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**2024 Optimist of The Year
Dennis Dietzler**

Richfield Optimist Club

Dakota-Manitoba-Minnesota District

Club No. 35125

Serving Richfield Area Youth

Since 1958

Rich-O-Gram

Club Newsletter

Next Meeting: Wednesday

September 17, 2025

Meeting at: Richfield Schools Boardroom

401 West 70th St Richfield, MN 55423

(North end of Richfield High School)

THIS WEEK

CATRIN WIGFALL

“E-12 education Finance”

**Center for
American Experience**



LAST WEEK we heard from our Hennepin County Commissioner DEBBIE GOETTEL.

Debbie is the Vice Chair of the County Board and is

in her second term as commissioner. The Hennepin County Board has many responsibilities, including:

- **HCMC Hospital**
- **Roads & bridges**
- **Sheriff's Department**
- **Libraries**
- **Garbage burner**

Federal withdrawal of funds makes control of budget items more important.

Nice to have Debbie's husband Tor Leiknes with us as a guest.

Brian Santos said his son who is a policeman In Shakopee,MN was promoted !

Arnie Odefey returned after spending six days In a Des Moines hospital recovering from Pneumonia. Stay well, Arnie !

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.**

The Optimist Board will meet on Sept 17 At 11:30 AM at Broadway Pizza

Change of Watch event

**September 24, 2025 at the
Bloomington Event Center
1114 American Blvd West.**

Dinner choices:

Chicken & Ribs - \$25.

Walleye - \$25.

Payment due to our club before the event Meet: 5 PM - Meal -6 PM

Make choices by Sept 17 meeting !

Cruisin' down the river Sept 10



TRUNK 'N TREAT is coming soon !

October 11, 2025

Optimists plan to be there to hand out candy and toys.

We need you to be on the lookout for big bags of candy that you can donate to the event.

Thanks to Doug Kleist for the boat trip pictures.