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What's New

As of July 8, 2013

Here's a quick update of what's new from New Road Map Foundation, host of FinancialIntegrity.org and the [Simple Living Forum](http://SimpleLivingForum). These community-created websites are the "go-to" places for people who are integrating financial integrity into their lives by aligning their financial lifestyles with their personal values and goals.

Event:

In case you missed it, here's a link to the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) conference; their, "Once per year ... can't-miss gathering that is a who's who of innovators collaborating to build a new economy." They met in Buffalo, New York on June 12-14, 2013, and [posted the video](#) for the rest of us.

On The Wiki

Resource: [Ethical Markets](#)

[Ethical Markets](#) provides news and perspective on the Green Transition, Reforming Global Finance, SRI and more by gathering information from around the world with analysis by their editor-in-chief, Hazel Henderson.

Member Profile: [Dianne and Chuck - Financial Independence at Fifty](#)

Diane Williams is New Road Map Foundation's Treasurer. She and her husband reached FI at 50, without ever making more than \$100,000 per year.

"Our priority was freedom from paid employment in our fifties which helped us focus on jobs that paid well and provided good benefits. We learned to invest in the stock market for the long term."

"We love doing what we want to do when we want. Life is good!!!"

The rest of the story is on our [wiki](#).

Tools and Examples: [Step 1\) Practicing Gratitude](#)

[Step One](#) in the Financial Integrity Program is about reflection. How much money has flowed into your life? How much has flowed back out again? The difference makes all the difference.

Celebrate what you've accomplished, and then begin asking, "What could I do differently?"

In The News

Federal Student Loan Rates

Under the heading of "Dull but Important", Federal student loan rates [doubled](#). We hate being the ones to tell you that, but hopefully you already knew.

Reading List: Utne Reader

This month's reading list comes compliments of [Simple Living Forum](#).

[Utne Reader](#)'s goal is to "Cure Ignorance, and is known for gathering news from alternative sources. Alternative also explains the lifestyles, economies, and philosophies described in its pages.

Facebook Highlights

A Popular post was a poster

One of the most popular posts on NRM/FI's Facebook page was the poster of the 9-Steps to Financial Independence. Nice to see that the 9-Steps continue their popularity. Keep up the good work and spread the word!

If you haven't seen them lately, [here's a page](#) from the Guide that summarizes them.

The Best of Simple Living Forums

Who's Really Buying All of those Houses?

The housing market is recovering, or so we hear. But, who is actually buying all of those houses? There's a continual pressure for some percentage of the population to move, but there are also speculators and even corporations buying properties when they are low, hoping to sell them when they are high - and maybe rent them in the meantime. If that's the case, is the market truly recovering? Catch up on [the community's comments](#).

Passing the Baton

The Simple Living Forum is a living network of people. As an all-volunteer-run forum, there are always wonderful people who serve the community by joining the Mod(erating) Squad. "Lhamo" is one such star who's helped anchor the team for years. She has been moderating and doing administrative work for SLF while living a busy life in China, doing important NGO work, and raising a family. All the while, she's been a wise voice and advisor to others. She's blending in with the crowd, but she'll always stand out as a stand-up community member -- thanks [Lhamo](#)!!

Come Join Us

Transform the World's Relationship With Money

As a community-edited "wiki", content is constantly being updated at www.FinancialIntegrity.org. Come cruise the site for the latest entries, add new resources you've found, and let us all know what you're doing to increase financial integrity in your lives and in the world. If you're having any problems using the wiki, please let the moderators know at info@financialintegrity.org. We're here to help!

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