

**INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019 10:30AM
TALLWOOD, TA-1**

We will meet as a “club” starting May 29 through June 19, at Tallwood. The Summer Term begins June 26.

Market Perspective. Markets were down again; the DOW was down for the fifth straight week. The prospect of extended tariffs and an escalating trade war with China is being priced into markets. For the week, the DOW was down 0.7%; the S&P was down 1.2%; and the NASDAQ was down 2.3%.

High worldwide demand for safe-haven US Treasuries continues, driving up prices and driving down yields on the ten-year T. It is now 2.327%, and again below the 3-month yield. (The 2-year/10-year spread is still positive, at .16%.) These yields signal the bond markets' expectations of low inflation and slowing worldwide economic growth.

IRA Changes. Several significant changes to IRA rules have passed Congress, and are expected to be signed by the President. Called the “Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement “ (SECURE) - House version, and “Retirement Enhancement and Savings Act” (RESA) - identical Senate version. We will look at those. Most provisions will have little impact on most current retirees, but some provisions will.

Buy/Sell list. Bob Baker will look at several stocks from last week's (below) Buy/Sell/Thinking About list: Regions Financial (RF,) selling Valero (VLO) to buy Total (TOT,) and Broadcom (AVGO). I will compare Regions Financial (RF) with some other regional banks.

Garrett Ruhl will discuss trade wars and military confrontations impacting US domestic stocks.

Forum website. Most Forum Powerpoint presentations are posted on the Forum website, along with agendas and news articles suggested by members.. The Forum website is www.olligmu.org/~finforum.

Buys and Sells

Buys (Week ending 5/22/2019)

Applied Materials (AMAT) - semiconductors. MC: \$38B
Lam Research Corp (LRCX) - semiconductors. MC: \$28B
Total, SA ADR (TOT) - MC: \$141B
Cisco (CSCO) - add
Verizon (VZ) - add
Emerson Electric (EMR) - add
Navy Federal 10 month CD, 2.75%
Regions Financial (RF)
Tanger Factory Outlet (SKT)

Sells (Week ending 5/22/2019)

IBM (IBM)
2,000 bushels corn
IShares TIPS Bond ETF
Valero Energy (VLO) - sold, put money in TOT

Thinking About . . .

Netflix (NFLX) - Disney impact
Broadcom (AVGO) (considering - price off top. Good earnings and dividend trend

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