

Providing Leadership and Assistance to Protect Our Valuable Resource



Event raises over \$14,000

PLA Says "Hit it" to Local Shockwaves Ski Team

The Prior Lake Association hosted a successful fundraiser this past year for the Shockwaves Adaptive Ski Squad that garnered over \$14,000. Instigated by Prior Lake City Councilor Kevin Burkart, the ski squad affords physically-challenged residents the opportunity to experience the thrill of water skiing.



Elvis made a special appearance at the Shockwaves fundraiser where he is pictured with the Director of the Adaptive Ski Squad, Nicholas Brown.



Encore Elvis (Rick Germscheid) performed and was master of ceremonies at the event which featured exciting auction items including Kevin Burkart's donation of a week's stay at a Florida vacation rental, Northern Tool's raffle match and host Charlie's

special contribution. As a result, countless adaptive athletes like Nicholas Brown (above) will enjoy the sport of water skiing.

Founded in 1957, the Shakopee Prior Lake Water Ski Association hosts several water skiing opportunities for the physically-challenged throughout the summer and also offers learn-to-ski clinics for the general public. The group's highly acclaimed show team, the Shockwaves, performs throughout the state as well as locally.

2020/2021 Events

April
Boat Safety Classes
(DNR online only)

April 5
Ice Out Celebration

June 27
On the Water
Ice Cream Social

July 4
Boat Parade and
Fireworks

August 8
Lakefront Days Parade

August 9
Family Fishing
Tournament

August 31
Photo Contest Deadline

October TBD
PLA Annual Meeting

February 20
Ice House Contest

February 28
Ice Out Contest Deadline

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Party Is Open and Free To Current or New PLA members Association Hosts Ice Out Celebration

The Prior Lake Association has scheduled its third annual Ice Out Celebration for Sunday, April 5 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Charlie's On Prior. The highly successful fundraiser, which has garnered large and enthusiastic crowds, will feature light appetizers and a cash bar as well as auction, give-aways and prize drawings.

This year's auction will again feature the always popular lake-themed light boxes and decorated



water skis designed and produced by PLA board members. Another of the highlighted auction items will again be the Paradise Pad (valued at over \$600), donated by PLA Vice President and owner of Great Outdoor Services, Trevor Pope. Numerous other local

businesses are also contributing valuable lake-themed items to the fundraising effort. Also available for sale will be this year's edition of the exclusive PLA cap.



According to PLA President, Steve Reinders, the organization will also announce and present awards to winners of the Ice Out Date contest.

"This entire event is free to anyone as long as they are current members or who will be renewing their membership at the Ice Out party," explained Dr. Reinders. "Last year we garnered the most members in our organization's history and we are hopeful that we'll approach almost 450 in 2020."

Again on exhibit at the Ice Out event will be the Simpkins/Cates Foundation's collection of vintage Prior Lake photos. Coordinated by board member Kathy Dawson, the photographs include lake scenes dating back to the early 1900's.

PLA's Family Fishing Tournament Scheduled for Sunday, August 9th

The Prior Lake Association's 21st Annual Family Fishing Tournament will be held Sunday, August 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Charlie's on Prior will again be hosting the tournament according to tourney coordinator Tom Stephenson. Watch the PLA website and Facebook for further details. Trophies, will be awarded to the "contestants" like the angler at right who was awarded for his trophy Largemouth Bass.



The 2019 event, co-sponsored by the Prior Lake Savage Optimists with support from eXtreme Bass, was a huge success with prizes and trophies going to the many local participants. Family members may enter this friendly tournament at no charge. 2019 winner's names can be found at www.priorlakeassociation.org.

All Onboard For Free Ice Cream!

The Prior lake Association will continue its tradition of offering free ice cream treats during its summertime On-The-Water Ice Cream Social scheduled for Saturday, June 27 from 1 - 3 p.m.



PLA volunteers, who are pictured above distributing ice cream this past summer, will again locate their flotilla in the no-wake zone north of the Wagon Bridge. According to PLA Board Member Adam Proehl, the boating public is encouraged to simply pull up to the "ice cream boat" and grab a cool treat for everyone onboard. Mr. Proehl noted that in the case of inclement weather, the free ice cream event will take place the next day - Sunday at the same location.

Join the Prior Lake Association today!

PLA yearly membership is only \$30 per year and your dues are tax deductible! New members as well as renewals can be processed at www.priorlakeassociation.org.

Thanks!

Fireworks Contributors

PLATINUM \$1000

Chris Rooney Home Experts
Edina Plastic Surgery, Dr. Rob Wilke
Pamela Bakken Foundation
Prior Lake Lions
Prior Lake Rotary
City of Prior Lake

GOLD \$500

Charlie's on Prior
Busse Transportation
Edina Realty Home Services
Lund's and Byerly's
Nuvera Communications

Prior Lake VFW

SILVER \$250

Paulson Brothers Custom Remodeling
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Ekim Orthodontics

Homes by Matt and April

Karen Stiles and Paul Bothof Remax Advantage

Knotty Oar Marina

Morgan Babcock Dentistry

Prior Lake Rental Center

Prior Lake Savage Optimist Club

Pro Service Auto Repair

River Valley Veterinarian Clinic

Tim and Roberta Cole

Viking Liquor Barrel

Village Liquor

Bronze \$100

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Carlson Ace Hardware

EMT Engineering Sales

Genesis Heating and Air Conditioning

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Prior Lake Auto Collision

Prior Lake Pet Hospital

Regan Tax Law

Rod Dehmlow Auto Sales

Roger Hird

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Speed Pro Imaging

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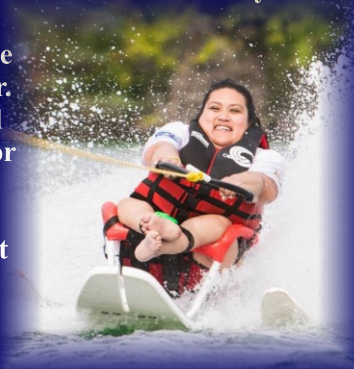
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Prior Lake Association President Steve Reinders



Late last summer the Prior Lake Association, as reported elsewhere in this newsletter, sponsored an important fundraiser for the Shakopee Prior Lake Water Ski Association's Shockwaves Adaptive Ski Squad. There are many who deserve thanks for this event including its coordinator and PLA Secretary Rick "Elvis" Germscheid. Our effort raised over \$14,000 in just one short afternoon of fun, food and drink.

We are so pleased that we could provide financial assistance to this group as they allow physically-challenged individuals to enjoy our lakes. According to Shockwaves Program Director Nick Brown, they refer to their program as "The Miracle On Water." They use the word "miracle" because many of the athletes they serve have never been in open water. In fact, most are told they will never be able to do anything or partake in such lake activities which most Minnesotans take for granted. He also points out that many such challenged individuals are on a lower income and cannot afford many disability-friendly activities like water skiing.



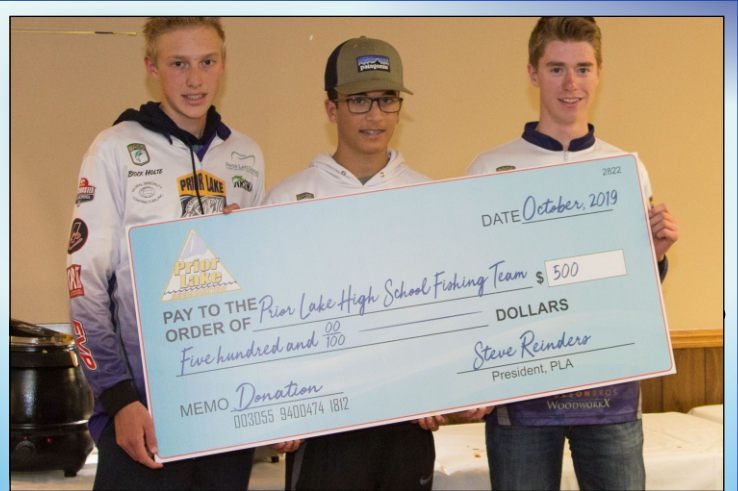
Through the partnership of PLA, the SPLWSA and Shockwaves we are helping to provide a safe and free recreational activity to any adaptive athlete who would like to participate. Nick said it best when he stated: *"United we can change lives. United we can make a difference. United we can ski on. And together we can enable smiles."*

Just look at their smiles and you know we can make a difference. It puts smiles on our faces as well Nick.

Steve Reinders

Funds Available To Plant Native Flowers

The Scott Soil & Water Conservation District received a grant to provide funding and technical assistance for landowners to install pollinator-friendly landscaping options. This includes projects such as adding native flowers to enhance lawns or shorelines, raingardens, and converting lawns to larger pollinator meadows. Persons interested in participating are encouraged to call the local district office at 952-492-5425.



Fishing Team Receives PLA Donation

The Prior Lake High School fishing team was the recipient of a \$500 donation this past year from the Prior Lake Association. The sponsorship money is used to offset the cost to anglers including tournament and travel expenses. In 2019 the team sent 18 anglers to the state tournament and two additional athletes competed nationally.

Alum Treatment Coming to Prior

The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District was recently awarded a grant from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for an alum treatment on Upper Prior Lake. An alum treatment will help reduce Upper Prior's phosphorus levels which are currently above the state water quality standards.

According to Kathryn Keller-Miller, Water Resources Assistant at the local watershed district office, aluminum sulfate (alum) works by binding itself to phosphorus, making it unavailable for algae growth in the lake. The timing of the treatment, she said, depends on when funding becomes available for the grant and lake conditions are appropriate. Future updates will be posted at: www.plslwd.org.



Workers are pictured above preparing for an alum treatment on Spring Lake in 2018. Residents praised the effort as water quality was vastly improved.

Decorate Your Craft For July 4 Parade

The PLA will again host its annual boat parade on July 4 at 1 p.m. beginning at Charlies On Prior. Compete for the grand prize by decorating your boat in whatever theme you'd like. Register for free at the Knotty Oar Marina. There are three categories: pontoon, runabout and PWC.

There's A New Sheriff In Town

Deputy Edwinson To Patrol Area Lakes

Scott County Sheriff Luke Hennen has assigned Deputy Jacob Edwinson to patrol area lakes full time this summer. Mr. Edwinson, who obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State Mankato, previously worked for the Cannon Falls Police Department prior to joining Scott County's force in 2017.



The deputy said he is focused on the safety of lake users and the education of our local citizens whether they be boating, snowmobiling or riding ATV's. Deputy Edwinson enjoys the outdoors and in his free time he and his wife enjoy going to Minnesota's many state parks.



Protecting Water Resources For 50 Years

The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District, which received a \$1,000 donation from the PLA this past year, was formed on March 4, 1970 at the request of local citizens through a citizens petition. For 50 years the PLSLWD has successfully managed this 42 square mile watershed. It is administered by a five member board of managers and is led by District Manager Diane Lynch (third from right) who this past year was awarded Watershed Administrator of the Year during the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts' annual conference.

Join the Prior Lake Association today!

Please go to our website and sign up now.

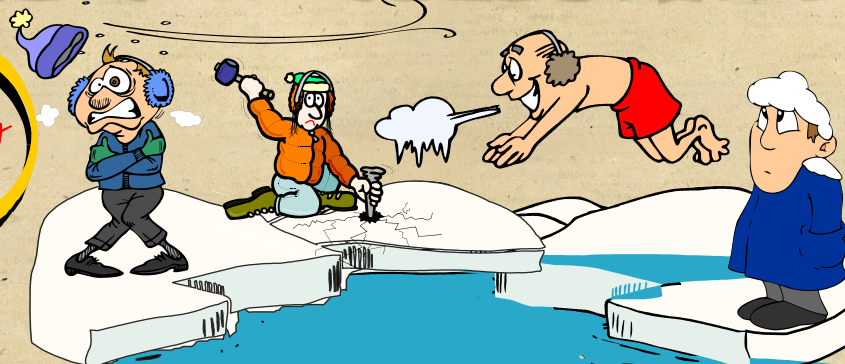
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Join Your Lake Friends and Neighbors at the Third Annual

PRIOR LAKE ASSOCIATION

ICE OUT CELEBRATION

Become a member today and qualify for the PLA Auction!



Paradise Pad

It's a FREE PLA Spring Social at Charlies on-The Lake

Join us in celebrating the arrival of the coming boating season! (Beach attire highly recommended!)

Sunday, April 5 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

No Admission - Light Appetizers - Cash Bar - Auction - Prize Drawings and Ice Out Contest Award Presentation

Join us and consider becoming a member. Win some great prizes!