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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

December 21, 2022

**THIS WEEK:
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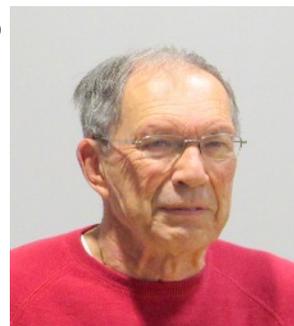
**\$5.00 per member
Coffee & Breakfast**

**Meeting at 7:30 AM at 401 West 70th street
School District Boardroom**

Speaker: Rich Fick

Member Bio Series

Our speaker last week was member **John Ashmead**. John grew up in south Mpls, and spent his high school years at Mpls Southwest. At SW, he caught the journalistic bug & wrote for the school paper. During those and his college years, he worked at his Dad's business, Edina Hardware. After one year at Augsburg College, he transferred to the U of M for a degree in Elementary Education. While in that class, a need to learn piano found him being tutored by his future wife, whom he married in 1971.



He began teaching in St Paul, but his wife was hired in Watertown, MN. A move to Mound, MN cut travel time, but a growing family dictated a move – to Richfield. John continued teaching in St Paul Public Schools, and in 1982 was named as Principal. A move across town kept them as Richfield residents, and his wife opted to be a stay at home mom. John was diagnosed with a rare disease that affected the lower extremities and retired with disability at age 62. During his years as Principal, he served four different schools. After retirement, he served as substitute Principal for a while. Retirement restlessness led him to take a job as an activities bus driver for Richfield schools, which he did for 15 years. John also served as a School Board member for 8 years and has been an Optimist member since 2011.

There will be **NO MEETING on Wednesday, December 28** as the school will be closed.

CLUB NEWS >>>> Tony Koval continues to recover. He would appreciate a call as he rehabs for a while longer. **His cell phone is 612-407-6500**

Our club member BILL HAMMOND would welcome our visits. Call Michelle at 612-869-1724 to arrange a time. Her e-mail is: mhhrocks@msn.com

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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.