# FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

**Classroom Instruction on Money Management** 

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Hear what you may need to know about these retirement planning issues and more:

- Determining how much money you may need to retire.
- Potentially controlling your health-care costs.
- Using 401(k)s and IRAs to potentially reduce current income taxes and help save for retirement.
- Understanding sound investment strategies and alternatives.
- Transferring your estate to the loved ones and charities of your choice.
- Understanding your long-term care options.

# Key Retirement Planning Issues

*Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement*<sup>®</sup> introduces you to concepts and strategies that may help you spend your retirement comfortably and in control of your finances. This informational seminar will focus on money management strategies and lifestyle issues facing retirees. You will hear strategies that could help you manage your investments and retirement plan. The seminar will also discuss the effects of inflation and the possible costs of long-term care. The information is designed to help you prepare for a comfortable retirement.

Your presenter provides information that is current, comprehensive, and noncommercial. The seminar has been carefully designed to provide the information you may need, without overloading you with unnecessary financial jargon. The complete curriculum is provided on page 4.

# An Optional Personal Plan and Consultation

You will be provided with a Personal Financial Data Form and step-by-step instructions for developing a written summary of your finances. This form may help you develop a written summary of your assets, income, and Social Security and pension benefits. At your discretion, you may submit this to your presenter, who will review it. You are entitled to an optional, one-on-one consultation after the conclusion of the seminar. This is your opportunity to ask specific questions regarding your financial future and goals and to go over the financial data form if you submitted it.

# **Teaching Format**

*Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement* has been created to provide personal money management education. A "hear it, see it, read it, write it" teaching method makes it possible for you to understand and retain the information covered. The content in the workbook you receive corresponds with the presentation materials to illustrate key financial concepts. The seminar offers practical exercises and examples that you may be able to apply to your situation. The class is enlightening and exciting. Attendees may participate and are encouraged to ask questions.

# Who Should Attend

This course may be for you if you are nearing retirement, already retired, or beginning to develop a retirement plan and are interested in hearing concepts and strategies that may help you make appropriate choices when confronted by investment alternatives, insurance coverage, increasing health care costs, tax reduction methods, and proper disposition of your estate at death. Retirement planning is for everyone and it is never too late to begin.

# Sponsored by Corporations, Organizations, and Colleges Throughout North America

Offered throughout the United States and Canada by trained, licensed professionals. The seminars have been sponsored by over 1,800 corporations, 1,200 organizations, and 1,800 educational institutions. For a partial list of locations where seminars have been conducted, refer to page 5.

#### 1. Can I retire early?

Determine whether you can afford to retire early and how much money and income you may need to do so.

# 2. How can I plan for a comfortable retirement?

Hear the nine steps that may help you prepare for a comfortable retirement.

3. Are there ways to help reduce the effects of inflation?

Hear strategies that may help you maintain your purchasing power.

# 4. How can I develop my financial objectives?

Hear concepts that could help you determine your financial goals and develop a sound retirement strategy.

#### 5. How can I put my money to work?

Hear how inflation and taxes take their toll on low-interest accounts and steps that may help you reduce their effects.

# 6. How can I potentially reduce my taxes?

Hear strategies that could help you reduce the total amount of money you pay in taxes each year.

# 7. How can I use stocks, mutual funds, bonds, and other investment vehicles?

Hear about the characteristics of various equity investments, including common stock, preferred stock, and mutual funds. Also hear about cash alternatives.

# 8. Are there ways to potentially reduce my exposure to financial risk?

Hear strategies and concepts that may help you make informed investment decisions and develop a portfolio that is designed to help manage risk.

# 9. What can I do to help reduce my health care costs?

Hear about possible health care options, the details of Medicare and Medicaid, and long-term care.

#### 10. How can I provide for my heirs?

Hear about the major contributors to estate devaluation, how to potentially reduce estate taxation, and how to transfer your estate to the heirs and charities of your choosing.

Mutual funds, ETFs, variable annuities, and variable life insurance are sold by prospectus. Please read the prospectus and consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. The prospectus, which contains this and other information about the mutual fund, variable annuity contract, or variable life insurance policy and the underlying investment options, can be obtained from your financial professional.

# Financial Basics

Retirement income: Perception and reality Nine reasons people fail financially in retirement Using credit wisely Making compounding work for you Inflation Your income taxes Your investments and taxes Impact of income taxes and inflation Earning real rate of return Making your money last

# Your Retirement Income

Sources of retirement income Social Security and you The value of tax-deferred contributions

#### Personal retirement plans

- Traditional IRAs
- Roth IRAs

Employer retirement plans

Taking money out of employer retirement plans Required minimum distribution/withdrawal rules Choosing your retirement plan beneficiary Retirement checklist

## Investments

Emergency reserves Traditional cash reserves Debt and equity investments

- Bonds
- Stock

Stock market fluctuations Obtaining professional management Mutual funds Mutual funds for retirement income Tax-deferred annuities Variable life insurance policies Asset allocation

## Risk Management

#### Ways to potentially help manage risk

Health insurance and Medicare Disability income insurance Long-term care

- Paying for long-term care
- Long-term care insurance

Changing life insurance needs Types of life insurance Pension maximization using life insurance Survivorship life

## *Estate Planning*

#### Importance of estate planning

Planning for incapacity Distributing assets at your death

- Direct transfer assets
- Joint ownership
- Trusts
- Probate
- Your will

Taxes and your estate

- Federal unified gift and estate tax rates
- · Providing money for estate transfer costs

# Optional Retirement Planning Consultation

Everyone who attends this course is entitled to a personal retirement planning consultation after the course.

There is no assurance provided that the financial concepts and strategies discussed will provide investment success. Investments are subject to market fluctuation, risk, and potential loss of principal. Actual results depend on many factors as discussed in the seminar. Past performance is no guarantee of future success.

# Corporations

Bayer Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA Borden, Inc., East Syracuse, NY Dialogic, Parsippany, NJ General Motors, Cleveland, OH Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Houston, TX Hitachi Computer Products, Santa Clara, CA Hughes Corporation, Westchester, CA Isuzu Motors, Whittier, CA James River Corporation, Lexington, KY Kaiser Permanente, Riverside, CA Lockheed Management Association, Fort Worth, TX Lockheed Martin, Cocoa Beach, FL Novell, Provo, UT Peabody Company, St. Louis, MO Savannah Foods & Industries, Savannah, GA Star Tribune, Minneapolis, MN UNISYS Corporation, Mission Viejo, CA Watlow Electric Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, MO

## Organizations

- AAA Missouri/S. Illinois/Ark./Kansas, St. Louis, MO
- AFL-CIO Union Center Inc., Albert Lea, MN
- Acton Faith Bible Church, Acton, CA
- Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN
- American Red Cross of Arlington County, Arlington, VA
- American Lung Association, Greensboro, NC
- Antelope Valley Christian Center, Lancaster, CA
- Antioch Church of the Nazarene, Overland Park, KS
- Boy Scouts of America, Salt Lake City, UT
- Brighton Parks & Recreation, Rochester, NY
- Canaan Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO
- Catholic Charities, Portland, OR
- Center for Arts & Technology, Phoenixville, PA
- Child Abuse Council, Moline, IL Christ United Methodist Church, Independence, MO
- City of Malibu, Malibu, CA
- City of Los Alamitos Recreation, Los Alamitos, CA
- City of Portland, Portland, ME
- City of Scottsdale Parks & Recreation, Scottsdale, AZ
- Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte, CA
- Fraternal Order/Police Lodge 8, Virginia Beach, VA
- GM Men's Club, Warren, MI
- Shell Credit Union, Houston, TX

# **Educational Institutions**

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH California State University, Chico, CA Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI Cerritos College, Norwalk, CA Collin County Community College, Plano, TX Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO Harding University, Searcy, AR Houston Community College, Houston, TX Indiana University/Purdue University, Fort Wayne, IN Kent State University, Canton, OH Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH Notre Dame College, South Euclid, OH Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR Penn State University, Altoona, PA Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA Spalding University, Louisville, KY University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA Texas State Technical College, Harlingen, TX University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR University of Tampa, Tampa, FL Western Oregon University, Salem, OR Yakima Valley Community College, Yakima, WA

These locations represent a partial list. Appearing on the list does not indicate an endorsement of the local instructor or the advisory services provided to the instructor's clients.

## Informative Instruction

The course material is presented in a clear, easy-to-understand, interesting format in an informal, enjoyable classroom setting.

## Seminar Workbook

The colorful workbook contains practical exercises and examples to help you learn and remember the material covered during the seminar. You will be able to use the workbook as a reference tool for years to come.

# Personal Financial Data Form

Step-by-step instructions are provided for developing a written summary of your assets, income, and Social Security and pension benefits.

# **Optional Planning Consultation**

You are entitled to an optional private consultation after the conclusion of the seminar. This is your opportunity to ask specific questions regarding your financial future and goals.

# WHAT YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE

During this course you will be presented with objective and factual information, without any references to specific financial products. All illustrations and examples will be generic. To best address the needs of all attendees, your instructor will discuss specific products or services you wish to learn more about only at your optional personal retirement planning consultation.

Here are some facts about retirement in America that may surprise you:

• Only 21% of American workers are very confident that they will have enough money for a comfortable retirement.<sup>1</sup>

• Only 48% of workers have tried to calculate how much money they will need to save for retirement.<sup>2</sup>

• 38% of workers are not confident they will have enough money to pay medical expenses.<sup>3</sup>

• 60% of Americans lack confidence in Social Security's ability to continue to provide benefits that will match or exceed today's benefits.<sup>4</sup>

1–4) Employee Benefit Research Institute, 2016

## Your Instructor

This seminar is presented across North America by financial services professionals. They not only draw upon real life experiences with numerous clients, they may also hold insurance licenses and securities registrations. Your local instructor is [Registered Rep Name], a [Registered Representative/Advisor Affiliate] of [Insert broker/dealer name, branch office address, phone #], member SIPC. [Affiliation disclaimer language as required].

# Tuition

You may pay your tuition fee in advance or at the first classroom session. Regardless of when you pay, you must register in advance. You may pay with a check or a credit card. Credit cards accepted: VISA, MasterCard, and Discover. Make check payable to <Name>. Advance tuition is <\$50>. You may bring your spouse or a guest at no extra cost.

Dates, Times, and Locations Each course consists of four 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -hour sessions.		
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