

INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013, 11:50AM

The Forum will meet at 11:50AM in TA-3 through May 8

Market Perspective. So much for the much anticipated pullback, started the previous week. Mr. Bull continues his run. For the week, the DOW was up 2.1%; the S&P was up 2.3%; and the NASDAQ was up 2.8%. DOW 15,000 and S&P 1,600? We are now one good trading day away from each, and Ed needing to call his bakery to order another sheet cake. (We had the sheet cake for DOW 14,000 on February 6, 2013 - not very long ago.) I hope this happy talk has not jinxed the market, and will cause that correction!

What's down? Gold!!! Gold is now in a bear market. Since August 2011, gold is down 20.5%, to \$1,501 an ounce. Is Gold \$1,000 out there? Gold \$500?

"Peak Oil." That term used to mean the day that oil production peaks, and increasing demand drives the price of oil ever higher. Citicorp analysts and others are now redefining "peak oil." They say it means the day (soon) that worldwide oil demand peaks (due in part to natural gas supply and production,) but technology to extract oil continues to improve, which will drive down the price of crude - by 20% in the medium term. What does that mean for the value of Big Oil?

Market weirdness. What is the deal with "bitcoins?" As near as I can tell, it is imaginary money flying around the internet and cyberspace. It does, though, make one think about "money" and "value." I guess all stuff is worth something if enough folks think it is. Including bitcoins. Some would say that dollars and bitcoins have a lot in common.

Market Technical Indicators. Gloria Loew will look at what the charts say about the market now.

RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) Tax Considerations. John Woods will comment on tax considerations (beyond that you have to pay taxes) on the timing of RMDs.

Stock of the Week. Something new we will try. I will peruse your "Buys" list and pick a stock that looks interesting, and we will examine it. This week, Gilead Science (GILD.) Not a household name (makes drugs for treatment of HIV.) It is a large cap that has shown up several times recently on the "buys" list.

Duration. Time permitting (if not, I will do it another week) I will repeat my presentation on duration: what it is, why it is important for fixed-income investors, and where to find the number.

Next Week's Forum. Tom Crooker will lead the Forum April 24. Jim Miller, who distributes the agenda, will be out of town. The Agenda for the April 24 Forum will be posted on the OLLI Investment Forum website. www.olligmu.org/~finforum/ Paper copies will be available at the class.

Buys and Sells

Buys

Apple (AAPL) - Member willing to discuss
Coca Cola (KO)
Dow Chemical (DOW)
Baidu (BIDU)
General Electric (GE)

Sells

Gold (GLD)
Bristol Myers (BMY)

Thinking About . . .

Disney (DI), Boeing (BA) - sell
AOL
Apple (AAPL) - buy

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