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Letter From the Editor Call For Articles

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Six months after being inundated with articles, I am (we are) suffering through the second issue of an article drought. Some requests for articles have simply not worked out and few other articles are arriving. Perhaps, this is nothing more than the workings of the “law of small numbers,” but a lesson is clear: the section needs your articles. Many of you have an article within you that is trying to work its way through your fingertips to your keyboard or pen. It may be a concept from a presentation that you made or a memorandum that you wrote, from an observation that struck you or even from a communication that you received that resonates with you. As I have written before, articles need not be epic. There is beauty in a short article that makes a single point and makes it well, like a brilliant small diamond solitaire. Please listen for those articles within you, and let them out!

Having carved the Thanksgiving turkey just a week ago, I should easily recognize that our situation has had its positives. While there have been few articles, they have been good articles. Hopefully, the few articles that we have published have been very helpful to our readers.



Another positive is that we have a new associate editor. Rick Browne has joined Keith, Terry and me on the editorial team. I look forward to getting to know Rick better and to his future contributions to the newsletter.

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving—and even Christmas and New Year’s—will be distant memories. You may be thinking about financials for 2003 or about cash flows in 2008. In addition, you probably face some large problems that were totally unexpected. Hopefully, your challenges have not overwhelmed your ability to be thankful, and you can be thankful that it is you who has the skill, training and experience—and the opportunity—to confront the challenges that you face and improve the financial security of people you will never meet. I am also thankful that *The Financial Reporter* provides me an opportunity to help equip you for those challenges. ☒

- Jerry



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