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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

It’s hard to believe that the summer season is over and we are only a few months away from finishing yet another year. This year has posed challenges and opportunities for our profession. As members of the FICPA, you can always count that we are advocating for the progress of all CPAs in Florida and more specifically, that our local chapter continues to work in order to maintain relevance during these times.

A few months ago, we invited the YCPAs to attend a chocolate factory social (pg.9) and plans are underway for our upcoming YCPA/Young Attorneys Mixer on October 12th (pg. 10). These events are prime examples of our continuing efforts to meet our goal of engaging YCPAs in our organization. We are also getting ready for our Student Field Day on November 11th, where we invite accounting firms and companies to share with accounting major students the opportunities they have as CPAs. Just like we did last year, we plan to offer speed networking so that our more experienced CPAs can offer valuable advice to those students who are planning on starting their careers in accounting very soon.

Furthermore, we continue to offer high quality CPE classes. Our members have various opportunities to
learn from peers and experts in different industries while also networking and meeting their CPE requirements. We continue our efforts through our various committees including Financial Literacy, Legislation and Membership.

I share all of this in hopes that you take advantage of your membership by either attending or volunteering at our different events or by being part of one of our committees. Our chapter is as strong and relevant as ever and your support is always appreciated. If you have not gotten a chance to connect with our organization, I invite you to e-mail me at kvergara@hbifflorida.org. I would love to meet with you and share personally the many benefits the FICPA provides to our members and how you can get involved.

Wishing you continued success,

Karen Vergara

FICPA Central Florida Chapter Chair, 2016-2017
### 2016-2017 CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER FICPA BOARD

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ANNUAL SPONSOR - USA PAYROLL

USA Payroll is proud to be the 2015-2016 annual sponsor for the third consecutive year of the Central Florida Chapter of the FICPA. We are proud to be continuing our scholarship program. With your help, we can do great things for those who chose to become future CPA’s.

USA Payroll will donate 10% of all commissionable revenue for twelve months for every referral that becomes a USA Payroll client. All you need to do is let us know the referral is through the FICPA and the funds will be designated specifically for college scholarships. Also, any FICPA member client starting by November 30th will get their year-end reporting and W-2’s at no charge. We look forward to another great year working with the Central Florida FICPA and its members.

Shawn Knapp

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End 2016 with a strong finish. This year, help your clients mitigate their tax burden while strengthening the community they love. An investment with Central Florida Foundation does exactly that.

To learn more about the benefits to your clients of working with Central Florida Foundation contact your fellow FICPA Member, Meghan Warrick, CPA, CGMA at mwarrick@cffound.org.

Call us today at 407.872.3050 or visit cffound.org
## CPE Schedule

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| - Fraud and Security Issues  
- Protection of Computer and Information | Doubletree Hotel | 10/20/16 | 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm | 4 hours |

Social Event in November - TBD

No Class in December

For the most current information about our CPE schedule, please visit our website [www.centrafloridaficpa.com](http://www.centrafloridaficpa.com) or contact George Fender at [gfender@grennanfender.com](mailto:gfender@grennanfender.com).

## Practitioners Forum Meeting Schedule

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## CPAs in Private Practice Schedule

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If you are aware of the rising financial debt of not only the United States of America, but the individuals that make up this country, you know that this has been a problem for longer than we care to acknowledge. Bad credit, large credit card and student loan balances, overextended families, and stress are as common as the cold. So who better to educate our young people and even adults than the trusted experts – CPAs?

The financial literacy program at the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants has been around for years and we have had a great opportunity to expand that program in our Central Florida community over the past four years. The program is simple and easy to take out to any school, community partner, library or any other place where this information is needed.

The program consists of 5 modules:

- Module 1 – Three Keys to Financial Success
- Module 2 - Budgeting and Spending
- Module 3 – Savings and Investing
- Module 4 – Managing Debt
- Module 5 – Protecting your Assets

These modules consist of not only PowerPoint slides for you to present to the group, but several real-life examples and exercises that you can work on during your session. These modules can be presented in their entirety or tailored specifically for your audience.

So how do you get started? I am so glad you asked. Sign up as a volunteer with the chapter’s Financial Literacy Committee. If you are not comfortable speaking alone, you will be paired up with one of our volunteers or if you are ready to hit the ground running, we can get you working as soon as your schedule permits.

We are just beginning our planning for the upcoming year and would greatly appreciate your participation in this community outreach. If you would like to help, contact Tarsha R. Jacobs at Tarsha@trjacobs CPA.com.

Tarsha R. Jacobs, CPA
Chair, Financial Literacy Committee
SOCIAL AT FARRIS AND FOSTER’S CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Before the summer began, our YCPAs and accounting major students participated in a social at Farris and Foster’s Chocolate Factory. They had a great time networking and making chocolate. Not only did they have a chance to make their own chocolate and take their delicacies home, but they met new friends and colleagues in a fun environment.

We hope you can join us at our next social event! (Details on bottom of next page)
Join us for our next social event!

October 12th, YCPAs and Young Attorneys mixer at Harry Buffalo on October 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The event will include appetizers and drinks.

Harry Buffalo is 129 W Church Street, Orlando, FL 32801. FREE for members.

You do not have to be part of the YCPA group to participate.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!
NEW FICPA MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest FICPA members!

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