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On the Cover: CPAs in the Classroom

This issue's cover features John Higham of Whittlesey & Hadley teaching fourth graders at Charles Wright Elementary School in Wethersfield a game in which students play small business owners. Higham was one of nearly two dozen CTCPA volunteers who visited the classroom as part of Junior Achievement's "JA in a Day." See page 8 for the full story.

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Student Outreach in the Wake of the Unthinkable

When we were putting together the cover story for this issue of *Connecticut CPA*, showcasing photos of CTCPA volunteers visiting Charles Wright Elementary School in Wethersfield as part of Junior Achievement's "JA in a Day" program (page 8), we never imagined the horrific events that would occur at another Connecticut elementary school just days before the issue went to press.



I struggled with the idea of going ahead with our plan to put young students so front and center in this issue. The images of smiling volunteers and happy, engaged students working together are in stark contrast to the images coming out of the Newtown community.

The October CTCPA "JA in a Day" program was truly a memorable one for the CTCPA volunteers and students alike. Volunteers, individually or in pairs, presented full-day lesson plans on money and finance in every classroom in the school. *Connecticut CPA* Assistant Editor **Caitlin Bailey O'Neill** was on photo duty that day while I was home with my own children, and texted me from the school to say "Best day ever!" One first grader told his teacher "You didn't tell us today was going to be so much fun!" It felt right to continue with our plan to share these photos of people helping each other and spreading some good in the world.

We at the Connecticut Society of CPAs offer our heartfelt sympathy and support to our members, colleagues, and the families affected by the unthinkable events in Newtown. And to the students and teachers at Charles Wright Elementary School, thank you for allowing us to visit your school, to get to know you a bit, and to see your bright smiles. We hope that the photos of that day can bring a small amount of comfort in the face of such sadness elsewhere in our state.

Kirsten Piechota, Managing Editor

Members Help Establish Sandy Hook School Funds

CTCPA members **Alan Clavette**, owner of Clavette & Company, LLC in Newtown and a CTCPA past president, and **John Trentacosta**, president and CEO of Newtown Savings Bank, both of Sandy Hook, have been working with local organizations to develop funds to support the Sandy Hook community. Learn more about the funds at www.ctcpas.org/SandyHook.



The CTCPA Bylaws Vote:

Members Pass Both Bylaws Proposals



Noelle Taddei
CTCPA President

To my fellow members,

The voting period for our proposed bylaws changes has closed and I have great news to share with you. Each of our two bylaws proposals has passed! In addition, for the first time in the history of our bylaws, the voting was conducted electronically and I am excited to report that we had a record response with more than 20 percent of eligible CTCPA members casting their votes.

These changes to our bylaws support the continued forward thinking of our organization and position the Connecticut Society of CPAs for the future.

Relationships are at the heart of the first bylaws change, namely the addition of the Associate Member category. Relationships are essential to any effective and vibrant professional organization. It is the strength and breadth of those relationships that allow the CTCPA to advocate for our profession, provide superior quality professional education, and facilitate the professional networking that is critical to the success of our individual members and firms and the value that they provide to their clients and organizations.

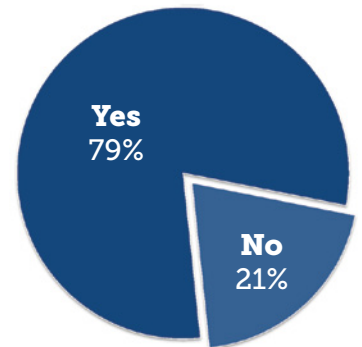
The membership's endorsement of the second set of changes enhances member representation and participation in Society leadership and replaces dated bylaws provisions with modern-day operating practices.

In closing, I would like to personally thank the members of the Bylaws Committee for their detailed review and draft of these changes, the CTCPA Board of Directors and Advisory Council for their full endorsement, the CTCPA staff for their dedicated efforts to inform our membership, and, most importantly, all of our members who voted.

Sincerely,
Noelle Taddei
CTCPA President

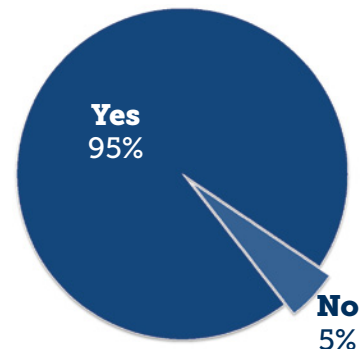
By the Numbers

Here's how members voted on the two bylaws proposals:



✓ Proposal #1

To restructure the CTCPA membership to comprise two main categories of membership: Certified (CPA) Member and Associate (non-CPA) Member.



✓ Proposal #2

To modernize the bylaws to reflect how the CTCPA functions administratively in the year 2012.

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"You didn't tell us today was going to be so much fun!"

A first grade student to his teacher



'JA in a Day'

CPAs Teach at Wethersfield Elementary School



On October 23, nearly two dozen CTCPA volunteers visited Wethersfield's Charles Wright Elementary School as part of Junior Achievement's "JA in a Day" program. Volunteers presented a series of Junior Achievement lessons to their very own classrooms from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., covering everything from the basics of money management and marketing ideas to taxes and elections.



Thank you to our volunteers!

Michael Adomelis
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Would you like to help out at similar events in the future? Contact Academic and Career Coordinator **Alicia Strong** at alicias@ctcpas.org to get your name on the notification list!



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Students and teachers enjoy the UConn CPA Careers Conference.

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CPA Careers Conferences Draw More Than 400 High Schoolers

This fall, more than 400 high school students from across the state converged on the University of Connecticut (UConn) and Fairfield University campuses to get a taste of college life and hear from some accounting majors and practicing CPAs about why the CPA career path is the way to go.

Following breakfast provided by the host college and optional campus tours, the students perked up to the sounds

of a set of classic rock hits by Connecticut's CPA rock band, The Accounting Crows.

Volunteer speakers then helped students explore the places the CPA credential can take them, from public accounting to forensics, sports management, the music industry, and more. The prize for a good question? An Accounting Crows t-shirt, of course!



(from left) Mark Caplan moderates the UConn student/new and professional panel featuring Jenna Bennetti, Katherine McNair, and Matthew Thomson.



Fairfield University student/new and young professional panelists (from left) Jackie Bahi, Jenna Allegretto, and Ross Riskin give students advice about taking the CPA Exam. The panel was moderated by Mike Kraten.



Want to volunteer to help out next year?
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Stephen Pedneault of Forensic Accounting Services tells students about a recent fraud case.

Stephen Allegretto of Yale New Haven Health System explains a CPA's role in building a new medical facility at the Fairfield University conference.



Thank you to our volunteers!

UConn Conference

David Papandria
UConn Accounting Department

Stephen Pedneault
Forensic Accounting Services

Dean Zirolli
ESPN

Mark Caplan
KPMG

Jenna Bennetti
Whittlesey & Hadley

Katherine McNair
O'Connor Davies

Matthew Thomson
UConn undergraduate student

Fairfield University Conference

Heather Petraglia and Dawn Massey
Fairfield University
Dolan School of Business

Stephen Allegretto
Yale New Haven Health System

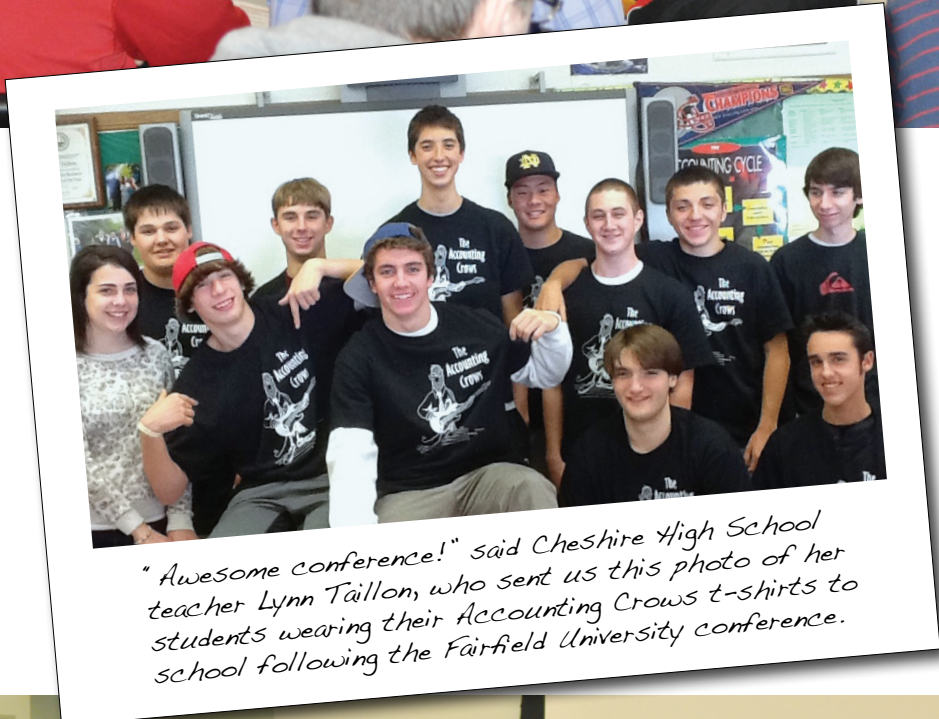
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Jenna Allegretto
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Jackie Bahi
Dworken, Hillman, LaMorte & Sterczala

Ross Riskin
Bentley University graduate student

Mike Kraten
Enterprise Management Corp.



"Awesome conference!" said Cheshire High School teacher Lynn Taillon, who sent us this photo of her students wearing their Accounting Crows t-shirts to school following the Fairfield University conference.



The Accounting Crows play to a packed house at the University of Connecticut. Pictured (from left) are Mark Zampino (keyboards, guitar, vocals) of CTCPA, Reed Risteen (bass, vocals) of BlumShapiro, Mike Fortunato (drums) of Orthopaedic Health Services, and Alan Friedman (lead guitar, vocals) of Friedman, Kannenberg & Company. Special thanks to Rick Royston (guitar, vocals) of Roystons, LLC, who sat in with the Crows at the Fairfield University conference.

ETF Scholarships, Grants Support Tomorrow's CPAs Today

Trustees of the CTCPA Educational Trust Fund (ETF) recently presented numerous scholarships and grants at a banquet held at Cascade in Hamden. ETF Chair **Dennis Cole** presided over the evening's program.

Children of CTCPA Members Scholarship

This \$500 award is designed to assist children of CTCPA members who are enrolled in accredited accounting programs. ETF Chair Dennis Cole presented awards to the following:



University of Connecticut student Rachel Wonneberger of Cheshire (second from right), who is accompanied by her parents, Laura Wonneberger and CTCPA member John Wonneberger.



Central Connecticut State University student Thomas Inzero of Rocky Hill (second from right), who is accompanied by his parents, Marigrace Inzero and CTCPA member Raymond Inzero.



CTCPA members James Fitzgerald and Joanne Fitzgerald accept on behalf of their son, Western New England University student Kevin Fitzgerald of South Windsor.



Bentley University student Stephanie Filippetti of Mystic (second from left), who is accompanied by her parents, CTCPA member Paul Filippetti and Gail Filippetti.



Bentley University student Jillian Mehr of Glastonbury (second from right), who is accompanied by her parents, CTCPA member John Mehr and Charlene Mehr.

Unable to attend was Fairfield University student Samuel Maxfield of Niantic, who is the son of CTCPA member Paul Maxfield.

Frank Frago Community Service Award Scholarship

This annual award is presented in honor of the late Frank C. Frago, who served as both CTCPA president and ETF chair. The award is intended to encourage and recognize undergraduate accounting majors who have shown leadership through continued commitment to community service, in recognition of Mr. Frago's history of supporting not only his profession but his community.



Post University student Sarah Stover of Bozrah (second from left) accepts the Frank Frago Community Service Award from ETF Chair Dennis Cole (left). Presenting the award with Cole are CTCPA Past President Charles Frago and CTCPA past board member Ivy Frago Zito, children of the late Frank C. Frago.

Candidate's Award

This \$3,000 scholarship assists students in meeting the educational requirements to obtain CPA certification in Connecticut.



University of Connecticut student Aldea Wasley of East Haddam accepts the 2012 Candidate's Award Scholarship. Wasley is a staff accountant at BlumShapiro in West Hartford.

Accounting Department and Group Grants

Trustees also presented grants to accounting departments, accounting clubs, and/or Beta Alpha Psi chapters of 13 Connecticut colleges. Among those receiving grants were:



Southern Connecticut State University

ETF Trustee Richard Dumont (right) presents grants to the Southern Connecticut State University Accounting Department and Accounting Society. Accepting the awards are Southern Connecticut State University representatives (from left): students Robert Urban, David Peters, Nicholas Naclerio, and Karolina Nyszta, and Professor Janet Phillips.

Eastern Connecticut State University

ETF Trustee Beth Gardner (second from right) presents grants to the Eastern Connecticut State University Accounting Department and Accounting Society. Accepting the awards are Eastern Connecticut State University representatives (from left): student Parker Stevens, Assistant Professor Candice Deal, Professor Richard Silkoff, and student Alyssa Evans.



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Sherine Porter of Hartford
Porter works for the Hispanic Health Council and was awarded a Yaeger CPA Review course.



The Commissioner's Column

Tax Season's Greetings

By Connecticut Department of Revenue Services
Commissioner Kevin B. Sullivan



Well, it's almost that time of year when we find out who has been naughty or nice. (I mean taxpayers and tax preparers, of course.)

Compared to all the changes rolled out for 2011, tax season this year looks a lot more manageable.

For the state budget and state economy, Connecticut is clearly in better fiscal shape today that at any other time since the financial collapse of 2008. On the other hand, state revenue is no less important as Governor Dannel Malloy continues to take the lead to stabilize our state budget. This state tax season will also play out in the larger context of whether federal budget and tax uncertainties have come back from, remain on, or have gone off the cliff.

A few 2012 Connecticut tax reminders are worth noting:

CT-EITC

With special thanks to volunteer tax preparers all across the state, the first year for the Connecticut Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) went well and met our fiscal projections. Sadly, the same cannot be said for too many taxpayers filing for the state EITC who were victimized by storefront tax preparers. For 2012 returns, we will continue to promote this assistance to lower income working families and assure effective anti-fraud controls.

Refund Debit Cards

While not without a few bumps in the road, our 2011 initiative was a success –

cutting costs, significantly increasing direct deposits, and providing security. The DRS continues to advise taxpayers who have not activated their 2011 refunds and is able to do a much better job this time in providing public information. The threshold for refund debit cards remains at less than \$5,000, but a number of improvements will make it even easier for taxpayers and financial institutions this tax season.

Tax Calculation Changes for Single Filers

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Business E-File

Electronic filing may be available for the Connecticut Composite Income Tax return and Corporation Business Tax return – but taxpayers should first check on availability with software providers.

File Early to Help Prevent Fraud

Federal and state taxpayers and their tax preparers are urged to file as early as possible in order to reduce the risk

of tax fraud due to identity theft. Federally, at least, an increasing number of taxpayers who file later have been left with the onerous burden of chasing after refunds already processed to fraudulent filers who beat them to it.

Guidance for Tax Penalty Waivers

We hope that new regulations proposed by the DRS will be in place in 2013 to provide better guidance for tax penalty waivers. We appreciate the help of practitioners in developing these regulations.

Like the moon rising on a new fallen snow, the fiscal trifecta of a new biennial state budget, new state legislative session, and post-election politics in Washington are also on the horizon.

It remains to be seen whether a very slowly recovering state economy and modest state budget deficit may yet

be balanced by higher income individuals who may tax-plan for the final quarter of the 2012 tax year based on the problematic status of federal taxes for 2013. In any event, finding the fiscal balance for the new state biennial budget will remain challenging – although Malloy has already indicated he does not expect to propose new taxes.

For the federal budget, the test remains whether the president and Congress can find common ground on the kind of balanced approach recently recommended by a national coalition of business leaders that includes reduced spending and increased revenue. Neither my crystal ball nor my old Magic 8 Ball are up to predicting what will happen in Washington.

The 2013 legislative session will also be the first opportunity to consider action on the phased recommendations of the governor's Business Tax Task Force. Whatever can or cannot be accomplished legislatively now, Malloy has already given the green light for a number of important agency initiatives. At the DRS, these initiatives include:

- Expanding electronic filing and adding EZ filing for lower taxable income businesses.
- Establishing external advisory groups on simplified business tax accounting, expedited tax rulings, broader tax advisories, and external review of major forms and publications.
- Increasing capacity for tax modeling and policy analysis as well as establishing a state higher education-based partnership for applied tax and economic research.
- Working with other state agencies to launch a one-stop, online, effectively linked "business portal."

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Member Spotlight

Get to know one of CTCPA's 6,000 members and pledges!



Lyne and his son taking in a Yankees game last summer.

Name: *Dannell R. Lyne, CPA, MST*

Hometown: *Trumbull, CT*

Job Title/Place of Work: *Partner at Dylewsky, Goldberg & Brenner, LLC*

I decided to become a CPA because:
I wanted a business-related career that was stable. No matter how good or how bad the economy is, a good CPA is always needed.

One thing about my firm or organization that's best-in-class or exceptional is:

the attentive personalized service to each of our clients. No matter the size of the engagement, all of our clients are important to us.

The work experience in which I learned the most or was most exciting was: *helping defend a client position during an IRS audit of amended returns. Ultimately the IRS agreed with our position and it resulted in a multi-million dollar refund in which payment had to be approved by the Ways and Means Committee. This in part led to a change in the tax code to close a particular loophole we used to our advantage.*

If I weren't a CPA, I would be a:

DJ and record producer.

My favorite book is: *A White Collar Profession: African-American CPAs Since 1921.*

My favorite tv show is: *anything on the Discovery Channel related to astronomy*

My favorite movie is: *Eight Men Out.*

If I could have dinner with any famous person, living or dead, I would choose:
Jackie Robinson.



Lyne poses in front of part of his impressive basement record collection.

Something people would be surprised to know about me is: *during my senior year of high school and six months after graduation, I was an elevator mechanic before going to college for accounting.*

The best advice I ever received was: *in regards to clients and staff, never say you don't have time for them, you make the time.*

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Mingling & Merriment

*The New and Young
Professionals
Holiday Party*

Attendance at the annual “Mingling & Merriment” holiday party grew to record sold-out numbers this year as more than 150 partygoers celebrated the season at the new and young professionals group’s flagship event. Held at the Society Room of Hartford, the evening featured networking, appetizers, wine and beer tasting, a pasta station, and a make-your-own-cupcake bar. To top off the evening, each attendee went home with a commemorative wine stopper and holiday ornament. ▶

Stockings for Soldiers

Attendees wrote thank you cards and donated \$600 to purchase stocking stuffers to be distributed to soldiers deployed for the holidays.



Wine and Beer Tasting

Members of the New and Young Professionals Cabinet staffed the wine tasting tables, taking the opportunity to welcome partygoers to the event.



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“CPA! CPA! CPA!”

The talented attendees teamed up at the end of the evening to spell out their three favorite letters. Can you spot the C-P-A?







Firm and Company Photos

For the first time, each group representing a firm or company at the party was invited to take a group photo. Thanks to these companies for striking a pose!

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The New and Young Professionals Cabinet

Special thanks to the New and Young Professionals Cabinet members, who plan the Mingling & Merriment holiday party along with many other events throughout the year.



New and Young Professionals Cabinet members pictured are: (front row, from left) Jessica Costa of McGladrey; Kathleen McKeon of Lefurge & Gilbert; Laura Kohanski of Webster Financial Corporation; Amber Tucker of CohnReznick; Heather Young of Meyers, Harrison & Pia; Krysten Hurwitz of Grant Thornton; (back row, from left) Staci Muench of Bailey Murphy + Scarano; Joanna Purtell of Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina; Kevin Gokey of CohnReznick; Michael Maksymiw of Filomeno & Co.; Kristen Palombizio of PwC; John Higham of Whittlesey & Hadley; Christopher Marion of Barron, Yanaros & Caruso; Mitch Insero of CohnReznick; Lana Pomeroy of CohnReznick; and Stephanie Barone of ESPN.

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New and Young Professionals Present 'College Month'

This October, members of the New and Young Professionals Cabinet organized the second annual "College Month," a series of visits to Connecticut colleges to give students a glimpse into life as a young accountant. Thank you to our volunteers!

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Correction

The firm names for the following Pledge Candidates were inadvertently listed incorrectly in the November/December 2012 issue. *Connecticut CPA* regrets the error.

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Pledge News

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In several communities, CPA volunteers use CAAS' book *Starting a Small Business in Connecticut* to teach evening classes on just that: how to be an entrepreneur in the Nutmeg State. Courses normally include four two-hour sessions and are conducted in

the fall and in the spring (after April 15). CAAS is currently offering the courses in Cheshire, Glastonbury, Middletown, New Britain, Norwich, Plainville, Wallingford, Waterbury, and Wolcott. CAAS has PowerPoint presentations to assist instructors with the presentations.

CAAS volunteers provide a helping hand to new business ventures by challenging their owners to address the issues involved in transforming good ideas into great businesses. The organization also provides assistance to nonprofit organizations by conducting training for board and staff members on accounting procedures, internal controls, understanding financial statements, and preparation for audits. CAAS volunteers also assist with the preparation of IRS Form 990 returns for qualified organizations.

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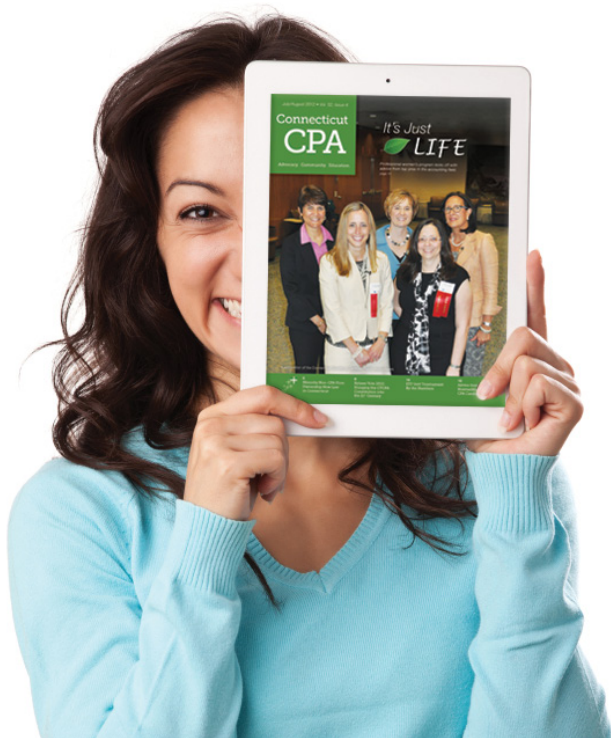
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"Mark Zampino's session was one of the most powerful I've been to. I wish that I had heard him earlier in my college career."

Post University student



Taking Business Communications to the College Crowd

When asked what challenges CTCPA can help its members tackle, the resounding answer from firm leaders is often the same – many CPAs have top-notch technical expertise but need to sharpen their “client skills.” Specifically, many need to garner confidence when it comes to public speaking, business writing, and other “soft skills.”

Listening to this feedback, CTCPA Executive Director **Art Renner** suggested to Public Affairs Director **Mark Zampino** that he condense the business and professional communication course he has taught at the University of Hartford for more than a decade into in-house CPE courses for CPA firms. The resultant seminars, “Business Communication Do’s and Don’ts” and “The Secrets of Effective Public Speaking,” have garnered rave reviews at firms from Park Avenue, Manhattan to Manchester (New Hampshire) ... and many points in between.

This fall, Zampino morphed the course yet again, this time tailoring it to accounting students at Connecticut colleges and universities. Since September, he’s addressed student audiences at the University of Connecticut, Quinnipiac University, Fairfield University, the University of Hartford Beta Alpha Psi Chapter, Post University, and Three Rivers Community College, with a date scheduled for Providence College in the spring and dates being arranged with Southern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University, and Naugatuck Valley Community College.

Sessions range from 45 minutes to three hours, depending on the school’s meeting or class format. Students garner advice on a wide variety of professional communication concerns, including but not limited to such topics as email etiquette, nonverbal communication, and even listening skills. The public speaking course offers Zampino’s methodic formula for organizing and delivering an effective presentation, peppered with a healthy dose of humor and personal anecdotes.

When offered the seminar, CTCPA President **Noelle Taddei**, an associate professor of accounting at Post University, took things a step further. Seeking to give her students a taste of a professional business environment, she arranged for school vans to bring approximately 20 Post students to the CTCPA Education Center in Rocky Hill for a custom seminar with Zampino.

After an introduction to CTCPA’s resources for students and new and young professionals by Academic and Career Coordinator **Alicia Strong**, students settled into the Education Center’s ergonomic chairs for the Business Communications presentation.

Following the presentation, students were eager to put their new knowledge into practice.

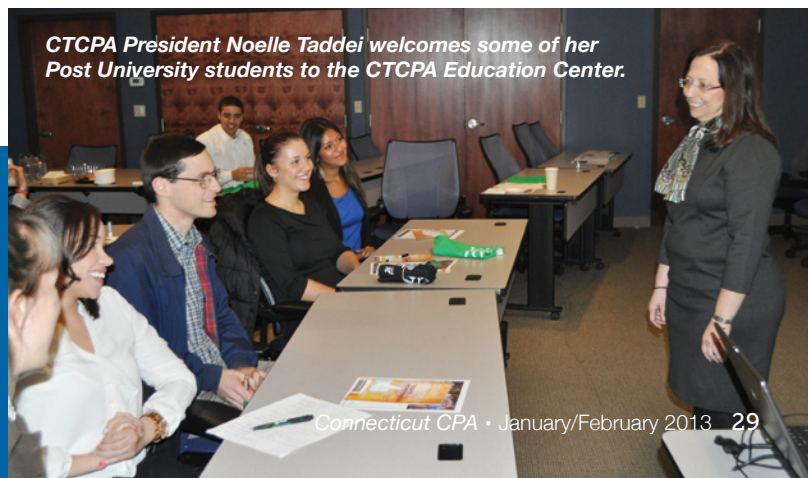
“All that I have learned in the presentation I will no doubt utilize and practice in the very near future as I seek to find my first professional job,” one student said.

“I love [Zampino’s] personal experience, humor, and stories. I have already begun to practice what I have heard,” agreed another.

Taddei’s efforts to introduce the students to the professional accounting community paid additional dividends.

“From my first arrival at the CTCPA building, I felt extremely welcomed by everyone,” said one of her students.

“I am planning on joining the young professionals group, because it seems like a great way to build networks within the accounting field,” added another.



CTCPA President Noelle Taddei welcomes some of her Post University students to the CTCPA Education Center.

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Member Snapshots

Peer Review Unplugged

Michael J. Knight & Company Completes Peer Review in the Wake of Hurricane Sandy



Undergoing a triennial peer review at Michael J. Knight & Company in the wake of Hurricane Sandy are (from left) Janelle Kandrach, Darlene Knight, Partner Ryan Sheppard, John R. Roller, and Partner John M. Roller.

As companies and individuals throughout the state struggled to deal with power outages, property loss, and road closures in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the CPAs at Michael J. Knight & Company in hard-hit Fairfield faced a challenge of their own: their triennial peer review scheduled for that week.

Without power or phones at the office, firm partner **John Roller** texted peer reviewer **Mike Solakian** to let him know the firm's situation. "Despite not having power and having a tough go of it in Fairfield – downtown was also a mess – John told me that they would do whatever they could to keep the ball rolling," explained Solakian.

"I had several clients that cancelled that week, and I called John Roller the night before to see if we could still do the review," Solakian said. "They were very accommodating!" In spite of the extenuating circumstances, the firm ultimately completed its review as scheduled.

"Because having a peer review is akin to going to the dentist," Solakian joked, "I really thought they went above and beyond the call of duty."

Borgida & Company Holds Seventh Annual Food Drive

Borgida & Company held its seventh annual Fall Food Drive to help the Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC). The drive, held in October and November, collected about 1,000 pounds of food as well as monetary donations.

Borgida & Company partner Tom Scanlon stands beside a truckload of food collected during the firm's seventh annual Fall Food Drive.



Submit Your Snapshots!

Please send your photos of interest to the membership to Managing Editor **Kirsten Piechota** at kirstenp@ctcpas.org.

BlumShapiro, Friends Provide 2,300 Bags of Thanksgiving Food to New Haven Residents



Volunteers bag food for the BlumShapiro Thanksgiving Food Basket Campaign for Christian Community Action. Pictured (from right) are John Pierson, anchor, News 8 Weekend Sports; Anne Craig, anchor, News 8 Good Morning Connecticut; Rev. Bonita Grubbs, executive director, Christian Community Action; Chris Velardi, anchor, News 8 Good Morning Connecticut; Tom DeVitto, chief marketing officer, BlumShapiro; and John Zinno, partner, BlumShapiro.

BlumShapiro employees, their families, clients, and friends recently collected nonperishable food items and monetary donations to help provide more than 2,300 Thanksgiving Day meals for New Haven families and seniors. The BlumShapiro Thanksgiving Food Basket Campaign for Christian Community Action included workplace collection efforts and a bagging weekend where more than 200 volunteers prepared more than 2,300 bags of Thanksgiving Day fixings, which were later distributed by Christian Community Action to New Haven residents.

Roucoulet Honored by MS Society

Randee Roucoulet, a manager at Simione Macca & Larow in Hamden, and her team, Simione's Ridemonkeys, were named the 2012 Largest Friends and Family Bike MS Team by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Connecticut. Roucoulet has been named this year's Bike MS: Red Thread+Steelcase Ride spokesperson. This year's ride will take place in Windsor on Sunday, June 2.

Randee Roucoulet of Simione Macca & Larow accepts the award for 2012 Largest Friends and Family Bike MS Team from Karen Butler, vice president of communications for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Connecticut.

Roucoulet's team, Simione's Ridemonkeys, at a recent ride.



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Reynolds & Rowella Raises More Than \$7,500 for Men’s Health

Partners and employees at Reynolds & Rowella raised \$7,675 in support of men’s health through their participation in the “Movember” campaign. During November each year, Movember is responsible for sprouting mustaches on thousands of men’s faces in the U.S. and around the world. Participants raise awareness and funds for men’s health issues, specifically prostate and testicular cancer initiatives. The top two Reynolds & Rowella fundraisers, who together raised \$5,940, were Managing Partner **Frank Rowella** and Partner **Ben Maini**.



Reynolds & Rowella team members show off their mustaches in support of the “Movember” men’s health campaign. Pictured are (top row, from left) Patrick Butler, Benjamin Martin, Scott Crane, Steven Yudkin, Jarrett Meiers, Mitch Queler, (bottom row, from left) Kevin Grimm, Frank Rowella, Ben Maini, and Gregory Pepin.



Firm Moves and Promotions

CzepigaDaly LLC is consolidating its Wethersfield and Newington offices and moving to a new space at 15 Massirio Dr. in Berlin. The Vernon office will remain open.

Paul Caiafa has launched CPA Tax Solutions LLC, providing tax and accounting services, with an office at 375 Mather St. in Hamden. Joining him in the firm is **Anthony F. Lucci** and six full- and part-time professional and administrative staff.

Edwin R. Muenzner, CPA, LLC has relocated to 210 Route 32 in Franklin. The new facility includes a training center for up to 30 individuals as well as additional space that will be rented to other businesses.

Piasecki & Company, CPAs, LLC relocated to 40 Richards Ave., 7th Flr. in Norwalk.

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Member News

Honors & Awards

The Technology Group was named to the Ingram Micro SMB 500, a list celebrating the top 500 fastest-growing Ingram Micro U.S. channel partners focused on small and mid-size businesses.

Jeffrey M. Weiner, managing partner of Marcum, was named a Managing Partner Elite in the inaugural program launched by *Accounting Today* in its October 2012 issue. Weiner was recognized for his “national drive” in growing Marcum from a regional firm to a national leader with 20 offices and 950 employees.

KPS & Company in West Hartford celebrated its 30th year in business. In recognition of this milestone, they received an official citation from the Connecticut General Assembly offering its sincerest congratulations and best wishes for future success.

James L. Curry, a partner of Deloitte in Stamford, was one of four CPAs nationwide awarded the AICPA Sustained Contribution Award. The award recognizes CPAs who have contributed measurably to the AICPA and the CPA profession through their volunteer service. All recipients have served on an AICPA volunteer group for 20 or more years and have served at least once as a chair of an AICPA committee, task force, or resource panel.

Edward E. Hackett, CFO of The Village for Families & Children in Hartford, was named a 2012 “CFO of the Year” for the nonprofit category by the *Hartford Business Journal*. **Shawn Harrington**, vice president for administration and finance for West Hartford’s University of Saint Joseph, and Blum-Shapiro CFO **Tammy Maguire** were named as finalists for the honor.

Medical Economics magazine has recognized **Kevin C. Leahy**, CEO of Connecticut Wealth Management in Farmington, as one of the “Best Financial Advisers for Doctors” for the second year in a row. Honorees are chosen based on their breadth of knowledge, experience, and credentials.

A. Donald Janezic Jr. of R.C. Bigelow in Fairfield was named “CFO of the Year” in the medium-size category by the *Fairfield County Business Journal*. Janezic was honored November 19 at an event co-sponsored by TD Bank and McGladrey.

Howard L. Carver, retired managing partner of Ernst & Young in Hartford, was inducted into the Junior Achievement of Southwest New England’s Business Hall of Fame. Carver will be honored at the Business Hall of Fame dinner in April.

Professional Activities

Michael D. Frenza, a manager with BlumShapiro in West Hartford, was certified as a Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor (CIRA).

Joseph A. DeCusati and **John M. DelGrego**, managing directors at Meyers, Harrison & Pia in New Haven, both received the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) designation from the AICPA.

Mark I. Harrison, managing partner of Meyers, Harrison & Pia in New Haven, was a co-presenter at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers’ Annual Conference on “Double Dips, Flips, and Trips: Property Versus Cash Flow Issues in Dissolution of Marriage Cases” in Chicago, IL in November.

Kenneth J. Pia, a partner of Meyers, Harrison & Pia in New Haven, gave a presentation on “Navigating the Double Black Diamond Trail of DOL Audits of ESOPs” at the New England Chapter of the ESOP Association Annual Fall Conference in Killington, VT in October.

Public Service

Nancy Riella, principal at Riella & Lepak in Colchester, participated in Southeastern Connecticut Homeless Connect on November 2 with the Colchester Coalition to Combat Homelessness in Colchester. The group aims to keep people and families in their homes and increase the quality of their lives without building another nonprofit organization; this mission is accomplished through community lunches open to anyone in need, a twice-per-month medical van serving individuals without health insurance, and partnerships with the Connecticut Department of Health and Addiction Services and the Reliance House.

Gregory R. Stelmak, a senior staff accountant at Harvey & Horowitz in Rocky Hill, has been re-elected to a 22nd one-year term as treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Newington. He has also been appointed a Justice of the Peace in Connecticut by the town clerk of Newington.

Members in the Media

Joseph Natarelli, national construction industry leader and partner-in-charge of the Marcum New Haven office, was quoted in the *Hartford Business Journal* article “CT’s Slumping Economy Deepens Construction Woes” on November 2.

Robert V. Lally, a partner of Federman, Lally & Remis in Farmington, contributed the article “In reality, fiscal cliff is accounting problem” to the December 10 *Hartford Business Journal*.

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