

INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 11:50AM,

LORD OF LIFE, FELLOWSHIP HALL

WE WILL MEET THIS WEEK AT 11:50AM AT LORD OF LIFE. The OLLI E-New mistakenly said that we will meet at Tallwood.

We will meet as a “club” from February 28 through March 21, at 10:30AM, at Tallwood. No registration is needed for club meetings, and guests are welcome.

Registration for the Spring Term begins on February 22, and runs through March 2, at 12 Noon.

Market Perspective. Market volatility calmed down last week, and stocks had their best week in years. For the week, the DOW and S&P were each up 4.3%, and the NASDAQ was up 5.3%. The 10% correction lasted one day, and we have recovered over half of the decline. Is a one-day correction really a correction? Interest rates continued to trend higher.

Managing My Portfolio When I am No Longer Able. Corky Rainey, Ray Willson, Former Forum Member Maury Cralle, and Garrett Cochran, will each discuss what they are doing or will do to prepare for this eventuality that all of us will someday face. Each has different priorities, circumstances, and objectives. There will be time for questions.

Upcoming Topics

March 21. Tax Reform. Brenda Bloch-Young will be Forum Moderator and will discuss the implications of the tax bill for the corporations we typically invest in. (This is the topic scheduled for February 7, but cancelled as OLLI was closed.) While the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act reduced the statutory corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, many multinational corporations we invest in already had a lower tax rate. In particular, technology and pharmaceutical companies based on their ability under the old law to transfer the value of intellectual property abroad. This is often referred to as Base Erosion. The new law has provisions that attempt to limit this practice. The benefit of the tax cuts will be mixed. While many of the details (actual regulations) have not been released yet, there are some interpretations of what the intent was when the bill was passed.

February 28. Technology Sector. Sy Sherman and I will look at the sector, the top performing sector in 2017, and how it looks in 2018. Also some companies to watch, and Sy’s favorites.

Buys and Sells (Two Weeks Ending 2/14/2018)

Buys

Lockheed Martin (LMT)
Celgene (CELG)
Nvidia (NVDA)
Visa (V)
Danaher (DHR)
Goldman Sachs (GS)
JP Morgan (JPM)
SPDR S&P Aerospace & Defense ETF (XAR)
VanEck Vectors JP Morgan Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond ETF (EMLC)
Enterprise Products Partners (EPD)
Kimberly Clark (KMB)
Dollar General (DG)
Conoco Phillips (COP)
Exxon Mobil (XOM)
Ventas (VTR)
MPLX LP (MPLX)
Digital Realty Trust (DLR)
AT&T (T)
Pepsico (PEP)
OGE Energy (OGE)
Mid America Apartment Communities (MAA)
Ford (F)
Iron Mountain (IRM)
Vanguard Total Stock Market (VTI)
Gamestop (GME)
Realty Income (O)
Merck (MRK)
Kimco Realty (KIM)
IBM (IBM)
Dominion Energy (D)
National Retail Properties (NNN)
Duke Energy (DUK)
American Electric Power (AEP)
Verizon (VZ)
Vanguard Windsor II (VWNAX)
Vanguard Wellington (VNENX)

Sells

General Electric (GE) - 2 sells
Fidelity Select Pharmaceuticals (FPHAX)
AT&T (T) - partial sell
Nestle (NSRGF)
Ford (F)

Thinking About . . .
Disney (DIS)

Options

Buy to Open January 2020 \$80 Calls Gilead (GILD)
Sell to Open January 2020 \$80 Puts Gilead (GILD)
Buy to Open January 2020 \$82.50 Calls Gilead (GILD)
Sell to Open January 2020 \$82.50 Puts Gilead (GILD)

At an upcoming meeting Charles Murphy will walk through these transactions.

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