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2025 Optimists of The Year
TOM TUTTLE and
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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 21, 2026

Meeting at: 401 West 70th Street

Richfield Schools Boardroom

(North end of Richfield High School)

Speaker

PAUL SCHANFIELD

Reflections of a
Neurologist

Our speaker last week was

MIKE PETERSEN.

Mike is a retired USN Lieutenant Commander, who served 27 years in the Navy.



Mike flew 269 combat missions as during his 7 years active duty, he was part of the Navy Seawolf helicopter squadron in the Mekong Delta area of Viet Nam.

He received a Purple Heart when shrapnel from the door of his helicopter tore into his leg.

Mike was honored to speak at the Viet Nam wall in Washington, D C on Memorial Day of 2024.

CLUB NEWS:

Pat Dale has completed his training to qualify as Food Safety Protection Manager. (Required for our food events) Thanks, Pat

Arnie Odefey had all 6 grandkids in Minn over the holidays, that came from several states and countries !

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.

LOOKING AHEAD



Jan 28 speaker - Nate Edwards

Feb 4 speaker - ?

Next Board meeting is on January 21, 2026 at 11:30 AM at Broadway Pizza.