



**WILLIAM
 HUETHER**

President's Message

Effective June 1st, I have been installed as the Suffolk Chapter's 50th President. I take pride in being given this opportunity and it is a great honor to serve in this position after several years involved with the Chapter. It is also exciting to serve in this role during the time when the Suffolk Chapter celebrates its 50th anniversary!

The Suffolk Chapter was chartered on June 27, 1971. I am proud to follow a long line of great Suffolk Chapter presidents and I thank all of them for laying the groundwork for our chapter and for their dedication and contributions to the chapter over the last 50 years. Please see page 3 for a list of all Suffolk Chapter presidents who have contributed greatly to our chapter and should be recognized.

I am following our outgoing president, **Kenneth Laks**, and I want to extend him a big thank you for his hard work and dedication to our chapter throughout his career.

The last 16 months have been so challenging for us all in many ways due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a profession and as a chapter, we had to adapt very quickly to a changing world to be able to serve our clients and our members. I believe our chapter and our profession has done a tremendous job in adapting to the changes brought upon by

COVID-19 and has done an excellent job in going the extra mile to really serve our clients and our members to help guide them through the uncertainties of the pandemic.

I always believe that when obstacles and tough times are put in front of us, it presents great opportunity. The pandemic has created many opportunities for us to strengthen our relationship with clients and our members and has provided new opportunities to better serve our clients. Now that restrictions are beginning to be relaxed, I am optimistic that we are on our way to a return to normalcy.

As a result of the pandemic, I feel that we have the opportunity as a Chapter this year to re-emerge and come up with new innovative ideas and plans to serve our members. I look forward to a return to a more active year and getting out to see our great members at networking events, charitable events, CPE events, etc.

I started my journey with the Suffolk Chapter around 2010. I had the pleasure of taking advanced accounting at Dowling College with none other than Suffolk's own past president and NYSSCPA statewide past president, **George Foundotos**. In his class, he pushed the importance of getting involved in the

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NYSSCPA and Suffolk Chapter and invited the class to a student night that was being held at Dave and Busters in Islandia. I attended the event and learned quite a bit about the NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter and met some great people who were committee chairs or officers at the time. At the event, one of the officers talked me into joining as a student member.

I tried to maintain contact with some of those individuals throughout the rest of my college career at Dowling College and invited some to speak at some of our Business Society meetings when I was president of the business society at Dowling College.

By attending that event, making connections that night and maintaining these connections, it presented me with the opportunity to join Sheehan & Company. One day one of my contacts in the Suffolk Chapter that I met at the Student Night and stayed connected with reached out and asked if I considered joining public accounting at the firm. Within the same week, the private company I was working for at the time announced they were moving operations to Ohio (I was the only one smiling at that meeting as I knew a new another great opportunity awaited). If it was not for that first student night, George and the other NYSSCPA Suffolk contacts I met and maintained contact with, I may not have been presented with the opportunity to join the firm, and for that I am grateful.

Shortly after joining the firm, I got involved with the NextGen Committee and then became a co-chair of the committee for several years. After a few years co-chairing the NextGen Committee, I was fortunate enough to move onto the executive board of the Chapter and then ultimately the officer

roles of treasurer, VP, president-elect and now president. I also currently serve on the statewide board of directors as the Director, Suffolk Chapter Representative. My involvement in the Suffolk Chapter has certainly been rewarding and I have created great relationships and friendships as a result. I have obtained other skills such as public speaking, how to manage and set up events, and created a large contact list of bankers, lawyers, and other CPAs that can be used as a resource.

The Suffolk Chapter has so many great committees to get involved in that do great things for our members. Please see page 11 for a listing of our committees and the contact information for the chairs. These committees are all run by great professionals and are always looking to add new members. Please reach out and get involved. Any one of our Board members or committee chairs would be happy to guide you to the right committee, based on your interest. There are also opportunities for you to chair a committee.

During this upcoming year, we are looking to bring back the Supersized Networking event hosted by the NextGen Committee (see save the date on page 10); the NextGen Golf Outing in the fall; the annual ethics update; a membership event; presenting the 2021-2022 George T. Foundotos, CPA Memorial undergraduate Accounting Scholarship; Student Night; Toys for Tots; and lots of other CPE events. If there are any specific type of events that you feel would benefit the members, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In June 2021, we had a virtual installation of our officers and board members (see page 4) but we look forward to being in person again next year for the installation event.

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President's Message (cont'd)

Outside of the Suffolk Chapter, there are also a ton of great NYSSCPA statewide committees that you can join. See page 5 for a list of these committees. A lot of these committees meet virtually, so there is no commute involved. I encourage all to explore and join some of the statewide committees as well.

The NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter continues to be there for its members and we will continue to do our best to represent all of you. If I can be of any assistance at all, please reach out to me at whuether@sheehancpa.com.

I look forward to a great upcoming year, to the continued growth of the chapter and to working with all of you.

– *William Huether*

Suffolk Chapter Past Presidents

In celebration of the Suffolk Chapter's 50th Anniversary, let's recognize the past presidents of our chapter over the last 50 years who have provided so many contributions to our chapter and made it what it is today.

1971-73	Samuel Person	1997-98	Thomas J. Novak
1973-74	Irving Markowitz	1998-99	John J. Knox
1974-75	Alexander Cover	1999-00	Robert S. Peare
1975-76	Roger Teurfs	2000-01	Thomas J. Murray
1976-77	William J. Holtz	2001-02	Beatrix McKane
1977-78	Lawrence G. Goldberg	2002-03	Russell T. Glazer
1978-79	Howard B. Levy	2003-04	Arnold L. Haskell
1979-80	Bernard Tinkoff	2004-05	Robert T. Quarte
1980-81	Stanley M. Heller	2005-06	Kenneth R. Cerini
1981-82	Frederic P. Recksiek	2006-07	Ronald J. Eagar
1982-83	James G. Pappas	2007-08	Cynthia D. Finn-Barry
1983-84	Roger Donohue	2008-09	Lisa M. Martinelli-Bowman
1984-85	Thomas A. Alto	2009-10	John S. Shillingsford Jr.
1985-86	Paul Rubenstein	2010-11	Paul E. Becht
1986-87	Charles N. Peluso	2011-12	Harold L. Deiters III
1987-88	Gerald M. Flynn, Jr.	2012-13	Mark A. Cirelli
1988-89	George T. Foundotos	2013-14	Lawrence C. Lucarelli
1989-90	Lawrence M. Just	2014-15	Elizabeth A. Vuozzo
1990-91	William M. Abrams	2015-16	Felix Russo
1991-92	Ronald R. Steger	2016-17	Brian Michels
1992-93	Walter C. Schmidt	2017-18	Amanda L. Sexton
1993-94	Vincent D. Cullen	2018-19	Melissa L. Hicks
1994-95	Charles A. Barragato	2019-20	John Hermus
1995-96	Robert J. Eckhardt	2020-21	Kenneth Laks
1996-97	Robert Cheskes		

Welcome Our New Board

On June 17 the Suffolk Chapter held its annual organizational meeting, at which the new board of the Suffolk Chapter was installed.

Normally an in-person event, this year's meeting was held virtually, hosted by the chapter's newest president, **William Huether**.

Bill welcomed attendees, who also heard from our new committee chairs as well as NYSSCPA statewide representatives – **Kevin Matz**, VP of Downstate Chapters; **Will Titus**, Membership Development Specialist; **Reva Brennan**, Chief Operations Officer; and **Dawn Troupe**, Manager of Outreach and Development.

Harold Deiters formally installed the officers, who include:

President: **William Huether**

President-Elect: **John Spatola**

VP: **Robert Huether**

Treasurer: **Rebecca Brodsky**

Secretary: **Phil Marciano**

Immediate Past President: **Ken Laks**

Executive Board:

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Chris Cheeseman

Frank Giambruno

Michael Joy

Sean Kelly

Thomas Pirro

Ernest Patrick Smith

Janet Verneuille

We look forward to working with you during this special 50th anniversary year.



Statewide Committee Involvement

Get involved. See local committee possibilities on page 11. To join any statewide committees or for more information of each committee, please [CLICK HERE](#).

STATEWIDE COMMITTEES

Accounting and Auditing Division

- Accounting and Review Services
- Accounting and Auditing Oversight
- Auditing Standards
- Employee Benefits
- Financial Accounting Standards
- International Accounting and Auditing
- Quality Control & Peer Review
- SEC
- Sustainability Accounting and Reporting
- Technology Assurance

Consulting Services Division

- Anti-Money Laundering & Counter Terrorist Financing
- Bankruptcy and Financial Reorganizations
- Business Valuation and Litigation Services
- Cybersecurity

Human Capital Division

- CPA Careers
- CPA Portability
- Diversity and Inclusion
- NextGen

Industry Division

- Banking
- Cannabis Industry
- Chief Financial Officers
- Construction Contractors
- Digital Assets
- Entertainment, Arts and Sports
- Family Office
- Insurance Industry
- Internal Audit
- Investment Management
- Private Equity and Venture Capital
- Real Estate
- Stock Brokerage

Operations Division

- Audit
- Finance
- Legislative Task Force
- Nominating Committee
- Professional Ethics
- Professional Liability Insurance

Practice Management Division

- Large & Medium Sized Firms Practice Management
- Small Firms Practice Management

Public Sector Division

- Future of Accounting Education
- Government Accounting & Auditing
- Health Care
- Not-for-Profit Organizations
- Public Schools

Tax Division

- C Corporations
- Closely Held and S Corporations
- Estate Planning
- Exempt Organizations
- International Taxation
- New York, Multistate & Local Taxation
- Partnerships and LLCs
- Personal Financial Planning
- Relations with the Internal Revenue Service
- Tax Division Oversight
- Taxation of Financial Instruments and Transactions
- Taxation Of Individuals
- Taxation of Mergers, Acquisitions, Dispositions and Other Business Transactions
- Trust and Estate Administration

The Suffolk Chapter's Take on Tax History

By: Rebecca Brodsky, CPA, MST

In honor of the Suffolk Chapter's 50th Anniversary, we are going back in time to 1971! Just how different was the world of tax? In this year of tax, the Revenue Act of 1971 was signed into law by President Nixon on December 10, 1971.

The Revenue Act of 1971

How it looked:

How it looks today:

The Investment Tax Credit was reinstated

The ITC was first enacted in 1962, then suspended and reinstated throughout the years. In 1971, the ITC was reenacted as a "jobs development credit." It was a nonrefundable credit of 7 percent for undertaking certain fixed asset investments described in Section 38. The credit had carryback and carryover rules, a section for lessors, and a section regarding reasonable allowance for depreciation.

Since 1962, The ITC over the years was utilized based on what Congress deemed necessary at the time. In 1962, the ITC was used to promote competition against foreign producers. In 1971, it was reinstated to invest in new machinery and equipment to create jobs. Today, the ITC is utilized for qualified renewable energy projects, including solar, geothermal, and fuel cell energy.

The Auto Excise Tax was repealed

The 7 percent manufacturers excise tax on passenger automobiles was repealed. In addition, the 10 percent excise tax on light-duty trucks and buses (10,000 lbs. or less) had also been repealed, because these lighter trucks were to be considered used as a means of personal transportation.

In 1990, an excise tax was introduced for luxury automobiles costing over \$30,000. The same tax also applied to expensive boats, airplanes, furs, jewelry and other items deemed non-essential. In 1996, the tax rate was reduced for that luxury car tax. After 2002, the luxury car excise tax was not renewed by Congress due to its unpopularity with both consumers and manufacturers. geothermal, and fuel cell energy.

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Tax History (cont'd)

The Revenue Act of 1971

How it looked:

How it looks today:

Increased the Standard Deduction and the Percentage of the Standard Deduction

In 1971, you may choose the standard or itemized deduction. The choice was based on level of income. The easiest way to understand this concept is by reading page 6 of the 1040 instructions from 1971. If AGI is less than \$8,000 and your deductions are less than \$1,050, a tax table incorporating the standard deduction was used to find tax liability. If deductions exceed \$1,050, plan to itemize. If income was between \$8,000 and \$11,500, and your deductions are less than 13 percent of your AGI, use the standard deduction. If AGI is over \$11,500 and deductions are less than \$1,500, use the standard deduction.

Under current tax law, the choice between the standard deduction and the itemized deduction is based on the larger of which dollar amount. For 2020, the standard deduction for single taxpayers was \$12,400. If itemized deductions calculated are higher than this amount, then the taxpayer would beneficially choose to itemize.

Increased Personal Exemption

The personal exemption was raised from \$650 to \$675 (MFJ \$1,300 to \$1,350), and provisions were made to increase the personal exemption for 1972 and subsequent years.

Under the recent 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, personal exemptions were suspended from 2018 to 2025. In response, the standard deduction was doubled.

Tax Benefits of Political Contributions

Beginning in 1972, individuals will be able to elect to a credit against their tax liability. The credit would be one-half of a political contribution (max \$12.50, MFJ \$25). An election could be made to instead deduct an amount not to exceed \$50 (\$100 MFJ)

In the Revenue Act of 1978, the deduction was repealed, and the credit increased as an incentive to improve voter turnout. In the Revenue Act of 1986, the credit was repealed. Today, there is no tax deduction available.

For a detailed look of this time period:

- [The Revenue Act of 1971](#)
- [Revenue Act of 1971: Tax reductions, incentives and other changes](#)
- [Form 1040 Instructions from 1971, including index to instructions](#)

- [The Rise and Fall of Federal Tax Incentive for Political Contributions](#)
- [US Federal Tax Policy Surrounding The Investment Tax Credit: A Review of Legislative Intent and Empirical Research Findings](#)
- [Federal Tax Rates on Motor Vehicles](#)
- [Understanding Luxury Car Tax and Why the Rate is Different](#)

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT: NextGen

*Did you know that the NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter is comprised of over 20 various committees ranging from Accounting & Auditing, General Taxation, Forensic and Valuation Services, NextGen and more? Did you know that joining a committee is free with your NYSSCPA membership? Given the volume of different committees the Suffolk Chapter has to offer, there is certainly a committee for everyone. We encourage all members to check out our full listing of committees and join committees to engage in technical, social, and philanthropic activities that align with their respective interests/career aspirations. In this article, we will spotlight **NextGen**, one of the very active committees that NYSSCPA Suffolk has to offer. Be on the lookout in future articles to learn more about the other many active committees that you can be a part of today!*

Who We Are

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. This is done through various technical, social, and volunteer events (as described below).

What We Do

The NextGen Committee strives to achieve its' above mission by coordinating and hosting a wide array of various events to help foster technical, networking, communication and other skills needed to help individuals in school and/or individuals who are relatively new to the accounting job market become the very best professional they can be and help build a better profession for all. Additionally, the NextGen Committee recognizes the importance of the profession

and the need for future accountants and as such, works with local schools (both at the high school and college levels) to showcase all of the very dynamic careers the accounting industry has to offer in order to build a pipeline of new CPAs into the future.

What types of events does the Committee host? Well, below is a list of a few events that the Committee has and continues to host (*please note this is not an all-inclusive list*) in which Committee members can step up into leadership roles in order to help coordinate.

Annual Supersized Networking Event – This event provides an opportunity for students and young professionals to network with seasoned professionals across a variety of different industries in a laid back social setting and learn more about their experiences and interests. Given the historically large turnout, the event also serves as a traditional networking event for senior and executive level professionals across multiple industries and allows for business development opportunities and valuable relationship building. This event is typically held in the summer in early August and over the last few years, has continued to grow in terms of participation. *Save the date for this year's event at the Crest Hollow Country Club on Wednesday, August 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm! Details on page 10.*

Young Professionals Golf Classic – A tradition going back well over 20 years, the NextGen Committee continues to host a “Young Professionals Golf Classic” each year, providing an informal/fun way for professionals to connect and network in a relaxed setting, while getting to break out their golf skills. Dinner and prizes are also provided following the completion of golf which allow for even greater networking among peers.

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Student Night – Each year, the NextGen Committee partners with the Cooperation of Educational Institutions Committee to coordinate a “Student Night” event to allow students to network with accounting professionals and learn more about what the accounting profession has to offer. The event is typically held in October and provides students with insight into the various fields within the accounting industry, networking opportunities with accounting managers and partners to ask questions about the profession, in addition to career opportunities that may be available across various firms. The event always has a number of great guest speakers to present on topics that are relevant to students looking to pursue a degree in accounting and learn more about the Uniform CPA Examination.

Toys for Tots – For more than 26 years, the NextGen Committee has led the charge in coordinating the annual “Toys for Tots” drive for the Suffolk Chapter. Each year, participation in the event continues to grow and we have consistently been one of the largest pick-ups for the local Marines with over 160 boxes donated annually. The Committee works directly with local firms and businesses to provide boxes for each Company to collect toys. In addition, money raised and earmarked from the “Young Professionals Golf Classic” will go towards the drive and help to purchase additional toys to be donated. The Committee has a tremendous support system with so many members and other individuals from the community involved; from wrapping the boxes, to dropping the boxes off at various locations, to shopping for additional toys, etc. The Committee truly appreciates all of the support we have had been so fortunate to receive over the last few years and look forward to an even more successful drive this upcoming year.

Technical Events – In addition to networking, the NextGen Committee tries to incorporate some education into its agenda each year. The Committee has historically held educational sessions on soft skill topics in addition to building relationships and enhancing business development skills.

Volunteer Events – Although the premier charitable event is our “Toys for Tots” drive, the NextGen Committee will layer in a few additional volunteer events each year. The Committee recognizes the importance of giving back to the local community, which is why over the last few years, the Committee has been engaged in volunteer events through organizations such as “Keep Islip Clean,” “The INN,” “Habitat for Humanity,” and more. Such events include beach clean-ups and other beautification projects, volunteering at local soup kitchens, building homes that were previously destroyed, and more.

Who Should Join:

If you are interested in helping to create a pipeline of future accountants and have a passion for giving back to your local community, the NextGen Committee would welcome you with open arms. If you like what you see and would like to learn more or how to join, please contact one of our Suffolk Chapter Co-Chairs below for further information today!

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It's the return of the...

9th Annual Super-Sized Networking Event!

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

6:30 to 8:30 pm

IN PERSON at the Crest Hollow Country Club

DETAILS TO COME. For info:
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The NYSSCPA Suffolk Chapter has a few committees looking for a chair!

- CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS & REAL ESTATE
- COOPERATION WITH BANKERS & OTHER CREDIT GRANTORS
- EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
- ESTATE/FINANCIAL PLANNING
- MANAGEMENT OF AN ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

FUN & GAMES: Sudoku

The objective is to fill the grid with digits (1-9). Each digit appears only one in each column, row, and the nine 3×3 subgrids.

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SOURCE: merriam-webster.com

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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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Contractors | <input type="checkbox"/> General Taxation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation with Attorneys | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Outing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation with Bankers and Other Credit Grantors | <input type="checkbox"/> Management of Accounting Practice |
| <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 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate & Construction |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business |

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