

Sun City Summerlin Computer Club

**Internet Investing
SIG**

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SIG Meeting Schedule

- The Internet Investing SIG meets every other “even” month on the third Thursday morning at **9:30 AM**.
- The next six meeting dates will be:
 - *December 21, 2017*
 - *February 15, 2018*
 - *April 19, 2018*
 - *June 28, 2018*
 - *August 16, 2018*
 - *October 18, 2018*

Fundamentals Review

- Dollar has weakened a bit against foreign currencies.
 - *Oil priced in dollars (for now) – around \$52 / barrel.*
 - *Stock indexes at/near record highs – very topy (S&P to VIX ratio)*
 - <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-10-07/visualizing-real-test-market-bulls-1-simple-chart>
 - *Defense stocks up. Tech stocks up. Big oil profits down.*
 - <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-10-17/world%E2%80%99s-largest-oil-companies-deep-trouble-profits-vaporize-while-debts-skyrocket>
- Headlines: Iran, Russians in Syria, North Korea, terrorism.
 - *“Flight to quality” (Selling stocks and buying US Govt. debt) has eased bond yields down. The 10 year Treasury note now yields about 2.28%
The 30 year Treasury note yield is about 2.86%.*
- Hurricanes, floods & fires impacting economy.
- Eurozone – still in **BIG** trouble due to hoards of refugees.
- Federal Reserve likely to raise rates .25% to 1.5% before year-end.
- Gov’t Claims US Job Situation is Improved.
 - *But BLS just makes up numbers, so who really knows.*
- Official Inflation rate as of October 1 was 2.2% / year
 - *NV Gasoline holding (\$2.46 at Costco)*
 - *Medical care & insurance is NOT cheap*

Alternative Portfolio Trackers

- Google Finance recently announced they were discontinuing their portfolio feature in November, 2017
- Yahoo Finance keeps *endlessly* changing their portfolio feature.
- What are some alternatives – both online and local on your PC?

Online

- CNBC: <https://www.cnbc.com>
 - *Very similar to Yahoo Finance*
- Morningstar: <http://www.morningstar.com>
 - *Similar to Yahoo Finance*
- Personal Capital: <https://www.personalcapital.com/>

Local

- Jstock: <https://jstock.org/>
 - *(Open source, runs on Windows, Linux, MacOS and Android)*
- Quicken Deluxe: www.quicken.com
 - *(Windows and MacOS)*

Open Discussion