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## From the Executive Director

### What Do You Say to Your Clients?



As this issue of *Connecticut CPA* goes to the printer, we still are not certain of the final details of the state's budget for 2015-2017. We do know that taxes are being increased again. We also know that the legislative and political process followed to get to a final budget will leave a bad memory for everyone with a vested interest in the process.

Virtually every lawmaker in Connecticut is blaming someone else for this legislative train wreck. Only time will tell if this is merely political posturing and whether they learned a lesson from this nightmare. It's a sure bet we will know in two years when the next budget will be in play. Given the priorities of this budget, it's a certainty that the next one will be even more problematic. The structural issues of unfunded pensions and post-employment benefits will have another two years to worsen.

This brings me to the question – what do you say to your clients when they ask about the state's financial future and what does that mean for them and/or their business? Right now it's hard to find the silver lining in the economic storm clouds.

Art Renner, Executive Director



# Thank You for Your Support in the Campaign to Kill the Tax on CPA Services!

Thanks to all the CTCPA members and their clients and associates who joined in the fight to kill the Connecticut legislature's proposed tax on CPA services, making phone calls, sending emails, and making personal contact with legislators. The extensive campaign included the following:



## Postcards and Email

All members received emails and a postcard alerting them to the proposal and providing links to [www.ctcpas.org/services](http://www.ctcpas.org/services), where they could find breaking news, contact information for legislators, talking points, official language presented to the legislature, and more.



## Billboards

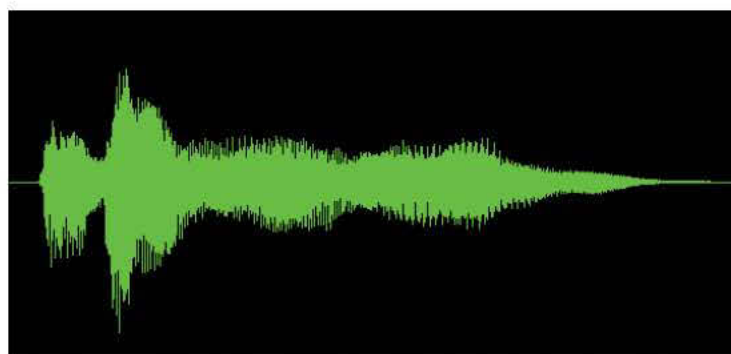
Billboards on I-91 and I-84 alerted taxpayers of the onerous proposal. The text read "Tell CT Legislators: Following the law shouldn't be taxed!" and included an image of a Form 1040.

## Social Media

CTCPA Executive Director **Art Renner** recorded a sharable one-minute video explaining why the proposed tax would be devastating for Connecticut. Members could also download graphics about the proposal to share on Twitter and Facebook.



## Radio Spots



Thirty-second radio spots on stations in Hartford, New Haven, and beyond warned taxpayers: "Our legislators want to tax you for complying with the law. The General Assembly wants to tax all the services CPAs provide – tax compliance, audits, bookkeeping, and more. These services are required by law and are necessities, not niceties, especially for businesses. Taxing these services will kill jobs and increase costs for everyone in Connecticut. Tell your legislators to say 'no' to taxing CPA services. Visit [www.ctcpas.org](http://www.ctcpas.org) for more. A message from the Connecticut Society of CPAs."



# the Essential Event

My state. My profession. My career.

On May 12, more than 200 participants converged at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville for the seventh annual Essential Event. The jam-packed schedule of speakers included emotional intelligence training from coach and speaker **Jen Shirkani** and a surprise mass juggling lesson (and fire-eating demonstration!) from author and inspirational speaker **Curtis Zimmerman**.

The event also included the annual CTCPA business meeting. **John Purtil Jr.**, managing partner of Purtil & Company, CPAs in Cheshire, received the Jack Brooks Leadership

Award for his work with Community Accounting Aid and Services (CAAS) and **Bruce Blasnik**, a partner at O'Connor Davies in Stamford, inherited the CTCPA presidency from **Brian Kelleher**, a partner at Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina in Glastonbury.

Want to see the fun for yourself? Check out videos of the festivities on Twitter at @ConnecticutCPAs or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ConnecticutCPAs](http://www.facebook.com/ConnecticutCPAs).

 View more photos at [www.ctcpas.org/photos](http://www.ctcpas.org/photos).



Inspirational speaker/juggling instructor Curtis Zimmerman

Emotional intelligence trainer Jen Shirkani



(from left) CTCPA Executive Director Art Renner along with the "View from the Corner Office" session moderator and 2014-2015 CTCPA President Brian Kelleher of Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina and panelists Andrew Andrews of Whittlesey & Hadley, Joseph Natarelli of Marcum, 2015-2016 CTCPA President Bruce Blasnik of O'Connor Davies, and Carl Johnson of BlumShapiro.







Brian Kelleher (right) presents the Jack Brooks Leadership Award to John Purtil Jr.



at Aqua Turf Club  
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Help firms achieve their accounting and auditing practice goals and enhance practice quality while adding an additional profit center for your firm as a peer reviewer. You'll be seen as an expert in your field and gain respect from your colleagues.



### Technical Reviewers

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### Committee Members

Give back to the profession while advancing your career as a volunteer on the Peer Review Committee. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the CTCPA president and have four in-person meetings and multiple conference calls per year.



Learn more about the requirements at [www.ctcpas.org/peerreview](http://www.ctcpas.org/peerreview) or reach out to Practice Programs Manager **Bonnie Olivieri** at [bonnieo@ctcpas.org](mailto:bonnieo@ctcpas.org) or 860-258-0213.



# CTCPA Educator Appreciation Night

## The Eddys



On June 3, the CTCPA celebrated Connecticut's outstanding accounting educators with the third annual Educators of Excellence event at Cascade in Hamden, with CTCPA Past President **John Turgeon** of CohnReznick serving as master of ceremonies. Professors representing Connecticut's two- and four-year colleges and universities gathered for a fun evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and mingling.

The evening's highlight was the presentation of the Educator of Excellence awards, known as "The Eddys," which recognize Connecticut accounting professors who have had a positive influence on the lives and careers of their students by excelling in teaching and/or mentoring, inspiring students to reach beyond the ordinary, and making a difference by going the extra mile for their students.

Current and former students nominated outstanding professors online, and winners were selected via blind review by a panel comprising **Alan Clavette** of Clavette and Company, **Jack Ellovich** of Jack Ellovich, CPA, **Keith M. Phaneuf** of *The Connecticut Mirror*, **Sarah Stover** of O'Connor Davies, and **Victoria Basile** of Exact Software North America.

Congratulations to the winners and all of our attending accounting educators – thank you for all you do!



Attendees went home with a handy "Trust Me, I'm a Professor" water bottle.

And the nominees are...

>> View more photos at [www.ctcpas.org/Eddys](http://www.ctcpas.org/Eddys).



2015 Educator of Excellence award nominees in attendance at the event were (back row, from left) **Frank Bervino** of Southern Connecticut State University, **Scott Colvin** of Naugatuck Valley Community College, **Richard Kochanek** of the University of Connecticut, **James Banister** of the University of Hartford, **David Rodgers** of Northwestern Connecticut Community College, (front row, from left) **Amy Dunbar** of the University of Connecticut, **Leanne Adams** of the University of Connecticut, **Cheryl Crespi** of Central Connecticut State University, **Janet Phillips** of Southern Connecticut State University, **Noelle Taddel** of Post University, and **Dezroy Stewart** of Sacred Heart University.



## And the Eddys went to...

**Adjunct Professor**  
*Leanne Adams, CPA*  
University of Connecticut

**Two-Year College/University Professor**  
*Scott Colvin, CPA*  
Naugatuck Valley Community College

**Four-Year College/University Professor**  
*Noelle Taddei, CPA*  
Post University



*Pictured (from left) are 2015 Eddys Award winners Leanne Adams, Scott Colvin, and Noelle Taddei.*

*"More than once when I felt uncertain about my future, he inspired me with his experiences in order to show me that success is neither quick nor easy."*

**Excerpt from the winning nomination for Professor Scott Colvin, CPA**  
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## Educational Trust Fund Golf Tournament

**Monday, September 28, 2015**

**The Farms Country Club, Wallingford • Registration fee: \$250**

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## SEMINARS

Date	Title	Express Code	Location	CPE	Member Standard/Early	Early Bird Good Through
<b>August</b>						
8/24	Governmental and Not-for-Profit Annual Update	GNAU	Rocky Hill	8	\$285/\$250	8/10/2015
8/25	Applying the Uniform Guidance for Federal Awards in Your Single Audits	INUG	Rocky Hill	8	\$285/\$250	8/11/2015
<b>September</b>						
9/30	Compilation and Review Practice Guide	CRP-B	Rocky Hill	8	\$295/\$260	9/16/2015

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Date	Starts	Ends	Title	Express Code	Member/Nonmember	CPE Hours
<b>July</b>						
7/6	10 a.m.	12 p.m.	Social Security: Annual Earnings Test and Taxability of Benefits	CPAX1497	\$79/\$104	2
7/6	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	Excel Data Analysis Series Part 1: Introduction to BI	CPAX1495	\$79/\$104	2
7/6	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Social Security: Public Employee Issues Research Techniques	CPAX1498	\$79/\$104	2
7/6	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Surgent's Monthly Tax Update	TUJM0706	\$89/\$114	2
7/6	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	Excel Formula Expert Series Part 1: Defined Names and Tables	CPAX1496	\$79/\$104	2
7/7	9 a.m.	5 p.m.	Fiduciary Income Tax Returns: Form 1041 Workshop with Filled-In Forms	10410707	\$219/\$319	8
7/7	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	Live Video Interview with Embezzler Amy Wilson	CPAX1501	\$79/\$104	2
7/7	10 a.m.	2 p.m.	Capitalize vs. Expense: Final Regulations and Form 3115	CPAX1499	\$158/\$208	4
7/7	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	The CFO: Five Critical Skills to Become a Leader	CPAX1503	\$79/\$104	2
7/7	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Auditing in the Cloud	ACCD0707	\$89/\$114	2
7/7	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Credit, Liquidity, and Capital Management	CLCM0707	\$89/\$114	2
7/7	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Internal Control's New Muscles	CPAX1500	\$79/\$104	2
7/7	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	The CFO: Five Critical Skills to Maximize Profits	CPAX1504	\$79/\$104	2
7/7	3 p.m.	5 p.m.	Real Estate Tax: What Owners and Investors Need to Know	CPAX1502	\$79/\$104	2
7/8	9 a.m.	5 p.m.	Accounting and Auditing Update	AAUW0708	\$219/\$319	8
7/8	9 a.m.	1 p.m.	Excel: Everything You Wanted to Know About Using Excel Pivot Tables	CPAX1506	\$158/\$208	4
7/8	9 a.m.	5 p.m.	Surgent's Comprehensive Guide to Tax Depreciation, Amortization, and Property Transactions from Acquisition to Exchange or Disposition	TDAP0708	\$219/\$319	8
7/8	10 a.m.	12 p.m.	Why Do We Need Another Basis of Accounting: FRF for SMEs?	CPAX1508	\$79/\$104	2
7/8	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Creativity for Accountants	CPAX1505	\$79/\$104	2
7/8	1:30 p.m.	5 p.m.	Surgent's Ethical Considerations for the CPA	ETHC0708	\$139/\$189	4
7/8	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	Excel Formula Expert Series Part 2: Text, Date, and Time	CPAX1507	\$79/\$104	2
7/9	9 a.m.	5 p.m.	Compilations and Reviews: Engagement Performance and Annual Update	CRAU0709	\$219/\$319	8
7/9	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	Excel Data Analysis Series Part 2: Data Gathering	CPAX1511	\$79/\$104	2
7/9	10 a.m.	12 p.m.	Business Use of the Home and Vacation Rentals: Rules to Know	CPAX1509	\$79/\$104	2
7/9	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	Dealing with the Net Investment Income Tax and Additional Medicare Tax	CPAX1510	\$79/\$104	2
7/9	11:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	Surgent's Accounting for Income Taxes: Applying ASC 740 (SFAS No. 109 and FIN 48)	AITSO709	\$219/\$319	8
7/9	1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Surgent's Most Important Things You Must Know About Choosing the Right Business Entity in 2015 (Webinar)	CRBE0709	\$89/\$114	2
7/9	2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Passive Activities: Helping Clients Survive the IRS's Challenges	CPAX1512	\$79/\$104	2

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**Thursday, July 16, 2015**

Tunxis Plantation Golf Course  
87 Town Farm Rd., Farmington

**Registration:** 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**Golf Lesson:** 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Reception:** 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### Pricing

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### Easton CONNexion

Easton Public Library, Easton  
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. • CPE Credits: 2



### Torrington CONNexion

Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, Torrington  
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### Fraudulent Tax Return Filings: State and Federal Thursday, September 24

Presented by: **Joseph Mooney**, CPA, Deputy Commissioner, State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services and **Joseph McCarthy**, CPA, Senior Stakeholder Liaison, Internal Revenue Service

#### Coming up:

October 22  
December 17

### Homeowner's Insurance: Managing Personal Risk in the 21st Century

Wednesday, July 22

Presented by: **David Pilon**, CFA, Director of Sales, Bouvier Insurance

### Review of Recent Federal and Connecticut Estate Tax Developments

Wednesday, September 16

Presented by: **John J. Palmeri**, CPA, LL.M., Principal, John J. Palmeri Attorney at Law, LLC

#### Coming up:

November 18



### The Friday Focus for Members in Industry

CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill  
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. • CPE Credits: 2



### Interest Group Meetings

### Business Continuity and Physical Disaster Recovery Friday, July 17

Presented by: **J. Kevin Binder**, Area Director, Agility Recovery; **Kurt Lillie**, PT, DPT, CSCS, CLCS, Property and Casualty Insurance Specialist and **Stacey Thomas**, Account Manager, Bouvier Insurance

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### State Taxation Interest Group

Thursday, July 9 • 8:30 a.m.  
CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill

### Federal Taxation Interest Group

Tuesday, July 21 • 8:30 a.m.  
CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill

### IRS Criminal Investigation: What You Need to Know About Stolen Identity Refund Fraud and Data Breaches

Speaker: **Christine Puglisi**, Special Agent,  
Internal Revenue Services Criminal Investigation Division

### Top Seven Issues CPAs in Industry Deal With Friday, September 18

Presented by: **Peter Gioia**, Vice President and Economist, and **Eric Gjede** and **Jennifer Herz**, Assistant Counsel, Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)

#### Coming up:

October 23  
November 20  
December 18





## Valuation, Forensic, and Litigation Support Group Dinners

CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill  
Wine and Mingling: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner and Program: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



## Technology Breakfast Roundtables

Get expert advice from members of the Technology Interest Group in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. No registration necessary. Members purchase their own breakfasts.

*CPE credit not available.*

### Thursday, July 16

New York Pickle Deli, Rocky Hill • 8:00 a.m.

### Thursday, August 20

Cristy's Luncheonette, Westbrook • 8:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, September 16

Riverdale Diner, Shelton • 8:00 a.m.

## Technology Interest Group Hosts First Happy Hour

After the first day of the K2 Technology Conference, the CTCPA Technology Interest Group traded its waffles and pancakes for beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres when it hosted its first-ever happy hour!



## >> Special Program

### The New Connecticut Public Corruption Task Force: Combating Public Corruption, Fraud, and Embezzlement Tuesday, September 8

Speaker: **Christopher M. Mattei**, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office's Financial Fraud and Public Corruption Unit

Attorney Christopher Mattei will discuss the new Connecticut Public Corruption Task Force's charge to investigate corrupt public officials, the misuse of public funds, and related criminal activity.

The task force includes representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division, and the Inspector General's Offices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The task force is focused on rooting out not only corrupt elected officials, but also federal, state, and municipal employees who use their position for personal gain at the expense of the public good. It has already made progress in several investigations, including the recent arrest of the former finance director of Plymouth, who allegedly embezzled more than \$800,000 from the town.

### Valuation of Companies with Negative Earnings: A Practical Approach

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Presented by: **Gregory Guay**, Principal, Stellar Ventures Merchant Banking

## >> Check out our new interest group pages!

Whether you're just looking to explore a new niche or an expert in your field, CTCPA interest groups are a fantastic way to expand your network, get answers ... and have a little fun in the process.

Learn more on our newly redesigned interest group pages online at [www.ctcpas.org/interestgroups](http://www.ctcpas.org/interestgroups).





# Meet the CTCPA Golf Tournament Interest Group

The Golf Tournament Interest Group organizes and administers the annual CTCPA Educational Trust Fund (ETF) Golf Tournament. Players enjoy a fun and relaxing day of golf while raising funds to provide scholarships to future accounting professionals through the Educational Trust Fund.



**Save the date for this year's tournament!**  
21st Annual Educational Trust Fund Golf Tournament  
Monday, September 28, 2015  
The Farms Country Club, Wallingford

### Why not try out one of our upcoming meetings?

For convenience, there are only two in-person planning meetings each year: one pre- and one post-tournament. All other meetings are via conference call. Come join our interest group for a fun and rewarding experience – it's a great way to give back to the profession.

**Next Meeting Date** • Monday, July 13 • CTCPA Education Center, Rocky Hill • 9:00 a.m.

Join  
this group!



Join at [www.ctcpas.org/interestgroups](http://www.ctcpas.org/interestgroups).

Looking to learn a little more? The Golf Tournament Interest Group staff liaisons would be happy to chat. Contact **Bonnie Olivieri** at 860-258-0213 or [bonnieo@ctcpas.org](mailto:bonnieo@ctcpas.org) or **Phyllis Roche** at [phyllisr@ctcpas.org](mailto:phyllisr@ctcpas.org) or 860-258-0216.





## New and Young Professionals Upcoming Events

Learn more and register at [www.ctcpas.org/nyp!](http://www.ctcpas.org/nyp!)



**Annual Charity Kickball Tournament**  
Saturday, August 15  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Norton Park, Plainville

Round up your team and support Camp Nerden in Middletown, a free camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities from the central Connecticut area.

### >> Fairfield County event!



**Stand-Up Paddle Board and Kayak Adventure**  
Friday, August 21  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Downunder, Westport

Our sunset water adventure will give you a chance to try out stand-up paddle boarding. Kayaks will also be available. Includes all necessary equipment and a light dinner.



**Happy Hour and a Headshot with the Young Lawyers Section of the Bar**  
Wednesday, September 30  
(location to be determined)

Enjoy drinks and apps while networking with members of the Young Lawyers Section of the Connecticut Bar. Back by popular demand, we'll also provide a mobile portrait studio so you can pose for a high-resolution digital headshot photo.



**JA in a Day**  
Friday, October 23  
Charles Wright Elementary School, Wethersfield

Present a one-day financial workshop to elementary school students.



**College Month**  
October

Sit on panels and answer accounting students' questions at colleges and universities around Connecticut. Show your alma mater some support!



**NYP Leadership Conference**  
Tuesday, November 3  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
CTCPA Education Center

This exciting new conference focuses on networking, communication, leadership, team-building, and more.



**Mingling & Merriment NYP Holiday Party**  
Thursday, December 10  
6:30 - 10:00 p.m.  
The Society Room of Hartford

Mingle over drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the stunning grandeur of The Society Room of Hartford.



**It's Kickball Time!**

## Seventh Annual NYP Charity Kickball Tournament

Saturday, August 15, 2015  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Norton Park, Plainville

Pre-registration is required.  
\$200 per team (10 people)  
A lunchtime cookout will cap off the event.

Register at [www.ctcpas.org/NYP](http://www.ctcpas.org/NYP).

Proceeds will benefit Camp Nerden in Middletown, a free camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Special thanks to the Plainville Recreation Department for donating the fields and picnic area. Connecticut CPA • July/August 2015 19



# New and Young Professionals News

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Want to be a part of something great? Make sure you're at the next New and Young Professionals event! See the listing on page 19 or visit [www.ctcpas.org/nyp](http://www.ctcpas.org/nyp) to sign up for events or join the New and Young Professionals Group.



## Dodgeball Tournament

Seven teams of New and Young Professionals turned out to channel their inner elementary schoolers at Nomads Adventure Quest in South Windsor for the NYP Dodgeball Tournament. Congrats to champions Accrual World, the team from Crowe Horwath (formerly Saslow Lufkin & Buggy)!



## Thanks to our players from:

Southern Connecticut State University

Whittlesey & Hadley

PwC

O'Connor Davies

ESPN

Meyers, Harrison & Pia

Lefurge & Gilbert

Allied World Assurance Company

Barron, Yanaros & Caruso

Grant Thornton

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## Walk Like MADD

CTCPA members (and family and friends!) laced up their sneakers to curb drunk driving with the annual Walk Like MADD charity event, held on May 2 at a new location – the XFINITY Theatre in Hartford.

## Connolly Recognized with Elijah Watt Sells Award for CPA Exam Performance



**Mark Connolly**, an assurance associate with McGladrey in New Haven, was recently awarded the 2014 Elijah Watt Sells Award by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) for outstanding performance on the Uniform CPA Exam.

The award was bestowed upon candidates who have obtained a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the exam, passed all four sections of the exam on their first attempt, and completed testing in 2014. A total of 91,384 individuals sat for the exam in 2014, with 60 candidates meeting the criteria to receive the Elijah Watt Sells Award.

Connolly joined McGladrey in 2013, after a year as an XBRL research assistant at the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). He graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2011 with a B.A. in economics, a B.S. in accounting, and a B.S. in resource economics.

The AICPA established the Elijah Watt Sells Award in 1923. Sells, one of the first CPAs in the U.S., was active in the establishment of the AICPA and played a key role in advancing professional education within the profession.

## CTCPA Intern Tyler Losure Named New Career and Academic Development Coordinator



**Tyler Losure**, who has worked alongside CTCPA Membership and Academics Manager **Alicia Strong** since September, has been named to CTCPA's new position of career and academic development coordinator, working with Strong to continue to

build the CTCPA's relationships with students and new and young professionals.

Losure graduated in May with an M.S. in Communication and also holds a B.S. in Communication from the University of Hartford.

He will focus on encouraging and motivating four-year college and university students to pursue the CPA credential, making frequent visits to campus classrooms and career fairs, and hiring and supervising CTCPA's Campus Representatives.

In addition, Losure will work to expand the popular New and Young Professionals programming for current and prospective CTCPA members in Fairfield County, holding events and building relationships with new and young professionals who may eventually transition into CTCPA leadership.







## New Certified Members

### Jill Barry, CPA

Graff Public Solutions, LLC  
100 Wells St., Hartford

### Kyle S. Biddick, CPA

Adams Samartino & Company, P.C.  
751 Farmington Ave., Bristol

### Lauren A. Blair, CPA

Mahoney Sabol & Company, LLP  
95 Glastonbury Blvd., Glastonbury

### Angelo J. Bruno, CPA

Right Choice Tax Preparation, Inc.  
2 Rockledge Gardens, Norwalk

### Richard P. Companik, CPA

Trunk Holdings, LLC  
466 Broome St., 4th Flr., New York, NY

### Kristi L. Cote, CPA

Montovani, Murray, Nemphos & Tierinni  
160 Chapel Rd., Manchester

### Fang Cui, CPA

PwC  
300 Atlantic St., Stamford

### Pamela Dolan, CPA

Governmental Accounting Standards  
Board  
401 Merritt 7, Norwalk

### James Duff, CPA

James Duff, CPA  
395 North St., Ste. 260, Pittsfield, MA

### Michael Foster Jr., CPA

Foster & Co., LLC  
2261 Broadbridge Ave., Ste. 2, Stratford

### David Greenblatt, CPA

Whittlesey & Hadley, P.C.  
280 Trumbull St., 24th Flr., Hartford

### Stacy Konlian, CPA

Weinstein & Anastasio, P.C.  
One Hamden Ctr., Hamden

### Anastasiya Marchenko, CPA

KPMG LLP  
Stamford Sq., Stamford

### Alpana Marwah, CPA

BlumShapiro  
2 Enterprise Dr., Shelton

### James A. Norton, CPA

Greater New Haven Chamber  
of Commerce  
900 Chapel St., New Haven

### Kelly M. Ruby, CPA

KPMG, One Financial Plaza, Hartford

### Anthony P. Spinnato, CPA

Webster Financial Corporation  
132 Grand St., Waterbury

### Andy F. Warren, CPA

McGladrey & Pullen, LLP  
850 Canal St., Stamford

## New Students

### Cassandra G. Behling of Wallingford

Southern Connecticut State University

### Johnathan Cardenas of Norwalk

Western Connecticut State University

### Axel I. Diaz of Groton

Eastern Connecticut State University

### Rohan L. Francis of Bridgeport

Western Connecticut State University

### Desimir M. Hadzhiev of Stamford

Western Connecticut State University

### Michael S. Hoffman of Danbury

Post University

### Katherine Kosenko of Bristol

Robert Morris University

### Carolina G. Orlandi of Norwalk

Western Connecticut State University

### Mohammed S. Rana of Stamford

Sacred Heart University

### Christina M. Rosado of Naugatuck

Post University

### Grecia Servalli-Ghiggo of Greenwich

Western Connecticut State University

### Erika Siranaula of Danbury

Western Connecticut State University

### Irina Strakhotskyy of Bridgeport

Western Connecticut State University

### Raymond L. Tarvin of Norwich

Eastern Connecticut State University

### Hristos Vlahos of Bethel

University of South Florida



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## In Memoriam

Daniel W. Chasse,  
a member since April 18, 1974,  
passed away December 30, 2014.

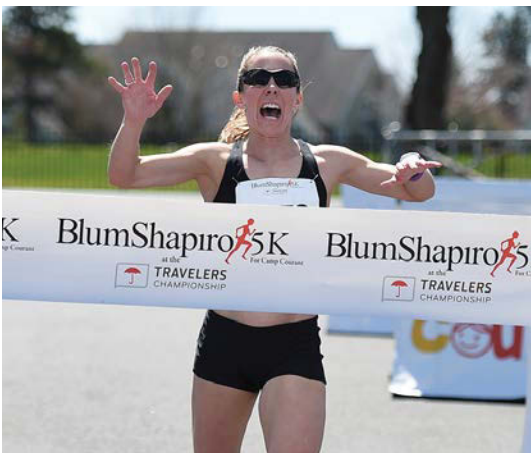
John F. Peters,  
a member since March 28, 1968,  
passed away May 17, 2015.





## Member Snapshots

We're looking for your snapshots of interest to the general Society membership. Items submitted should relate to Connecticut's professional accounting community and will be included as space allows and at the discretion of the editor. Please send your submissions to Managing Editor **Kirsten Piechota** at [kirstenp@ctcpas.org](mailto:kirstenp@ctcpas.org).



## BlumShapiro 5K Kicks Off Charitable Events at Travelers Championship

Hundreds of runners and walkers recently participated in the BlumShapiro 5K for Camp Courant at the Travelers Championship. Hartford's Camp Courant is the oldest and largest free summer day camp in the country.

The seventh BlumShapiro 5K is the annual kick off to charitable events at the Travelers Championship. The race also features fun activities for all ages, including mini golf putting greens, clowns, face painting, inflatables, games, and more.

*Sybil Shapiro of Clinton breaks the women's course record at the recent BlumShapiro 5K for Camp Courant at the Travelers Championship in a time of 17:46.*

## Kusaila Inducted into Post University Hall of Fame

Post University recently inducted a dozen honorees into its new Hall of Fame as part of the school's year-long 125th anniversary celebration. The inaugural group of 12 inductees represent the "best of the best" of Post's alumni, faculty and staff, and supporters, and were selected from more than 50 nominations received from the public.

**Daniel Kusaila**, a partner with Crowe Horwath (formerly Saslow Lufkin & Buggy) in Simsbury, was among those inducted. He received a B.S. in accounting from Post University in 1999 and now sits on the school's Accounting Advisory Board and has "continually worked to provide employment opportunities and scholarship dollars to Post students."

CTCPA Past President **Noelle Taddei**, an associate professor of accounting at Post University, explained that "Dan's relationship with Post did not end at commencement, but rather took on momentum." He and his firm actively recruit Post University accounting majors for internships and career hires and, to date, have provided nine students with the opportunity to begin their careers with the firm.



*Post University alumnus Daniel Kusaila, a partner with Crowe Horwath (formerly Saslow Lufkin & Buggy), was recently inducted into the Post University Hall of Fame.*



*Pictured at the Hall of Fame induction are (from left) Niki Garceau, Alicia Mala, CTCPA Past President Noelle Taddei, Kusaila, Zachary Budd, and Leah McQueeney. Taddei is an associate professor of accounting at Post University, and all others pictured are Post University alumni who work or have worked for Dan Kusaila.*





## CohnReznick Hartford Office Teaches Entrepreneurship through JA in a Day

Team members from CohnReznick's Hartford office volunteered for JA in a Day in June in 11 classrooms at the Betances STEM Magnet School, teaching students in grades four through six about entrepreneurship. Everyone "had a great time, returned to the office exhausted, and can't wait to do it again!"



## Member News

Send your news to Assistant Editor **Caitlin Bailey O'Neill** at [caitlinb@ctcpas.org](mailto:caitlinb@ctcpas.org). Headshot photographs will also be published as space allows.

### Honors and Awards



BlumShapiro Shelton Office Managing Partner **John Zinno** received the 2015 Reverend John P. Blanchfield

Community Service Award from Saint Mary School in Waterbury. The award is presented annually to an individual who "embodies the school's philosophy of Christian scholarship and community service." Zinno was honored with others at a special event, "The Bells of Saint Mary ... Long May They Ring," in May.



**Stephen Toross**, a tax partner with Whittlesey & Hadley in Hartford, has been installed as the 2015 Honorary Inductee into Beta

Alpha Psi, the honorary organization of financial information professionals, at the University of Hartford's Barney School of Business. Toross graduated from the school in 1984.

**BlumShapiro** received a 2015 Business Champions Award for its work in community involvement. The annual awards, produced in partnership by the MetroHartford Alliance and *Hartford Business Journal*, celebrates the achievements of the greater Hartford region's privately held companies in several areas. BlumShapiro employees serve as board members and in top

leadership roles in more than 130 organizations, including the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, American Red Cross, World Affairs Council, Greater Hartford Arts Council, Boys and Girls Club, and Habitat for Humanity. In addition, BlumShapiro actively leads several annual, community-based programs.

### Professional Activities



**George M. Thomson**, principal and director of accounting and auditing services at Filomeno & Company in West Hartford, has been

named the next chair of the MetroHartford Alliance's Strategic Partners.



**Leonard M. Romaniello Jr.**, managing partner of Lenkowski Loneragan & Co. in Middlebury, has been appointed to the

Board of Directors of Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan.

**Paul A. Caiafa**, managing member of CPA Tax Solutions in Hamden, served as a panelist for a planned giving workshop for a group of potential donor alumni at Notre Dame High School in West Haven. Caiafa, who spoke alongside an attorney and a financial planner, discussed the tax aspects of charitable giving as it relates to income, estate, and retirement planning.



**Thomas F. Scanlon**, president of Borgida & Company, with offices in Manchester, Storrs, and Niantic, recently spoke

to high school students involved with Future Business Leaders of America about finance and banking at MCC on Main in the Viscogliosi Entrepreneurship Center in Manchester.

**CohnReznick LLP** has created a collaborative market solution with Frier & Levitt, a national boutique healthcare law firm providing regulatory, transactional, and litigation advice, and CSI Specialty Group, which provides specialty pharmacy consulting, workforce planning, and talent acquisition solutions. The alliance will provide a comprehensive array of services tailored to the specialty pharmacy industry.

### Members in the Media

**Bruce Blasnik**, CTCPA president and a partner with O'Connor Davies in Stamford, and **Alan Clavette**, CTCPA past president and managing member of Clavette & Company in Newtown, were quoted in the April 14 *Stamford Advocate* article "Tax day dawns as CPAs buried in work at deadline."

**Thomas Filomeno**, president of Filomeno & Company in West Hartford, was featured in "Filomeno focuses on developing culture, people" in the *Hartford Business Journal*.



### General

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**Exam Question Writers Wanted – ICMA.** The CMA Exam is seeking question writers who will be compensated for accepted questions. For more information or to request an application, please contact Bill Cordes, ICMA, Director, Exam Development via email at [wcordes@imanet.org](mailto:wcordes@imanet.org).

### Mergers/Acquisitions

**CPA firm would like to buy** all or part of your accounting, tax, or investment practice. Call Mark J. Mazzone of D'Agostino & Mazzone at 860-257-4005.

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**Northern Fairfield County Tax Practice** – Two retirement-minded partners with tax practice seeking successors. Individuals with current practices preferred. Please respond via the form at [www.ctcpas.org/FairfieldTaxPractice](http://www.ctcpas.org/FairfieldTaxPractice).

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**We are a growing two-partner firm** in Fairfield County interested in building the major practice in our area. Accordingly, we are exploring merger or affiliation with another strong firm (or individual). For a confidential discussion, please contact Tony Cirone at Equale & Cirone, LLP by phone at 203-798-2721 or email [tcirone@ecllp.com](mailto:tcirone@ecllp.com).

### Help Wanted

**Accountant – Castanho Financial Group, LLC.** We are a steady growing CPA firm located in East Hartford that are seeking two professionals to join our team as Staff Accountants. We need a full-time staff accountant and a temporary tax season Staff Accountant. Our business casual office offers opportunities for advancement, growth, and variety. Enjoy the rewards of direct client contact as you partner with business owners to innovatively manage change and enhance the value of their companies. Begin a long-term relationship with a firm that is team-orientated in a beautiful setting. If you have the necessary experience we strongly encourage you to

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## Firm Moves and Promotions

Send your news to Assistant Editor **Caitlin Bailey O'Neill** at [caitlinb@ctcpas.org](mailto:caitlinb@ctcpas.org).



**Whittlesey & Hadley, P.C.** in Hartford has appointed **Lisa Wills** audit director. She has more than 25 years of experience in public accounting, audit, and tax with a practice focus in nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and employee benefit plans.



**Andy Warren** joined **McGladrey** as a partner on the assurance team, based in Stamford. Warren has more than 18 years of experience providing assurance and consulting services to middle market technology and the life sciences, manufacturing and distribution, consumer products, private equity, and venture capital companies.

**Crowe Horwath LLP** reached an agreement with **Saslow Lufkin & Buggy, LLP (SLB)** to have its partners and professionals join Crowe Horwath on July 1. Based in Simsbury, the firm has an additional office in Burlington, VT. Established in 1999 by **Richard A. Buggy, Glenn D. Saslow, and Robert F. Lufkin**, SLB is one of the nation's leading providers of accounting, tax, and consulting services to the property and casualty insurance industry. The firm, which has 90 professionals (including eight partners), also serves a variety of New England healthcare entities and hospital systems and has an employee benefit plan practice.

**Dworken, Hillman, LaMorte and Sterczala, P.C.** in Shelton promoted **Sara J. Burke** to senior accountant in the accounting and auditing department.

## CohnReznick LLP Elects Frank Longobardi CEO



**Frank P. Longobardi** has been elected to serve as CohnReznick's next chief executive officer. Longobardi will take office on October 1 when current co-CEOs **Ken Baggett** and **Tom Marino** step down.

Currently a member of the firm's executive board and Regional Managing Partner – New England, Longobardi and his wife will relocate to New York in the fall of 2015, where he will operate out of the firm's national headquarters in Manhattan.

CohnReznick has more than 2,700 employees including nearly 300 partners across 29 offices, including Connecticut locations in Hartford, New London, and Stamford.

Longobardi previously served as a member of the firm's Go-to-Market Committee, which oversaw the strategic planning for industry and service specialization when CohnReznick was formed in 2012 as a result of the J.H. Cohn and Reznick Group combination. Prior to that, Longobardi was responsible for all of J.H. Cohn's industry groups. He joined the firm in 2007 when his own firm, Connecticut's Haggatt Longobardi, combined with J.H. Cohn.

An active member of the community, Longobardi is a past chairman and currently serves on the Arthritis Foundation's national board of directors and chairs its audit committee. He is also chair of the board of directors of the National Conference for Community and Justice, a board member of the St. Francis Hospital Foundation, and a board member of the University of Connecticut Foundation.



## >> Congratulations, New CPAs and Outstanding High School Students!

The CTCPA, Connecticut State Board of Accountancy, and Educational Trust Fund recently teamed up to host an event at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville honoring some of the state's best and brightest. University of Saint Joseph Professor of Accounting **Marie Kulesza** gave the keynote address, and Bentley University graduate **Lauren Roberge** gave a perspective as a former Connecticut High School Accounting Scholarship winner.

### New Connecticut CPAs

State Board of Accountancy Legal Counsel **Sonia Worrell Asare** presented certificates to these new CPAs:



Lauren Blair



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### A Family Affair

Pictured (left to right) are Randy, Lauren, Laurie, and Bobby Roberge. Four years ago, Lauren was one of the Connecticut High School Accounting Scholarship winners; this time, she addressed the crowd of nearly 100 attendees as a recent graduate of Bentley University before applauding her younger brother as he received the scholarship.

"The awards given to me and my brother not only helped with tuition bills, but were also very meaningful forms of recognition that helped solidify our interest in accounting," Lauren said. "This night will long be remembered as a source of pride for my family."

Lauren will be interning at PwC in Manhattan this summer before returning home to complete her master's degree at the University of Connecticut and sit for the CPA Exam.

Bobby will attend Bentley University in the fall, just like his sister ... and just like his mother Laurie, an accounting/business teacher at Bristol Central High School, and father Randy, the CEO of Armetta LLC.



### Elijah Watt Sells Award Winner

State Board of Accountancy Legal Counsel Sonia Worrell Asare presented a special citation from Connecticut Secretary of the State **Denise Merrill** honoring **Mark Connolly**, an assurance associate with McGladrey in New Haven, who was recently awarded the 2014 Elijah Watt Sells Award by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for outstanding performance on the Uniform CPA Exam. Learn more about Connolly's award on page 21.



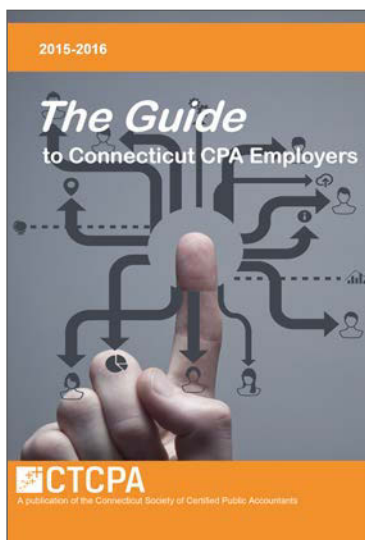
## Connecticut High School Accounting Scholarship Winners

Educational Trust Fund trustees presented scholarships to high school students from around the state.



(back row, from left) **Derek Parker** - Cromwell High School, **Jacob Theroux** - Killingly High School, **Michael Nowik** - Berlin High School, **Christopher Tweeddale** - Granby Memorial High School, **Matthew Valentine** - Tourtellotte Memorial High School, **Robert Roberge** - Bristol Central High School, **Zoe LaVergne** - Woodstock Academy, (front row, from left) **Victoria Bui** - South Windsor High School, **Alyssa Vagnini** - Pomperaug High School, **Junae Manderson** - Windsor High School, **Gabrielle Westrate** - Fitch High School, **Jenna Plotzky** - Westhill High School, **Rui Xin Zheng** - Norwich Free Academy, and **Sabrina Walters** - New Fairfield High School.

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*Regene Abandula, a 2013 recipient of the Outstanding Community College Accounting Student Scholarship and now a graduate of Three Rivers Community College and Eastern Connecticut State University, gives the keynote address. Abandula is now a staff auditor with BlumShapiro.*

Unable to attend:  
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