

# **Hoosier Hills Estate Planning Council**



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#### Dear Members:

I hope that you have enjoyed our Indiana summer despite the unusual circumstances in which we all find ourselves. In this message, I would like to first express thanks to some of our members and remind you of our upcoming event. Then, I would like to give you an idea of our plans for this year.

Thank you to the following HHEPC board members who recently left our board: Brad Minor, Christina Richardson, and Steve Hackman. We are grateful for their participation and contributions. In addition, thank you to David Maschino for his leadership and service as HHEPC president for the prior two years.

Next, please take a moment to <u>check your membership account status</u> on the HHEPC site, and renew your membership, if needed. You can easily <u>do all of this online by clicking here</u>.

The last reminder is to be sure <u>to register for our Thursday</u>, <u>August 20</u> <u>webinar here</u>, if you have not already done so. Patrick Gilkey and Tim Back of First Financial Bank will speak about Market Outlook and Behavioral Finance Implications for Investing.

Now, let's look ahead to the rest of 2020 and beyond. I think we can all agree that 2020 has been one of many challenges and the challenges that HHEPC in this time are similarly steep. One of the most valuable aspects of HHEPC is the camaraderie we develop with our colleagues through our social and educational events. Yes, HHEPC events help us meet other professionals in a variety of fields, which helps us better-serve our clients, and HHEPC lunch seminars are a reliable source of continuing education credits. However, HHEPC events also allow members to make that most human connection—friendships. Building a professional network is important, but when your colleagues are also your friends, it makes working as hard as we all do much more enjoyable.

Unfortunately, our current public health crisis has curtailed our ability to meet our friends in person and to gather as a group. This has certainly made planning events such as HHEPC's challenging. However, our board has decided to seize this time to implement technology to enhance HHEPC's future offerings and to allow those connections to continue.

Our board has spent a lot of time considering the options for 2020-2021. HHEPC will offer the September and November seminars virtually this year. We will do what we can to make these as interactive as possible. We plan to make a decision regarding 2021 programming in early January, we are tentatively planning in-person seminars in 2021. Importantly, we plan to continue the virtual options even after we are able to meet in person, which will expand the number of people who can "attend" our events and grow HHEPC in a new direction.

Finally, <u>our board</u> has determined to postpone the Estate Planning Day 2021, which would normally take place in May, to October of 2021, so that we have a better likelihood of being able to hold an in person event.

We have a wonderful board this year and they are working hard. I am looking forward to serving as your president for the 2020-2021 membership year, and I invite all members to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, ideas, or just want to say hello. We can all use more connections with friends during this time.

All the best, Erin Martoglio President