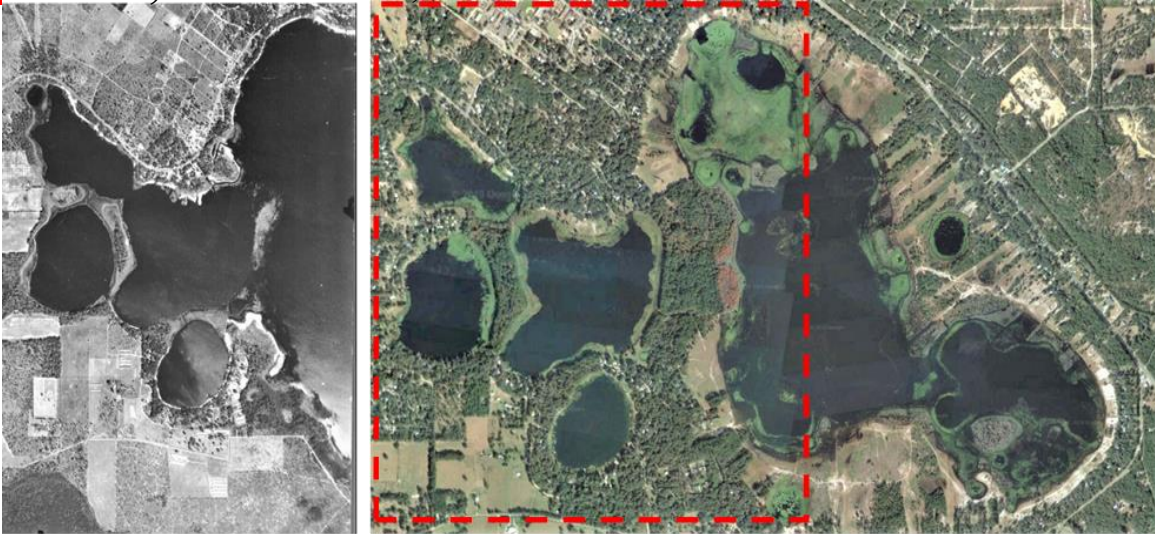


# SAVE OUR LAKES



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## THINGS CHANGE OVER TIME

Comparing an aerial photograph from 1953 which shows a portion of Lake Geneva with the current Google Earth Picture of the lake reminds us of how it has changed over the last 66 years. The location of the original highwater mark lined with live oaks is easy to see. The presence of weed beds in the water indicate where the lake bottom was exposed and dried out enough for grasses to start growing. Once established, the grasses continue to keep their “heads above water” with stems reaching ten or more feet to the bottom. The 1953 photo indicates that the weed beds are close to shore indicating the limited extent of bottom exposed during normal cycle of low water periods. On the contrary, in the Google picture from 2019, mature pine trees have grown to “harvestable” size in the lake bottom. On the western shore of the main body of the lake, recent rising water has begun to kill off some of these pine trees, now brown in color, which had intruded into the lake bowl. In many areas, particularly the north end of the lake at Keystone Heights, which had at one time had mostly dried out, are currently choked with lily pads.

When there is enough water in Lake Geneva to access the pond served by the County Boat Ramp at CR-214 off SR-100 on the east side of the lake, the lake will not only be available to the public for recreational boating but equipment might be brought in to begin to harvest the weeds that now make the lake but a sad reminder of the gem of Clay County that it once was.

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This year, Vivian and Tom's Dock on Lake Brooklyn had water underneath it for the first time ever!



### VIVIAN PASSES THE BATON

Dear Board and Members,

As our fiscal and Membership year draws to a close on June 30, 2019, it seems an appropriate time to submit my resignation as President of the Save Our Lakes Organization, Inc., effective June 29, 2019. As many of you know, my life changed in 2018 when I married my college sweetheart (Tom). My marriage brought about a change in residence to Punta Gorda, Florida (south Florida). I have continued as President of SOLO since that time but believe the membership and community will best be served by having a President who has “feet on the ground” in the area.

It has been an honor to serve as President of SOLO for ten years. I believe our team has accomplished a great deal by establishing relationships with our elected officials, SJRWMD Board members and staff, and community leaders. Alligator Creek has seen two “cleanups”, the Black Creek Project is currently in permitting and MFLs are being re-evaluated with what looks like a much better outcome than was expected in previous efforts.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each SOLO member. As I have said so many times, without you nothing would have been accomplished! The “RED SHIRTS” became and are a recognizable force in the community and at meetings and events!

Tom and I will maintain our Keystone lake house and will be in the community a great deal. We will continue to support the SOLO efforts in every way we can. Again, thank you. It's been an honor.

Sincerely,

**Vivian**

Vivian (Katz) James

**WATER FLOW!**



**GET INVOLVED IN 2019!!**

**JULY 2019 - Calendar**

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

\* KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL - JULY 8TH - 6pm - City Hall, Keystone

\* SJRWMD BOARD MEETING - JULY 9th, 10am - District Headquarters, Palatka ( Important! - Verify time on SJRWMD Website.)

\* **S.O.L.O. MEETING** - JULY 9th, 7pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of KH  
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**NEXT SOLO MEETING: JULY 9th-7p.m.-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF K.H.**

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