



**JOHN
 HERMUS**

President's Message

Effective June 1st, I have been installed as the Suffolk Chapter's 48th President. It is a great honor to achieve this position after many years involved with the chapter, serving as a past committee member and chair, as a board member, and at various officer roles. I am following our outgoing President, **Melissa Hicks**, and want to extend to her a big thank you for her hard work and dedication to our chapter throughout her career.

The chapter is already off to a busy start to the new fiscal year. Many of the chapter's approximate 17 committees are currently hosting their organizational meetings to start planning for the year ahead. Each has a different niche and collectively, a wide variety of topics affecting our profession is covered by our chapter.

I started my journey with the chapter by joining our NextGen committee early in my career. This committee provides a platform for those new to the profession to meet people in similar stages of their careers and is a great introduction to the Society as a whole. The committee is very active with educational, networking, and charitable events throughout the year, and is a great way to break the ice and get involved with the chapter.

I also spent some time as a member of our Employee Benefits committee. With educational seminars on topics such as advanced audits of 401(k) plans, how to handle a Department of Labor audit, and health insurance issues, this committee touches on areas of business that affect us all.

Want to get involved but not sure how? Please consider attending our upcoming 13th Annual Membership event, which will be held Tuesday, July 9th at 6pm at the Stonebridge Country Club in Smithtown. *(See details on page 8.)* This FREE event provides the opportunity to meet our committee chairs, board members, and officers, and the chance to learn more about how the chapter works and ways you can participate. Our chapter will also be presenting scholarships to two recent high school graduates with funds raised from the chapter's recent golf outing held on June 10th.

On July 10, the East End and Forensic and Valuation Services (FVS) committees will be co-hosting the 6th annual Nine and Dine golf outing at Cherry Creek in Riverhead. Registrations are selling out fast so please sign up today, on page 9! You can also golf with us later this year on

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President's Message (cont'd)

September 24th at the NextGen committee's 24th Annual Young Professionals Golf Outing at Hamlet Willow Creek in Mt. Sinai. *(Details on page 12.)*

On August 6th, the NextGen committee will be co-hosting the 8th annual Super-Sized Networking Event outdoors at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. The event features several other groups that typically bring in over 150 attendees. See more on page 10. You do not want to miss it!

You will learn about these upcoming events and much more as you read through this issue. We also feature "committee spotlights" beginning on page 5, so you can get to know the committees and their plans. If you are unsure what would be a best fit for you, or want to know more, please feel free to reach me at jhermus@sheehancpa.com.

I am excited for the upcoming year, look forward to the growth of the chapter, and to working with you all.

– John Hermus

Suffolk Installation Lunch

On Thursday, May 23, 2019, the Suffolk Chapter hosted its annual Installation Lunch at the Stonebridge Country Club in Smithtown. Incoming president **John W. Hermus** was officially installed and thanked outgoing president **Melissa Hicks** for a great job and another successful year for the Chapter.

attendance was former Suffolk Chapter and Statewide **President Harold Deiters III**, who graciously installed the 2019-20 Suffolk Chapter board and officers with a traditional “zap!”

John shared his history with the Chapter including challenges and memories on the road



The installation luncheon serves as a celebration of the installation of this year’s officers and executive board, as well as recognition and information sharing by the board and the Chapter’s various committees as to the mission and purpose of the committees, the types of events we held during the 2018-2019 year, and what we are planning for the upcoming year.

After opening remarks, John W. Hermus introduced representatives from the Society’s headquarters in New York City. In attendance from the Society’s headquarters were VP of Chapters **Denise Stefano**, Director of Membership Acquisition and Engagement **Darryl Jackson**, Manager of Chapter Relations, Upstate - **Brandon Hewlett**, and Manager of Chapter Relations, Downstate - **Lelia Dickenson**. Also in

to becoming president. John thanked the board, chairs and co-chairs for their ongoing hard work and dedication to the Chapter.

John also informed the group of four Chapter committees that are in need chair and co-chair:

- Emerging Technologies
- Estate and Financial Planning
- Managing an Accounting Practice
- Real Estate and Construction

This once again looks to be an exciting year ahead for the Suffolk Chapter with a lot of opportunity for growth and new ideas! If you or someone you know is interesting in taking a more active role in the Suffolk Chapter or are looking to join a committee, please contact John Hermus at jhermus@sheehancpa.com.



Please see more pictures of the installation lunch on the next page.

PICTURES! Suffolk Installation Lunch



Brandon Hewlett



Denise Stefano



Darryl Jackson



John Hermus, Lelia Dickenson



THE NEW BOARD. L-R: Michael Joy, Frank Giambruno, Bob Huether, John Spatola, Melissa Hicks, John Hermus, Joel Ackerman, Janet Verneuille, Ken Laks, Sean Kelly, Bill Huether



Melissa Hicks, John Hermus



Harold Deiters "zapping" the newly-installed board.

Committee Spotlights

It's a brand new year and the NYSSCPA Suffolk has opportunities for people who want to get more involved! This year the NYSSCPA Suffolk newsletters will feature a few of our committees, so that you can decide where to get involved. Contact us!

Cooperation with Attorneys Committee

The Cooperation with Attorneys Committee brings attorneys and accountants together to discuss, learn, and collaborate on issues affecting them to better assist their clients. We hold CPE/CLE seminars as well as social networking events. We'd love to welcome more people into our committee to be involved in future events planning and hear their ideas.

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NextGen Committee

The mission of the NextGen Committee is to foster a dynamic, supportive network that provides young CPAs and CPA candidates the means to achieve success in their career challenges, create professional and educational opportunities, develop professional relationships and build a better profession. We strive to achieve this mission by hosting social, technical learning, volunteer, networking, and other types of events. Some of our well known events include our annual Supersized Networking Event and our Young Professional Golf Classic. The NextGen Committee works with many of the other committees that the Suffolk Chapter has to offer and provides its' committee members access to network with industry professionals from all walks of life. Whether you are currently in school, or just starting off your career in accounting, please join us at one of our monthly breakfast meetings to see what we are all about! For more information regarding our committee, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to seeing you at some of our meetings and events in the near future.

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Bob and Rebecca from the 2018 Annual Supersized Networking Event

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Not-for-Profit and Government Committee

The Chapter's Not-for-Profit and Government Committee provides resources and support to those who work with, and for Not-for-Profit Organizations (NFP's) as well as local governments. The Committee explores today's issues impacting Not-for-Profits. We strive to provide committee members with practical guidance and implementation strategies related to new accounting standards impacting NFP's. As with most any industry there are questions that commonly arise during the auditing of and accounting within NFP's. Our committee helps to identify and provide guidance for addressing these issues. We also address issues involving non-profit governance and the Board's role in setting a tone that is committed to compliance with laws, regulation and financial stewardship.

Our committee provides approximately six free 2 credit CPE sessions per year. These are informative meetings and gives the members the opportunity to build a network of professionals that can support the local practitioner.

Our planned schedule for the coming year is as follows:

- **SEPTEMBER 19, 2019** – **Topic:** NYPMIFA. **Speaker:** Ken Cerini, Cerini & Associates
- **OCTOBER 17, 2019** – **Topic:** Nonprofit Governance. **Speaker:** David Goldstein, Esq., Certilman Balin
- **JANUARY 16, 2020** – **Topic:** Uniform Guidance Update. **Speaker:** Ken Cerini, Cerini & Associates
- **FEBRUARY 13, 2020** – **Topic:** Accounting & Auditing Update. **Speaker:** Bob Craig, Craig Fitzsimmons & Michaels
- **APRIL 23, 2020** – **Topic:** Cost Allocations/Functional Methodologies. **Speakers:** Ken Cerini, Bob Craig

We encourage members serving on Not-for-Profit Boards, working with or for not-for-profits or local governments to become involved in our committee we are certain you will find it a valuable opportunity to network and share with other NFP professionals and increase your knowledge of the NFP industry.

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Suffolk Chapter CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 9, 2019

Suffolk Chapter Membership Event.
Details on page 8.

JULY 10, 2019

Forensic and Valuation Services and
East End Committees: Nine and Dine
Golf Outing. Details on page 9.

AUGUST 6, 2019

NextGen Committee: Super-Sized
Networking Event. Details on page
10.

AUGUST 15, 2019

Cooperation with Attorneys
Committee: Brewery Bus Tour.
Details on page 11.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

NFP Committee meeting: NYPMIFA.
Info: kenc@ceriniandassociates.com.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

Young Professionals Golf Classic.
Details on page 12.

OCTOBER 17, 2019

NFP Committee meeting: Nonprofit
Governance. Info:
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JANUARY 16, 2020

NFP Committee meeting: Uniform
Guidance Update. Info:
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FEBRUARY 13, 2020

NFP Committee meeting: Accounting
& Auditing Update. Info:
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APRIL 23, 2020

NFP Committee meeting:
Allocations/Functional Methodologies.
Info: kenc@ceriniandassociates.com.

Committee Chairs! Send future meeting dates to William Huether, whuether@sheehancpa.com

For up-to-the-minute NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter activities
[CLICK HERE](#)

Strictly Social...

You are cordially invited to the NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter



13th Annual Membership Event

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 | 6 to 8:30 p.m.
at the Stonebridge Country Club
2000 Raynors Way, Smithtown

All members are invited and encouraged to bring associates for an evening of:

- cocktails
- dinner, and
- networking with peers and chapter leadership.

This event is **FREE** for both members and non-members of the NYSSCPA.
The more the merrier!!

RSVP to John Hermus
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Golfing on the East End...



Nine and Dine in Riverhead

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

2:30 p.m.

at Cherry Creek Golf Links
900 Reeves Avenue
Riverhead

The NYSSCPA Suffolk Forensic and Valuation Services and East End Committees invite you to the 6th annual event. Nine holes of golf (with cart) and practice at the driving range.

NEW THIS YEAR: Expanded BBQ dinner! Plus beer/wine/soda.

First come, first served!

REGISTRATION LIMITED – Each year this event quickly sells out.

\$55 before 6/14/19. \$65 after. \$30 dinner only.

Prizes: Longest drive, closest to pin (men/women)

**\$5 per golfer to benefit:
The Long Island Coalition
for the Homeless:
2019 Backpack Pirates Event.**



The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless hosts **Backpack Pirates**, an annual event in which more than 425 homeless and at-risk children are invited to spend a day at a summer camp, packed with as many fun games and activities as possible. Children are provided with backpacks, clothing and school supplies. This event is free for all children who participate. www.addresssthehomeless.org.

REGISTER ONLINE [HERE](#)

Or mail check (payable to NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter) to:

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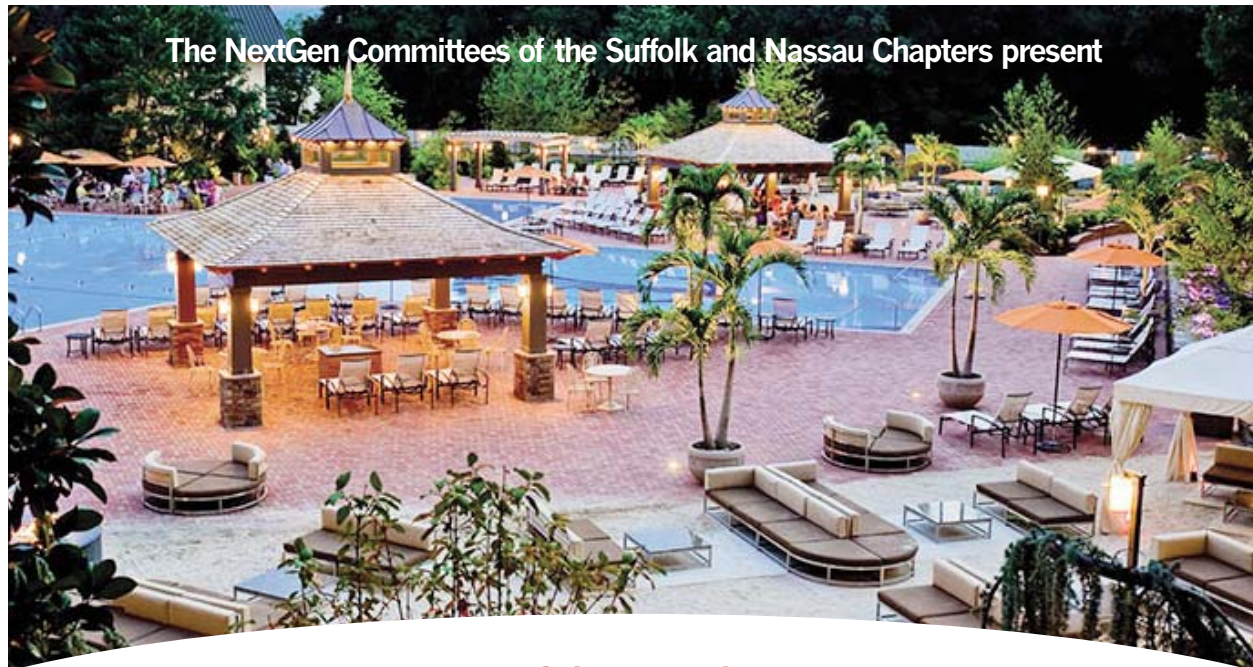
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Supersizing It...



The NextGen Committees of the Suffolk and Nassau Chapters present

8th Annual Super-Sized Networking Event!

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 | 6 to 8 p.m.
at the Crest Hollow Country Club
8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury

\$60 per person

Come to this strictly social event
to mingle with your peers:

- Risk Management Association, Young Professionals
- New York State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section
- Nassau County Bar Association, New Lawyers Committee
- Suffolk County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Committee
- Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers

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Passed hors d'oeuvres and poolside dinner! Premium open bar!

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HERE**

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Beer Tasting in Brooklyn...



Brooklyn Brewery Bus Tour!

Thursday, August 15, 2019
2:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The NYSSCPA Suffolk Cooperation with Attorneys Committee is teaming up with the New York State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section for food, fun, and beer tastings at four breweries!

- Evil Twin Brewing NYC
- Grimm Artisanal Ales
- Interboro Spirits & Ales
- Kings County Brewers Collective

\$65
per
person

Pick-up Location:
LIE Exit 49 Park and Ride, Melville

Includes coach transportation to all 4 breweries, beer tastings at each, and food. Light dinner provided.



Register HERE

Registration deadline August 12!

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See You in September...



The 24th Annual
**YOUNG
PROFESSIONALS
GOLF
CLASSIC**

**Tuesday,
September 24, 2019**

**Willow Creek
Golf and Country Club
Mount Sinai**



SAVE THE DATE for the Suffolk Chapter NextGen Committee
at our annual event.

7:00 a.m. Hot gourmet breakfast
8:00 a.m. Shotgun start
1:00 p.m. Cocktails, buffet, raffles

Fabulous raffle prizes!
Beat-the-hack competition!
Lunch at the turn!

PLAN TO JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER!

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The NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter has a few committees looking for a chair!

- CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS & REAL ESTATE
- EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
- ESTATE/FINANCIAL PLANNING
- MANAGEMENT OF AN ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

FUN & GAMES: KenKen

A logic game that is a step up from Sudoku...

Use numbers 1, 2, 3, 4. No numbers can appear more than once in any row or column. Figure out which numbers go in each "cage." Each cage has a target number when combined using the specified mathematical operation (either addition, subtraction, multiplication or division).

2 ÷		4 +	1
4 4	2 x		1 -
7 +		2	
	3	2 ÷	

SOURCE: Merriam-Webster

SOLUTION _____

2	4	3	1
4	2	1	3
3	1	2	4
1	3	4	2

Get Involved! NYSSCPA SUFFOLK

COMMITTEE SERVICE APPLICATION



Here's a way to get involved with NYSSCPA Suffolk and help make a difference! Please rank the top 3 committees in which you have an interest:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting & Auditing | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate/Financial Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Affairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Forensic and Valuation Services |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation with Educational Institutions | <input type="checkbox"/> Members in Industry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPE/Professional Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East End | <input type="checkbox"/> NextGen (Young CPAs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Technologies | <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-Profit & Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
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- golf outings
- informational seminars
- networking events
- charitable events
- technical workshops

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- booth or table display space

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