

***Financial Fitness
for Women***
A talk with Joanne Bennett
Thursday, April 16, 7pm
Centre Furnace Mansion

The Economy: two words that will bring a chill to anyone's spine. How did we get into the situation that we're in? And what's more, from the perspective of our own financial situation, how do we deal with it? The answers to these questions are complex in any environment. Being Financially Fit in these times is a particular challenge. On Thursday, April 16th, at 7:00 PM, we invite you to engage in a discussion with Joanne Bennett about building wealth, borrowing, and retirement.

Joanne moved to State College four years ago to enjoy a slower pace of life as she and her husband began looking forward to retirement. Before moving here, she worked for a number of years in the financial industry. She was a Senior Liaison at Fidelity Investments in Boston during the tumultuous 80's, working primarily in the international markets with both banks and brokers. She was charged with assuring that debt and equity trades made by Fidelity's fund managers, including those made by the legendary Peter Lynch and his Magellan Fund, were handled and completed in an orderly fashion. More recently she was the Assistant Financial Advisor at a State College based financial planning firm where she earned her accreditation as a Registered Paraplanner.

Joanne will comment on the present economic environment, touching on the events that led up to our current situation, as well as examine how our belief system about money and spending may need to change to help us manage in an uncertain market environment. She will deal with very practical questions: How do you spend your hard earned dollars? What is your approach to investing? What does an optimal, healthy budget look like? Where do you need to improve your budget? What are some of the investment options available today? How much will you need for retirement?

We hope that you'll join us for what we believe will be a lively and interesting discussion on Financial Fitness for Women.