

**TOM CROOKER INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA
FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012 AT 10:00 AM**

The Forum will meet at 10:00 AM through 6/13/2012, and than at 11:45 AM beginning 6/20/2012

The Week that Was. Did someone say, "Sell in May and Go Away?" A dreadful month. Then on Friday, June came along, with the rotten jobs numbers, along with the never-ending European saga, and growth in China slowing, and weak manufacturing numbers. And if you are afraid to look at your May brokerage account numbers, remember that it does not include June 1, when it got even worse!

For the week, the S&P was down 3.02%, the DOW down 2.7%, and the NASDAQ down 3.17%. The great first quarter vanished in May and June 1.

And the 10 year T at 1.46%. Unbelievable. The dividend yield on the S&P 500 exceeds the 10 year T, by a lot.

And if things are bad, what will Monday and next week bring? All of the bad stuff that brought this on, is still bad.

On the other hand . . . there could be some screaming bargains out there! Those of you with a "shopping list" of stocks you are thinking about buying - those stocks may look irresistibly cheap! And the dividend yields have gone up . . . thanks to the "denominator effect." So as Dirty Harry Callahan (Clint Eastwood) said --- "Are you feeling . . . lucky??"

Sy Sherman on Apple (AAPL,) Google (GOOG,) and Amazon (AMZN.) Sy will walk through these three companies, looking at their fundamentals and their stock valuations. His presentation was recently given to the OLLI Financial Roundtable in Loudoun, and will take most of the session.

Time permitting (time likely will not permit) Tom will discuss the global debt crisis' impact on retirees' investment strategies, and common sense considerations for stock investing during a downturn. His topics will "keep" to the following session, if we do not get to them.

Forum Member (disclosed) Buys and Sells

Buys

Plains All-American Pipeline LP (PAA)
Markwest Energy Partners LP (MWE)
Qualcomm (QCOM)
American Capital Agency Corp (AGNC)
I Shares I Boxx High Yield Corporate Bond ETF (HYG)

Sells

I Shares IBoxx Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF (LQD)

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