# Welcome & Introduction

### Grow It. Guard It. Building Wealth and Beating Scammers.

- Presented by: Bill DeMarco & Al Feronti, CLU
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- Who we are and what we do
- Why this session matters today
- What you'll take away: clarity, confidence, and caution



### Today's Financial Reality

Market ups & downs, inflation, and interest rate shifts

 Rise in cybercrime and financial fraud Financial literacy =financial security



### Grow It — Build with Purpose

Define your goals: short-, mid-, long-term

 Know your risk tolerance and timeline • Compounding: small steps = big results over time



### Investment Principles that Work

### Diversification = financial safety net

- Dollar-cost averaging in volatile markets
- Use tax-advantaged accounts (403(b), Roth IRA, HSA)
- Review and rebalance regularly



### Tailored Strategies for You

Match your plan to your life goals

 Asset allocation by age, stage, and income needs Why working with a fiduciary matters



### Guard It — Protect What You've Built

Understand financial risks: market, longevity, fraud

Have the right insurance in place

Emergency fund = first line of defense



# The Scam Epidemic

- 1 in 5 Americans targeted annually
- Common scams: IRS calls, Social Security fraud, fake investments
- Real stories of real people caught off guard





### Spotting and Avoiding Scams



Pause before sharing sensitive info



 Watch for urgency, fear tactics, and emotional manipulation



Use strong passwords& 2FA



 Rely on credible sources and certified advisors



### Simple Cybersecurity Steps



USE PASSWORD MANAGERS



NEVER USE PUBLIC
 WI-FI FOR BANKING



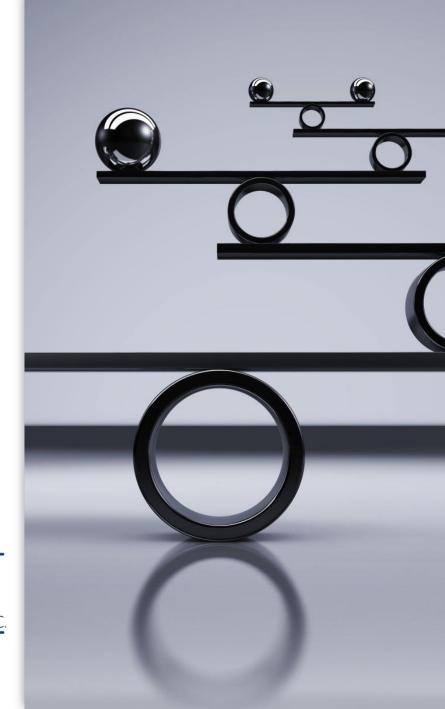
• KEEP DEVICES & ANTIVIRUS UP TO DATE



# Balance Growth with Protection

- Growth strategies with downside protection
- Risk tolerance = emotional and financial readiness
- Regular financial checkups are key





### Stories from the Field



Success stories: smart investors, safe savers



 Mistakes to avoid (and how we help clients bounce back)



Quick tips you can use right now



## Final Thoughts & Resources

- Stay informed. Be consistent.
   Question everything too good to be true.
- Trusted tools:
- - annualcreditreport.com
- - identitytheft.gov
- Talk with a fiduciary before making big moves



### Q&A + Contact Info





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