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Caption: Joy Robertson has taken charge of DDWS office operations.

DDWS hires new office manager

Last month, Joy Robertson joined “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) staff as business office manager to oversee financial operational systems and processes and policies in support of the DDWS mission. She fills the position vacated by Joann Hinman, who is retiring after five years of service to the nonprofit organization.

In July 2020, Robertson moved to the Fort Myers area from Florida’s east coast, where she had worked as the assistant accountant at a healthcare linen service company in Pompano Beach. A native of Miami, Fla., Robertson has worked in office managerial positions in Atlanta, Ga., and Buffalo, NY.

She looks forward to her duties managing office operations for the nonprofit based at the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and will also be helping the team with the annual lecture series and other programs and events.

“This will also give me an opportunity to learn more about the work of the refuge and some exposure to other individuals and causes affiliated with ‘Ding’ Darling,” said Robertson, who holds a master of science degree in accounting and information systems.

Besides spending the past weeks learning the bookkeeping systems, she has spent time getting to know DDWS and refuge staff and volunteers and becoming acquainted with the refuge’s flora and fauna.

“Everyone seems to move at the same pace here - just taking time to take it all in,” she said. “It is always a treat to leave the office, breathe in some fresh air, and enjoy the views or to see visitors enjoying the refuge.”

“We warmly welcome Joy, who brings a strong background in business accounting, including more than seven years working with a nonprofit in Atlanta,” said DDWS executive director Birgie Miller. “A huge thanks to Joann Hinman, who was a real godsend when she came out of retirement to serve as our business office manager and help clean-up and streamline our processes.”

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.

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