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Richfield Optimist Club
Dakota-Manitoba-Minnesota District
Club No. 35125
Serving Richfield Area Youth
Since 1958

Rich-O-Gram
Club Newsletter

Next Meeting: Wednesday
JANUARY 7, 2026

Meeting at: 401 West 70th Street
Richfield Schools Boardroom
(North end of Richfield High School)

GARY LAMBERT
past DMM
Governor

2025 Optimists of The Year
TOM TUTTLE and
JOHN ASHMEAD

Optimist Creed

Promise yourself -

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, Happiness & prosperity to every person you meet.
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
To think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the best.
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
To forget about the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature a smile.
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself, you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Our last Optimist meeting on December 17th was our Club Christmas party. We sang some songs, accompanied by [Brian Santos](#) on guitar, and we played a few games and enjoyed some breakfast. Thanks to everyone who attended & made it more fun!

Way back on December 13th, we held our annual breakfast with Santa for kids. It was a rousing success thanks to all who helped. We received good publicity for the club via Sun Newspapers who featured our Santa on the cover page and more pictures on an inside page. Thanks to [Mike Supple](#) for getting this coverage done.



Thanks also to our Junior Optimist for helping to make everything go smoothly.

LOOKING AHEAD



Jan 14 speaker MIKE PETERSON
Jan 21 speaker PAUL SCHANFIELD
Jan 28 speaker NATE EDWARDS

Next Board meeting is on January 14, 2026
at 11:30 AM at Broadway Pizza.