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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

February 18, 2026

Meeting at: 401 West 70th Street

Richfield Schools Boardroom

(North end of Richfield High School)

Speaker

BOB BROTZEL

**Richfield / AHA
Skeet & Trap Teams**

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 speaker last week was **STEVE SCHNEEBERGER**, who talked to us about **PENN FEST** and the **Richfield 4th of July Celebrations**.

Penn Fest is held on the 3rd Sunday in September, which in 2026 is **September 20th**. Penn Avenue is closed to traffic for six hours while people & vendors fill the street usually 8- 10,000 of them. Food trucks'and a car show will highlight 2026 version.

Richfield 4th of July features a parade, fireworks at Veterans Park and a Family night. No street dance this year Parade will shift to 12th Ave due to Nicollet construction.

Good to have Guests **Gary Lambert** and **Mark Weber** with us on the 11th. from the Eden Prairie Optimist Club.

Don Anderson visited Winnipeg. MB, Can. **Dennis Dietzler** noted his brothers heart surgery. Please keep their families in prayer **Arnie Odefey** reminded us that his grandson is our speaker from England on 25th

LOOKING AHEAD



Feb 25 speaker - Kyle Odefey (AI -from England)
March 4 speaker - Steve Carroll (G A Hockey)
March 11 speaker - Suzi Blumberg (Rich Hist. Soc)
March 18 speaker - Jamie Dolynckuk (Food Insecur)
March 25 speaker - Timothy Mulcrone - Ending Polio
April 1 NO MEETING School Spring Break

BOARD MEETING - February 18, 2026
11:30 AM at Broadway Pizza