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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

November 12, 2025

Meeting at: 401 West 70th Street

Richfield Schools Boardroom

(North end of Richfield High School)

THIS WEEK
Club Meeting

**“Budget
Discussion”**

Last week our speaker was **JAN YOUNGQUIST**, the Economic Development Mgr. For the City of Richfield.



Jan has been leading this program in Richfield for the past 2 & ½ years. She told us about the many segments of effort under her leadership.

- **Elevate Hennepin** This business consulting provided by Hennepin County along with access to capital. Over 99 Richfield Businesses have utilized this service.
- **CEE -Center for Energy & Environment** They provide help in reducing electric use thru better lighting choices, with rebates as an incentive. Over 60 Richfield businesses have taken advantage of this offering.
- **REVIVE** - an acronym for **R**ichfield **E**conomic **V**ibrancy **I**nterestment & **V**isual **E**nhancement. A program with forgivable loans to induce painting, landscaping, canopies, etc.
- **Richfield Business Bulletin**
A quarterly communication tool to reach Richfield businesses

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.

CLUB NEWS

Mike Fogarty reported on the train trip he took over the past two weeks.

John Ashland says he got to try out an airplane simulator . He only crashed a few times!

**WELCOME to our guests: Don Clay,
Peter Stratmoen, Josh Frederick**