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Stock Market Challenge Midpoint Report!

Congratulations to our winners at midpoint in our fundraiser for our club. Look how their game \$10,000 stocks grew!

First Place	\$75.00	Eric van den Beemt	\$10,533.58
Second Place	\$50.00	Janet Sunness	\$10,475.81
Third Place	\$25.00	Cindy Jacobson	\$10,469.94
And Last Place	\$20.00	Leslie Schwandtner	\$8,816.91

As is said, "The checks are in the mail." Look at the "Portfolio Value midpoint" accompanying file to see each of our winners' stock choices. Then check out your own to see if you guessed right on any of the value increased stocks.

Thank you for participating. Look over this newsletter to see if you would like to join us in our activities. We would love to see you all!

REPORT: Essay Awards

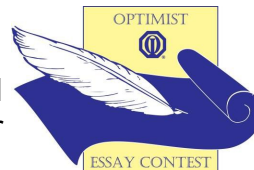
The top 3 essays writers were honored with framed certificates and gift cards. Students read their "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges" entry.

1st Rachel Edsall, Fallston High School \$100

2nd Christy Reid, Dulaney High School \$75

3rd Kristen Mitchell, Dulaney High School \$50

Members loved meeting their families, enjoyed the sweet snacks and applauded the efforts of these young ladies.



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of Month
7:30 PM

FUTURE HOME
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Report: Math Counts Maryland State Competition: March Mike Borowitz, Barbara Crain helped students the Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus in Baltimore.

Report: Hereford Optimist Bingo

14 members and friends tried to win, but only 1 did! Our winning was being with the BEST Optimists and helping Hereford raise funds for HOBY and other events.



Saturday, April 15 Zone 6 Meeting 1-3:30 Annex

We are hosting lunch. Come join our 7 other clubs in Baltimore County and share the joy of Optimism. Carol P needs side dishes (salads, pickles, chips) to help round out the meal.

April 28-30 MDSO Optimist 3rd Quarter Convention, Ocean City @ Carousel Hotel

\$20 for meetings and the meals & hotel are on your own.

Business Meeting Thursday May 4 @ 7:30

Join us as we finalize plans for Independence Day Fireworks at Dave's house.

Cinco de Mayo Friday May 5 @ 5:30



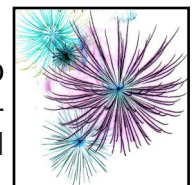
Join us for a club social with the Ravens Roost!!!!!!! Pot luck Mexican type easy-eating foods please—at the Ward annex meeting room. It is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza. In the US, we celebrate our Mexican-American culture with fun, food and good drinks.

*****Please also bring a canned food item for a community pantry for those that are not as fortunate as us.

Towson University Club



On March 27 Adam Drescher and Carol Applegate visited the TU Club meeting hosted by Christina Alms, President. She thanked us for participating in their fundraiser at Panera Bread. Four of us had dinner and Panera donated 10% of all the evenings proceeds.

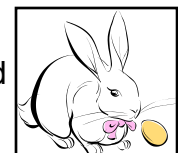


Independence Day Saturday July 1 Fireworks

Kick Off Meeting on April 6 and follow up on May 4. Join us at 7:30 at Dave's house. We will be selling raffle tickets during June on Saturday and Sunday.

Live your life by choices, not by chance.
David Cottrell

Enjoy our spring sunshine and showers, Easter and Passover.



The Optimist Creed



Promise Yourself —

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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