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### **Save the date: Go Wild for ‘Ding’ – Call of the Osprey**

Make plans now to attend the seventh annual fundraiser for the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019, at the Sanibel Community House. This year’s Go Wild for “Ding” – Call of the Osprey theme continues a series of bird-centric events to benefit the birds, other wildlife, land acquisition, and conservation and education efforts at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

“Osprey calls are a distinct audio feature at ‘Ding’ Darling,” said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. “They take on different characteristics when the birds of prey are acting territorial or merely communicating with a mate, which they are known to typically stick with for life. We pay homage to this majestic and fascinating refuge icon at this year’s event.”

“Seating is limited and we once again anticipate a sold-out crowd,” said event committee member and DDWS president Mike Baldwin. “We encourage people to reserve early.”

Attendance to the Feb. 13 event is by reservation only. Tickets to the Go Wild at “Ding” party are \$150 each. To receive an invitation, call 239-472-1100 ext. 239 or email [dot@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:dot@dingdarlingsociety.org). Or visit [tinyurl.com/GoWild19](http://tinyurl.com/GoWild19) to register online. For more information, visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/go-wild-for-ding](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/go-wild-for-ding).

Event sponsorships are available; for more information, contact Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

The following sponsors have committed their support to 2019’s Go Wild for “Ding:” **Call of The Wild Level:** Boomer Duvin & Family, Jim & Patty Sprankle; **Champion Level:** Mark & Gretchen Banks, Wayne & Linda Boyd, John & Kathy McCabe, Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey’s, Bill & Diane

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## ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop profits.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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