

## President's Message



**ELIZABETH  
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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Now that the new year is in full swing, I hope you are prepared for the upcoming busy season. As we wait for the IRS to open its doors and New York State to finalize their forms, the NYSSCPA has

been busy the past couple of months giving back to the community as well as to our own.

The 20th anniversary of the Marine Corps' Annual Toys for Tots drive was extremely successful. More details on page 4. The Employee Benefits Committee had the Department of Labor presentation on December 9 and the Annual GAAP update on December 17 was hosted by the Members in Industry Committee.

The Real Estate and Construction Committee has been revitalized and held its first event in many years. More details on page 8 and thank you to Brian Michels for spearheading that comeback.

The General Taxation Committee held its annual All Day Tax Update to a standing room only crowd. The regulars, Mark Klein, Esq. and Robert Katz, Esq. gave the morning its usual kick start, followed by a host of great speakers and timely topics. All went home with a master tax guide and a good time was had by all.

I personally invite all of you to attend the annual Cooperation With Bankers and Other Credit Grantors Committee. See page 10. This is a good time to connect before we get into the full swing of busy season.

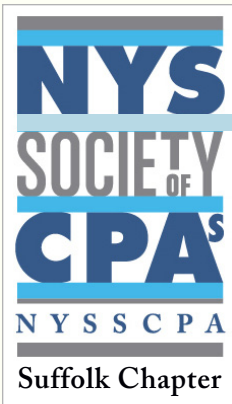
This is the time of the year when we look for nominations to join the Suffolk Chapter board for the upcoming fiscal year. If you are interested please see page 3.

Once again, I wish all a wonderful and prosperous new year. Til March...

— *Liz Vuozzo*

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# Special Offers from the Suffolk Chapter

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- charitable events

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October 2014	Student Night
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November 2014	Accounting & Auditing Event
March 2015	Banker/CPA Event
May 2015	To Be Determined

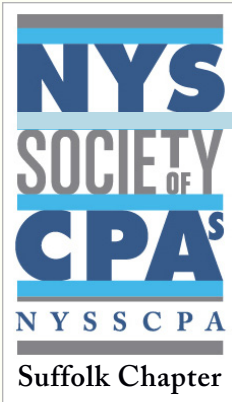
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*(Can be used by any member of the firm)*

To contact a committee chair, see page 11.



## Now Accepting Nominations for the 2015-16 Suffolk Chapter Board

The Nominating Committee of the Suffolk Chapter has been set with the following as this year's members:

1. Larry Lucarelli, CPA Committee Chairperson
2. John Shillingsford, CPA
3. George Foundotos, CPA

Alternate – Charles Barragato, CPA

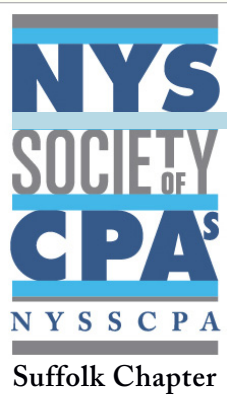
The Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for Board and/or Executive Board positions for the upcoming fiscal year 6/1/15 through 5/31/16.

**Nominations will be accepted through January 31, 2015.**

Please forward nominations to:

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## 2014 Toys for Tots Campaign – 20th Anniversary!

By Cynthia Finn Barry, CPA

The U.S. Marine Corps' Reserve Toys for Tots Program is the Marine Corps' premier community action program and one of the nation's flagship Christmas charitable causes. Over the years, it has become a traditional part of the annual holiday season within communities nationwide. The message of hope delivered through a shiny new toy at Christmas has a positive impact on children, their families and their communities. It's not the toy – it's what the toy does.

The founding philosophy of “bringing the joy of Christmas to America's needy children” has not changed. The generosity of all participants in our program this year has demonstrated that so many of us are touched by the spirit of the campaign and its mission to provide new unused toys to underprivileged children at Christmas.

I am truly humbled to have participated in this wonderful program, along with so many giving volunteers, for 20 years. I have watched the program expand year after year and it is amazing when I take a step back and think of all of the children that have had a smile on Christmas morning for the last 19 years due to our efforts.

On Friday, December 12, 2014, approximately 20 members of the

United States Marine Corps Reserves from Farmingdale, New York descended upon the offices of Sheehan and Company CPA, PC in Brightwaters with two seven-ton trucks. Over the years, the Marines have changed their method of pick up as the collection has grown in epic proportions.

The NYSSCPA Toys for Tots program has grown tremendously over the years. What began as a grassroots effort by the Suffolk Chapter Young CPA's Committee in 1995 with 10 member firms participating, has grown to encompass drop off sites in Nassau, Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan in addition to Suffolk with over 150 boxes this year! As always, one of the key factors that contributed to the success of the 2014 Toys for Tots campaign was the support provided by Sheehan & Company, CPA, PC and its employees, NYSSCPA member firms and their employees, local businesses, all branches of The First National Bank of Long Island, several branches of Valley National Bank, Stony Brook University Accounting Society, and several client offices that participated in the drive.

Once again we were extremely fortunate to have so many volunteers to the program, it is impossible to name them all without missing someone. Volunteers

*(continued...)*



## 2014 Toys for Tots Campaign (cont'd)

were needed to obtain boxes from grocery stores, assemble and wrap the boxes, distribute and pick the boxes up

from the many locations, coordinate the collection efforts at each location, shop for toys and arrange the collection for the Marines. Several volunteers enlisted the efforts of their own children this year

and educated them on how to help those that are less fortunate.

The committee members extend their sincere appreciation to the following firms, local businesses and their employees and customers for helping make a difference this holiday season for underprivileged children in our area:

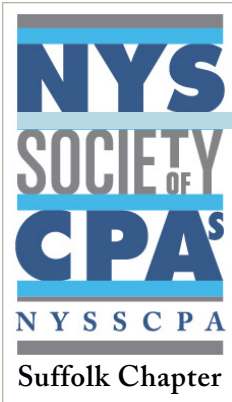
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 Valley National Bank  
 WeiserMazars, LLP  
 Woodhaven Nursing Home







## *Committee Report:* **Employee Benefits**

On Tuesday, December 9, the Employee Benefits Committee held a three hour Department of Labor presentation. The event was sponsored by ADP and was held at their Melville location.

**Nichelle Langone**, a Senior Investigator with the Department of Labor - Employee Benefits Security Administration, presented detailed information on the following topics:

- What to expect from an EBSA investigation
- “Getting it Right” – know your fiduciary responsibilities
- Fee disclosures at both the participant and fiduciary levels

Ms. Langone encouraged the 26 participants to ask questions which, in turn, led into interactive discussions amongst the group.

Participants earned three free CPE credits and enjoyed a continental breakfast, which was also provided by ADP.

The Employee Benefits Committee will be hosting other seminars, beginning again in the Spring. Further information about these events will be forthcoming.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, please contact chairperson Tina Isbitsky at [tmicpa@gmail.com](mailto:tmicpa@gmail.com) or co-chairs Felicia Paura at [fpaura@sheehancpa.com](mailto:fpaura@sheehancpa.com) and Suzanne Breit at [sbreit@horanmm.com](mailto:sbreit@horanmm.com).

## *Committee Report:* **Members in Industry**

The Members in Industry Committee held their Annual GAAP Update on Wednesday, December 17, hosted by Empire National Bank. **Paul Becht** and **Tom Caner** from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP presented an in-depth, thorough update. Those in attendance discussed revenue recognition and the potential impacts of the modifications on the accounting for certain industry sectors. Paul and Tom covered numerous changes to the standards, keeping the attention of the audience through some dry material. Attendees left with informative take away material encompassing a broad array of topics.



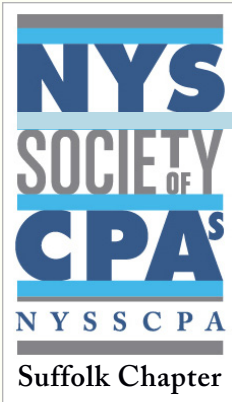
As we head into 2015, the Members in Industry committee has monthly morning sessions planned through the spring. Please plan to join us for our upcoming CPE program. Respond directly to [JVerneuille@empirenb.com](mailto:JVerneuille@empirenb.com):

**Wednesday, February 11 | 8-10 a.m. –  
FASB Private Company Counsel Overview and Update**

At Signature Bank, 225 Broadhollow Road, 1st Floor, Melville

Speakers: **David Rubenstein**, Partner, WeiserMazars, **Lawrence Weinstock**, VP Finance, Mana Products and Board Member at the FASB Private Company Council.

Joint Meeting with Nassau Chapter CFO Committee. Entry fee \$10 at door.  
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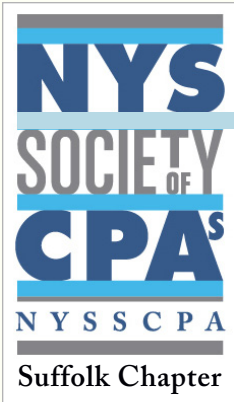
## *Committee Report:* **Real Estate and Construction**

The newly-revived Real Estate and Construction Committee held an event on Wednesday, December 17 at the offices of Sheehan & Company, CPA PC. The speaker, **Vincent Walsh**, Senior VP, Construction Services Group of Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. discussed various topics including the importance of maintaining a bonding relationship, how contractors can improve their bonding capacity and how certain bonding programs are structured.

The hour and a half session was very informative and attendees walked away with valuable information. There were approximately 15 attendees.

The real estate and construction committee will be holding various events during 2015. If you are interested in joining the committee to assist with developing ideas / topics for future events please contact Brian Michels at [bmichels@sheehancpa.com](mailto:bmichels@sheehancpa.com) or 631-665-7040.





## Mark Your Calendar...

### **JANUARY 29, 2015**

Cooperation with Bankers and Other Credit Grantors Committee Meeting: Annual Joint Nassau/Suffolk Chapter Meeting. Details on page 10.

### **FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

Members in Industry Committee meeting: FASB Private Company Counsel Overview and Update. 8-10 a.m. at Signature Bank, 225 Broadhollow Road, 1st Floor, Melville. \$10 at door. Info: [JVerneuille@empirenb.com](mailto:JVerneuille@empirenb.com).

For up-to-the-minute chapter activities:

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### **Committee Chairs!**

Make sure to get all future meeting dates to Brian Michels at [bmichels@sheehancpa.com](mailto:bmichels@sheehancpa.com).

# Networking with Bankers

The NYSSCPA Suffolk and Nassau Chapter  
 Cooperation with Bankers and Other Credit Grantors Committees  
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## Annual Joint Nassau/Suffolk Chapter Meeting

**Thursday, January 29, 2015**  
**6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**at Crest Hollow Country Club – Woodbury, NY**

**Networking | Cocktails | Buffet Dinner**

**Open to all NYSSCPA members, bankers, and other professionals**

\$60 in advance (cash or check only)

\$70 walk-in (not pre-registered)

**RSVP required by January 22, 2015**

Please attach a list of names/business cards if paying for more than one attendee:

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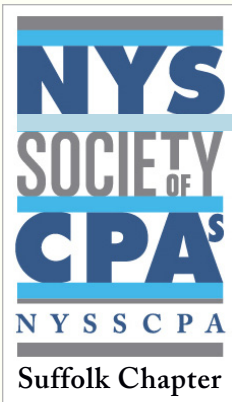
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Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Fun and Games – WonderWord

All the words below appear in this Mensa WonderWord puzzle (horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and backwards). When you find a word, circle its individual letters. After you've found all of the words, **the leftover letters spell the WonderWord**.

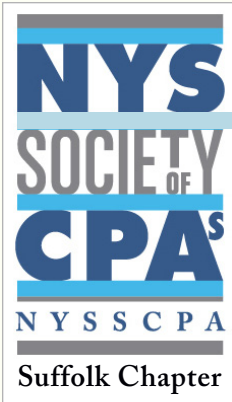
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| BUTTER   | GARLIC  | MUSSELS   | SEAWEED  |
| CALAMARI | GRILLED | OCTOPUS   | SHARK    |
| CILANTRO | GROUPEL | OYSTERS   | SHRIMP   |
| CLAMS    | HALIBUT | PARSLEY   | SMOKED   |
| COLDER   | HERBS   | PICKLED   | STEAMED  |
| COOKED   | HERRING | PRAWNS    | STUFFED  |
| CRAB     | JUMBO   | SALMON    | SUSHI    |
| DILL     | LEMON   | SALT      | TILAPIA  |
| DIPS     | LOBSTER | SARDINES  | TUNA     |
|          |         |           | WINE     |

WONDERWORD = shellfish

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