**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS OF THE MLA**

It was nice to reacquaint with members at our July AGM. To those that have joined for the first time I would like to remind you of the benefits of belonging to the Mary Lake Association. Please be ambassadors and pass along the information to your neighbours if they have not yet joined. Our membership benefits by receiving current information on shoreline health, water quality through regular water testing of the lake, knowledge of educational workshops and seminars, current correspondence from the MNR and the Town of Huntsville’s Planning Department. When issues affecting Mary Lake & adjoining water ways are on the Town Council’s Agenda you can be guaranteed a MLA board member is attending that meeting to find out the details. We are consistently reviewing all shoreline development to ensure compliance with the Mary Lake Plan. The MLA has established relations with the Town, the MNR, and Watershed personnel along with other local groups. For our members a lost and found service has developed over the years. In 2014 this led to matching several members with their missing boats and docks. Many members benefited from this. In short, your membership dollars help to maintain the environmental health of our lake, enables us to monitor developments which affect the environment of Mary Lake, empowers us to represents the needs of its members and monitors the policies and activities of all levels of government and non-government agencies. We will inform members of local issues through our newsletters and our Annual General Meeting in July. The MLA stays abreast with our fellow associations in Muskoka with ongoing events in their areas. In event of major developments, we can count on our fellow associations to support us in our efforts to provide and maintain our beautiful lake, homes and cottages, and our communities. These are all worthwhile reasons to belong to the MLA. We appreciate you passing the word to your neighbours.