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YOUR QUESTIONS... OUR ANSWERS

The Top Pre-Retirement Questions

Retirement Planning

- 1. What is the earliest date I can retire based on my current plan?
- 2. Is there a best month to retire in the year I've chosen?
- 3. Will my retirement income (pension & Social Security) and investment capital provide enough resources to allow a comfortable retirement?
- 4. What is the maximum amount I can spend during retirement and not risk running out of capital?
- 5. How should I pay for large capital expenditures such as home improvements, recreation vehicles, etc.?
- 6. Should I pay off my home mortgage?
- 7. Upon retirement, what deferred compensation payout schedule would be best for my circumstances?
- 8. Should I select the Accelerated Income Benefit to receive more income until Social Security income begins?

Tax Planning

- 9. How can my taxes be reduced after review of my tax return?
- 10. What is my current and projected federal income tax bracket?
- 11. What are the most appropriate investments based on my federal income tax bracket?
- 12. Will I need income from my IRA prior to age 59½?



We have compiled a list of the 29 most commonly asked questions by pre-retirees over the last 30 years as they prepare for retirement. If you can accurately answer each of these questions, you are financially ready to retire. If not, you have a guideline to begin the pre-retirement process.

Investment Planning

- 13. What are my current portfolio allocation percentages and how do they compare to my goal?
- 14. Are my 401k/VIP funds positioned properly based on my present circumstances and goals? If not, how, and when should I revise the fund allocation?
- 15. Which investments in my portfolio are performing poorly compared to other similar investments?
- 16. How can I increase the yield on my short-term cash accounts (i.e., savings, etc.)?
- 17. How can I reduce or defer income tax on my investments?
- 18. Upon retirement, should I defer or withdraw my 401k/VIP funds?

Insurance Planning

- 19. What pension joint and survivor benefit option should I select upon retirement: Straight Life, 50%, 75%, or 100% continuance?
- 20. Should I select the Straight Life or 50% joint and survivor benefit option and supplement the selection with life insurance?
- 21. What are my health care benefits upon retirement and what are the costs?
- 22. Is long term care insurance something I need to consider in our health care plan?
- 23. If I become disabled, is my group disability coverage adequate or would this have an impact on reaching or maintaining my retirement objectives?
- 24. Do I need more life insurance or is my group coverage enough?
- 25. I have old life insurance policies. Should these be held, cancelled, or upgraded to new life insurance policies?

Estate Planning

- 26. What are the estate planning alternatives I can consider with my attorney?
- 27. What are the advantages and disadvantages of wills and living trusts?
- 28. What other documents should be considered in addition to my will and/or living trust?
- 29. How can I avoid or reduce my estate taxes?

