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## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **EXTENDED 2010 CORPORATE AND PARTNERSHIP RETURNS**

Please be reminded that your 2010 corporate or partnership return is due September 15, 2011. There are no further extensions. *In order for us to complete your returns by the due date, it is imperative that all information and documentation be in our office* **NO LATER THAN September 1, 2011.**

### **LABOR DAY**

We will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> to observe a day of rest from our gainful employment.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

After Labor Day we will return to our normal business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### **SEPTEMBER 15 ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS DUE**

Mark your calendars now to remind you to make your third quarter estimated federal and state tax payments.

### **“STUPID FIGHT: A FOOL’S BATTLE”**

“The ugly budget fight is spooking the markets. What a default or downgrade would mean for stocks, bonds and the economy.” “Dow slides 4.24% in Worst Week in a Year.” Source: *Barron’s*. “Failure to reach a debt ceiling deal could mean a jump in interest rates, a lower dollar value, loan difficulties and delayed Social Security payments. “Many economists predict the country’s credit rating will likely be lowered even if the country doesn’t default.” Source: *ksdk.com*.

### **ANEMIC INTEREST RATES**

Many of us are dismayed at the interest rates being offered by our banks and brokerage firms. One client withdrew his funds from a local bank paying .4% saying he would rather put it in his mattress!

A word of caution may be in order. Be careful of an interest rate that is in excess of the rates being paid by banks and stock brokerage firms. It may be that the product you are purchasing may be an annuity and the higher interest rate may be a “teaser” rate. That means it is only good for six months and then the rate will decline to the bank interest rate. Also, annuities typically have surrender charges for the first 7-years of the contract. These surrender charges generally start at 7% and decline as the contract matures.

**IF YOU LIKE OUR SERVICE, TELL OTHERS. IF YOU DO NOT, TELL US.**

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