



# RALALA Lake Association

Fall 2013

## Scheduled 2014 RALALA Events:

- 5/25 at 3:30 pm Annual Meeting at CLT Town Hall
- 5/25 at 5:00 pm Potluck Dinner
- 7/4—Pontoon Parade
- 8/9—Silent Auction and BBQ from 11:30 to 2:30pm
- 8/30—Raffle drawing at 6:00pm

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## Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes Association Newsletter

### President's Letter—by Bob Lee

As my first year as President is winding down, I have been reflecting on what we have accomplished so far and what challenges still face us.

I think we can all be very proud of the many things we did achieve in 2013. We set all time fund raising records for both the raffle and the silent auction. We initiated what may well be the most intensive AIS prevention program of any lake association in the state. We got our new website up and

running and filled it with lots of information that you the members told us you wanted to have available. We have developed and strengthened an already strong cadre of volunteers who are enthusiastically pitching in to make our various programs and events successful. We are directing our attention to improving some basic lake association services that have been somewhat neglected in recent years like signage on the lakes, maintenance and replacement of hazard,

channel and no-wake buoys, and dredging the gradually deteriorating channel between Roosevelt and Lawrence Lake. We have also been supportive of ongoing efforts by conservation organizations to protect and preserve the remaining wild and scenic shoreland on our lakes.

All of these are notable achievements, but we have made only minimal progress on one thing I regard as an extremely important goal—obtaining the support and

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### Report on 2013 AIS Inspections at our Boat Ramps—by Darril Wegscheid

In what we regard as a major success, RALALA helped pay for slightly more than 1,000 hours of DNR-trained Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Inspectors stationed at the boat launches on our lakes this year. This total included some 240 hours of DNR Intern inspections at the Roosevelt launch on Highway 6 under our own DNR grant, about 460 hours of inspections by Crooked Lake Township (CLT) supplied inspectors, and 315 hours of inspections by City of Emily inspectors.

The funds we used in this effort were derived from donations by our members to the RALALA Environ-

mental Quality Initiative (EQI) and from our fundraisers like the raffle, silent auction and barbeque. All expenditures were subject to a 50% DNR match. In addition to our own money, substantial additional funding came from CLT and Emily taxpayers.

CLT sponsored a Citizens' AIS Committee, headed by Ed Evans, which met repeatedly over the past 20+ months to develop a strategy for defending local lakes. In addition to RALALA lakes, this committee also supported Lake Washburn with another 430 hours of inspector time.

Art Patterson developed and

coordinated the City of Emily efforts to arrange-for and deploy some 460 hours at Ruth Lake and 115 hours at Lake Emily in addition to the 315 hours they supported us.

Employment Resources Center of Brainerd facilitated the private-employment and allocation of Inspectors to the two local units of government.

With the 2013 announcements of zebra mussel infestations in the Whitefish Chain and Lake Winnibigoshish, there is even greater pressure on us to expand our program. All parties are looking to improve our inspection coverage for the 2014 boating season, and to explore how to otherwise strengthen our defenses.

## DNR urges AIS vigilance during ‘cabin close-up’

With winter just around the corner many Minnesotans are pulling in their boats and closing up cabins for the season. It's the time of year when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks every cabin and lake-shore owner to watch for aquatic invasive species (AIS) when removing docks, boat lifts, swim rafts and other equipment from the water.

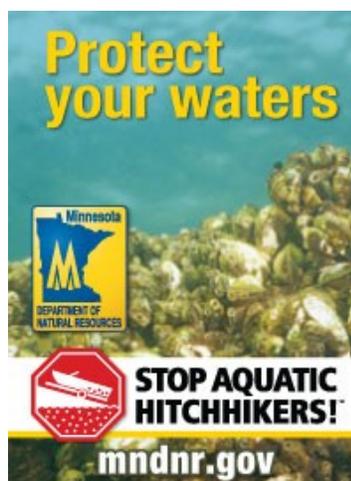
“The end of the season offers an important opportunity to monitor for AIS,” said Ann Pierce, DNR invasive species unit supervisor. “Carefully inspect everything you remove from the water to see if there are invasive species attached. Your observations will provide invaluable information to the DNR in tracking the distribution of AIS – and give us a chance to rapidly respond if new infestations are found.”

Look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period. In newly infested waters, adult zebra mussels may not be abundant and there may only be a few mussels on a piece of equipment. On a smooth surface, juvenile mussels feel gritty, like sandpaper.

If a new infestation of zebra mussels, faucet snails or other aquatic invasive species is suspected, the exact location should be noted, a photo taken and a specimen

should be kept.

Call 888-646-6367 or contact a local DNR AIS specialist (see <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/contacts.html> for contacts) or a fisheries office (see <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/areas/>



[fisheries/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fisheries/index.html)) for a list.

Responding quickly to new AIS infestations is critical to help curb the spread into other water bodies.

There are also specific legal requirements that cabin owners and boaters must follow when removing and storing watercraft and equipment for the winter – or hiring someone to handle it:

### Transporting and storing watercraft

When hauling boats or other watercraft to a storage facility away from the shoreline property, make sure there are no invasive species attached. It is illegal to transport watercraft with invasive species attached.

However, if the watercraft is

contaminated with AIS and it needs to be transported to another location for cleaning and winter storage, the DNR provides an authorization form to transport watercraft ([http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural\\_resources/invasives/ais-auth-form-boats.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/invasives/ais-auth-form-boats.pdf)). The form should be downloaded, completed, signed and kept in possession during transport. Zebra mussels and other invasive plants and animals must be removed before transporting the watercraft back to a lake or other water body.

### Transporting and storing docks, lifts and equipment

It is legal to remove a dock, boat lift, dock, weed roller, swim raft, or irrigation equipment from infested waters and place it on the adjacent shoreline property – even if there are zebra mussels or other prohibited invasive species attached. A permit is not required to place equipment on the shoreline. Contact a DNR AIS specialist if an invasive plant or animal is found that has not been sighted on the lake before.

However, if someone wants to transport equipment from infested waters to another location for storage, cleaning or repair, they must have an authorization form to transport equipment to legally move it to another location.

If the equipment is to be installed in another water body, all aquatic plants and animals

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participation of the vast majority of the lakeshore owners on our lakes. As best we can determine at this point, only about one-third of the universe of lakeshore owners are presently members of RALALA. Some of the remainder have been members from time to time, but probably just haven't gotten around to paying dues this year. But more than half of the owners have never been members and have never participated in our efforts to protect and preserve our lakes. I want to try to change that.

We do have the beginnings of a strategy for making this possible. Over the winter we are

going to invest in a new software system that will allow us to assemble and then track information about all of the property owners in the area. We are then going to develop a neighborhood captains program which will allow us to have neighbors and friends personally approach each and every one of these "missing families" in an effort to get them involved in RALALA. Once we have a detailed plan, we will be calling on all of you for your help in getting this project done.

On another front, I want to make sure you all read the article about the proposed

Woods Bay Aquatic Management Area. I am very excited about the progress that has been made on this project in 2013, I am totally convinced that protecting the more than one mile of critical shoreline on the Eggers property in its current pristine state is vitally important to preserving our water quality, enhancing our fishery, and protecting one of the few wild spots left on Roosevelt Lake. Assuming that the State Legislature actually approves the funding being recommended, you will be hearing a lot more about this next year. Have a nice winter (if there is such a thing) and see you all in the spring!



### Restoring Our Lake Buoys—by Bob Lee

Roger Brekken should be writing this article, but he is harvesting out in the Red River Valley, so I am going to give you a report on his behalf.

This summer when we started getting calls alerting us that some of the buoys were missing. I then realized I had no idea who maintained, placed, and removed our buoys every year. A few calls led me to Roger Brekken who informed me that Brian Olds (Olds Dock Service) puts them in and takes them out as a volunteer. But contacting Brian revealed that he did not maintain the buoys. Roger then made the mistake of volunteering to see if he could find and repair any of the buoys that had not been deployed. That earned him his appointment as buoy czar.

As it turns out no one has

been maintaining the buoys, at least for some years now and they have been gradually deteriorating. This year some of them were so bad that they could not be deployed. Here is an example.

Roger then contacted the



Cass County Sheriff's Office and learned that they provide

the buoys. Chief Deputy Erick Hoglund arranged for Roger to get 3 new "danger" buoys. One was immediately used to replace one in Lawrence that was so badly damaged it could not be deployed last spring. The other two will be used next spring to replace the two buoys that are in the worst condition after we have examined them all.

In addition, Roger and Chief Deputy Hoglund discussed replacing missing channel buoys at the Narrows, two of which were too badly deteriorated to use. Since this is not a legally established "no wake" zone, they decided that Chief Hoglund will order some blank buoys and Roger will contact 3M to get some 3 inch wide orange retroreflective tape and also some white or clear retroreflective tape with 3 inch black letters saying "slow". We will then make these "slow" buoys and deploy them next spring.



### RALALA 2014 Events

In a break with tradition and to make it easier for participants to plan ahead, the Board set the dates for all RALALA 2014 events at its fall meeting. Those dates are:

**Sunday, 5/25—ANNUAL MEETING** at 3:30 P.M. at CLT Town Hall

**Sunday 5/25— POTLUCK SUPPER** at 5:00 pm for members and your weekend guests

**Friday, 7/4—PONTOON PARADE**, everyone welcome, details in the Spring newsletter

**Saturday 8/9—BBQ and SILENT AUCTION** at 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**Saturday 8/30—Raffle Drawing** from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

As you can see, the RALALA Silent Auction fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, August 9th. The committee charged with making this happen is already hard at work. They want all of you to know that they are seeking donations from our members that would be of interest to bidders at next summer's event. If you have art, handmade objects, gift certifi-

cates, sporting tickets, cultural event tickets, etc., that would make good auction items, please consider making a donation. We will not need to collect anything until next summer, but we would encourage you to think over the winter about participating with a donation in 2014. The committee would arrange for pick up of your items as needed. Any donation would be tax deductible. Our Silent Auction has generated substantial funding for AIS inspections and other measures for the benefit of our lakes. Questions? contact Linda Vanstraaten at [jvs41@aol.com](mailto:jvs41@aol.com)

### Outing/Emily AIS Inspectors Appreciated



On Sunday September 8th, 2013 the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Inspectors who helped protect the waters in Outing (Cass County) and Emily (Crow Wing County) were invited to an "Appreciation Cookout" at Luscher Park in Outing, MN.

The total Inspection effort deployed more than 2,000

hours of DNR-trained Inspector hours on the Emily-Outing area boat launches during the summer months, investing more than \$29,000 in a combination of DNR funds, LGU funds and Lake Association donations.

The event's hosts were the local organizations that worked most closely with the

MN DNR to run this effort: the Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Board, the CLT AIS Committee, the Washburn Lake Association, the City of Emily / Ruth Lake LID, and RALALA.

The effort was to say "thanks" to these hard-working folks who put in so many hours to greet and educate citizens, and to inspect watercraft entering and leaving the local lakes. Many hundreds of hours were involved in this year's coordinated tactics to reduce the odds of spreading AIS into our neighborhood lakes. AIS education of all water users is a basic key to helping stop that spread.

### The Crooked Creek Beaver War—by Bob Lee

If you have been paying close attention this fall you will have noticed some strange swings in water levels on Lake Roosevelt. If you live beyond the bridge over Crooked Creek, like I do, you will also have noticed that the creek has gone from its normal fall level to almost bone dry, and then quickly back to spring flood level, all in a matter of a few weeks.

Sudden heavy rains do not explain these phenomena. No, these are the telltale signs of a beaver war being waged in Crooked Creek. This war has been going on for a very long time. It is being waged primarily by Nicolas David with occasional help from his friends, family and neighbors. The opponent is an unknown number of implacable beavers who are making their home on the creek that is the Roosevelt outflow, a creek that they are bound and determined to dam up. They constitute the

Axis of Evil. You can recognize these creatures because they wear shiny black boots and walk with a very stiff legged gait. At least one of them carries a riding crop!

In their most recent fall campaign these beaver built two dams about 30 meters apart! The result was that the creek was virtually dry below the second dam (which was built on top of the DNR control structure that



is supposed to regulate the water level in Roosevelt).

But in a blitzkrieg offensive in terrible weather conditions Nicolas came to our rescue, pulling apart both of the dams



and restoring the flow in Crooked Creek (which explains why we had a spring runoff conditions at the beginning of October!)

But as Nicolas says “they are going to retaliate!” To help him win this war, we have contacted a licensed trapper who has been out to look things over and will begin trapping these furry fiends at the beginning of November after the trapping season opens.

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such as zebra mussels and Eurasian water milfoil, must be removed – and the equipment must be dried for 21 days before placing in other waters.

#### Hiring a business or individual to remove boats and equipment from any water body

Any business or individual in Minnesota receiving payment to decontaminate, install, or remove boats, docks or water

-related equipment is required by law to complete AIS training and obtain a permit before working in waters of the state.

Anyone hired to remove a boat or dock must have a current DNR permitted service provider sticker on their windshield. If they work for a lake service provider business, ask to see an employee certificate.

A list of permitted lake services providers is on the DNR website at <https://>

[webapps8.dnr.state.mn.us/aquatic\\_invasive\\_species\\_training/lake\\_service\\_provider\\_permit\\_s/public\\_website\\_list](http://webapps8.dnr.state.mn.us/aquatic_invasive_species_training/lake_service_provider_permit_s/public_website_list)

Learn more about Minnesota’s aquatic invasive species rules and regulations, and the DNR’s lake service provider program at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquatic/index.html>

**Funding Recommended for Woods Bay Project—by Paula West, Executive Director, Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) and Don Dee, RALALA Member**

**Proposed Woods Bay AMA  
Lake Roosevelt Emily, Minnesota**



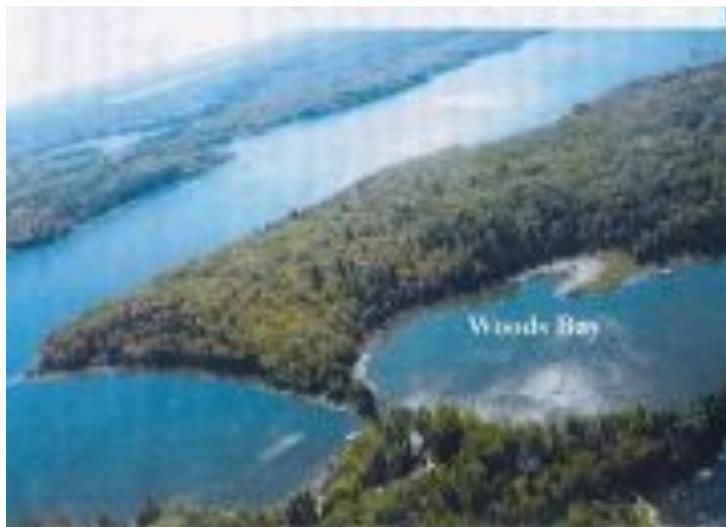
Red lined shoreland is DNR-identified sensitive shoreland; this is shoreland where aquatic and upland habitat are most susceptible to the impacts of development.

Yellow box outlines project area.

The Woods Bay Project, also known as the “Eggers Project”, entails efforts to preserve over a mile of undeveloped lakeshore all along the southwest edge of Woods Bay on Lake Roosevelt. That property was purchased by Charles and Judy Eggers in the early 1950s and the Eggers family has maintained its pristine condition – unchanged except by nature – for six decades. Anyone who has boated on Lake Roosevelt has enjoyed this natural gem. Even the eagles appreciate it!

The Eggers family now wishes to preserve the property for future generations of Minnesotans to enjoy. It will be placed in public ownership and management by the Minnesota DNR as an Aquatic Management Area (AMA). Doing so protects the fish and wildlife habitat while providing public recreational enjoyment of the natural resources on the 105 acres, and it ensures

the land and shoreland will never be developed. The Leech Lake Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) a 501(c)3 non-profit land trust that helps preserve critical land and shorelands throughout North



Central Minnesota, is seeking funding to acquire the 105 acres and over one mile of shoreland. Once acquired, LLAWF will then gift it to the Minnesota DNR for final own-

ership.

“We first met the Eggers in 2007 and heard about Charlie and Judy’s vision of protecting their land forever. We are delighted to be able to work with their children now to accomplish their parents’ conservation vision of keeping the land in its natural state and a living legacy for all to enjoy,” said Paula West, LLAWF executive director. “We are pleased to announce that LLAWF has been recommended for acquisition funding by the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, the group charged with recommending spending of one-third of the annual proceeds of the Legacy Amendment passed in 2008 that dedicates a portion of the sales tax to the environment and the arts. If the funding

recommendation is approved by the 2014 Legislature, the acquisition process will begin after July 1, 2014.”

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## Crooked Lake Township AIS Committee—by Ed Evans

The Crooked Lake Township AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Committee has just completed what we hope was a very successful summer. (We will only learn for sure if it was successful if we don't have zebra mussels in 2014.) It was an exciting summer from the standpoint of inter-city, inter-lake association cooperation, all working together on the AIS issue.

Crooked Lake Township (and the AIS committee) applied for and received a DNR grant for Level 1 Watercraft inspections at the Lawrence Lake/Roosevelt landing at Luscher's Park and the public landing at Lake Washburn. The inspectors were hired from ERC in Brainerd. RALALA split the inspection costs at Luscher's Park with the AIS committee and Lake Washburn Association paid for the inspectors at Lake Washburn. The grant was administered by Lloyd Thyen of the Crooked Lake Township Board. RALALA had a DNR inspector grant for the Highway 6 Roosevelt Lake landing and

supplemented the DNR intern inspectors with help from the city of Emily and the Ruth Lake Association. The Ruth Lake Association and the City of Emily had an additional inspector grant for the Ruth and Emily Lake landings. They were able to loan inspector hours to RALALA to supplement the DNR interns at the Highway 6 landings.

The inspectors did an excellent job: everyone told us they were fast, thorough, and talked the boaters through the inspection process—training the boaters during the inspection. An inspector appreciation dinner was held at the end of the inspection season so the lake associations, CLT, and the City of Emily could tell the inspectors what a great job they did.

The Crooked Lake Township AIS Committee has an important message for the entire RALALA membership. WE NEED YOUR HELP. We need to convince the legislature of the State of Minnesota that the AIS battle is important to the State and requires additional fund-

ing. Currently, lake associations, cities and townships spend more on AIS than the State does. CLT was one of three townships in the entire state to receive a DNR watercraft inspection grant in 2013. The City of Emily was one of five cities in the entire state. This is not going to win the battle against AIS.

We need the members of RALALA, especially those who live and vote in the Twin Cities area, to send letters to their legislators, both senators and representatives, about the need for additional AIS awareness and funding. A sample letter will be placed on the RALALA website with five specific legislative actions that are needed. This letter will be ready for you to download and send to your senators and representatives, either by snail mail or email. You may of course feel free to modify the letter in any way you feel is important.

### LIBRARY NOTES

There is "Big News" at the Outing Volunteer Library and that is that the library will soon have a new home. On October 10, 2013, the Crooked Lake Township Board of Supervisors voted to lease the (virtually) completed addition to the Town Hall to the OVL. The lease is currently being finalized. Although we have been able to make the current library space work and appreciate having had the space to use, the new

addition is beautiful and will allow for a much more organized library.

We are really looking forward to moving the OVL to its new home, but as with all new locations, this will generate a new "wish list" for equipment that there was never room for before, such as computers and furniture. We will be contacting all the residents and library users for donations to the

"wish list". We are also looking for volunteers to assist in moving the OVL when the time comes. (That is a lot of books!!!)

For the present time, the OVL's hours of operation will remain the same as they have been. This subject will be reviewed as the OVL is moved and becomes fully operational.



## RALALA Raffle & Silent Auction/BBQ Results

The 2013 RALALA raffle drawing was at the Village Inn on August 31st (due to a violent storm, most of this event took place in the dark!). The many volunteers selling raffle tickets this year propelled us to a new all-time record both in gross receipts and net profit—all of which goes to our Environmental Quality Initiative Fund.

Todd Stafford of Maplewood, MN was drawn as the first place winner; he chose to take the \$1000. The Brown-



ing X-Bolt 270 rifle, scope, strap and case went to Dave MacDonald of Roosevelt Lake. Third place winner was Cindy Lipp from Nora Springs, Iowa winning a \$250 Target gift card.



### New RALALA shirts on the way!

After hearing lots of comments from the membership about how ratty everyone's RALALA tee shirts are now, the Board determined this is the right time to order new shirts. It was also decided to add pocketed, collared shirts.

Our thanks to all who sold and bought tickets, to the Village Inn for hosting, and to Meri Lysne for printing tickets.

The 2013 RALALA Silent Auction and BBQ were held at the Village Inn on August 10. Thanks to the Village Inn, the many local businesses, RALALA members and friends who made contributions of merchandise, talent, volunteer time and treasure the Silent Auction raised over \$2900 and the BBQ approximately \$200 for the RALALA Environmental Quality Initiative Fund. THANK YOU to the following businesses and individuals that donated items for the Silent Auction:

Business donors: Rapala Lures, Itasca Leathergoods, Lake Country Journal, Acorn Millworks, Bay Lake Marine, Village Inn, Best Buy, Heartland Motors, Crosslake Drug, Lundrigan's, Moonlight Bay, Outing Boutique, Judy's House Of Gifts, Owls & Things, Applebee's (Baxter), The Deerstand (Deerwood), Zorbaz On The Lake (Crosslake), Black Bear (Baxter), Maucieri's (Crosslake), Pine Peaks (Crosslake), Rafferty's (Crosslake), Grizzly's (Baxter),

Pestello's On Roosevelt, Holiday Station (Emily), Poncho & Lefty's (Baxter), Prairie Bay (Baxter), Golden Eagle Golf (Fifty Lakes), Cuyuna Golf (Deerwood), Dan Loken (Pga, Emily), Breezy Point Golf, Whitefish Golf, Barstock (Crosslake), Lake Country Grocery (Outing), Shadberry (Outing), Reddings (Emily), Emily Coop. Telephone Co., M. Lysne, (Vacationland Realty), Land O'lakes Marine (Outing), Pine River State Bank (Emily), Chanhassen Dinner Theater, Emily Greens Golf, St. Paul Saints, Rustic River (Emily), Ace Hardware (Emily), Reeds Market (Crosslake), Ruttger's Bay Lake Golf, Boat Dr. Up North, Norway Ridge (Ideal Corners), Anna's Upholstery/Anna Thiel, Ace Hardware (Crosslake), Crosswoods Golf (Crosslake)Lakes Area Gallery & Frame (Crosslake), Emily Meats, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra

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tions! We will purchase these shirts from a vendor who will allow us to order relatively small lots in the future as needed. We will also explore the possibility of allowing you to order these shirts on the website.

A small committee was appointed to come up with a new design during the winter, so that sales of the new shirts can start in the spring. If any of you have eye catching design ideas, we would love to hear your sugges-

## Woods Bay AMA cont'd from p. 6

Woods Bay is a high priority for acquisition by the DNR, but because of the cost of the land they were not able to directly pursue its purchase. LLAWF was able to seek the funding independently with letters of support from the Minnesota DNR, Muskies Inc., Anglers of Habitat, the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership, Minnesota Forest Resources Council, and of course RALALA. Woods Bay is a high priority for protection for several reasons. All of the shoreland in the Bay was identified by the DNR as sensitive shoreland critical for protection as high quality

of protection". There are 38 lakes in North Central Minnesota that are so designated and are considered to be the "best of the best" and most sensitive lakes in the area for game fish production. Tullibee are forage fish for walleyes, northern, muskies, and lake trout and are found in abundance in cold, deep, freshwater lakes. Tullibee are very sensitive to temperature changes; if tullibee populations would change due to climate warming, game fish populations could decline. "Keeping large areas of shoreline undeveloped and protected, along with lake residents practicing good

tullibee."

The Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council was encouraged to provide funding because of the Eggers family's willingness to donate some land value to match the recommended public funds. Muskies Inc. has also pledged support.

Among the people who will benefit the most from this project are the 600 or so property owners on Roosevelt and Lawrence lakes since they can readily boat and fish along this Woods Bay natural gem. Early next year, LLAWF will be inviting funding assistance from both RALALA and from individuals who wish to lend their support to make this dream happen. This type of support is critically needed, both to show strong local support as well as to assist in making the financing of this ambitious project feasible.

As for financial support from RALALA, this seems to be exactly the type of project for which RALALA's Environmental Quality Initiative (EQI) was established and for which the organization's fund-raising efforts are directed. Next year, 2014, will be a critical time for this project. Please anticipate hearing more about it in the coming months. If you have any questions, you may call Don Dee at 218.763.2648 or Paula West at 218.675.5773 or [info@leechlakewatershed.org](mailto:info@leechlakewatershed.org).



fish and wildlife habitat. The physical aspects of the shoreland, aquatic vegetation and bottom substrates are believed to be excellent conditions for spawning for the muskies stocked in Roosevelt Lake several years ago and soon will be reaching reproductive size.

Roosevelt Lake is also classified by the DNR as a "tullibee (cisco) lake in need

shoreland management and keeping forested areas that drain to the lake intact will insure continued high quality waters that can support tullibee populations and an excellent fishery," said West. "The funding recommendation will also enable our organization to look at other land protection strategies on Roosevelt Lake and the 37 other lakes in the region that sustain high populations of

**2013 RALALA EQI DONORS**

Thanks to the generous support of our members 2013 was a very successful year for RALALA. We would like to acknowledge those members who supported our organization through cash donations beyond their membership renewal. These donations go into the RALALA Environmental Quality Initiative Fund. The Environmental Quality Initiative provides RALALA the opportunity to further pursue the Association's objectives beyond what the modest annual dues would allow.

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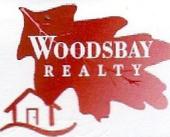
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