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Upcoming Calendar Dates

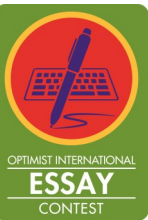
Zone 5 meeting 9:30 Saturday April 5 at Dundalk Optimist clubhouse 4528 N. Point Blvd. Dundalk 21219. Brunch will be served.

Zone 5 Oratorical Contest Tuesday April 8, 7pm. St John's Lutheran.

Fireworks meeting Monday 4/14 at 8 pm, Zoom

Membership Meeting Thursday May 1 at 7pm.

Essay



22 essays were from Dulaney, Fallston, Maryvale, and Towson. Two of our top three writers attended our March 6 meeting to introduce their families and read their entries. Congratulations!



- 1st Shreya Srinivasan \$100 HOBY '24
- 2nd Eli Mace \$75
- 3rd Ridhima Dasari \$50

Ridhima, Carol A, Shreya

Thank you to our judges Nancy Neal, Maria Barata, and Terri Parrish.

Stock Market Challenge

\$25 is a small investment in all the activities that our club provides. Thank you to the **146** entrants that are participating. It's not the 200 we wished for, so the top prizes will be reduced as published. Here's some data for you.

Entrants are mostly Optimists, family and friends, mostly MD but also 12 other states from FL to CA to TX to NY. We appreciate everyone of you!

Most expensive **\$1,048.61** Costco is a 40.9% increase from this time last year; Least **\$3.47** Anywhere Real Estate is a 44.7% decrease from last year. There were **54** stocks to chose from. BJs was the middle at **\$101.26**.

Most picked **47** Amazon (**18** less than last year); Least picked **1** American Airlines. **23** stocks were chosen by **9** people or less.

We offered **33** from NYSE and **21** from NASDAQ.

Midpoint results will be computed from market ending March 28. Good Luck!



Fireworks Saturday June 28

Next Zoom meeting 4/14, 8pm

Believe in Tomorrow House

Items for the Johns Hopkins Cancer Respite condo can be dropped off to Carol or at any of the club's projects until April 24. Sunscreen, beach towels, summer toys, individual snacks are suggested. Thank you to Carol Porcher and Pat Applegate for your gifts so far.

Happy March Birthdays!

- Nancy Neal 3/3
- Hank Kolodner 3/29
- Pam McCollum 4/25



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday
of the Month
7:00 PM
Call to confirm.

Meeting Site
St. John's
Evangelical
Lutheran
Church
3911 Sweet
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