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The Circle of Life

In March, one of our team's clients, whose family I have known personally and professionally for 30+ years, passed away. The family celebrated years of fond memories and turned a sad event in a joyful gathering.

From a financial point of view, the grieving process was simplified greatly by the advanced planning efforts put into place, many years earlier. These included the use of Wills, Revocable Trusts, Powers of Attorney, and appropriate Beneficiary designations on IRAs.

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We're nearing the end of April. Mother Nature is showing signs of summer. The daffodils in Newport have put on a stunning display in the past couple of weeks. Still, in my opinion, we can't trust the weather until July :) .

Market-wise, the indices saw a substantial pickup in April, 'gapping' up notably on April 8th, after discussions that make the prospects of War look less damaging. We've been flat for the past week, as investors take stock in ongoing negotiations. It's difficult to invest actively in these situations, and even more difficult, nay impossible, to predict what'll happen tomorrow. As a result, dynamic risk-management strategies, such as diversification, asset allocation, and liquidity management are critical to riding through the ups and downs.

Economically, Kevin Warsh's nomination as Chair of the Federal Reserve, seems to be back on track. The Dept of Justice (DOJ) dropped its investigation into the current Fed Chair, Jerome Powell. Next, the Senate Banking Committee will vote on the nomination, and then head to the Senate for a full vote. This makes it likely that Warsh could be ready to become chair around May 15th, which is when Chair Powell's term is up.

Analysts believe that the Warsh Fed will look very similar to the current Fed. Although the current Administration (the President) wants to see lower rates, investors ought to get some solace in knowing that decisions by the Fed are NOT made by just the Chairperson. Rather, it requires a majority vote (7 of 12), to make changes to interest rates. Last month, 11 of the 12 members voted for NO CHANGE to rates. So, there's no good reason to fear that the addition of Warsh will change this sentiment in any material way.

Keep an eye out for a 'special' piece we'll be sending out soon. Greg and I just returned from an Alternatives Conference in Boston. This was a valuable, educational, meeting which highlighted the powerful position our firm has, and the Yalanis Private Wealth Management Group has, when it comes to be investors in the Private Markets.

Please join us for 15 minutes during our monthly teleconference. For the 16th year at Wells Fargo Advisors, our commitment is to be communicative and transparent in our thinking, and in the development of our recommendations. These 15-minute calls are held at both noon and 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday May 13th

Wednesday June 10th

We have several educational client events planned in 2026. Please join us to learn about the markets, together with our partners. Each event will be followed with a different gathering.

Happy Hour/Educational Seminar with Zig Kaknevicius June 16th The Gardiner Hotel. Market update and drinks/food.

Ragged Island Brewery, July 1st. Market update and Ragged Island Beer tasting with Chris Hodgon from First Trust

Newport Gulls Baseball, July 10th American Heroes night. Market update followed by free tickets and food at the ball game!

We believe in creating and maintaining strong, communicative, relationships with your team of financial professionals. Please let us know if you would like us to speak with your accountant or attorney in order to address the myriad of issues that overlap between investment planning and tax/estate issues. This year, we've added a new capability for your tax professional to be able to download your tax forms directly. Contact us for more details.

In closing, over the past years many of you have shared our updates and content with your friends, family and professional networks. We want to thank you and express how honored we are. This letter is no exception. Please don't hesitate to share it. If someone important to you is in need of financial expertise, guidance, or that they simply don't know what they don't know, our "20-Minute Ask Anything Sessions" are available.

Feel free to share our monthly teleconferences and regular updates/newsletters. We're thrilled to hear many of you are already doing so. The content of the newsletter is curated with our highest conviction insights and information. Let us know if you'd like to add an email address to the distribution list.

As always, this letter is written by-hand and by-mind (no AI involved!).

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