

The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants



Westchester Chapter E-Newsletter

December 2017



The NYSSCPA's Westchester Chapter
Wishes you and your loved ones:

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS & A
HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!**

HAPPY KWANZAA!
Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah
Happy Holidays

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From Chapter President Gina Goodenow...

Dear Fellow Westchester Chapter Members,

Welcome to December! I can't believe 2017 is almost over already. Every year it seems December comes quicker than the last.



My fellow CPA friends and I always call December 31st CPE day since we are rushing to get in the hours. Don't let that happen to you!

We still have one more opportunity to get some credit in before the end of the year at our tax conference. At this conference you can get a full day's credit in while learning great information and networking with other CPAs.

We hope to see you at a future event.

Our board would like to wish you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Gina Goodenow

Gina Goodenow can be reached by phone at (212) 251-4042 or by e-mail at GinaGoodenow@gmail.com

**Happy
Holidays**



Security Awareness Week **Nov 27 – Dec 1, 2017** (Please click each heading for more information)



For the second year, the Internal Revenue Service, state tax agencies and the tax industry will host National Tax Security Awareness Week to encourage both individual and business taxpayers to take additional steps to protect their tax data and identities in advance of the 2018 filing season.

[IRS, State Tax Agencies and Tax Industry Announce National Tax Security Awareness Week, Nov. 27-Dec. 1](#)

[Security Summit](#)

The IRS has joined with representatives of the software industry, tax preparation firms, payroll and tax financial product processors and state tax administrators to combat identity theft refund fraud to protect the nation's taxpayers.

[NEWS RELEASES:](#) (Please check each day for the following news releases to be posted)

[Nov 27:](#) **Online Security- Seven Steps for Safety**



IR 2017- Online
Security 7 Steps - Nc

[Nov 28:](#) **Don't Take the Bait**



IR 2017- Don't Take
the Bait - Nov 28.do

[Nov 29:](#) **Victims of Data Breaches**



IR-2017-Victim of a
Data Breach - Nov 29

[Nov 30:](#) **Avoid the W-2 Scam**



IR 2017- Employers
payroll officials Avoi

[Dec 01:](#) **Be Alert to Identity Theft**



IR 2017-Small
Businesses Be Alert

[IRS TAX TIPS](#): (Please check each day for the following tips to be posted)

Nov 27: Eight Steps to Keep Online Data Safe



Tax Tip - Nov27 -
EightStepsOnline.docx

Nov 28: Recognize Phishing Email Scams



Tax Tip - Nov 28 -
Phishing Scam.docx

Nov 29: Five Steps Data Breach Victims Can Take



Tax Tip - Nov 29 -
Data Breach.docx

Nov 30: Thieves Use W-2 Scam to get Employee Data



Tax Tip - Nov 30 -
W-2 Scam.docx

Archived Webinar: Don't Take the Bait

TWITTER & HASHTAG: Please be sure to follow [@IRSnews](#), [@IRStaxpros](#) and [@IRSenEspanol](#) on Twitter

TWEETS: You can also post any of the sample tweets below included on your own feed or issue new ones, also using the hashtag #TaxSecurity.

This is the #IRS National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week. Help us keep you safe:

www.irs.gov/securitysummit

On #IRS National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week, learn basic steps to protect yourself and your tax data online. www.irs.gov/securitysummit

It's National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week and #IRS has tips to keep you safe online.

www.irs.gov/securitysummit

On #IRS National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week, learn what steps to take if you're a data breach victim:

www.irs.gov/securitysummit

On National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week, #IRS offers tips on the signs of tax-related identity theft.

www.irs.gov/securitysummit

#TaxSecurity: #IRS offers steps to keep you safe and protect your tax return and refund in 2018:

www.irs.gov/securitysummit

**JOIN US AT THE
ACCOUNTANTS IN INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
OF THE NYSSCPA WESTCHESTER CHAPTER
WEDNESDAY JAN. 17, 2018**

UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S STOCK MARKET

We welcome our speaker, Keith Small, Regional Planning Specialist with Cetera Financial Specialists. Please join us in an interactive and informative discussion on understanding the basics of the stock market. This session will cover:

- Why Invest?
- How Do People Invest?
- What Have We Learned?
- Not Investing Means Taking Risks, Too.
- Pursuing a Better Investment Experience: 10 Best Practices
- Questions / review

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE CENTER OF SKADDEN ARPS
AT 360 HAMILTON AVENUE IN WHITE PLAINS FROM 7:45 TO 9 AM**

Learn and Earn 1 CPE credit. Under the new Accountancy law all CPAs in industry are subject to the CPE regulations. - Course Number 29112804.

Bring a colleague. We provide the coffee and conversation to wake up your brain. We would like to thank our sponsor, Lisa Esteves, Controller, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP for the use of their conference center.

Contact Michael Herz, michaelbherz@gmail.com or Deborah Rubin, drubin@lepatner.com for further information.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A WESTCHESTER CHAPTER EVENT, BUT ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



How to Start a Women's Initiative at Your Firm

December 12, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

NYSSCPA Headquarters

14 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005

Open to ALL Members

[Register Now](#)

[I'll do the Webcast](#)

For several years now, the AICPA, and other accounting organizations have released figures showing that, despite the fact that men and women enter the accounting profession in just about equal numbers, the leadership in accounting firms is still overwhelmingly male. Evidence continues to mount, arguing the business case for women's advancement in the profession, but how can this be done in an effective manner?

A panel of professionals will share their experiences and techniques. Learn how to get both employer and employee buy-in and where firms have found success and faced challenges.

At the live session, enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments while networking with other local professionals. Advance registration is required. Registration is \$20 for members, and \$35 for non-members. No walk-ins permitted. Only 21 and over, please.

[About the DIY Monthly Workshop Series:](#) *How to Start a Women's Initiative at Your Firm* is part of the NYSSCPA's new DIY Monthly Workshop Series, sponsored by the Women's Initiative of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee. The workshops are open to men and women interested in learning a new skill. Diversity and inclusion aren't just for the board room, and in this series, learning a new skill is more fun when there's a mix of professionals in the room!

If you have questions or an idea for a future DIY Monthly Workshop, contact Lauren Biggers, Associate Director, Member Relations, at lbiggers@nysscpa.org.

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NYS SOCIETY OF CPA'S - WESTCHESTER CHAPTER

Proudly Announces

THE ANNUAL GOLF & NETWORKING EVENT

MONDAY, August 13th, 2018

WYKAGYL COUNTRY CLUB

1195 North Avenue – New Rochelle, NY (914) 636-8700

PAYMENT RECEIVED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2017 - \$350

Next Gen members (and their guests under 40 years of age) - \$200, but limited to three foursomes

OPTIONS TO ATTEND:

Lunch, Golf, Cocktail Hour, Buffet & Dessert* \$375
Cocktail Hour, Buffet and Dessert Only \$150







SPONSORSHIPS:

LIMITED GOLD SPONSORSHIP: \$1,900 includes
♦ Sign near tee box area that company sponsored the hole
♦ Table at registration desk
♦ Reserved tables at cocktail hour and dinner
♦ Recognition at dinner
♦ Lunch, golf, drinks and dinner for one

* Includes greens fees, forecaddie, cart, and driving range

Hole Sponsorship - \$150

***** RESERVE EARLY – THIS EVENT WILL GET CLOSED OUT! *****

-  Line up your foursome with CPAs, clients, bankers, lawyers, etc. If you can't complete a foursome, we will do it for you.
-  The day begins with **registration/driving range/putting green/BBQ lunch at 11:00 am, followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 pm.** There will also be on-course refreshments. Cocktail "hour" and hors d'oeuvres will begin at **approximately 5:30 pm** with open bar. Prizes will be awarded during buffet dinner and thought the pro shop closes around 7:00 pm, any certificates can be redeemed after the event.
-  Our members, attorneys, bankers, and friends have contributed prizes. We thank them for their contributions.
-  Clients, spouses and others are welcome to attend!
-  Make your reservations early. I look forward to seeing you.
-  Rain or Shine! * No Refunds

Jeff Schwartz, Chairman

Westchester Chapter Golf Outing – August 13th, 2018

Name (please print) _____
Office Telephone Number _____
Firm Name and address _____
E-mail Address: _____



- I want to play in a scramble format (OR BELOW)**
- I want to play my own ball**
- Dinner Only
- Please put me in a foursome. My handicap is _____.
- I have arranged my foursome (Please list other 3 names) _____
- _____ _____
- My check (only form of payment) for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Send check payable to "NYSSCPA – Westchester Chapter" to:
Emmerman, Boyle & Associates, LLC
1025 Westchester Avenue – Suite 301
White Plains, NY 10604
Att'n: Jeffrey A. Schwartz, CPA
Telephone (914) 286-6908
E-Mail: jschwartz@eba.nyc

Need help with a tax issue?
Have a tax issue you'd like to share with your colleagues?

Then,

JOIN US AT THE TAX COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING!

Please Note: December Meeting is call in only

When: 1st Wednesday of each month

Where: D'Arcangelo and Company, LLP
800 Westchester Ave, Room N-400
Rye Brook, NY 10573

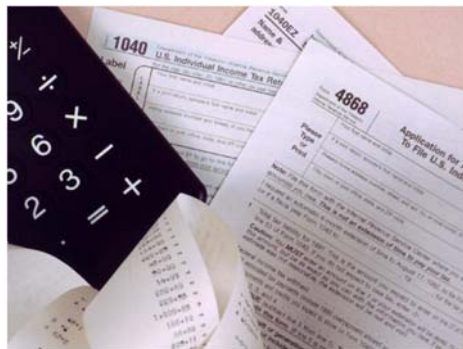
Time: 8 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

If you cannot make it in-person, you could also conference in by phone!

Call in #: 800-501-8979

Access Code: 2589247

For more information please contact Doug Ruttenberg at druttenberg@pkfod.com or call 914-341-7064



2017-2018 CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program/Activity/Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
12/04/2017	Tax Conference Part II	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
12/06/2017	Tax Committee Monthly Meeting (Call in only)	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
12/12/2017	NYSSCPA Event - How to Start a Women's Initiative at Your Firm	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
01/17/2018	Accountants in Industry CPE - Understanding Today's Stock Markets	7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
08/13/2018	Annual Golf Outing	All Day Event

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FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS 2017

(Board Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday Morning of the month. Exceptions are noted)

12/21/17 @ 8:30 a.m. - Conference Call

NEXT NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2018



***HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL!***

