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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**

## **Rich-O-Gram**

**Club Newsletter**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday**

**January 22, 2025**

**7:30 AM to 8:30 AM**

**Meeting at: Richfield Schools Boardroom**

**401 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street**

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

**This week's Presenter**

**Nate Edwards**

**Richfield Work**

**Experience**

**LAST WEEK** we heard from Jess Nelson the Exec.

Director of **Oasis for Youth.**

**OFY** is an all-volunteer response to address the barriers and lack of services for the rising number of youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Started in 2010 They operate a drop in center at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. In the last year, they served 458 youth.



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**It was encouraging to see so many guests at our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. John Ashmead brought 3 guests.himself. Lets keep it up!**

The Board met at Broadway Pizza at 11:30 on 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included action regarding members with unpaid dues, final report on Children's Party, plans for membership growth, Chil dinner put off until April, speakers for the coming months, and set the next Board meeting for February 19, 2025 at Broadway.

**Dime A Day** collection for Optimist Intl Foundation will get underway this week. Please see if we can have every member contribute \$36.40 or more to support the many things the Foundation covers. Essay contest, Speech contest, etc. John Bjostad is Foundation Rep. for 2025. Turn in your contributions to him.

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Doug Kleist reported that one of his daughters just got engaged ! Congrats to her.

## **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 other 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.**

**SIGN UP NOW** for the  
**Richfield Citizen Police Academy**  
**(It's fun and free!)**



**Richfield Municipal Center**  
**February 20—March 27, 2025**  
**Thursdays, 6-9 PM (6 sessions)**

Class topics and hands-on activities include; Police Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Use of Force, S.W.A.T., Felony Car Stops, 911 Communications, PD tour, Hennepin County Crime Lab, and more!

- For Richfield residents, 18 years+
- No physical activity required
- Get a behind-the-scenes look at Richfield Police Department
- Cost is FREE
- Class photo & certificate upon completion
- Carpool & attend with neighbors or friends!
- **Space is limited. Registration deadline is January 20, 2025**

**Register at [www.RichfieldMN.gov/cpa](http://www.RichfieldMN.gov/cpa)**  
**or call 612-861-9845**