



Dear BLA Supporter,

January 27, 2017

Only two months 'til spring! Right now the lakes are resting comfortably beneath the ice and getting a good winter's sleep-recuperating from the challenging summer of 2016. We know the earlier the ice comes in - and the later it goes out - is the best natural prescription for our water quality.

It is a new year and we have new challenges ahead of us. There is never a better time to be a member of the Belgrade Lakes Association. We continue to be a leader in preserving our lakes. This past year affirmed our actions in fighting MILFOIL, but we need remain diligent in this effort. We continue to support the Courtesy Boat Inspection program and the Conservation Corps, LakeSmart and Adopt-a-Shoreline. The next big challenge we face is the phosphorous levels in our lakes. The new CLEAN LAKES Initiative is underway and we will continue to be a leader in this effort working with the other conservation groups developing a plan to effectively address solutions to safeguard and improve the lakes we love so dearly.

BLA would like to offer you a special challenge. Our plan is to double our membership this year from 543 to 1086 members! It is a big goal. But remember the answer to the question-

How do you climb to the mountaintop? One step at a time.

This can be accomplished if each one of us takes just one step and brings one new member to BLA. Here are some suggestions:

- Are your adult children (and grandchildren) members? We need to have the next generation involved in our lake association.
- How about your neighbors on either side of you?
- Do all members of your camp association belong?
- Do you have friends that come to visit every year and love the lake? They can belong, too.
- Have you met folks who rent here every year and don't belong to BLA?
- Or your golfing buddies? Or the folks who rent your camp?

We would like to offer a challenge to you. Everyone who brings in 3 (yes-three) new memberships will receive a special BLA commemorative gift. Just put your name on their completed enrollment form and we will do the record-keeping. In the meantime, please renew your own membership and start us on our way.

We have great plans in 2017. We are all in this together and together can strengthen the work of BLA. Before you know it, the docks will be going in, engines will be tuned up, boats uncovered and fishing licenses purchased. It will be summer in the Belgrades - complete with all those special moments we treasure.

Carol Johnson
Membership Co-Chair

Gail Rizzo
Membership Co-Chair

YES! I want to join hundreds of others who support the work of the
Belgrade Lakes Association.

Level of Membership: Check a box below. Make your check payable to the: **Belgrade Lakes Association.**

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____

Member Name(s): _____

Winter Mailing Address: _____

Email(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

Invited to join BLA by _____

You may also join using a credit card at our website: www.blamaine.org

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