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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**

**May 7, 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**

**Steve Schneeberger**

**Richfield**

**Red, White, Blue Days**

**Penn Fest**

# 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.

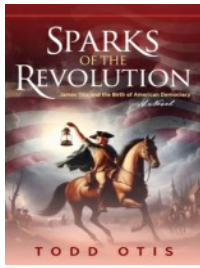
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself, you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

LAST WEEK we heard from **TODD OTIS**, author of the book, “Sparks of the Revolution”

The book is a reminder of where our democracy was born, and the people and principles that brought it to life. Todd told about the patriots that resisted the taxes applied by the British, among them a Boston lawyer named James Otis & a shoemaker named Ebenezer Macintosh.

The ideas of this resistant group wound up being part of the Declaration of Independence. The separation of powers is an integral part of the constitution.



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Officers for 2025-26 were elected:

Pres. Dennis Dietzler, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Mike Sandahl

2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Pat Dale Sect-Treasurer - Doug Kliest

1<sup>st</sup> yr Board - Doug Waller, John Ashland

2<sup>nd</sup> yr Board - Mike Fogarty, Arnie Odefey

Past Pres - Steve Lindgren Past Pres - John Bjostad

Richfield Foundation - Doug Kliest

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Good to welcome back **MIKE SANDAHL**  
And **MERIBETH RAULERSON**

And guest **MARK LOWE** from the Roseville Club

## CHILI DINNER RECAP-

We had about 225 attendees, and leftover chili was donated to the Richfield Firemen.

Thanks to the many helpers from Bloomington Club.

Plan Ahead - Next Board Mtg May 21, 2025  
11:30 AM D Dietzler office