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Optimist Club of Richfield, MN Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District Club Number 35125

Established - May 8, 1958 - Now in our 64th year of serving Richfield

April 5, 2023

THIS WEEK: Wednesday April 5, 2023

\$6.00 Coffee and ?

Meeting at 7:30 AM in the Richfield District Boardroom

401 West 70th Street (Just East of Harriet Ave.)

Speaker: Maureen Scaglia - Richfield League of Women Voters

Our speaker last week was [Amy Skare-Klecker](#), Director of Richfield Community Education. She began in Richfield in March, 2022. She told how Community Ed began in MN and the basic tenets that 1) Everyone is a life long learner and 2) Citizens should be involved. In 2017, Richfield split from a partnership with Bloomington, but the start was impacted by Covid, so the Richfield program is still quite new. The 3 major units of Community Ed are:



1. **Adult Enrichment** - serving about 750 participants in a wide range of subjects This unit also includes Adult Basic Ed, with GED, ESL, & other learning.
2. **Youth** - with about 1,900 participants, featuring swimming lessons, driver ed, Family events & enrichment & recreational classes.
3. **Early Learning** - with about 400 participants in pre-school for 3 yr olds, Pre-kindergarten for 4 yr olds, and Family Education classes.

To break down barriers to participation, materials are translated into Spanish, extended hours are offered, and there are Spanish & Somali speaking staff. The main facilities for Richfield Community Education are at the Central Education Bldg, at 72nd and Harriet Ave.

Club News: Due to increased charges for space & food, our weekly donation At our meeting rises to \$6.00 starting on April 5, 2023

Cashier: April 5 Doug Kleist

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, 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 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.