

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

Serving Richfield Area youth since 1958

Next Meeting : Wednesday - May 1, 2024

**Meeting at Richfield Public Schools Boardroom 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
401 West 70. Street Richfield, Minnesota**

**This weeks speaker: ADAM ALCOTT, Golf Coach at
Richfield HS**

Our speaker last week was John Gibbs, Board Chair of the Three Rivers Park Commission. John told us of the many activities available in the parks. The Park District is named after the 3 rivers - Mississippi, Minnesota and Crow, and was established in the 1950's. It has 43 lakes, 30+ miles of river and covers over 27,000 acres. They plant over 60,000 trees each year that are grown from seedlings at the Crow-Hassan Park Reserve. Newer projects close to us are the takeover of the Hyland Greens Golf Course from Bloomington and establishment of the Taft Bike Park, with off-road features with jumps, etc.



Nominations for next year club officers were revealed. (Vote in early May.)

President: Steve Lindgren. 1st VP: Dennis Dietzler, 2nd VP: Mike Sandahl

Treasurer: Doug Kleist, 2nd year Board: John Ashmead, Arnie Odefey

1st year Board: Pat Dale, Mike Fogarty Past Pres: John Bjostad

If you are interested in being nominated, please contact Arnie Odefey.

CHILI & SALAD DINNER - APRIL 26, 12024

Thanks to event Chair **Doug Waller & Crew** for putting together a great event, with help for our friends from the Bloomington Optimist Club. **See page 2 for more Chili Dinner Information.**

Another great community event thanks to tremendous help from our friends from the Bloomington Optimist Club. Our ticket takers say they collected 156 tickets at the door and \$2,300.00 In addition, attendees donated \$89. Toward the children's Christmas party and we picked up a paid subscription for the flag program. There is probably more dollars not turned in yet, so a final accounting is still forthcoming. We had some chili in excess. A good portion went to the Richfield Fire Department.

But a big **THANK YOU** to everyone involvd !

