

# Seasons Greetings

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Please share this newsletter with friends and colleagues who may be interested in this information.



We know, we say it every year end, "Where did the year go?" It was a busy year at Mappa Wealth Management and the time did seem to rush by. Now as we enter the holiday season, it is a time to reflect on what we are grateful for and plan for a holiday season filled with joy, family and thankfulness.

All of us at Mappa Wealth Management are grateful for our families, our friends, and our Mappa team. We are also grateful for all of you, our clients, who honor us with your trust. Please know that we will always strive to do our best for you, your families and your businesses. We truly see ourselves as your partners in helping you create a strong financial future.

It's also the season of fun and family and we all have plans to celebrate this holiday season with family, travel and fun.

It's Thanksgiving at his aunt's house for **Mark and his family**. On December 27, the Mappa's leave for family time in Jamaica to celebrate the New Year. **Tanya Widner** will be spending Thanksgiving at her brother's, with her kids and family. She is taking off some well-deserved time at Christmas to spend time with her boyfriend and girls enjoying the seasonal highlights in Chicago.

**Steve Wilhusen** is spending time with family and then traveling to the Virgin Islands to relax and enjoy a week on a catamaran.

**Brett Gardiner** is staying quietly at home with family and friends and looking forward to the peace of the season. **Brook Ford** is staying home and also spending time with friends and family exploring restaurants and taking long walks with her daughter.

## Keeping Aging Parents Financially Safe

As another year comes to an end, it means that, for some of us, our parents are another year older and perhaps not as able to keep track of their finances as they previously were. Elder care lawyers report that instances of financial abuse occur regularly when adult children are not a part of their parents' financial lives.

Instances of financial abuse range from money being pilfered from checking accounts to property deeds signed over to others. Perpetrators can be anyone from disgruntled family members to caregivers, hairdressers, cleaning people and any others who come in regular contact with elderly people.

There are ways concerned family members can keep such financial abuse from occurring. Here are some tips:

- Hold a family meeting and decide who is to monitor financial matters and keep the others updated;
- Make sure you have access to your elderly family member's financial advisor and are part of any financial meetings your parent may have;
- Review your parents accounts, insurance policies, mortgages and property deeds on a regular basis;
- If your family member suddenly seems to be more isolated from friends and family, this may be a sign that someone else is having undue influence;
- Check with your family member's lawyer about their latest will;
- In extreme cases you may need to get an eldercare lawyer involved, and
- **Most important, stay in touch, call and visit frequently**

All of us at Mappa Wealth Management understand that this is a delicate situation and requires great care. We are here to help you take needed steps and provide you with the resources to help you keep your elderly family members financially safe.

For further information you can go to:  
[www.medicareadvantage.com/complete-guide-to-elder-financial-abuse](http://www.medicareadvantage.com/complete-guide-to-elder-financial-abuse)



## A Great Evening and an Amazing Story

Our October 22<sup>nd</sup> event was an unexpected evening for us. Colleague Rick Poole took us along with him as he relived his climb of Mount Everest. For almost two hours, Rick took all of us on, not just his unbelievable climb of Mt. Everest, but also on his philosophy of a "life well-lived." His message to all of us is don't wait. Don't wait to create your bucket list and live it. Create it now, check things off now and, if necessary, revise the list as you go along. Plan not just for the future but for the present as well.

Rick keeps his bucket list laminated and hanging in his shower. And the best part of his philosophy, his family is right alongside him. While they may not have climbed to the peak of the mountain with him, they travel and support him and have adventures of their own.

As he spoke, he took us with him up that legendary climb. It was an amazing evening and a fabulous lesson about how to live a well-planned life.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Mappa Wealth Management

#### Events coming in 2020

We're putting together our 2020 Mappa Wealth Management Events. As we plan our year of interesting and informative educational events and fun social evenings, we're excited about the year ahead. So check here and on our website for more information about upcoming events.

**Save-the-Date**  
**For Our First Educational Event**  
**Tuesday, January 28**

**More Information to Come**

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**

**The Pioneer Woman Cooks: The New Frontier**

**Ree Drummond**

This is the season for comfort food and beloved chef, Ree Drummond better known as the Pioneer Woman has a new book filled with great home-cooking recipes just right for this time of the year. Home-cooks everywhere will find great ideas for breakfast, lunch, dinner and of course snacks and dessert. It makes a great gift for someone on your gift list or a treat for yourself. The cooks in our group highly recommend.

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