



# Preferred Planning Concepts, LLC

Comprehensive Financial Services for Individuals, Professionals and Businesses

## Monthly Newsletter

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### “GIVING THANKS”

The Thanksgiving Holiday has come to represent many things to many people. The original Pilgrims held a feast, invited their native Indian brethren, and gave “thanks” to the heavens for both providing them with the food before them, and for helping them arrive safely in a new world in which they would be free to pursue the work, life and religion of their choosing. A stuffed turkey, cooked vegetables, and maize were the staples of their feast. Five hundred years later you will still find millions of people on the fourth Thursday in November gathering around a dinner table to carve the bird, gobble up the side dishes and indulge in a glass of wine. Each family has its own tradition of what happens on this day. To some, it is a wonderful time of gathering friends and family together without the exchange of gifts; and a time to love those around you, and laugh while reminiscing about long ago stories now suddenly refreshed in your mind.

The name itself is special: “Thanksgiving, or a time to give thanks”. The day is meant as a time to both reflect on the things in our lives for which we are thankful, and to remember those who are no longer with us to share this blessed day. It is a day on which we are free to stuff ourselves with delicious food, take a nap, chase the children or grandchildren around the yard or take part in your neighborhood’s anointed version of a “Turkey Bowl” football game.

As 2010 winds down, and the holiday season gets into full swing, it is likely that Thanksgiving Day will also give us pause to think about a soldier who is protecting our freedom across the ocean; and saying a prayer that he or she is home for next year’s carving of the turkey; maybe to think about the homeless person who is standing in a line somewhere waiting anxiously for a slice of turkey that was donated to the shelter by some caring person.

While we all have many things for which we are truly thankful, I’m sure that we all have worries that make us cry, or stay up at night. These could be thoughts of loved ones dealing with cancer or another illness, or someone you know struggling mightily with an emotional or spiritual challenge. It could be worry about when you will find a job, or when the economy will really get going again. In these situations, the “thanks” we give is not for the easily recognizable blessings we have had; but instead for the strength we have been given to help us make it through this difficult time.

In our profession, we are given the privilege and honor of working to help people achieve the level of financial independence they have targeted for themselves. In today’s tough economic times, that task comes with many obstacles. But in the end, when the person across the conference room table from you says “thank you for all you’ve done”, it is as if we get to celebrate Thanksgiving Day over and over again. Whatever makes Thanksgiving exceptional is personal to you. Life is too short and special, for us not to try and enjoy as many moments as possible. It is our wish that all of you have a very special “Thanksgiving Day”. All of us a PPC “give thanks” for the friendships and relationships we have with you, and for the trust and confidence you have shown back to us.

### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!**

Ken, Dave, Dominic, Julie, Therese, Maja and Asja

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