

# SAVE OUR LAKES



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Vivian and Sherrell with Ann Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director of the SJRWMD

## THE WORK CONTINUES...

As the new President of the Save Our Lakes Organization, my plan is to **continue the work**. As you know, the Black Creek Project is currently in permitting. Our Organization is in full support of the Black Creek Project. We will continue to interact with the SJRWMD staff, state, county and local officials as **the work continues** on the Black Creek Project.

We have recently received the “Technical Memorandum” for the Lake Brooklyn and Lake Geneva MFLs from the SJRWMD staff for our review and input. We will be meeting with their senior staff after we have had time to review and interpret the data. As the work on these MFLs has continued (literally for years), the Save Our Lakes Organization has stayed involved every step of the way. We will keep our Members up-to-date as this important process finally comes to a conclusion.

In assuming the position of President of the Save Our Lakes Organization, I am becoming a member of a great team. Each Board member has unique talents. The combination of the SOLO Board and its dedicated Membership are a TEAM. I look forward to continuing the work.

Sherrell Roberts, President

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## PART OF THE TEAM...

You saw my letter of resignation as President in the July newsletter. I have been asked (and have agreed) to stay on the SOLO Board as Vice-President. Like many of you, I have owned my property in Keystone for decades and have a special place in my heart for our lakes. While I have moved away and may not be as “visible,” my involvement will continue. You have heard and seen the word “TEAM” a lot...that’s because this SOLO Board is made up of a group of folks with talents and personalities and a love for our lakes that can’t be beat! The SOLO Members complete that TEAM...always willing to show up for “RED SHIRT ALERTS”.

In contemplating the next year, my plan is to be available if Sherrell calls on me and to participate in Black Creek, MFL and other meetings. There is another area I hope to give some extra time to...our SOLO Members! You have been so supportive over the past ten years! You have “been there” when I have sent out “RED SHIRT” alerts and in so many other ways. I’m going to be working on communicating/interacting with our Members more effectively. Now understand...I’m a dinosaur when it comes to “social media”...so you’re probably going to have to give me some time to figure things out...but that’s one of my goals for the coming year...and I’m looking forward to it!

Vivian James, Vice President



## JULY ON LAKE GENEVA

Remember the Fourth of July on Lake Geneva? Having friends and family over for cookouts, games, watching fireworks in the evening over Keystone Heights and, most especially, an amazing day on our clear water, white sandy bottomed lake. A priceless blessing that you loved to share. On the left, July 4, 1975. On the right, July 20, 2019. They are reminders of how much we’ve lost.

The weed beds indicate how far down the water would go during the normal range of high and low water in the lake. In the photo on the left, the dock stands at the edge of the then historic low for the lake. The weed beds at the mouth of the cove indicate that, even in extreme low water events, the cove was still fully connected to the main body of the lake. In the photo on the right, the cove is now a weed choked pond cut off from the main body of the lake. The weed bed edge on the near shore shows how far out the lake bottom was exposed allowing grasses to start growing. This is a characteristic of all the Keystone lakes. Though the water at the edge of this weed bed is currently over eight feet deep, we have a long way to go before we recover what we’ve lost.

**WATER FLOW!**



**GET INVOLVED IN 2019!!**

August 2019 - Calendar

Please join us in our efforts to Save Our Lakes and Save The Aquifer!

\* SJRWMD BOARD MEETING - August 13, 11am - District Headquarters, Palatka (Important! - Verify time on SJRWMD Website.)

\* Next SOLO MEETING - September 10th, 7pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of KH



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