

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

Serving Richfield Area youth since 1958

Next Meeting : Wednesday - May 29, 2024

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

401 West 70. Street Richfield, Minnesota

This week: Scholarship Awards

Last week our speaker was **Les Fordahl**, Who showed us his work as a combat Artist and told about his lifetime skill as an artist. In 1969, Les was stationed in Germany, but was soon asked to go to Vietnam to sketch as a combat artist. While There, he sketched 131 pictures, all of which now reside in The Library of Congress.

Unfortunately, an ugly war protest mob welcomed his plane As he returned to the U.S., And they damaged and stole many of his drawings. Les is still an active artist, is involved with the Bloomington Art Center and is a member of the Bloomington Optimist Club.. A few of his pictures are shown below.



DMM convention is coming up on August 15 -16, 2024 in St. Cloud. New club officers should plan to attend. Registration forms are available at the meeting on Wednesday.

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In a ceremony in the RHS auditorium on Wednesday, May 29, 2024

It is the pleasure of our club to present \$1,000.00 scholarships to these four graduating seniors.

- **IRIANI AYALA**
- **GRACE BURY**
- **EMILY OLSON**
- **MONICA TRUONG**

They are being honored for their academic achievement, along with 29 other seniors who will receive scholarships from the Spartan Foundation at this same ceremony.

On Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 we will once again regale Richfield streets with **743** American Flags as part of our Avenue of Flags program.

Thanks to our Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops who set up and take down these flags each holiday, and a huge BRAVO to our club coordinators who plan and oversee everything, [David Kriesel Koll](#) and [Doug Kleist](#)

