

New Monthly Meetings to Help Women Reach Financial Independence

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Join a new monthly roundtable meeting with lectures and discussions designed to assist women in reaching financial independence is starting at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21 at Darien Library.

This month's discussion tries to answer the question, "What is going on in the market?"

An easy-to-follow discussion on what has been going on in the financial markets. We'll reveal what's been moving the markets and why, then take a look ahead to see what may happen in the remainder of 2017. Best of all, we'll share some secrets for positioning your portfolio in these uncertain times.

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About the Presenters

Liz Maccarone is a financial analyst. She joined Merrill Lynch in 2012 and is a graduate of Fairfield University. She coordinates and monitors investment strategies and planning services for clients.

Julia Strayer is the senior vice president, wealth management advisor for Merrill Lynch. Prior to her move to Merrill Lynch in 2000, Julia was vice president and private banker for BankBoston's Private Bank for seven years, responsible for asset management and trust services.

Previously, Julia worked in marketing for nine years with Merrill Lynch. Julia has a BA from Ohio State University and an MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business.

Julia has appeared on the CNBC show "Power Lunch," CBS "This Morning," WGCH's "Women in Business," in addition to featured articles in USA Today. Julia has hosted women roundtable discussions throughout her career. She is also an adjunct professor at New York University.