

## PL Optimist – July 11

*“Promise yourself – To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble. This is the tenth, and final, stanza in the Optimist Creed. This is a creed that we should all live by. Whenever you worry, are angry, fearful, or sense trouble, take a minute and put things in perspective. Be positive – it will rub off on others too!*

On June 16 the Optimist Club teamed up with the Junior Optimist to do some community service. They painted garbage receptacles and posts at O’Connell Park in Savage. The group enjoyed a picnic and had an enjoyable and rewarding evening! Watch for more updates on the Junior Optimist program at Prior Lake High School.

“Respect for the Law” is an Optimist International activity that has been in existence since 1965. Past OI President Carl Bowen and former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover had a discussion that gave birth to what is today the fourth most popular Optimist activity with more than 1,500 clubs participating each year. We are proud to honor and give recognition to this year’s “Respect for the Law” award recipient, Detective Darcy White of the Prior Lake Police Department. Thank you for your devoted service to our community.

The Prior Lake Optimist Club has established a foundation for future giving with funds at roughly \$250,000. Please continue to support our programs which support youth in our area by taking chances for fun at Memories on Main, The Cove and Extra Innings in Prior Lake.

Please consider joining the Optimist. We will begin meeting again in September when meetings will be twice a month, at noon, at Fong’s in Prior Lake. Meetings last approximately one hour starting with a meeting and program and followed by lunch. We have many social events as well! For more information on our club, meeting topics and dates go to [www.priorlakeoptimistclub.com](http://www.priorlakeoptimistclub.com) or contact President, Mary Nagarajan at [marynagarajan@gmail.com](mailto:marynagarajan@gmail.com) . To learn more about Optimist International go to <http://optimist.org> .

We wish you all a sunny, happy, healthy summer. Enjoy your vacations, flowers, kids home from school and the jingle of the ice cream truck! “Life is like a mirror, we get the best results when we smile at it.” ~Author Unknown

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