

**Pilgrimage to Warren Buffett's Omaha:  
A Hedge Fund Manager's Dispatches  
from Inside the Berkshire Hathaway Annual Meeting  
&  
Panel Presentation on the  
Collaborative Divorce Process**

Our first speaker of the evening will be author/hedge fund manager/blogger Jeff Matthews. Based on two visits to the famous "Woodstock for Capitalists"—the Berkshire annual meeting—as well as visits to Berkshire-owned Nebraska Furniture Mart and conversations with Berkshire executives, Jeff provides a front-row view of how the 78-year old Buffett and his partner, Charlie Munger have managed to grow Berkshire in 42 out of the last 43 years. In plain, straightforward language, Jeff will address the following topics:

- What is Warren Buffett's key personality trait that makes him so successful?
- What caused Buffett to declare financial derivatives "ticking time bombs" five years before the rest of the world became aware of their dangers?
- How has Buffett prepared Berkshire Hathaway for today's financial crisis?
- What hidden weaknesses might lurk within Berkshire Hathaway after 43 years of Buffett's management?
- What role has Charlie Munger—"The Abominable No-Man"—played in Berkshire's success?
- Most importantly, will Berkshire survive without Warren Buffett?

Our second presentation of the evening will be a panel presentation on Collaborative Practice or Collaborative Divorce, which is a newer way for families to resolve disputes respectfully, without going to court, while working with trained professionals who are important to all areas of life (legal, financial, family, and emotional). The goal of Collaborative Practice is to offer individuals and families the support, protection, and guidance provided by their own attorneys without going to court. Additionally, the Collaborative process allows for the benefit of neutral child and financial specialists, and divorce coaches all working together on one team. A panel of speakers from the New York Association of Collaborative Professionals ([www.nycollaborativeprofessionals.org](http://www.nycollaborativeprofessionals.org)) from the legal, financial and mental health fields will discuss the Collaborative process including the core elements, the roles of each professional, provide examples, and answer your questions. Awareness and understanding of this approach could be of value to your clients, friends and/or family if they face divorce. Also, you may be interested in incorporating this type of work into your practice.

**About Our Panelists**

**MaryEllen Linnehan, Esq.** - an attorney specializing in Collaborative Practice and President of the New York Association of Collaborative Professionals (NYACP).

**Micki McWade, LMSW** - a Collaborative Divorce coach, psychotherapist, parent educator and clinical social worker and Board Member of NYACP.

**Steven M. Kaplan, CPA/ABV, MBA** - a neutral financial specialist and Board Member of NYACP.

**Allison J. Bell, Psy.D.** - a Child Specialist who is specialty-trained in child psychology, neuropsychological evaluation of children and marital therapy and co-chair of the Executive Committee of the Hudson Valley Divorce and Dispute Resolution Association.

**About Jeff Matthews**

Jeff Matthews has nearly 30 years experience on Wall Street and has run his own hedge fund for 15 years. He started as an energy analyst at Merrill Lynch in 1979, moved into the consumer and technology fields as an analyst at several large investment firms, and founded his own hedge fund, Ram Partners LP, in 1994. His financial blog, [JeffMatthewsIsNotMakingThisUp](http://JeffMatthewsIsNotMakingThisUp), was recommended by Barron's in 2006 and has been featured in the Wall Street Journal's Market Beat. His first book, "Pilgrimage to Warren Buffett's Omaha," was just published by McGraw-Hill.

**Dinner Meeting  
at a Glance**

Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
5:00 p.m. Registration/Networking  
5:30 p.m. Program Begins  
(dinner included)

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION  
IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!**

**Antonees (The Elk's Club)**  
115 North Broadway, White Plains, NY  
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[www.fpaghv.org](http://www.fpaghv.org).

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An application for continuing education credits has been filed with CFP Board.

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or pay by credit card online at our FPA Store: <http://www.fpaghv.org/store/Shop-FPAGHV.html>.

**Dinner Meeting Fees:**  
FPA of Greater Hudson Valley & FPA of CT:  
\$45 Advance - \$55 at door, space permitting

**Season Pass Holders:**  
While there is no additional fee for this meeting, your RSVP is required.

**Other FPA Chapters, the NYSSCPA  
& other Non-Members:**  
\$55 Advance - \$65 at door, space permitting  
If paying at the door, check or cash only.  
(space permitting)

**Invite your colleagues!  
Remember, first-time guests  
are welcome to attend for free!**

**Meeting Cancellation Policy**

If we must cancel this meeting, an email will be sent to all registrants for whom we have an email address. If you are unable to check your email, call 877-817-8400 and the announcement will clearly indicate whether it is cancelled. Except in unusual circumstances, we would know about the cancellation at least 3-5 hours before the meeting. If you should need to cancel, let us know by 4 pm on Friday, February 5th. There will be a \$30 charge if you do not cancel and do not attend.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

We are pleased to announce that **Jeff's book, "Pilgrimage to Warren Buffett's Omaha,"** will be available for purchase during our dinner meeting at a discounted price of only \$10 per copy! (Regular Bookstore Price: \$24.95)

**Only 40 books will be available for sale at this great price, so be sure to bring \$10 with you (cash or check only, no credit cards).**

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