents Reception and Awards Dinner	TBD
July 10	Golf Outing-Glen Harbor Country Club	TBD

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## <u>FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS</u> <u>2011 - 2012</u>

Wed. Dec. 30 Thurs. Jan. 19 ~ Thurs. Feb 16 ~ Thurs. April 26 ~ May TBA

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# Happy Holidays!!!



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