

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

As reported earlier, the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay Contests concluded on the 31st of October. Judging has now concluded, and I am happy to report our winners, as follows:

Patriot Pen: First Place - Ana Sophia Liberatore (8th grade), Second Place - Mikayla Garr (7th grade), and Third Place - Aidan D. Cole (7th grade), all of whom attend St John the Apostle Catholic School.

Voice of Democracy: First Place – Alexander D. Jones (11th grade), Second Place – Ian Johnson (11th grade), both of whom are from Oaktree Academy, and Third Place – Alexander M. Witt (9th grade) from Catholic High School.

As many of you may know, each Patriot Pen essay must be counted word-for-word to ensure the essay falls within the guidelines of the rules. Accordingly, I want to give a big thank you to our Commander Troy Wagers, Marie and Ray Boyd, Robert Miller, my husband Fred Mitchell and our daughter Kim Mitchell for volunteering their time to help count the 166 essays we received.

From the comments of our judges with regard to the Patriot Pen essays, many were impressed with what they read, particularly considering the age group. Competition was tough, in the first go round we had 23 matching scores. It took time, but they managed to get it down to our three winners.

Our judges: Ann Brothers, Fred Mitchell, Kim Mitchell, Roseann Briesacher and Larry Utter.

I want to give a big hand to all those who agreed to give of their time to help, it was much appreciated.

Connie Mitchell
Scholarship Chairman