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President's Message

Welcome to the Online Chapter's new Monthly Bulletin. We're trying to get timely and interesting information out to all our members in a form that is easy and quick to read (and secure to access). This is our first try at this, so

we really welcome your feedback to us at [OLC Monthly Bulletin Editor](#) on how we can better serve your needs.

With the start of the new year we are introducing some new initiatives to better serve our membership. This Monthly Bulletin is just one. Some others are highlighted in this first edition of the Monthly Bulletin, so read on!

We also want to welcome some new members to the chapter. Recently, BetterInvesting™ (BI) realigned our volunteer support structure to provide even better support services to our membership. Part of that was folding in several hundred BI members scattered throughout the state of Idaho into our Online Chapter. On behalf of the over 3,400 members of the Online Chapter, we want to welcome you Idahoans to the team. We look forward to helping you, too, become better investors!

Each BI member in the state of Idaho will be getting an individual email from the Online Chapter shortly, welcoming them to the chapter and providing a quick orientation to the support and services that are now available to them too.

Bob Houle, Chapter President

BetterInvesting™ Model Stock Investment Clubs

The Online Chapter has membership in many time zones. Right now, we have three active online model clubs, one each in East, Central, and Pacific time zones with two of them archiving their meetings on YouTube.com (in YouTube, search for “international model investment club” or “Yankee model investment club”).

But BetterInvesting™ has 47 other model clubs throughout the United States that you may want to visit. To help you find them, we have curated a list of active model clubs in the other BetterInvesting™ chapters that you may be interested in visiting. Click to access the [curated list](#) to find a model club hosted by our partner chapters. Please report any corrections to president@online.betterinvesting.net.

OLC Portfolio Contest 2022

The Online Chapter (OLC) is conducting a portfolio pilot contest between February 13, 2022 and July 29, 2022. The purpose of this pilot start is to be able to get ideas from the participating clubs on how to structure the annual contest (starting in August 2022) so that it can be a meaning educational event which reinforces BI’s principles and stock analysis tools.

To participate, please [apply for entry in the event](#) and follow the instructions on the survey form to enter your stock selections. The rules for the contest are listed on the entry form. You can find more information about the contest on the [chapter's webpage](#). If you have any questions, email contact@online.betterinvesting.net with "Portfolio Contest" in the subject line.

Dan Perlman, Portfolio Contest Chair

OLC Open Forum Schedule

The Online Chapter offers a Mentoring Workshop for all our Investment Clubs and Individual Members on the 3rd Wednesday of odd-numbered months. The mentoring workshop concept is structured to encourage audience interaction through an "open mic" dialogue that allows more meaningful discussions on the topics and the opportunity to actually carry on a two-way, in depth, conversation on the topic du jour.

The next three sessions are March 16, 2022, May 18, 2022 and July 20, 2022. All starting at 8:30 pm ET. To join us, just click on this [GoToMeeting](#) link. Details can be found on the [chapter's webpage](#).

Please join us so that we all can benefit from the shared wisdom and experience of the BetterInvestors™ members in the audience and the volunteers from the chapter.

Chris McCarron, Membership Training & Education Chair

First Cuts: Your First Stop for Stock Ideas

Are you looking for quality companies in a particular stock sector or company size to possibly add to your portfolio? Do you want to know what other BetterInvesting™ (BI) members think about companies you are considering for research? Have you ever wondered about how other BI members go about analyzing a company? Do you wish you had a nice, concise outline for presenting your stock studies to your club (or significant other)?

If so, it is time to discover another great membership benefit of belonging to BI. Every week several critically-reviewed stock studies submitted by your fellow members are published on the BI website, right in the middle of the home page when you log in to your BI membership account. Look for [First Cut Stock Report](#) and discover a whole new world of investing knowledge, literally at your fingertips.

So what is a First Cut? It is a fellow BI member's informed opinion (based on BI's principles, philosophy, and proper application of BI's online tools and research facilities) on a company of possible interest to you. It's a tool to assist you in making the decision to consider investing, not your money but your time, to find out more about a stock.

There's a lot to discover exploring the [First Cut archive](#). Hopefully, someday you too will be interested in contributing to this archive of informed stock ideas through your own research. The volunteers on your Online Chapter's board are trained and eager to help you prepare your own First Cut. If you or your club would like training on doing a First Cut, email contact@online.betterinvesting.net with "First Cut" in the subject line. We will get right back to you and help arrange a training session tailored to your club's needs.

Chris McCarron, Membership Training & Education Chair

BINC Registration

BINC is back and we're looking forward to you joining us in Dallas for our 70th birthday. The convention runs from the 23rd through the 26th of June. After a two year hiatus we are all ready to get together again and take that next step up in our investor education.

Don't miss out on the party. Register today at a reduced cost by going to www.betterinvesting.org/binc.

Satellites

What's a Satellite?

The Online Chapter is composed of several Chapters that have closed and other members that geographically did not belong to a Chapter. Some areas of the USA have a concentration of members – many from closed Chapters. If there are volunteers trained, ready and willing and able to serve, the OLC has formed a geographic group called "Satellites".

What is the Satellite Objective?

Provide the opportunity for each BetterInvesting member in the local area to develop the investing skills needed to achieve financial security and independence

Where are the Satellites?

Long Island, New York City, Rochester and Yankee (Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island)

For more information [click here](#).

Susanne Koster, Secretary and Satellite Coordinator

Connecting with International Members

The Online Chapter (OLC) has a number of Canadian and other international members. Naturally, BetterInvesting™ (BI) strives to service all members regardless of where they live. One way international members can stay connected is signing up to receive various forms of communication from BetterInvesting.

How do I do that? To make sure you are getting the information you would like, we encourage you and any other international BI members with whom you are in contact, to sign on to the BI [website](#), then click on My Account, and then on Email Product and Subscription Information. You can then select the types of communications you would like to receive. For messages from the Online Chapter, check "Local Chapter News and Events."

Email is the primary method BI uses to keep you informed and updated. The Online Chapter is looking for the best ways our chapter can help international members. If you have suggestions, email us at contact@online.betterinvesting.net. We will keep working on being helpful and announce possible ideas and innovations in the future.

Dan Perlman, OLC International Liaison

Club Milestone Anniversaries

The highlight of each year's chapter support for our stock investing clubs is the opportunity to showcase the clubs celebrating their 5 year anniversaries. In our chapter this year we will be recognizing 78 clubs with club anniversaries ranging from 65 to 10 years of continuous service.

Volunteers from the Online Chapter will be in touch with the club's contact person to setup a time (most likely online with COVID) for a formal Anniversary Certificate presentation along with a special training opportunity, tailored for each club's needs. Details will be provided as we contact each club.

Howard Johnson, Club Support Committee Chair

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