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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

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Club Newsletter

Next Meeting: Wednesday

September 24, 2025

Meeting at: Wilderness Inquiry

930 East 80th St Bloomington, MN

THIS WEEK

Wilderness Inquiry



LAST WEEK our speaker was **CATRIN WIGFALL** from the Ctr for American Experience.

She talked to us about Education Administration Bloat.

Administration growth since 2000 has averaged over 87% – while teacher growth has been just over 8% and student growth only 2%

Some of the reasons:

- **New legislative mandates**
- **Accountability for finances**
- **Salary increases at all levels**

Continued growth is unsustainable as it crowds out ability to do more for students!

Special Meeting this week Sept 24th

Meet at Wilderness Inquiry

930 East 80th St

At our usual time on Wednesday 7:30 AM

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.

We welcomed back former member **ROY REYNOLDS**. Roy told us he has retired and his family has moved.

He very generously added to our RED CUP to mark the occasion! Thanks Roy!

Josh Frederic joined us, having heard about Optimist from the flag program and our membership reps at the City Hall event.