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Caption: Dot Voorhees serves as a new development officer for DDWS.

DDWS hires new development officer

Dot Voorhees recently accepted the full-time position as development officer for the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). She, along with fellow development officer Sierra Hoisington and director of development Lynnae Messina, works with executive director Birgie Miller in strengthening and enhancing overall development efforts to support the mission of the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

A native of Katonah, N.Y., Voorhees brings more than 15 years of experience in nonprofit events management, marketing, and communications to the “Ding” team. Most recently she was in charge of events and communications for the Friends of the John Jay Homestead in Katonah for 10 years.

Voorhees has served as a consultant working with clients from around the country on market research for television advertising and has put to use her biology degree from the University of Miami as a wildlife researcher.

“Dot and her husband, Scott, recently moved to Fort Myers and the ‘Ding’ team is very lucky to have her as its newest member,” said Miller. “Her former colleagues spoke very highly of her as a patient, conscientious, relaxed colleague and someone who always gets the job done. ”

Voorhees will head events and communication coordination for DDWS fundraising efforts. In her spare time, she plans on exploring the refuge. “I love being outdoors and am an avid birdwatcher, so the refuge is a wonderful place to be,” she said.

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 proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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