

# **Richfield Optimist Club** ----- **Rich-O-Gram**

*Serving Richfield Area youth since 1958*

**Next Meeting : Wednesday - July 17, 2024**

**Meeting at Richfield Public Schools Boardroom 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

**401 West 70. Street Richfield, Minnesota**

***This week: Business / Board Meeting***

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Last week we heard from **David Lapakko**, Who told us about his entry into **“America’s Greatest Thinker”** competition. Each year, the folks in New York Mills, MN hold a **THINKOFF**, where speakers debate and the audience picks the winner. Well, David Lapakko. recently retired as a professor from Augsburg College, entered and won his first contest in 2015. And entered again in 2024, but in the final round was bested by a lady from New Mexico. Contestants need to submit a 750 word essay on the topic which is announced on January 1 each year. From these entries, four are chosen to debate in June in New York Mills. A very interesting contest, and if you want more info and/or want to enter, go to [thinkoff.org](http://thinkoff.org)



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David Kriesel-Koll informed us that his daughter from Fargo is doing well after needing a heart transplant that took place in Rochester, MN. DKK himself had a stent put in recently and is doing well **Keep the DKK family in your prayers!**

Pat Dale celebrated his birthday with us on the 10<sup>th</sup>, and was back from spending time in Montana before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

John Ashmead spent some days with his siblings out of town.