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Club Newsletter

Next Meeting: Wednesday

November 19, 2025

Meeting at: 401 West 70th Street

Richfield Schools Boardroom

(North end of Richfield High School)

THIS WEEK

Dick Walker

"Toy Boats"

LAST WEEK we heard from our club Treasurer Doug Kliest, who led us through the finances of the club.

Doug explained how he presents the financial accounts to the Board each month, and then led us to understand the budgets for this 2025-2026 optimist year for the Club Activity Budget and the Youth Fund budget. The sole income currently for the Youth Fund which is a 501c3, is the **Avenue of Flags** revenue. Donations to entities supported by the club are paid out of this fund, including the scholarships given to graduating seniors.

The flag program is assisted by local scout troops, male & female, who place the flags each of the designated holidays. Troops are paid \$3.00 per flag which supports their Scouting program.

There will be **NO MEETING on Wednesday**, **November 26, 2025**. That's the day before Thanksgiving and the school will be closed.

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

Meeting guests were:

Terry Gorman & Josh Frederick

A belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mary Christenson