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Optimist Club of Richfield, Minnesota
Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District
Club Number 35125
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Hello fellow Richfield Optimists,

WED Mar 24 - Zoom meeting at 8:00 AM

Our guest speaker will be : **Sue Sandahl, Sandahl Law**

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

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

Our speaker last week was
Jim Barthels, President of TLC Toys.



TLC was founded in 1989 by Mel Hartman & was continued by Jim Barthels at Mel's passing. Their mission is the same: **To bring happiness to less fortunate children.**

TLC volunteer workers create, saw, paint a couple of days each week to create a lot of toys. In 2019, over 10,000 toys delivered. In 2020, over 18,800 toys delivered and 24,500 created.

Wood for the toys is donated from several cabinet shops and from larger businesses that have wood left over from manufacturing processes Monetary donations are used to procure components (wheels, axles, etc.)



TLC Toys is completely volunteer run, with no paid staff. They are located in Big Lake, MN on a five acre spread with multiple buildings.

Richfield Optimists are very fortunate to be a recipient of the toys that are so loving made and to be able to bring joy to the kids we are able to give them to.

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.

