

## 2011 SPRING NEWSLETTER

### Japan

As we write this it has been five days since the devastating earthquake and tsunami hit Japan. No doubt many more days will have passed by the time you read this newsletter. Our hearts go out to all who have been affected by this devastating disaster. Once again we find ourselves witnessing unimaginable pain and suffering.

Once the full extent of the damage is tallied we will have a better understanding of how services and/or economies will be affected until Japan is able to right itself from this tragedy. At this stage, there is palpable anxiety and fear because of the threat of additional earthquakes and fallout from the numerous nuclear power plant failures. No doubt the world markets will be rocked by these legitimate fears but it is very important to keep a few things in perspective during this time of crisis. It is predictable that stock and bond market volatility will follow the disaster. We think it is important to note that Japanese markets were open for business as usual the first business day after these epic events. This stability is much more important to focus on than the value of the Nikkei and Dow indices in the short run. It is also important to focus on the fact that our economies and most major corporations are truly global in nature. None of this minimizes the economic short term impact that could be felt on everything from manufacturing the chips that run our computers and cars to the large insurance companies that will be paying out benefits to the insured. After, however, with re-building will come growth. Do not let short term volatility as the markets react to practically every piece of news that heads our way sway your commitment to the value of seeing beyond today.

### Tax Season Info: Hours and Deadlines

#### Hours:

- Our office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8am – 4pm.
- Our office will be closed on Friday, April 15

Please note:

- 1) Massachusetts residents have until Tuesday, April 19, 2011 to file their 2010 federal and state tax returns due to the timing of Patriot's Day.
- 2) Other New England residents have until Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, to file their federal tax return, but only until Monday, April 18, 2011 to file their 2010 state tax returns.
- 3) Any federal tax return efiled by Hart and Patterson Financial Services will be due by Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Non-New England residents have until Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to file federal and state tax returns.
- 5) We need to receive your 2010 retirement plan contribution checks by April 11, 2011 to allow time for processing. If you are not able to make this date, you may send your checks directly to the investment company.

**A Spring Recipe from Lorraine**

Asparagus Soup (with cream and without) - Makes 4-6 servings

1 bunch asparagus  
½ medium onion  
16 oz vegetable or chicken broth  
1 Yukon gold potato (for non half and half version)  
1 bay leaf  
Half cup of half and half (for cream version) or less if desired  
Crème fraiche, if desired  
2 tablespoons fresh parsley  
Zest of ½ lemon

Snap off woody ends from asparagus and discard. Cut asparagus into small pieces, saving 2-3 of the asparagus tips for garnish.

Dice onion to ¼ inch pieces.

Dice potato if not adding ½ and ½ to soup.

Sauté asparagus, asparagus tips, diced onion and potato (if making non cream version) in butter or olive oil in soup pot until vegetables are slightly soft. Remove the 4-6 asparagus ends you'll be using for garnish and set them aside. Add broth, bay leaf and parsley to soup pot. Cover and simmer 30 minutes.

Put mixture into blender and blend until completely smooth. (Remember to keep top of lid off if putting hot liquid into blender or liquid will explode out of the top. Alternatively, wait until soup has cooled before blending.)

If using half and half, add just before serving and allow to warm through, but do not boil or liquids will separate.

Pour soup into serving bowls.

Cut reserved asparagus tips in half lengthwise so that you have enough to put ½ tip in each bowl of soup.

- If using crème fraiche, put a small spoonful on top of soup, lay asparagus tip on top of crème fraiche and sprinkle with lemon zest over top of asparagus tip.
- If not using crème fraiche, cut reserved asparagus tip in half lengthwise and lay on top of soup and sprinkle with a little lemon zest.

## **Miscellaneous**

Please let Barbara know if you would like to receive our newsletters via email. Please email her at [Barbara@HartPatterson.com](mailto:Barbara@HartPatterson.com).

Please remember:

- Black out the social security numbers or account numbers before faxing or emailing anything to our office.
- Do not email any investment instructions to us. Industry regulations do not allow us to accept or act upon any investment instructions received via email. However, please feel free to email us with any questions or concerns that you may have. Everyone's email address in our office is their first name followed by @HartPatterson.com.

## **Questions/Concerns**

As always, please contact our office whenever you have questions or concerns.

## **Happy Spring**

As the piles of snow slowly melt outside our office windows, we wish everyone a speedy onset of spring!

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