

May 12, 2021

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Optimist Club of Richfield, Minnesota
Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District
Club Number 35125
www.richfieldoptimists.org

Hello fellow Richfield Optimists,

WED May 12 - Zoom meeting at 8:00 AM

Our guest speaker will be : **Susan Fix - Optimist Int'l.**

Sign on for Zoom is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89872616940>

(Or **See e-mail From Mike Sandahl**

The funeral and celebration of life for **Dick Swanson** will be held on Friday, May 14, at 10:00 AM for visitation and funeral service at 11:00 AM.

Celebration Church 16655 Kenyon Ave. Lakeville, MN 55044



Belated Birthday greetings to Roxana Bailey, whose birthday was on March 11th.

Doug Kleist reported that he attended the DMM third quarter meeting in Watertown, South Dakota. The DMM Convention will be held in Watertown, SD on August 20-21.

Doug Kleist also noted that a daughter (Molly) is active with the band at Creighton Univ., And that another daughter who is graduating from Richfield this year has been accepted to Notre Dame to study engineering and will also play in the band.

There is talk that we might be able to start meeting in person once again soon. Stay aware for the actual announcement of this good news! Until then, happy zooming!

A page in Memoriam of Dick Swanson that was sent out earlier, is repeated on page 2 if you missed the original send.

In Memoriam
Richard (Dick) Swanson
2/21/1937 - 5/4/2021



Dick passed away from a heart attack while working in his yard on May 4, 2021 at the age of 84 years.

A funeral and celebration of his life will be held on Friday, May 14, 2021 at Celebration Church. Visitation at 10:00 AM, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM.

Celebration Church
16655 Kenyon Avenue.
Lakeville, MN 55044
952-898-7200

Home Address: Ruth Swanson 11421 Galtier Drive Burnsville, MN 55337

Dick Swanson joined our Richfield Optimist Club in 1963, and thus was the longest enduring member of our club at 58 years. He was the consummate Optimist through the years, serving in any way he could.

His leadership and servant attitude served to bring him to many positions where he was very effective. From Club President to Governor of the Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District of Optimist International.

As our leader in fundraising events such as Chili & Salad Dinner and Election Day Spaghetti Dinners, his cooking excellence made the difference in our ability to carry on.

While Heaven may have a new resident, on Earth he will be missed by all.



Dick making his famous garlic toast !

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

To be **SO STRONG** that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and 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, to **work** only for the best and to
expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the **SUCCESS** of others
as you are about your own.

To forget 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 you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that 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.

