



In memory of our beloved Looking Glass Wealth Advisors partner, John Gear, we dedicate

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February; the duldrums of winter or the month of love?

Our colleague, John Gear, would definitely pick the latter. His optimism pervasive, his energy eternally positive. Over a feast of king cake, or a mindful stroll outside the office in a brief moment of elusive sunshine, John would point out in his slow Tennessee drawl exactly how this February is admirable. The Fed seems to have moved to a more neutral position on rates; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Government Shutdown was averted; and trade talks with China seem constructive. Undoubtedly he would love, (don't we all) that the Market has recovered from a horrible fourth quarter 2018- up @ 10.7% YTD.

February indeed has been a month to behold.

In this issue we Look Back at the life of a loved one, we Look In at the market that brings us joy and pain, and we Look Forward on how to take care of our families.

February can be the duldrums of winter but lets be honest...whats not to love about chocolate on sale?

John Gear would certainly agree.

## Looking Back



### John Gear

11/26/1944-2/17/2019

For just shy of two decades, we have had the distinct pleasure, honor, and good fortune of working with Mr. John Gear. There are few finer gentlemen that could have graced this industry and more importantly, our lives. John's 38 year career spanned market cycles to which many would quake, and industry challenges to which many shudder. Both clients and colleagues alike can attest that John was steadfast, even-keeled, unflappable, honest and genuine. His wisdom invaluable, his values ever-present. He has been a beacon in our community since he and his beautiful wife, Patty, moved to Asheville in 1973. John loved these mountains, loved raising his two children here and loved giving back. John was a beaming grandfather of 4 who shared with us not only his love of life, but his undeniable love of family.

To say that we will miss John is an understatement. He was our mentor. He was our friend. He was our family.

John's legacy will live on in our lovely memories of him and in the reflection we cast as Looking Glass Wealth Advisors.

Thank you John Gear.

## Looking In



In this month's Market Insights video, Chief Investment Officer Mark Nickel unpacks the best S&P 500 January performance since 1987—which followed the worst December in the index since the 1930's. Watch the video to understand the impact of changing expectations...

Monthly Market Insight-Watch the full Video Here

## Looking Ahead

End of life planning is a daunting task. However, its a critical aspect of managing your finances and taking care of your family. We welcome the privilege to quarterback the coordination and execution of the necessary strategies, documents and actions for you and your family to feel comfortable. Read more about what's important as you embark on this planning and let us help you through the process.

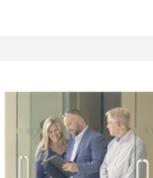


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