

## President's Message



**BRIAN  
MICHELS**

It has been a long-standing tradition for the president of the New York State Society of CPAs to leave a parting letter to share what we have accomplished over the past year and a forward look to the year ahead. It has been an honor to serve as the

President of the Suffolk Chapter of the NYSSCPA. The year went by in what seems like the blink of an eye. I feel incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to serve as president and to be surrounded by so many great people.

During the past year, the East End Committee was formed, which held multiple events out on the East End of Long Island at Hotel Indigo in November and the Atlantis Marine World Sea Star Ballroom in February. It was such a great feeling to see so many new faces both in the accounting industry as well as other professionals we all work with. I'm confident this committee will continue to succeed and offer more

and more events allowing us to better serve our east end members. We have received such great feedback from the attendees at these past two events and know that only good things are in store for the future. Job well done!

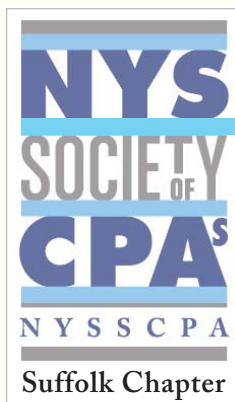
The Suffolk Chapter continued to give back to the community through our Toys for Tots drive and the Suffolk Chapter Scholarship Fund, which allowed us to present scholarship awards to several qualified high school students pursuing a degree in accounting. In addition, the NextGen Committee teamed up with the Town of Islip's nonprofit organization, Keep Islip Clean, to paint four 55 gallon drum garbage cans, which have been utilized within the town parks to keep our local parks clean.

I would like to thank my fellow officers and board members. Over the past 12 months it has been an honor to work with all of you, to collaborate and share ideas. The relationships that have formed have extended

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beyond the boardroom. You all have contributed to the chapter's success.

I would like to congratulate our incoming President, **Amanda Sexton**. I have known Amanda for almost my entire career, beginning with the NextGen (known then as the Young CPAs) Committee. Amanda has a passion for success and is a results-oriented individual. I know Amanda will do an excellent job in this new position and continue to provide the Suffolk Chapter with great leadership.

I would also like to congratulate **Harold Deiters**, who is the incoming statewide president. I have had the pleasure of knowing Harold for almost 15 years going back to the Young CPA Committee

and the Golf Outing Committee. It has been an honor working together with Harold over the years and wish him the best as president.

The Suffolk Chapter has several upcoming events. I encourage everyone to read through this newsletter and sign up for any events that may be of interest to you.

If I can impart some last-minute wisdom to our NextGen members it would be to get involved. Attend events. Meet new individuals. Build professional relationships. I was given that advice 14 years ago and it was some of the best advice I have ever received.

With gratitude,

– *Brian Michels*

## Special Offers 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
- informational seminars
- charitable events

**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

To take advantage of this great offer, contact our Sponsorship Chair:  
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## Farewell from the Newsletter Editor

As our fiscal year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to serve as this fiscal year's NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter Vice President (VP) and Newsletter Editor. I cannot believe that an entire year has passed since I have taken on this role.

I would like to thank the board of directors, the executive board and each of the committee chairs for providing me with articles, pictures and events for all of our newsletters.

I would also like to thank **Flo Federman** of Marcum LLP, who dedicates her time and efforts in designing and assembling the Chapter newsletters and stayed on top of me to get our newsletter published. Flo – I couldn't have done it without you.

As I gear up for my new role as president-elect of the Suffolk Chapter for the next fiscal year, I feel confident that the newsletter's next editor, **John Hermus**, will do a fantastic job. I have been working with John on the board of directors for the last several years and I'm confident he will make a fine VP and newsletter editor.



I encourage all of our members to continue to read the upcoming newsletters and to attend our future events.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and gets to beautiful weather and hopefully vacations with family, friends, and colleagues.

– *Melissa Hicks*

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

Thanks to **John J "Pete" Roe** of Egan & Golden, LLP who spoke on Estate Planning, Elder Law and Business Succession at Empire National Bank in Islandia on April 19.



Pete Roe

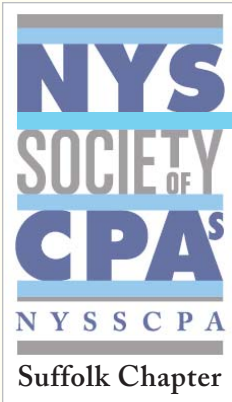


On May 17 the Annual Employment Law Update will be hosted by Empire National Bank in Islandia. Our speaker is **Rachel Gold** of Abrams Fensterman, formerly Special Counsel for Labor, as well as the Deputy Commissioner for Legislation, Policy, and Federal Affairs at the New York State Department of Labor. Please pre-register **[HERE](#)** so we can prepare properly. Details on page 7.

After our Employment Law Update, we will hold our planning session for the upcoming fiscal year. If you are unable to attend the planning session please email potential ideas and speakers for our upcoming meetings to [JVerneuille@empirenb.com](mailto:JVerneuille@empirenb.com).

The annual webcast of the Business and Industry Full Day Conference is tentatively scheduled for October 18 at Empire National Bank in Islandia. This is a joint Nassau/Suffolk event.

Contact Janet Verneuille at [JVerneuille@empirenb.com](mailto:JVerneuille@empirenb.com) to get on the committee mailing email list, for more information, or to offer suggestions for future sessions and speakers.



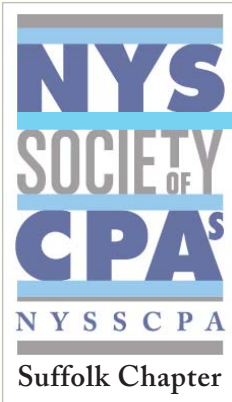
## *Committee Report:* **NextGen**

On Wednesday, May 3, the Suffolk Chapter NextGen Committee was a co-host of a "Tres de Mayo" Young Professionals Networking event held at Tocolo Cantina in Garden City.

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 New York State Bar Association - Young Lawyers Section ran the registration for the event.

The collaborative efforts of all groups were able to bring in approximately 50 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.



## Mark Your Calendar...

### **MAY 17, 2017**

Members in Industry meeting: Annual Employment Law Update. Details on page 7.

### **JUNE 7, 2017**

Cooperation with Attorneys Committee: Business Valuations. Details on page 8.

### **JUNE 23, 2017**

NextGen Committee Charter Boat Fishing Trip. Details on page 9.

### **JUNE 29, 2017**

Suffolk Chapter Past Presidents Golf Outing. Details on page 10.

### **JULY 6, 2017**

FAE & Employee Benefits Committee: Auditing Defined Contribution Retirement Plans. Details on page 11.

### **JULY 12, 2017**

Nine and Dine in Riverhead. Details on page 12.

### **AUGUST 9, 2017**

Super-Sized Networking Event. Details on page 13.

### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

Young Professionals Golf Classic. Details on page 14.

For up-to-the-minute chapter activities:

[http://www.nysscpa.org/  
membership/chapters/suffolk](http://www.nysscpa.org/membership/chapters/suffolk)

### **Committee Chairs!**

Make sure to get all future meeting dates to Melissa Hicks at [mhicks@centralnassau.org](mailto:mhicks@centralnassau.org).

## Primer on Employment Law...

The NYSSCPA Suffolk Members in Industry Committee invites you



### Annual Employment Law Update

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

8 to 10 a.m.

at Empire National Bank, 1707 Veterans Highway, Islandia

Join us as our speaker, Rachel Gold of Abrams Fensterman, will discuss:

- Proposal 7: Governor Cuomo, the State of the State, and Wage Enforcement
- Wage & Hour
- Independent Contractors and UI Audits
- Worker Misclassification
- Criminal Liability

**2 CPE credits** (specialized knowledge)

**RSVP [HERE](#)**



# Valuing Businesses...

NYSSCPA Suffolk Cooperation with Attorneys Committee invites you:



## Accountant and Attorney Cooperation with BUSINESS VALUATIONS

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

**9-11 a.m.** (Registration at 8:30 a.m.)

At Marcum LLP | 10 Melville Park Road, Melville  
\$10 per person | Breakfast included!

Join us for an overview of business valuation basics,  
how business valuations are used in various accounting and legal settings,  
and learn about recent practice updates.

### Panel:

**Louis Vlahos, Esq.**, Partner, Farrell Fritz, P.C.

**Kathleen Suker, CPA, ABV, CFF, CFE**, Senior Valuation Manager, Marcum LLP

**Pasquale Rafanelli, CPA, CVA, CBA, CFE**, Valuation Manager, Grassi & Co.

**2 CPE/CLE credits**

Registration limited to 50 people – Sign up now!

**[RSVP HERE](#)**

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## Reeling It In...

The NextGen Committee of the Suffolk Chapter of the NYSSCPA is proud to host



## Fishing Off Captree

Come enjoy a fun evening of **sailing, fishing** for blue fish and **networking** with professionals and their families aboard the "Capt. Eddie B III"

### Charter Boat Fishing Trip

Friday, June 23, 2017

Captree State Park

3500 E. Ocean Parkway, Babylon

**6-10 p.m.**

(Please arrive 30 mins prior to sailing)

*Equipment and bait provided*

**\$50 per adult**

**\$30 per child** (12 years and under)

Please register no later than June 21, 2017:

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# Past Presidents in the Present...



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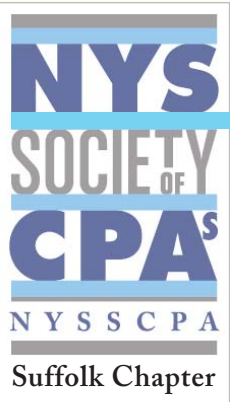
## Suffolk Chapter Past Presidents Golf Outing and Networking Dinner

June 29, 2017  *New Date!*


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Complete details  
and information to come!


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# Calling All Auditors...



Foundation for Accounting Education (FAE), in partnership with the NYSSCPA Suffolk's Employee Benefits Committee, invites you:



## Auditing Defined Contribution Retirement Plans

**Thursday, July 6, 2017**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Melville Marriott Long Island, 1350 Old Walt Whitman Road, Melville

Learn how to go beyond the basics in preparing working papers and financial statements in audits of employee benefit plans. The AICPA's **Melissa Critcher** will help you understand the complex rules and regulations that affect employee benefit plans as well as guidance on addressing deficiencies.

- Identification of various types of plans
- Planning, communication, and other activities for audits of defined contribution plans
- Investments and investment-related income
- Auditing participant data, contributions, distributions, and notes receivable from participants

- Fraud in employee benefit plans
- Government regulations and reporting requirements
- Comparing the audited financial statements to Form 5500
- Legal counsel representations
- Case studies and discussion questions

**8 CPE credits** | Course code: 32214721  
**\$259 members** | **\$325 non-members**

**RSVP [HERE](#)**

# East End Golf...

The NYSSCPA Suffolk Forensic and Valuation Services Committee and the **NEW** East End Committee invite you to the 4th annual



at **Cherry Creek Golf Links**, 900 Reeves Avenue, Riverhead

Join us for this east end social event.  
 Nine holes of golf (with cart) and practice at the driving range,  
 followed by BBQ dinner, beer/wine/soda, and dessert.

REGISTRATION LIMITED – Each year this event quickly sells out.  
 First come, first served so sign up early!  
**Early bird registration (on or before June 12): \$50. After June 12: \$60.**  
**Dinner only: \$30** (approx. 5:30 p.m.)

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

**HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

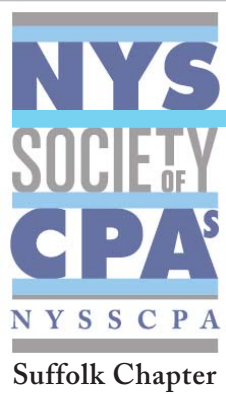
\$100 per hole. Deadline June 12.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Please place me in a foursome  
 Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ OR  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Preferred foursome below:  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #4: \_\_\_\_\_

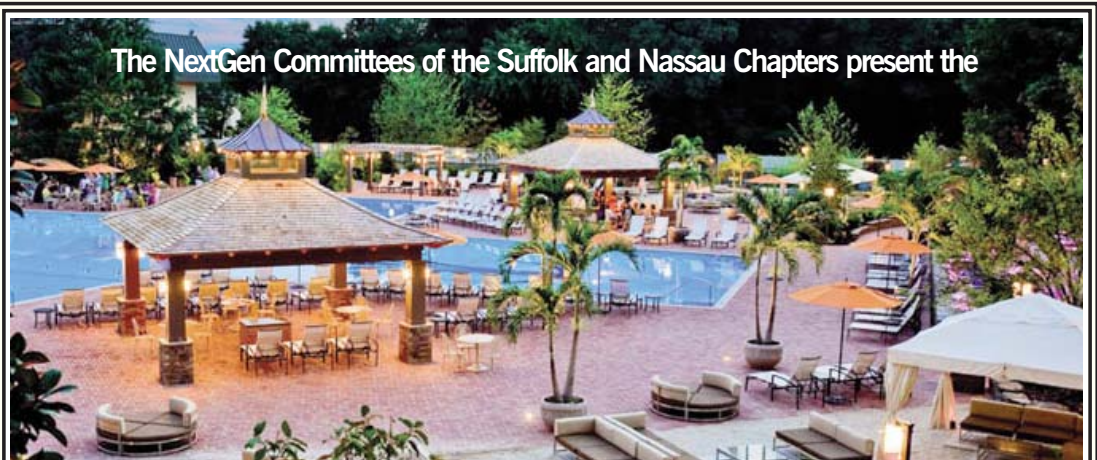
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Or mail check to: John Spatola  
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## Super-Size It!



### The NextGen Committees of the Suffolk and Nassau Chapters present the

## 6th Annual Super-Sized Networking Event!

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 | 6 to 8 p.m.  
Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury

\$55 per person

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

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

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

For info: William Huether – [whuether@sheehancpa.com](mailto:whuether@sheehancpa.com), 631-665-7040

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# See You in September...

The NextGen Committee of the Suffolk Chapter of the NYSSCPA is proud to host

## The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GOLF CLASSIC

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Hamlet Willow Creek Golf & Country Club

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!**

**GOLD SPONSORSHIP: \$3,500**

Two foursomes  
 Ball Marker and two hole sponsorships  
 Beverage cart and Lunch sponsorships  
 Tee sign at Beat-the-Hack hole  
 Name/logo in event program  
 Two pin flags | 48 raffle tickets

**SILVER SPONSORSHIP: \$2,000**

One foursome  
 Breakfast and two hole sponsorships  
 Name/banner at registration table  
 Name/logo in event program  
 Pin flag | 24 raffle tickets

**BRONZE SPONSORSHIP: \$1,500**

One foursome  
 Two hole sponsorships and pin flag  
 Name/logo in event program  
 12 raffle tickets

**HOLE SPONSORSHIP: \$150**

Tee sign displaying company logo/name

**INDIVIDUAL GOLFER: \$200\***

\* Before 6/30/17. After: \$250  
 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch,  
 cocktail hour, and dinner

Please place me in a foursome OR

Preferred foursome listed below:

Golfer #1: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*Golfers listed will play together unless otherwise instructed*

**BUFFET DINNER ONLY: \$100**

**WIN AN ACURA  
 WITH A HOLE-IN-ONE**



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**\$25 PER GOLFER  
 TO BENEFIT:**



**REGISTER EARLY!** 9/12/17 is the last day we can accept golfers!

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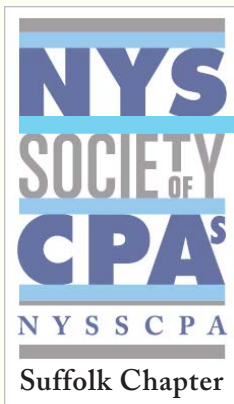
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All the words below appear in this WonderWord puzzle (horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and backwards). When you find a word, circle its individual letters. After you've found all of the words, **the leftover letters spell the WonderWord**.

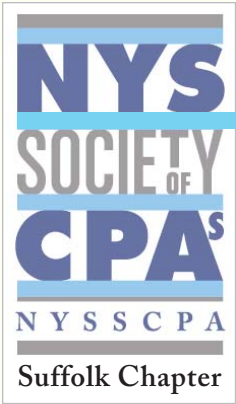
### WONDERWORD CLUE: Carrie Fisher (1956-2016)



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| AWAKENS      | EDDIE         | IRENE     | RINGO           |
| BEVERLYHILLS | EPISODE       | JAMES     | SHAMPOO         |
| BILLIE       | FILMS         | JEDI      | SIMON           |
| BLUES        | FORD          | JOELY     | SISTERS         |
| BLUNT        | FRANCES       | LEGIT     | SPEAKER         |
| BROTHERS     | GAMES         | LOURD     | STARS           |
| BRYAN        | HANNAH        | MAPS      | STARWARS        |
| BURBS        | HARRISON      | PAUL      | TODD            |
| CALIFORNIA   | HEARTBREAKERS | POSTCARDS | TRICIA          |
| DEBBIE       | HOOK          | REYNOLDS  | WISHFULDRINKING |

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 = WONDERWORD

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