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Optimist International Mission Statement—By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.



No membership meeting in January see you 1/16 instead!

Thursday January 16 @ 6:30

Stock Market Challenge (SMC) 2020 kicks off at the club's dinner meeting on Thursday, January 16. Members will enjoy dinner and then prepare the SMC packets that will be mailed to 300 people who have participated in the last two years.



Each SMC participant will select five different stocks from the list of stocks on the entry form which will then be set up in a portfolio with \$2,000 for each of their five stocks for a total portfolio 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.



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.

The postmark deadline for SMC entries is Saturday, February 29. SMC will run from March 1 through April 30.

February 6 membership meeting at Dave's 7:30 pm

February 7-9 MDSD 2nd Quarter Conference in California, MD

President Carol will attend 8-9 at the Country Inn.



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CLUB MEETINGS

First Thursday of
Month
7:30 PM
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MATHCOUNTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (2020 Competitions)

MATHCOUNTS is a middle school math competition which, in Maryland, is run by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers. Developed in 1983 as the first nationwide program of its kind, MATHCOUNTS combines the efforts of volunteers, educators, industry sponsors, the government and the technology community to promote math excellence among middle school students. The mission of MATHCOUNTS is to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics throughout the United States.

Maryland MATHCOUNTS is lead 100% by volunteers. There are no paid staff members. We run Chapter Competitions (comprised of various Maryland counties) during February and the Maryland State Competition on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore Homewood Campus).

We can use volunteer help at all of our competitions. If anyone is interested, please have them contact me for the details. I will pass your name onto the Chapter coordinator who will contact you with the volunteering details. We need help in the scoring room, grading room and proctoring. You do not need to know math. We have the answers. We just need organized people. Volunteers are needed for the following competitions:

- **Baltimore/Chesapeake Chapter Competition:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm at McDonogh School (8600 McDonogh Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117). Proctors are needed from 8:45 am to 11:45 am. Scoring room volunteers are needed from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. (Contact Joel Oppenheimer)
- **Maryland State Competition:** Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus in Baltimore, MD. This one includes a free box lunch for volunteers. Contact Joel Oppenheimer at joel.oppenheimer@stvinc.com.

Volunteering can include proctoring which begins with the beginning competition time and is done by approximately 11:30 am or noon, helping with grading (we provide answer sheets) and that begins 30 minutes after the competition begins and is usually done by 12 or 12:30 pm and help in the scoring room which is usually done by 1 pm or 1:30 pm but starts a little later (approximately 30 minutes after the competition begins). If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact me for details.

Once again, the Maryland competition is 100% volunteer driven. There are no paid positions including myself. We are all volunteers. By volunteering, we are helping to support excitement in mathematics for middle schoolers. In turn, hopefully many of these mathletes will pursue careers in engineering and mathematics to help our US engineering become stronger and help feed our engineering companies.

Sincerely,

Joel K. Oppenheimer, PE (Maryland State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator)

Mike Borowitz can attend February 1 and maybe March 14. Please contact him at mborow1@jh.edu.

Maryland Society of Professional Engineers (MdSPE) MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION (Baltimore/Chesapeake & Howard Chapters) Saturday, February 1, 2020 McDonogh School – Edward St. John Student Center (Paterakis Hall) (8600 McDonogh Road; Owings Mills, MD 21117)

CHAPTER AGENDA Everything will take place in Paterakis Hall (Edward St. John Student Center) (Times are approximate) 8:00 - 8:30 AM Volunteers Arrive to Complete Set-up

December Shop with a Cop

A success! 102 children and after Walmart billed \$10,200 the left over \$23 was given to an Essex family in need. Thank you Barbara & Adam who helped. These photos are from Adam. Dulaney HS Band played while police escorted their charges through shopping and breakfast. The Police Chair was Carey Kid. Thank you Timonium Optimist for arranging the day. The Greater Jacksonville Optimists donated \$1,000.

