

## **RLA Benefits from Membership dues our Lakeshore Owners Provide.**

1. RLA keeps lakeshore owners apprised of lake activities and critical issues that affect Rice Lake through the Annual meeting, newsletters and the RLA website and media outlets.
2. RLA works to monitor our lake's water quality and undertake projects to reduce the amount of sediment and phosphorus directly entering Rice Lake.
3. RLA actively applies for grant monies to support our work on both AIS and water quality but matching funds are often required. We will receive a grant in 2024 for the Starry Stonewort management. RLA will need to provide a percentage to match.
4. RLA represents you and your interests with government agencies – North Fork Crow River Watershed District (NFCRWD), Stearns County, Eden Valley, Eden Lake Township, Paynesville Township, MPCA, DNR, Environment Services and others.
5. RLA represents you and your interests with other organizations working to prevent the spread of AIS and maintain our water quality. e.g., Koronis Lake Association, Pirz Lake Association, Stearns County COLA, City of Paynesville, MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates.
6. RLA members can get notices regarding lake activities, water levels, and issues by visiting the website.
7. RLA works with the Stearns County Sheriff Water Patrol and the DNR to enforce safety regulations.
8. Membership dues goes towards:
  - Newsletters
  - Communications
  - Membership Drive
  - Mailing & Postage & PO Box Rental
  - Domain/Website
  - Annual Meeting Breakfast
  - Organization Dues and AIS Inspection cost commitment
  - Liability & Board Insurance
  - Meeting Expenses