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2025 Optimists of The Year
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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

October 8, 2025

Meeting at: 401 West 70th Street

Richfield Schools Boardroom

(North end of Richfield High School)

THIS WEEK

Zach Dilger
“My Bio”



Our speaker last week was **STEVE LARSON**, owner of **Larson & Larson Financial**, who talked to us about charitable giving options.

He discussed the legal ramifications of giving as well as the possible tax implications.

When you give “goods” to an organization, their normal course is to sell the goods to get the dollar value.

For those over 72 with an IRA account. It is possible to give your required RMD to charity without paying taxes on the withdrawal.

CLUB NEWS.....

Arnie Odefey reported that doctors zapped his heart successfully to eliminate A-fib.

Mike Sandahl boasted that his HS grad golf foursome beat the previous year foursome at Keller Golf Course in Maplewood.

Deanna Wahlen said she spent the last week at their cabin relaxing.

Steve Larson talked about re-joining our club As a member.

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 first meeting of the new Optimist year had two guests present.

JOSH FREDERICK, back for a third meeting, and

MIKE KEELER, who hails from Kodiak Island, Alaska.

Good to see both of you!