

Investment Forum Program for Wednesday, November 7 at 11:30

This Week's Program

This week marks the end of the OLLI Fall Program. Ed will serve as moderator and has prepared a full program.

Future Meeting Schedule

Starting next week, the Investment Forum will meet on **Thursdays at 10:00**. The forum will meet on the following dates: November 15 and 29, December 6 and 13, and January 10 and 17.

Potpourri

- OLLI Treasurer Gordon Canyock reports that The Mason Foundation earned an overall investment return of 18.5% on its various endowments for the year ending June 30, 2007.
- The current issue of *Fortune* opines that residential real estate in the greater Washington metropolitan area will be worth substantially less in five years than current values. Some economists regard that as *deflationary*.
- While the forum has been obsessing over the soaring prices of oil and gold, the decline of the dollar, and the credit market crisis, selected U.S. Treasury securities have been enjoying a small rally. This is reflected in the total returns achieved by several Vanguard U.S. Treasury bond mutual funds. Year-to-date, the short-term fund has returned 6.0%, the intermediate-term fund 7.2%, and, the TIPS fund 9.4%.

Forum web site: <http://www.olligmu.org/~finforum/>