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TO ROTH OR NOT TO ROTH? THAT IS THE QUESTION...

Beginning January 1, 2010, all investors who own a traditional IRA (regardless of their incomes) will have the opportunity to convert to a Roth IRA. You are going to see a lot published about this topic over the coming months. I have already seen numerous advertisements for seminars discussing the topic.

I have already had discussions with many of you regarding the pros and cons of converting to a Roth IRA. Unfortunately, this is far from an easy decision. As a CPA, it goes against my grain to suggest that anyone pays tax earlier than they have to. But at the same time, it is my belief that because of the massive federal debt our Country is running up coupled with the stress the Baby Boom generation will be putting on the Social Security and Medicare system-that higher taxes are inevitable (but I could always be wrong!)

There are too many nuances and details to fully discuss this in an article. Each person really needs to meet with their Financial Planner and Accountant to decide what makes sense for them. We have some calculators available to run some numbers for your particular situation. We also have several good articles discussing the topic which we can provide.

Give us a call if you would like to sit down and discuss a Roth Conversion in more detail.

DO YOU HAVE UNCLAIMED SAVINGS BONDS?

Many of us were given savings bonds as gifts from family members decades ago and may have lost track of their whereabouts or value. The U.S. treasury reports that more than \$16 billion worth of matured bonds have not been redeemed-and this is the final year Series E savings bonds will earn interest. You should consider cashing these bonds in and putting the money to work for you.

You can find out if you have long-forgotten savings bonds at www.treasurydirect.gov/indiv/tolls/tools_treasuryhunt.htm. Also, if you have bonds you plan to keep, the www.treasurydirect.gov allows you to create an online inventory of your bonds and find out what they are paying in interest.



2010 401k and IRA Contribution Limits:

401k plans

\$16,500
Additional
contribution of
\$5,500 allowed
if over age 50

Traditional and Roth IRA Contributions

\$5,000
Additional
contribution of
\$1,000 allowed
if over age 50

**Check with your
tax advisor to
decide if you
can contribute
to a Traditional
or Roth IRA.**



KEEPING UP WITH THE DOW JONESES



	Jan 1, 2009	Dec .16, 2009	Change
DJIA	9,034	10,471	15.9%
S&P 500	932	1,107	18.8%
3-Month T-Bill	0.04%		
10-Year Treasury	3.54%		
Prime Lending Rate	3.25%		

(As found December 16, 2009 at Bloomberg.com)

WORKSHOP TO EDUCATE BOOMERS ON SOCIAL SECURITY

An educational workshop titled "Transferring Social Security Into a Winning Retirement Strategy" has been scheduled for Thursday January 7 and Thursday January 14th from 11:30am to 1pm. The workshop will be at Carlos O'Briens at Scottsdale Road and Frank Lloyd Wright.

After being told for years that Social Security is "going broke," baby boomers are realizing that it will soon be their turn to collect. But the decisions they make now can have a tremendous impact on the total amount of benefits they stand to receive over their lifetime.

Question boomers are asking include:

- *Will Social Security be there for me?*
- *How much can I expect to receive?*
- *When should I apply for Social Security?*
- *How can I maximize my benefits?*
- *Will Social Security be enough to live on?*

Complimentary lunch will be served-but seating is limited. Call 480-922-9268 for reservations, or email wayne@neillntwrk.com