

December 16, 2020

**Rich - O - Gram**  
Optimist Club of Richfield, Minnesota  
Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District  
Club Number 35125  
[www.richfieldoptimists.org](http://www.richfieldoptimists.org)

Hello fellow Richfield Optimists,

**WED Dec 16 - Zoom meeting at 8:00 AM**

Our guest speaker will be : **Blaine Joerger & Bill Davis**  
**Richfield Spartan Foundation**

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

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

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**Holiday Nut Sale - Last call for orders!** Send or e-mail them to **Dick Swanson** so our club gets sale credit. Do not send directly to the Bloomington Club.



**David Kriesel-Koll** has resigned as club President and is moving to Fergus Falls, MN. We owe David our thanks for his leadership of our club and for his unselfish work he has put in to grow our Avenue of Flags project. He has also had to resign as our zone Lt. Governor. His replacement in this function is not yet known.

**Pat Dale** has agreed to serve as Club President For the remainder of this Optimist year. His Treasurer duties will be taken up by **Doug Kleist** for the remainder of this Optimist year.



Last weeks meeting identified the donations agreed to at the last Board meeting of 2020. They are as follows:

**\$1,000.00 to Richfield Dual Language School to be used for relief for needy families. Distribution will be assigned to Luis Poblano, Outreach Worker at RDLS.**

**\$750.00 to Richfield Young Life, to be overseen by Cesar Castillejos.**

**\$750.00 to TLC Toys of Big Lake, Mn to compensate for the many hand-made wooden toys they have given to our club.**

**\$500.00 to the Richfield High School Senior Class Party of 2021.**

**It was also noted that our club was awarded a \$500.00 matching grant to be used for a project related to autism.**

**In other assignment changes, Arnie Odefey is giving up the lead position for wooden toy acquisition from TLC Toys. Many thanks for Arnie for many years of good work!**

**Henceforth, Tony Koval will be our club contact with TLC Toys and Joey and Roxanne Bailey will manage the Inventory/disbursement of said toys.**

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**Wishing a speedy recovery to Mike Sandahl who had hip surgery last week.**

**We also wish good health to former member Jay Hermann who is at home recovering from Covid-19, and to Kyle Odefey, Arnie's Grandson, who is also recovering from Covid-19.**

**Arnie Odefey prepared a report of toy distribution since July, 2020  
This report is shown on the next page.**

## TOYS

Approximately 1200 handcrafted – handmade wooden toys were distributed by the Optimist Club of Richfield from July 1, 2020 through December 15, 2020 to the following organizations:

Headway of Richfield

Fraser Schools and Day Cares (Multiple Locations)

South Minneapolis Children Art and Painting School

Richfield Young Life Organization

New Ulm Optimist Club

Belle Plaine Police Department

Southern Valley Alliance (A Battered Women Shelter)

An Administrator Staff Member at Lyngblomsten Senior Home delivered to the children of Front Line Health Workers

Numerous Toys were also distributed by Club Members to their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives, neighbors, and friends, etc.