

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
Serving Chicago and North/South/West Suburban Counties & Beyond
*Your Half-yearly Update***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The first half of 2025 presented a challenging and dynamic environment for investors. The reversal of market trends from 2024, coupled with trade tensions, inflation worries, and Federal Reserve policy uncertainty, led to increased volatility and market declines. While some sectors benefited from the rotation to value stocks, the overall market experienced a correction, and investors grappled with navigating these shifting conditions.

We had a lot of activities during the first half of 2025. We held Community engagements, SDG meetings, and club visits. All in all a great start to the year.

Club certificates were received in the mail. These will be sent out to the clubs including the letter from the Chicagoland Chapter

BINC 2025 is just around the corner! I am sure all of us are excited and looking forward to it. This being online and spread over two Saturdays, makes it more interesting and gives us a chance to attend without having to travel. However, like in the past year, the in person interaction will be missed!

Please feel free to reach out to us for any help or guidance in education. We look forward to seeing everyone, either online or hopefully in person in the future.

Interested in joining us? We are always looking for volunteers. If you have any ideas, please share, by emailing at contact@chicagoland.betterinvesting.net

As a final note below is a quote for the current times.

"The stock market is a device for transferring money from the impatient to the patient... and sometimes, the brave to the terrified." - Warren Buffett

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The following Chicagoland chapter clubs are celebrating milestone anniversaries (defined by five-year increments) and have received anniversary certificates from the home office. We wish to acknowledge these clubs and congratulate them all on their hard work and longevity. Would you like to have your club featured in the Chicagoland chapter's newsletter? We can write a short article about your club's success. Let your fellow BetterInvestors know what it means to be a member in this community

Anniversary	Name
10	<i>Bronzeville Investment Club</i>
30	<i>Women's Wealth Investment Club</i>
30	<i>Women On Wednesday - WOW</i>
30	<i>Fortnightly Investment Club</i>
45	<i>Sawbuck Investment Club</i>
30	<i>Riverside Fund Money Investment Club</i>
30	<i>Mutua Investment Club of Park Forest</i>
25	<i>Blazing 99 Investors</i>
25	<i>Akanomic Pearls Investment Club</i>
25	<i>Millennium Prosperity Group</i>
25	<i>Weslake Investment Club</i>
5	<i>Fit Folio LLC</i>
40	<i>Online Investment Club</i>
20	<i>Women Of Vision Investment Network</i>
30	<i>Women Investing In Security & Education</i>

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Here are some recent club visits conducted over the last few months:

- The **Concord Group** 30+ year investment club, needed a tutorial on how best to provide a withdrawing club member with a stock payout. **Director Ray Giese** covered the procedures and protocols when transferring stock to a withdrawing member, as well as how the withdrawal affects the club members overall.
- **Director Ray Giese** also visited the **Brickton Investment Club** 25+ year investment club. This was an educational trip. He walked them through completing an SSG of stocks that were featured in a recent issue of the BI magazine.
- In January 2025, **Director Paul Rom** conducted a club visit for the **Bronzeville Investment Club** during the club's annual meeting. The virtual club visit concentrated on how to use the BetterInvesting PERT reports and how they can enhance the club's awareness of changes occurring in their portfolio.
- Another important club visit was provided to the **Power of Women Inc Club** by **Director Wilma Rice** in January. This newly formed club wanted to better understand how the BetterInvesting tools and other benefits can help them run a more effective club meeting.

As a BetterInvesting investment club, you are *entitled to have a club visit by a Chicagoland chapter director*.

Club visits may be conducted either in-person or online and can cover a variety of investment topics. For example, your club may wish to better understand the stock study guide or have your club portfolio reviewed. New clubs and established clubs can all benefit from a club visit.

These are just some of the ways the Chicagoland chapter can assist your club. Interested in a club visit for your investment club? Contact us for more information at contact@betterinvesting.chicagoland.net to for more information.

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In the first half of 2025 we had three fruitful SDG meetings. Most of them had very good attendance and it was great to see interaction between the attendees and the presenter. Thanks to Director Paul Rom for scheduling these and conducting them diligently in February, April and May. June we have BINC, so we will be skipping June and have the next one in July. The date will be sent out later.

SDG meetings are listed on the Chicagoland chapter website. The link to local events is [Chicagoland Chapter Events](#).

A "stock discussion group" refers to a gathering of individuals, typically part of a local BetterInvesting investment club, where they come together to discuss and analyze stocks, share investment ideas, and review potential portfolio changes, often using the BetterInvesting methodology for stock selection and evaluation; essentially, it's a forum for members to openly talk about their stock picks and investment strategies within the BetterInvesting framework

How many millionaires do you know who have become wealthy by investing in savings accounts? I rest my case." — Robert G. Allen

BINC Event:

BetterInvesting National Convention (BINC) 2025 - This year's event held virtually on June 7 & June 14. Offers accessibility for attendees worldwide. For details on Corporate Presentation slots and pricing, contact Brenda Gayle (brendag@betterinvesting.org) from the Corporate Relations Department.

Community Engagement:

Sheryl Carter (past president of Chicagoland chapter and current director) led a well-received "Financial Workshop for Seniors" - on February 24, 2025. This event was sponsored by the City of Chicago Department of Family and Social Services.

Another engaging workshop on "Financial Literacy" on April 24, 2025 was conducted by Chicagoland chapter President Akari Muhisani and Mitul Koya. This was organized by African Student Association, and Economic Awareness Council in the Financial Aid Office - Malcolm X College. A decent number of students attended this session.