

YOUR LEGACY; YOUR BEQUEST **by Charles Tarbell, Treasurer LEA**

...none of us ever thought there was any place in the world like that lake in Maine. We returned summer after summer. A few weeks ago...I returned to the lake. I took along my son. I wondered how time would have marred this unique, this holy spot – the coves and streams, the hills that the sun set behind, the camps and the paths behind the camps.

Once More to the Lake -- E.B. White

I was twelve years old when the Lakes Environmental Association was formed. Like the young boy in E.B. White's essay, my father and grandfather delighted in showing me the secrets of our Maine lake. It was a magical time in my childhood which I will never, ever forget.

As an adult, I performed the same magic for my own kids, and happily, they are both deeply invested in our lake. I want their kids, and future generations to be able to share that same magic. So now, as the founding members of LEA pass on, the **current** stewards of LEA want to ensure that the **future** stewards of Maine lakes will have what they need to protect and preserve the quality of Maine's inland waterbodies. If you are like me, you feel that your lake is one of your legacies.

The LEA Lakes Legacy League recognizes those individuals who decide to invest in their lake by designating LEA as a beneficiary of their estate. You will join a small but growing cadre of longtime LEA members who recognize the importance and value of passing on pristine lakes to our children and grandchildren.

LEA Lakes Legacy League Benefits:

- Knowledge that your donated assets will protect Maine lakes into the future
- Peace of mind in designating your life preferences free of stress and pressure
- You join a distinguished group of dedicated LEA supporters who are regularly honored

Will you consider joining me as a founding member of the LEA Lakes Legacy League? The following five steps outline the process:

1. Consider what type of bequest is appropriate for you. LEA's Executive Director can provide guidance or input if desired.
2. Consult your financial advisor and attorney
3. Execute the proper documentation
4. Notify LEA of your completed plans and you will officially become a member of the Lakes Legacy League
5. Enjoy the personal satisfaction that your gift will help future generations enjoy the magic of your pristine lake

Thank you for your consideration. Our lakes are our legacy.