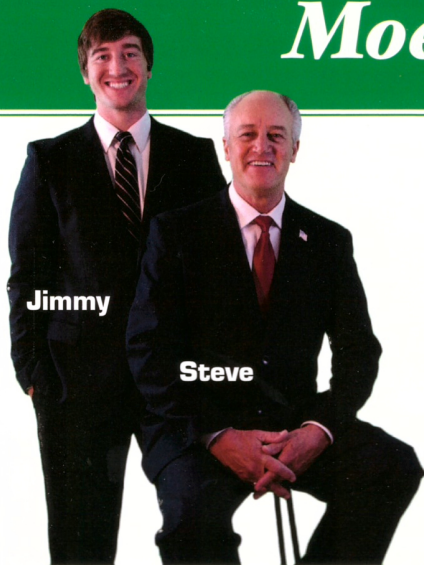


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Two amazing events have occurred recently and I will cover them both.

Since November 8 - the date of Donald Trump's presidential victory - the DOW is up better than 15%!

But, since February 21 - the date that our Jimmy got married - the 'Smile Chart' is up an incredible 100%!

They say "A picture is worth a thousand words" so I will let these revealing Wedding photo's do the talking. We - 60 guests came - had the most fantastic perfect week you could ever hope for.

The opulent all-inclusive Moon Palace Resort has a private half-mile beach, 18 unique swimming pools, a Jack Nicklaus golf course, 13 restaurants, 1,000 friendly waiters/waitress'/bartenders/helpers at your constant 'beck and call', nightly live shows, 12 bars - my personal favorites were the swim-up bars!

Jimmy and Michellie's destination wedding celebration was over the top. It started with the playing of "Here comes the Bride" and Michellie was no where to be found! And then we heard the clip clop of a beautiful all-white horse-drawn carriage which brought her and her mother to the chapel. Followed by the crazy reception on the beach which featured a 'buried in the sand' illuminated dance floor where all 60 of us acted like teenagers. Uncle Jim Connelly threw out his back doing "the gator" - it was hilarious, it felt like we were part of a Three Stooges movie! The evening ended with Jimmy's buddy Josh Dugan trying to bribe the band to 'keep playing' and those foolish musicians passed on a \$10,000 offer! We all

Jimmy's Wedding and The Trump Bump

came away from the week-long party with a ton of new best friends.

Jimmy is getting hit with all the 'marriage jokes', so here goes. Do any of you remember Henny Youngman? He asked his wife "Where do you want to go for our first anniversary?" She said "Somewhere I have never been!" He said "How about the kitchen." (hehe)

The Trump Bump

Trump's victory was the 'shot heard around the world'. The ebbs and flows of politics is so intriguing, so interesting, so exciting, and sometimes even miraculous.



Mr. and Mrs. James Moerdyk 2/21/2017

Years ago Ronald Reagan bluntly said "Peace through Strength". Meaning that it is wise to be overly prepared and to hold military superiority - and hope that you never need to use that advantage - rather than be under prepared and frail, and then forced into a fight. With all the saber rattling that both Russia and China are currently doing, President Trump will dramatically increase our readiness so that no one will dare mess with us.

The other 800 pound gorilla in the room which needs to be addressed is our massive national debt. We cannot continue to run-up absurd deficits because the world needs America to be solvent, strong, and wealthy - with credible reliable law and order. We need to pay down our debt.

Nobody wants to be the bad guy, but President Trump will step forward and say "I understand that a lot was promised to you, but the government did not have the right, nor the means, to offer it to you."

"You can always tell when a man is well-informed. His views are pretty much like yours" - Bob Hope

So, how do we manage our financial portfolio's going into the Trump years? I really don't think we vary too much from what we have been doing. Continue with a prudent blend of equities/riskiness and debt/safety. You have heard me say it a million times "We are all different, we all think differently from the next guy." You may be able to endure risk, or you may be very conservative, but start from a 50/50 blend of risk to safety, and let's adjust from there.

Over the past year I have become enamored by the book "The Retirement Miracle." In fact, we have begun to pass it out as a replacement for our business card. This revealing financial book should be read by everyone young and old. It is a quick fun read, and does an excellent job of explaining the reliable strategies and dependable products that we routinely recommend. **if you would like a copy, please call the office.

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Steve and Jimmy Moerdyk

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Over the years, Moerdyk Financial Inc. has developed a straightforward no-nonsense reputation. Their investment advice is efficient and appreciated. They have helped hundreds of retired people to better understand the financial benefits from the old adage 'Don't put all your eggs in one basket'. Their experienced guidance on income distribution and asset sustainability has earned them a respected advisory position among senior residents in the Grand Rapids community.

President Steve Moerdyk met his wife Annie at Michigan State University. They were married in 1979 and reside on beautiful Lake Bella Vista in Rockford. They have two children, Carly 32, and Jimmy 27. Carly is a Neurologist and she lives in Sydney, Australia with her husband Kia, and two sons Sammy and Cass.

Jimmy Moerdyk joined Moerdyk Financial Inc. in 2011 after graduating from the Broad Business School at Michigan State University. He joins his father in pursuing Moerdyk Financial's commitment to helping people achieve their financial goals. Jimmy's natural attention to detail, his aptitude for problem solving, and his comprehension of complex financial strategies, are invaluable to our clients.



Mr. and Mrs. James Moerdyk
Moon Palace in Cancun, Mexico
February 21, 2017



In the red dress is Michellie's gorgeous mother Marcia with her sisters Linda and Anne. Can you tell that my wife Annie is totally enjoying herself! As are her sisters Sandy and Ellie. Beautiful ladies at a beautiful wedding.



Grandson Sammy with his two girlfriends Emery and, getting a kiss, Adrian.



This is a picture of Annie and I in complete bliss and happiness - we love our new daughter-in-law and her entire family - and crazy friends!



My daughter Carly (on left) and Maddy Hassberger are enjoying Jimmy's dance with his mommy. It was a wonderful moment.



Jimmy's two beautiful Auntie's flew in from Boston. On the left is Sandy Bradshaw and on the right is Ellie Connelly.

Someday we shall all stand before Him and give an account.