INVESTMENT FORUM AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012 AT 11:45AM

The Forum will not meet on November 21. The Forum will meet at 10:30AM on 11/28, 12/5 and 12/12.

The Week that Was. The markets were down again for the week: down 2.1% for the DOW; down 2.4% for the S&P; down 2.6% for the NASDAQ. YTD, the DOW is up 4.9%; The S&P is up 9.2%; and the NASDAQ is up 8.4%

Worries about the "fiscal cliff" was again the culprit. It looks like this will continue to be the driver of the markets until something is resolved. Expect triple-digit moves up whenever President Obama and John Boehner say something positive about each other or some sort of compromise, and a big move down whenever they say something nasty about each other or dig in on their positions.

Technical Indicators. Gloria Lowe will look at her charts and what they say, after the downward moves of the past three weeks. Have some downward resistance levels been breached?

Searching for Yield: International Equity ETFs with Good Dividends. I will look at several ETFs that have good dividend yields: Global X SuperDividend ETF (SDIV) that yields 7.35%; SPDR S&P International Dividend ETF (DWX) that yields 6.66%; and I Shares Dow Jones International Select Dividend ETF (IDV) that yields 5.19%. What is in these funds and what kinds of risk do you have to accept to get these yields, and how have the prices performed compared to more common equity funds?

Asset Allocation Questionnaire. Several weeks ago, Maury Cralle had the Forum take an asset allocation questionnaire. The results were given to another Forum member for analysis. Would that member please contact Maury or me so the results can be presented.

Buys and Sells

Buys

Ship Finance International, Ltd (SFL)

Home Depot (HD)

WSI Industries, Inc. (WSCI)

DR Horton (DHI)

Western Union Company (WU)

Foot Locker (FL)

Best Buy (BBY)

Transocean, Ltd (RIG)

I Shares US Preferred Stock ETF (PFF)

AT&T(T)

Sells

Lumber Liquidators Holdings, Inc. (LL)

Thinking About . . .

Dominion Resouces (D)

BB&T (BBT)

Facebook (FB)

Selling Boeing (BA), Lockeed Martin (LMT) and Northrop Grumman (NOC) - if sequestration looks likely

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