

## PL Optimist – Sept '11

Labor Day has come and gone. Days are shorter and the temperatures are cooling off. The new school year has started and the yellow buses will be seen twice a day going through our neighborhoods. While we always miss summer, it is so exciting to see kids start a new year of school. They see old friends; make new friends, and the opportunity to learn new things - unlimited.

The Prior Lake Optimist Club is one of the more than 2,900 Optimist Clubs around the world that are part of Optimist International. Each Optimist Club determines the needs of the young people in its community and conducts programs to meet those needs. The Prior Lake Optimist Club supports our local youth through many events such as the Excel program, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, Fire Safety Camp, several clubs in our school district, Junior Optimist, scholarships, to name a few.

Everyone can be an Optimist! The club's members include your friends, neighbors, school district personnel, local business owners, people of all ages and backgrounds. There is no pressure to commit to large blocks of time. You can participate a little or a lot. But there is so much to offer – it is fun to be involved! And the benefits? Just like the new school year – the possibilities are unlimited! The Optimist's bring out the “best in kids” and they will bring out the best in you too!

Join us! The first meeting of the year is September 14<sup>th</sup> at noon, at Fong's in Prior Lake. The theme of the first meeting is “welcome back”. At our second meeting, September 28<sup>th</sup> the speaker is Prior Lake Mayor, Mike Myser. Meetings last approximately one hour starting with a meeting and program and followed by lunch. We have many social events as well! Boat rides, Mardi Gras, fishing and Moonlight Golf, to name a few. 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>.

Just like those excited young faces heading off to a new school year, ready to try new things – try something new! Be young, be adventurous – join the Optimist Club today! *“Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn and you will.”* ~Vernon Howard