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President's Corner

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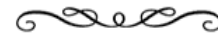
As you read this newsletter you can see that we are promoting a day with Douglas Gerlach. Many of you may not know him. You can read the biography but there is more. He has been to Tallahassee twice before and all that attended were well pleased when they walked out the door.

The most work performed in an investment club is by the treasurer. Most clubs are not equipped with a bookkeeper or an accountant. When the position comes up for election no one wants it, but it is necessary for the club to operate. From my observations it is either the first or second reason why clubs disband. On the afternoon of January 20th we will have a Treasurer's workshop. We want you to be able to feel at ease being treasurer. With the Club Accounting class you will better understand what you need to do to be successful as a treasurer. You will have an easier time preparing the monthly reports. What clubs should have is a rotating treasurer with an assistant taking over the next year. That way it is not all new to the successor. What we are offering is the \$25 fee for two attendees so more than one from a club can attend. Additionally this is a legitimate club expense and the club should pay for those attending..

The other reason that clubs stop is that they are having little success. So many clubs were started in the 90's and are not around today. They were successful until the bubble popped. Then even a dart thrower could have been a market maven. Now

it takes more than luck to do well. The Toolkit class will get you going in the right direction. You will learn not only the Stock Selection Guide but the other functions of Toolkit 5 and some additional tricks to boot.

So what we are offering you is a class to make you a better investor and a class to make your club operate smoother. And the deal is that the cost is \$15 or for two \$25. The \$25 gets you two classes so that means that one person can attend two classes or two people can attend one. What a deal!



A Day With Douglas Gerlach

January 20, 2007, mark your calendars now for a great learning experience on investing, with Doug Gerlach. Douglas is President of ICLUBcentral, Inc. and the author of several books, including Investor's Web Guide, The Complete Idiot's Guide to Online Investing, The Armchair Millionaire, Investment Clubs for Dummies, and the BetterInvesting Guide to Computerized Investing and the Internet. Douglas joined ICLUBcentral.com full-time in 2003 and became President in 2005, leading the company's development of software and tools for the investors and investment clubs. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of its Investor Advisory Service, ICLUBcentral's market-beating investing newsletter. A co-founder of NAIC's Web Site, Douglas served for many years on the Computer

Group Advisory Board and has spoken at events at more than 40 BetterInvesting Chapters across the U.S. He is the recipient of the Investment Education Institute's Distinguished Service Award. On the web, he operates DRIPCentral.com, Investment-Clubs.com and DouglasGerlach.com

Douglas will be presenting the following two classes:

Investing In Stocks and Managing Your Portfolio with Investor's Toolkit 5

Investor's Toolkit 5 features innovative new portfolio management tools and worksheets (including Offense and Defense portfolio reports) that give you more insight than ever into your stock holdings. Learn tips and tricks for advanced warning when problems could be affecting the fundamentals of the stocks you own. Find out why Investor's Toolkit is the most popular software program ever developed for analyzing growth stocks!

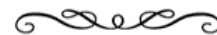
This class will begin at 10:00 A.M., January 20, 2007, at the Northeast Branch Leon County Library, 5513 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

Making the Club Treasurer's Job Easy

Whether you're a new or experienced investment club treasurer, there are two key ingredients that will make you successful in the position. The first is a basic understanding of the principles of club accounting, including how to properly record member payments and withdrawals: stock purchases and sales: investment income and dividends: and fees and expenses, as well as, filing your club's federal and state tax returns each year. The second is having the right tool to do the job, such as ICLUBcentral's Club Accounting 3 for Windows or Club Accounting Online at myiclub.com, as well as, ICLUBcentral's Club Tax Printer software. In this workshop, you'll learn how to use these tools to make the job of club treasurer as easy as possible.

This class will begin at 2:00 P.M., January 20, 2007, at the Northeast Branch Leon County Library, 5513 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida.

A registration form for this event is a part of this newsletter and is the last page. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Fitzgerald at bfitz@nettally.com



Club Accounting and Year End

Has your club already upgraded to Club Accounting 3? If so, a big thumbs up. If not, are you aware all technical support for version 2 ended October 16th? Don't forget too, that the tax software used to print 2006 partnership return and K-1 forms will only work with version 3. If you don't plan to upgrade because you will write the returns by hand, good for you for taking on all that extra effort!

With reports from version 3, you'll be alright. But if you're still using an older version the report data will not conform.

We're well into the downhill slide to the end of the year. If you haven't already upgraded, why wait? Now is an excellent time to do so. Remember to note the chapter's K-104 number on your check or money order when ordering any products or memberships from BetterInvesting.

Big Bend Model Club

The Big Bend Chapter sponsors the Big Bend Model Club. The model club, utilizing BetterInvesting principles, was begun as an instrument to teach beginning investors and intermediate investors a method of learning the ins and outs of running an investment club. The Big Bend Model Club is a fully functional club – researching stocks to buy, purchasing long term stocks and selling of stocks. The Model Club

conducts educational segments at each meeting. The Club uses and teaches BetterInvesting software to analyze stocks. Some of the members of the club are Chapter directors that act as mentors for new members. The Model Club is open to all members of NAIC and the public at large who may be interested in learning about investing. It is not necessary to belong to the club to ask questions and learn. Members only vote on issues presented.

The Model Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Northeast Branch of the Leon County Library.

Model Club contact: Brian Fitzgerald at bfitz@nettally.com



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Web Watch ON-LINE

WWW.BETTERINVESTING.ORG

The BetterInvesting web site is a wealth of information. If you haven't had an opportunity to browse the site in a while, take a peek. The site has a new updated look. Information is easier to locate and more has been added to the site.

Some articles currently posted on the Betterinvesting.org web site are:

Sales Points – Sales Ratios to Explore

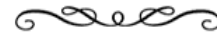
Virginia B. Morris examines a company's income from sales as a starting point for the fundamental analysis of a company

Fidelity Magellan Fund

Profiles this month is Fidelity Magellan, once a leader among actively managed mutual funds under the direction of Peter Lynch.

Investing blogs and discussion groups are an ongoing part of the website so you can always sign on and get help with an investment question or problem.

Have you misplaced or lost an issue of your BetterInvesting magazine and need to refer to an article? Then log on to the betterinvesting.org website and you can find a complete archive of articles.



Chapter E-mail List

To be added to the Big Bend Chapter E-mail list for program notification and news, send us your name and e-mail address, requesting that you be added to our list. We will remind you of any upcoming programs or announcements. Send to Linda Husbands at: lindahusbands@earthlink.net

TRAINING BY REQUEST

Can't get to our Saturday classes? Then the Big Bend Chapter can come to you. We will teach our regular classes for chapter clubs or let us know what you would like to learn. There are a number of topics and investing softwares that our instructors can teach. You supply the room. We supply the rest. To learn more contact Brian Fitzgerald at bfitz@nettally.com.

Support Your Chapter

When you renew your NAIC membership, recruit new ones or buy NAIC products, you can help your local chapter by using our "K104" number. NAIC will return a percentage of your purchase to us when you put K104 on your checks and order forms.



BIG BEND CHAPTER K104 EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- *YOU MUST FIRST PRINT OUT THIS FORM*
- Then fill out and mail in with the appropriate fee.
- Mail and Make check payable to:

Big Bend Chapter K104 - BI
P.O. Box 14493
Tallahassee, FL 32317-4493

- You will be contacted in advance only if the program registration is closed.
 - Class Location: Leon County Library Northeast Branch 5513 Thomasville Road,
Tallahassee, Fl. 32308
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Investing In Stocks with Investor's Toolkit 5: \$15.00 _____ Making the Club Treasurer's Job Easy: \$15.00 _____

Registration for BOTH Classes: \$25.00 _____ **OR** Two Registrants for one class: \$25.00 _____

Date of event: January 20, 2007

Number of People: _____

Fee enclosed: _____

Name of Registrant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Day:() _____ Phone Evening:() _____

E-mail Address: _____

Club Name (if applicable): _____

BI Member # (if Applicable): _____
