

*Last week* we heard from our DMM Zone

7 & 9 Lt. Gov. **Chuck Spavin**

Chuck reminded us of the theme that Gov. Lambert has for this year **“Engage to make A difference”**. He encouraged all of us to wear the “Just Ask” button and have our “elevator speech” ready to use. He suggested ways to engage with members by recognizing birthdays & anniversaries, maybe even the date they became Optimists!



**Chuck further talked about “Minnesota Sings” a contest now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. A “Richfield Sings” contest would be the starting event if we choose to participate.**

**Club Christmas party on December 18 at our usual location and time. Bring your guests, spouses, Sig. others, etc. Games, Prizes, Food & fun!**

**Bend in the River Big Band invites everyone To a CD release concert at Centennial Lakes On Dec 22 from 6 to 7 PM (Mike Supple is a member of the band).**

## **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.**

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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**

**December 11, 2024**

**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**

**TOM TUTTLE**

**Speaking on a variety of Twin**

**Cities sports subjects,**

**MN Vikings & MN Wild**

Some of our members were privileged to attend The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala of the St Paul Optimist Club on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

The event, held at the Town & Country Golf Club in St Paul marked exactly 100 years from its founding in 1924.

It was a great time to meet old Optimist friends from all around the DMM who came to attend.

Richfield members who attended were Steve Lindgren, Doug Waller. Doug Kliest, Mike Fogarty, Dennis Dietzler, John Ashmead, John Bjostad. and Tom Tuttle.



Photo by Tom Tuttle

The funeral services for Barbara Ashland, wife of member John Ashland, will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024 at Woodlake Lutheran Church, 2120 West 76<sup>th</sup> St, Richfield, MN.  
Visitation at 10:00 AM  
Memorial Service at 11:00 AM

**Children's Pancake Breakfast with Santa Is next Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**Serving breakfast from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 7045 Lyndale Ave S. In Richfield.**

**NO CHARGE TO EVERYONE  
Free will offerings will be accepted.**

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PANCAKES  
SAUSAGES  
ORANGE JUICE**