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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**

**March 26, 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**

**Bonnie Muellerleile**

**Richfield**

**Farmers Market**

LAST WEEK we were addressed by Dan Smieja and his friend Barney, the Bassett Hound



They represent [North Star Therapy Animals](#), whose mission is to improve the lives of individuals in the Twin Cities area by providing high quality animal teams & services to a wide variety of facilities.

Dan, a former Richfield teacher, has been working with NSTA for about 3 years This year, April 30 is “Animal Therapy Day”. The Richfield City Council will recognize Dan & Barney as they proclaim April 22 as Animal Therapy day in Richfield.

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Our annual Chili and salad dinner is being readied to be held on **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025**. This will be held at Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 7045 Lyndale Ave S Richfield, MN  
Serving food from **4 PM to 7PM**  
Spread the word to all your hungry friends !

## 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.

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**For your advance planning, we will NOT meet on Wednesday, April 2 as the school will be closed for spring break.**

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We welcomed back long time member **John Ashland**. Glad you can return!  
And we had our guest **Chip Sharret** once again. Looking for both to keep attending!