

## President's Message



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My Family and Friends,

This past year as president of the Suffolk Chapter has gone by so fast. Following in Immediate Past President **Brian Michels'** shoes seemed like an enormous mission. In some ways it was – we have a

very active Chapter with intelligent people that have great ideas and passions, which led to a lot of dialogue throughout the year.

We also had several things occur during this past fiscal year that were not planned for, such as the opening of the Long Island PAC Representative position, which was filled by **Joel Schleifer**; two three-hour CPE sessions in February, joint with our Nassau Chapter, on the new tax law; and a new two hour CPE session at our Chapter Town Hall regarding the State of the Accounting Profession.

Sadly, we also had our founder and first Suffolk Chapter President, **Sam Person**, pass on November 11,

2017. The passion he brought into the creation of our Chapter still lives with us today. I am proud to have followed in his and all of our Chapter's past presidents' footsteps.

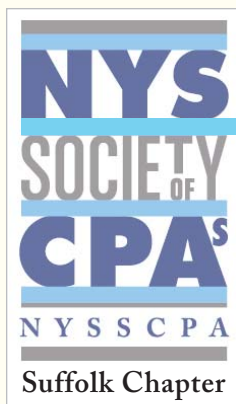
While there were certain challenges and unexpected events that occurred over the past year, there were also plenty of successes and rewards.

In addition to the event successes noted above, we also had a nearly doubled increase in attendance in our July nine and dine in Riverhead, which was co-hosted by the Forensic and Valuation Services and East End Committees; another large and successful NextGen supersized networking event in August; and we are adding two active Suffolk Chapter members to our Board of Directors effective June 1 – **Robert Huether** of our NextGen Committee and **Sean Kelly** of our East End Committee. I have watched both of them grow within their roles at the committee levels and am confident that they will both bring great value to our Chapter Board.

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see page 13.

## President's Message (cont'd)

At the Society's President-Elect workshop in September 2016, **Anthony Basile** (the Nassau Chapter president) and I discussed our then-upcoming roles as chapter presidents and agreed to work together to create a stronger bond within our Chapters. We then had our Chapters meet on several occasions to introduce certain board members and committee leaders, shared our concerns, issues and best practices and planned joint events. We also coordinated certain event topics to avoid duplication of the same topic within the same timeframe as the other Chapter to best serve our members. While working on co-Chapter rapport was not one of my initial initiatives as chapter president, it sure was a great one. The best part of that initiative was watching our committee leaders follow in this

initiative by coordinating with their counterparts in Nassau and working together as a team.

All in all, this past year has been such a pleasure serving as the Suffolk Chapter president. The Suffolk Chapter is what I like to call a "well-oiled machine," with great leaders who are passionate and know what they are doing. I am proud to call you my family and friends and thank you for your ongoing support.

I also want to congratulate **Melissa Hicks** as our incoming president. She has great ideas and will make a great president!!

Please remember to check out our Calendar of Events on page 7.

– *Amanda Sexton*

## Special Offer from the Suffolk Chapter

### SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Here's your chance to make the most of your membership! Sponsor one of our events and get in front of colleagues, referral sources, and potential clients.

**Step One:** Choose the type of event based on your target audience.

- golf outings
- networking events
- technical workshops

**Step Two:** Become a sponsor. At a cost of **\$1,000** you receive:

- recognition in the Suffolk Chapter newsletter
- logo/recognition in all event flyers
- opportunity to speak at the event, booth or table display space

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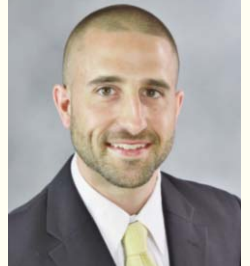
## Farewell from the Newsletter Editor

As I am writing this message it is hard to believe another year with the NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter has gone by. I am excited to step into my next role as Suffolk Chapter President-Elect for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. It has been a pleasure to serve the chapter as Vice President and Newsletter Editor over the last year.

I would like to thank our membership for everyone's continued hard work and dedication to make our chapter great. Your efforts to make our chapter run as it does are very much appreciated. Thank you to my fellow board members, committee chairs, and committee members for your articles, pictures, updates, and content for our newsletter over the past year.

There is one especially important person our chapter would like to acknowledge, **Flo Federman** of Marcum LLP. Flo puts forth an amazing effort to organize, design, and assemble our newsletter each issue. Flo, it has been a pleasure

working with you this last year. Our committees greatly appreciate your help in creating their flyers and promoting their events. Everyone who has worked with Flo can attest to both her creativity and lightning quick turnaround. Thank you so much.



I encourage everyone to continue to support the chapter newsletter and remain current with all our happenings - there are quite a few! I am certain our next editor and chapter Vice President, Ken Laks, will do a great job in the role.

Wishing everyone a great summer and I look forward to seeing you out at our chapter events. Please feel free to reach out to me with any chapter related questions, or just to say hello and catch up.

*– John Hermus*

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

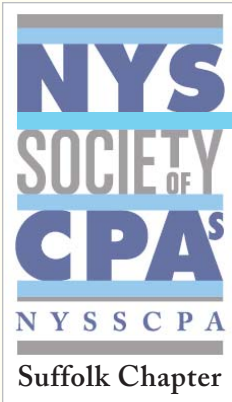
*The Suffolk Chapter NYSSCPA Members in Industry committee meets monthly from September through May. We welcome CPAs across all industries and practices. Our morning meetings start and end promptly, from 8 to 10 a.m. There are no entry fees and meetings earn two CPE credits. Joint sessions with Nassau charge a \$10 fee. The State Society has requested that all attendees register online to ensure you receive your CPE certificates. Please register at [NYSSCPA.org](http://NYSSCPA.org). For more information: Janet Verneuille, [JVerneuille@empirenb.com](mailto:JVerneuille@empirenb.com).*

On May 16 a Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Update was presented by **Chris Cheeseman**, Partner at Marcum, LLP and hosted by Empire National Bank in Islandia.

Afterward we held our planning session for the upcoming fiscal year. Contact Janet Verneuille at [JVerneuille@empirenb.com](mailto:JVerneuille@empirenb.com) to get on our mailing email list, for more information, or to offer suggestions for future sessions and speakers.

Next meeting, September 2018!





## *Committee Report:* NextGen

On Thursday, May 3, the Suffolk Chapter NextGen Committee was a co-host of a "Cinco de Mayo" Young Professionals Networking event held at Cara Cara Mexican Grill in Farmingdale.

The NextGen committee hosted the event, along with the Risk Management Association - Young Professionals and the New York State Bar Association - Young Lawyers Section. The Risk Management Association – Young Professionals ran the registration for the event. The collaborative efforts of all groups were able to bring in approximately 40 attendees!

In attendance were various groups of lawyers, bankers and accountants who came together to celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" a little bit early and make new connections. Margaritas and an assortment of appetizers were passed around to help the venue provide a relaxed setting for networking and socializing. A great time was had by all in attendance.



## *Committee Report:* **East End and NextGen**

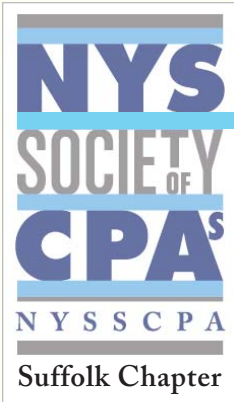
On Wednesday, May 9, the East End and NextGen Committees hosted a Fundamentals of Microsoft Excel class at the Hotel Indigo in Riverhead. The speaker was Michael Zumchak from Easy Excel Classes.

One might expect a class on Excel to be a boring one, however this was anything but. Michael did an excellent job teaching us the “top 10” important functions and explaining some of the more complex functions in Excel in a way that was easy to follow, while using humor to keep the class entertained for the entire 4 hour session. Everyone agreed they learned something they did not know that will make their job/life easier. He even memorized all of our names and called out on us throughout the class!

Special thanks to Michael for making the trip all the way out to Riverhead from Manhattan!



Sean Kelly, Michael Zumchak, Amanda Sexton.



## Mark Your Calendar...

### **JUNE 26, 2018**

Cooperation with Attorneys Committee:  
Expanding Your Options - Credit Insurance  
Details on page 8.

### **JULY 11, 2018**

Nine and Dine in Riverhead.  
Details on page 9.

### **AUGUST 8, 2018**

NextGen Committee: Supersized Networking  
Event. Details on page 11.

### **AUGUST 23, 2018**

East End Committee: Riverboat Tour.  
Details on page 12.

### **SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

Annual Young Professionals Golf Classic.  
More details to follow shortly.  
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For up-to-the-minute  
NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter activities  
[CLICK HERE](#)

#### **Committee Chairs!**

Make sure to get all  
future meeting dates to  
John Hermus at  
[jhermus@sheehancpa.com](mailto:jhermus@sheehancpa.com).

## Know Your Options...

The NYSSCPA Cooperation with Attorneys Committee invites you:



### ***Expanding Your Options: Credit Insurance***

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

**8:30 to 10:30 a.m.** (registration at 8:00 a.m.)  
at Marcum LLP, 10 Melville Park Road, Melville

Find out how this insurance product can benefit your clients.

- What is credit insurance and its relationship to factoring?
- Specialty components: custom inventory, advertising, bill & hold
- Accountant's responsibility: Liability for failure to inform of availability? Errors and omissions issues?
- Aid in clients' need/ability to finance A/R or purchase order financing

**Speaker:**

**Joel Berman**, Credit Insurance International Risk Management, Inc.

**2 CPE credits** (course code 29082901)

**\$10 per person**

**[RSVP HERE](#)**

Or contact [david.oksenhorn@marcumllp.com](mailto:david.oksenhorn@marcumllp.com)



## Golfing on the East End...

The NYSSCPA Suffolk Forensic and Valuation Services and East End Committees invite you to the 5th annual



### Nine and Dine in Riverhead

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

#### at Cherry Creek Golf Links

900 Reeves Avenue, Riverhead

Nine holes of golf (with cart) and practice at the driving range, followed by BBQ dinner and beer/wine/soda.

#### *First come, first served!*

REGISTRATION LIMITED – Each year this event quickly sells out.

**Early bird registration (on or before June 15): \$55. After June 15: \$65.**

**Dinner only: \$30 (approx. 5:30 p.m.)**

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

#### **\$5 per golfer to benefit:**

The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless: 2018 Backpack Pirates Event.  
See next page for more information.



**HOLE  
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\$100 per hole.  
Deadline June 15.

#### **REGISTER ONLINE HERE**

Or mail check (payable to NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter) to:  
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# Golfing on the East End...



## Nine and Dine in Riverhead

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

### GOLFER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please place me in a foursome OR  Preferred foursome below:

Golfer #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4: \_\_\_\_\_

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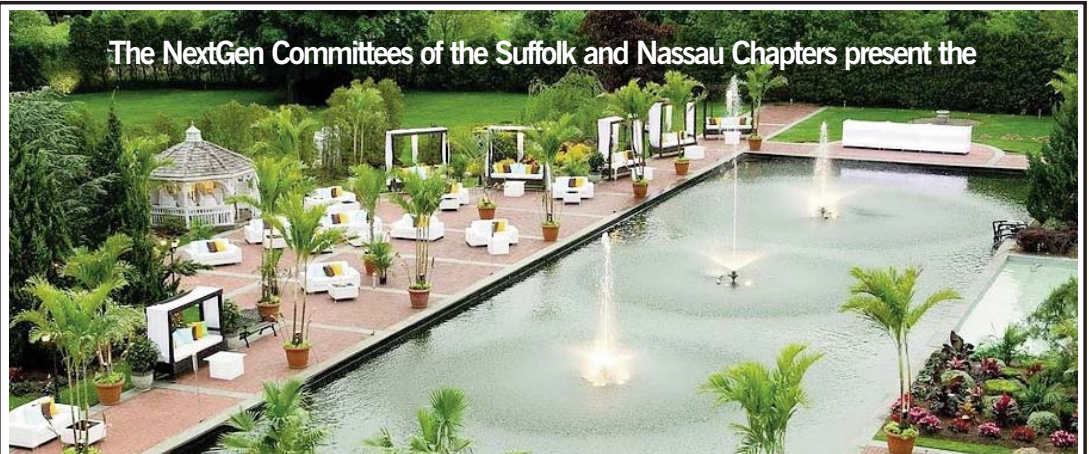
The **Long Island Coalition for the Homeless** was founded in 1985 and is a registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit dedicated to providing the coordination of housing and homeless services, grant funding and technical assistance to organizations in Nassau and Suffolk with meeting the needs of the homeless.

**Backpack Pirates** is 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.

If you wish to donate directly, please visit their website: [www.addresssthehomeless.org](http://www.addresssthehomeless.org) or make a check payable to the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.

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 PAGE  
 FOR EVENT  
 INFO...

# A Supersized Save the Date...



## 7th Annual Super-Sized Networking Event!

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 | 6 to 8 p.m.  
 at the Woodbury Country Club  
 884 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury

*NEW location!*

**\$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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## Coming this Summer...

The NYSSCPA Suffolk East End Committee invites you



### Riverboat Tour along the Peconic River

**Thursday, August 23, 2018**  
**6 to 9 p.m.**

Long Island Aquarium  
431 East Main Street, Riverhead

Join us for a Riverboat Tour along the Peconic River,  
then come back for networking, drinks and appetizers.

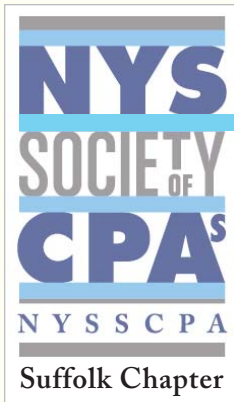
Sponsorship opportunities are available!

**\$55 per person**

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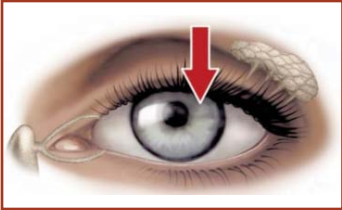



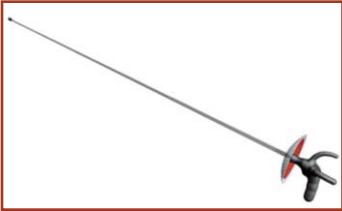
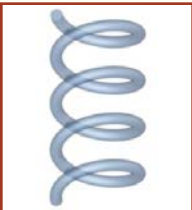


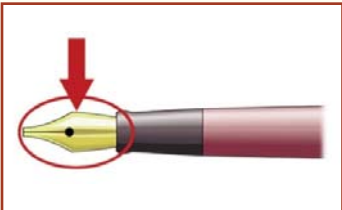
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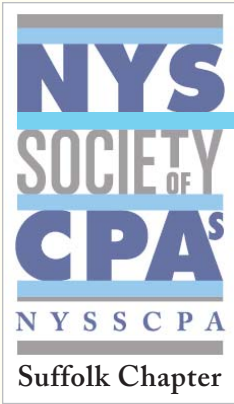


## Fun and Games – Name That Thing

1. 
  - A. caftan
  - B. gob hat
  - C. beret
  - D. fez
2. 
  - A. cornea
  - B. pupil
  - C. iris
  - D. optic nerve
3. 
  - A. mah-jongg
  - B. go
  - C. canasta
  - D. dominoes
4. 
  - A. coriander
  - B. rosemary
  - C. sage
  - D. basil
5. 
  - A. pleat
  - B. front
  - C. yoke
  - D. placket
6. 
  - A. swine
  - B. skerry
  - C. flange
  - D. foil
7. 
  - A. cylinder
  - B. helix
  - C. twirl
  - D. zephyr
8. 
  - A. rudder
  - B. winglet
  - C. elevator
  - D. strut
9. 
  - A. septum
  - B. naris
  - C. philtrum
  - D. dorsum
10. 
  - A. point
  - B. nib
  - C. blade
  - D. stylus

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Answers: 1-D | 2-C | 3-A | 4-B | 5-D | 6-D | 7-B | 8-B | 9-C | 10-B



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