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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**

**December 10, 2025**

**Meeting at: 401 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Richfield Schools Boardroom**

**(North end of Richfield High School)**

**THIS WEEK**

**NATHAN STOCK**

**CRD Connect**

**LAST WEEK** we heard from **ALEX PLECHASH** who told us about his trip to **Israel** in November of 2023, about a month after the raid by Hamas on Oct 7. He was part of a delegation that met with the parents of hostages who were taken from the music festival. Pictures of the festival site were disturbing to see the destruction and the sites people used for shelter for naught !



**Pat Dale** presented a \$500.00 check to **CADI THYNE** for use to buy toys for the **YOUABLE** christmas gifts to needy families, an annual event held by **YOUABLE**

**CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY NEXT WEEK ON 17<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Games, songs, prizes and food BE THERE !**  
**Bring your partner or a guest . Fun for all .**

Guest on the 3<sup>rd</sup> - **JONATHAN VICK**, representing **THRIVENT Financial**

## 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD



**Dec 17 Club Christmas Party (Usual site)**  
**Dec 17 Club Board Meeting 11:30 AM** Broadway  
**Dec 24 NO MEETING**  
**Dec 31 NO MEETING**  
**Jan 7 speaker GARY LAMBERT**  
**Jan 14 speaker MIKE PETERSON**

**Saturday Dec 13 Children's Santa Breakfast**  
**8 AM to 11 AM at Oak Grove Lutheran Church**