

## **Cheese, Cows, Packers, Brewers, and Revolution**

What's Wisconsin known for? We can add “revolution” to the usual cheese, cows, Brewers, and Packers. A friend of a friend was recently traveling in Spain and told a few people from Finland that she was from Wisconsin. “Wisconsin! That's where the revolution is!” was the excited reaction.

The passion for a cause exhibited by “revolutionaries” is something that every volunteer organization hopes for when its own particular cause is being promoted. RLIA's cause is preserving and improving the quality of Rock Lake. Who can NOT be passionate about that?

Exhibiting that passion are the RLIA board members who are working on two grants from the State Department of Natural Resources that will provide extensive data on phosphorus and bacteria entering Rock Lake. In conjunction with Jefferson County and DNR lake experts, a plan has been adopted that includes not only board members tramping through muck to collect data, but also professionals using more sophisticated methods. In addition, Professor Ken Potter and UW grad students will be contributing many hours in pursuit of the polluting culprits. (That's chemicals and organisms, not the board members.)

Please go to RLIA's website ([rocklake.org](http://rocklake.org)) and find out more about these grants---and also about other RLIA activities, e.g., the recent Canada goose and frog counts. There are many links to ecological information related to Rock Lake, including the power-point visuals from the April RLIA-sponsored Aquatic Plants Seminar. DVD's from that seminar can be checked out at the Lake Mills library.

If you have a passion for Rock Lake, or even just a slight “crush” on it, you can help the cause by joining RLIA for only \$15. RLIA is not an organization of only shoreline property owners. It is open to all who appreciate Rock Lake for its fishing, boating, swimming, diving, and aesthetics. Come to the RLIA display during Town and Country Days for a membership form or get one from the website. And become passionate about Rock Lake!

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