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Stock Market Challenge (SMC) 2020

Thank you to the 188 friends who participated this year. Each SMC participant selected five different stocks from the list of 49 stocks. A portfolio was made with \$2,000 for each of their five stocks for a total value of \$10,000, based on stock prices at the close of the markets on February 28. The SMC is a competition to see whose portfolios perform the best over the months of March and April. Sixteen financial prizes from \$600 to \$10 will be awarded with five at midpoint and 11 at final.



Only two players' portfolios increased. The rest of us decreased.

At the beginning the highest priced stocks were:

Amazon.com	\$1883.75
Alphabet, Inc. (Google)	\$1339.33
Tesla Motors, Inc.	\$ 667.99



The lowest stocks were:

Patterson-UTI Energy	\$5.73
Marathon Oil Corp	\$8.28
Realty Holdings Group	\$9.27

The SMC is a simulation and no money is invested in stocks. SMC participants are actually making a donation supporting GJOC's youth and community activities.

REPORT: Stock Market Challenge (SMC) Midpoint

1st Place	\$50.00	William Hauck, Sr.	\$10,245.15
2nd Place	\$40.00	Kathryn Brayton	\$10,146.54
3rd Place	\$20.00	James Salmons	\$ 9,985.57
4th Place	\$10.00	Susan Bond	\$ 9,946.84
And Last Place	\$20.00	Pat Applegate	\$ 4,203.36

My husband Pat is the worst this year and I was the worst last year...no wonder we still have to work in our retirement! Hope my 403b does better.

Checks will be mailed to winners within the week. Congratulations!

Carol Applegate,
President 2019-20



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First Thursday of

Month

7:30 PM

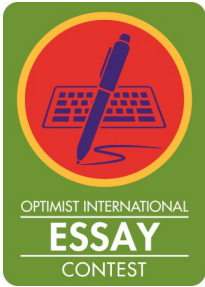
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Optimist Essay Contest



REPORT: Terri Parrish, chair. “Just iMagine a World without Boundaries.” We appreciate the three judges who read all the entries and selected our winners. All three students are from Dulaney Valley High School. Mrs. Maria Hiaasen is their English teacher.

Thomas Sheggrud	1st place	\$100 gift card
Gwendolyn Sutton	2nd place	\$75 gift card
Gareth Bevans	3rd place	\$50 gift card

Membership meetings have been canceled until after this Covid-19 is safe for us to gather again.

Johns Hopkins Believe in Tomorrow House for families of children with cancer. I delivered 5 bags of nonperishable food and snacks from Carol A and Helen Petrich on March 6.



Optimist Oratorical Contest

REPORT: Carol Applegate, chair. On March 5, Mackenzie Bianchi, a senior at Harford Technical High School, gave her speech at our membership meeting. The topic was “Just iMagine a World without Boundaries” and 4 to 5 minutes was the time limit. Members critiqued her presentation. She was given a \$50 gift card to help set up her dorm room when she enters Meredith College in September.



She works as a veterinary tech and plays team soccer.

Independence Day

We are looking to the future but have not decided if the community gathering and fireworks on June 27 should be postponed or canceled for 2020. We certainly could use flashing bright lights and laughter when our sheltering in place ends.

Happy April Birthday!
Pam McCollum 4/25



We hope you are all well, safe at home, and are keeping in touch with family and friends. Please ask for help if you need it. There are wonderful people in our communities that will come to your aid. Don't be shy—ask.