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Dear Members,

Whew, the beginning of the year was crazy busy but I hope you are back to breathing normally and getting ready for a nice, long summer vacation! We have all been working hard and your Board is not the exception. On February 18th, we held our first social of the fiscal year, starting with a Happy Hour at Harry Buffaloes and finishing with a Solar Bears game at the Amway Center. On April 30th, we held the 2016 Charity Miniature Golf Tournament to raise money for UCF Accounting Student Scholarships. Both were a great time. I enjoyed meeting those that attended these events and look forward to more! Our next event is the statewide CPA Day of Service on May 21st, benefiting the Harbor House. This is a great time to contribute to our community while socializing and mingling with your fellow members. Please locate the e-mail for details and to sign up for this rewarding event.

Don’t forget that even-year CPA license continuing education deadlines are just around the corner! If you need help getting in those CPE credits, please note that we have three CPE events each month- Denny’s (I-4 and Lee Rd.) in the morning, the Citrus Club during lunch, and the Hilton Doubletree Downtown in the afternoon. Please watch your inbox for details on each opportunity to catch up those credits.
In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our organization. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement or if you have any concerns.

Board members are always present at every Chapter event and are available to you. I can be reached directly at 407-644-7455, or at aruttinger@cricpa.com.

Alicia Ruttinger
FICPA Central Florida Chapter Chair, 2015-2016

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCOMING CHAIR

Do you remember the time you took your CPA exams? Of course you do! Studying and passing your CPA exams is most likely one of the proudest moments in your life – I know it was for me. Earlier this month, the American Institute of CPAs made the announcement that the CPA exam will be revamped. Among many of the changes implemented, there will be a noticeable increase in the assessment of skills such as critical thinking, problem solving and analytical ability.

What does this mean for current licensed CPAs in our local Central FL chapter? Well, on one hand it means that our future CPAs will be ready for real-world problem solving, communication in the workplace and application of theory when finding solutions for clients. On the other hand, it means that we need to continue our support to
younger generations of accountants by encouraging them in their journey into becoming CPAs and taking the exam despite the implemented changes.

It is our duty to share our success stories of passing the exam and communicate the vast opportunities this has provided to our professional careers; especially with those individuals who are still undecided to take it. There are many ways to get involved in the different initiatives we have geared towards the younger generations, both students and professionals. Whether it is through joining a board committee, volunteering for the upcoming YCPA day of service event or mentoring students at our Student Field Day, our legacy is as valuable as the work we do together to support the future of our profession.

To learn more about the YCPA day of service, visit:
http://www.ficpa.org/Content/Members/Communities/YCPA/Day-of-Service.aspx

The fact that the CPA exam format is changing, is a testament to the fact that our profession is ever-evolving and all of us have the responsibility in ensuring the perpetual continuity of the CPA profession. Whether you are a founding partner of a firm, a CFO at a public company or a staff member at a local organization, we must continue fostering the importance of taking and passing the CPA exam. I invite you to contact me, or one of our board members, to discuss how you can help!

Wishing you continued success!

Karen Vergara
FICPA Central Florida Chair, 2016-2017
On May 12th, the 2016-2017 Chapter Officers were inducted during the Ethics CPE Course at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando. Induction was performed by Past-Chair, Shepp Burr.

The Central Florida 2016-2017 Chapter Officers are:

- Karen Vergara - Chair
- Alicia Ruttinger - Chair-Elect
- Will Stratton - Treasurer
- Maida Calvert - Secretary
- George Fender - CPE Liaison

*From left to right: Will Stratton, George Fender, Karen Vergara, Alicia Ruttinger, Maida Calvert*
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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.

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GET INVOLVED IN THE FICPA MENTORING PROGRAM

Join the Mentoring Program as a Mentor or Protégé

"If you light a lamp for someone, it will also brighten your own path." — Buddhist Proverb

The FICPA Mentoring Program is an initiative of the Women in Leadership Committee and is open to all FICPA Members, regardless of gender. Mentoring is for everyone and works best when it includes a diverse cross-section of our professional members.

Mentoring is both a give and grow opportunity with the goal of providing a rich and rewarding experience for both mentor and protégé. Sharing knowledge, expertise and insight helps to create more motivated and accomplished professionals. Mentors are a powerful force for developing colleagues and associates within an organization or community. To learn more about this program, visit:
http://www.ficpa.org/Content/Members/Communities/Women/Mentoring-Program.aspx

The deadline to apply to be a mentor or protégé is June 1st 2016.
# CPE Schedule

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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.

### Practitioners Forum Meeting Schedule

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2016 CHARITY MINATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT

By: Tarsha Jacobs

On April 30th, the Central Florida Chapter of the FICPA hosted the fourth annual Putt-Putt Golf Fundraising Tournament at the Congo River Miniature Golf Center in Altamonte Springs. Our event was a big success, thanks to our sponsors and the 31 participants that came out to play.

This event offered a great opportunity to bring the whole family for a day of fun, while supporting local accounting students. The funds raised from this tournament will be awarded to accounting students at the University of Central Florida. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this event possible. We hope to see you again next year!

Special thanks to all of our sponsors:

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Thanks to our team:

- Dayna Stephens – Special Projects Committee Chair
- Tarsha Jacobs
- Alicia Ruttinger
UCF ACCOUNTING SPRING BANQUET

By: Weiting Li, UCF Campus Ambassador

On April 27th, the 42nd Annual Dixon School of Accounting Spring Banquet was held at UCF. The Spring Banquet is an event to celebrate high achieving students with awards and scholarships, while providing an excellent networking opportunity for students. Students are able interact with their professors, and accounting professionals while enjoying music, drinks, and a nice meal. The banquet this year was a huge success. There were over 200 attendees, including 100 accounting professionals from the Central Florida area, and 120 accounting students, alumni, and professors.

The annual event kicked off with a cocktail bar and networking, then a formal dinner. A welcome speech was delivered by Greg Trompeter, Chair of the Accounting Department, followed by the recognition of the officers of the student organizations. The event closed with scholarship awards presented to outstanding students.

Five students were selected as nominees for the a $2,500 FICPA scholarship. The EDF Scholarship committee will meet at MEGA to determine who will be awarded the scholarship. The scholarship nominees are: Paul Kline, Sarah Kushner, Courtney Sugdinis, Jessica Traster, Lisa Wells, and Bryan Caraher (alternate).
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