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President's Corner

Just one month to go before our annual meeting in St. Augustine. My year in office is quickly coming to an end. I want to thank our membership and board for giving me the chance to serve. I am happy to see how FLMS has grown this year and how we are making a difference in the future of Florida lake water resources. We began in 2005 with a joint meeting between LAKEWATCH, the FLMS board and FDEP to help members of these groups better understand the TMDL process and the part the LAKEWATCH data plays in this process. We have also been active on the State and Local level in placing member on important boards and through local chapter activities. These efforts are part of a growing awareness of the role that FLMS needs to play in Florida's future and in the

way FLMS interacts with our partner organizations and government entities. Another exciting event is our first conference held in northeast Florida. This will be a grand event, primarily due to the hard work of John Burns and Michelle Jeansonne and members of the new Northeast FLMS chapter and the continued hard work of your board of directors. FLMS now has five regional chapters. Each chapter has a unique character and set of activities, so if you are not active in a chapter, I encourage you to check one out. I look forward to seeing many of you in St. Augustine. Thank you again for allowing me to serve. griffinjc1@aol.com.
Jim Griffin

NALMS 2006: Making
Connections -- People,
Lakes, Watersheds
26th International

Symposium of the North American Lake Management Society

Hosted by: Indiana Lakes Management Society

Date: November 8-10, 2006

Site: Crowne Plaza & Historic Union Station Conference Center Indianapolis, Indiana

Indiana has a long and rich history in limnology and lakes. The last glaciers, some 10,000 years ago, covered the northern third of the state with natural lakes. There are virtually no natural lakes in the southern two-thirds of the state but there are plenty of impoundments.

Indiana's 1400 lakes over 5 acres in size include 8 Corps of Engineers projects (10m700-acre Monroe Reservoir is the largest in the state) and Lake Wawasee, at 2,600 acres, the largest natural lake in the state.

It is in recognition of this rich history that the theme of the 2006 NALMS International Symposium is derived. This Symposium will emphasize connections between natural lakes and reservoirs; between watersheds and lakes; and, of course, between people and lakes.

The Call for Papers is now available and can be found on the conference website

at www.nalms.org.

This year's Indianapolis, Indiana venue, known as the "Crossroads of America" provides an easy connection from anywhere. Please visit www.nalms.org for complete details and information as they become available. Call for Papers, Technical Session Topics, Exhibitor Information, Workshops, Special Events, Lodging and More!

Registration materials will be available in June.

The 17th Annual FLMS Conference, Casa Monica Hotel in ST. Augustine June 5-8, 2006.

Mark your calendar now for the 2006 Florida Lake Management Conference. To be held at the Casa Monica Resort, St. Augustine, FL June 5-8, 2006. You won't want to miss this conference.

If you waited to reserve your room at the Casa Monica, you are aware that the hotel is full! For those still finalizing your plans, there have been additional rooms secured at the same rate at the Bay Front Hilton, St. Augustine just a five-minute walk from the Conference Hotel.

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Northeast FLMS

The Northeast Chapter of the Florida Lake Management Society (NEFLMS) has elected officers: President – John burns, Vice President – Ann Shortelle, Secretary – Jason Rickards, Treasurer – Dean Campbell. The NE

Chapter has held several meetings addressing the time sensitive matter of the chapter's support for the annual conference, identifying potential new members in the NE area, and involving existing FLMS member in the NE area in chapter meetings and events. All meeting dates and schedules for the NE Chapter are advertised on the FLMS website (www.flms.net).

The 2006 FLMS Annual Conference will be held in St. Augustine, FL and will require assistance from NEFLMS members. We are currently looking for volunteers and students to assist with a number of conference supporting tasks. Please contact the following NEFLMS members if you would like to volunteer your services:

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Southwest FLMS

**The Southwest Florida
Lake management
Society Chapter,
participates in Lake**

Seminole Clean-up

Pinellas County recently dropped the water level in the County's second largest lake, Lake Seminole. The reason for this was to allow habitat restoration projects along the shoreline of the lake. The County is also taking advantage of the low water levels to clean trash from the shoreline. Leading this effort is the current president of the Southwest Chapter, Kelli Hammer Levy, seen below sitting on a pile of trash collected during one of the clean-ups.



The County partnered with Keep Pinellas Beautiful to manage the event. The results from the cleanup can be found on their website at www.keeppinellasbeautiful.org. Seen below are Kelli and Bill Sanders, of Keep Pinellas Beautiful. The cleanup and opportunity of "walk on the bottom of Lake Seminole" drew 464 volunteers and netted over 20 tons of debris.



Board of Directors' Meetings

The FLMS Board of Directors meetings are open to all FLMS members. Any FLMS member is invited to attend to view the Society in action or provide input on current issues. Meetings are held at the Reedy Creek Improvement District office at Disney and begin at 11 am. For specific directions and meeting dates contact any Board member.

Editor's Corner

FLMS has lots of exciting things happening in preparation for the annual conference just under two short months away, the formation of a new NE FLMS chapter and community events! Don't forget to share your stories with all of FLMS by sending a short description of your community and regional events/activities to the newsletter. If you are looking for participation or volunteer support this is just the venue. The goal of the FLMS newsletter is to provide a means by which to inform all FLMS members of the activities and efforts of interest in all areas of Florida.

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Thank you,

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