

Nominating Committee Wants YOU to Volunteer

The nominating committee for officers and chairs next year used email and phone to "meet" while social distancing. We recruited one new volunteer, Dean Spears, who will work with Bill and Don to take over the website and the membership database. Except for Dean, we were unable to recruit any other new volunteers and yet we have several vacancies. Please read further below for more information and if you can help in any way let us know. Here are the members who have expressed willingness to serve next year:

Executive Committee 2020/21

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Looking for something to do while you are sheltering in place from viruses? Volunteer with the Southeast Volusia Audubon Society! We have many opportunities and all you need to do is let us know how you can help. For starters, we have openings on the

executive committee that we desperately need to fill. Some of our long time officers have gone over and above the call of duty in the last few years, and now it is time to rebalance our efforts. Gail Domroski will continue as Field Trip Coordinator but wants to help a new group get started with Christmas Bird Count. And Don Picard, our President Emeritus, will continue with the eNewsletter but wants to train someone to take over the web site and member database. Read below for more information on those openings and please contact us before April 9th when we are scheduled to finalize plans for next year. The birds need your help.

One of the challenges we have had for several years now is getting enough people to help fill the vacancies on our executive committee. At present, just a few people end up doing most of the work of keeping our group moving forward, but now those regulars are stretched thin and eager for some new people to join them and have some fun with us next year. Our If you or someone you know might be interested, please help us recruit new volunteers. We will be finalizing our assignments next month at our next executive committee so please act now and let us know how you can help. You do not have to be an avid or expert birder or even a regular member to join in and help. Some of the work we need done can be done from home so if that appeals to you or someone you know who is housebound, let us know. If you have ideas of other things you would like to do to help the club, please forward those ideas to us now.

Here are the openings we want to fill:

Christmas Bird Count Coordinator(s): The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a great activity and our club coordinates the count for the area centered around New Smyrna Beach. It is one long day of birding at the end of December or early January. We need a new volunteer(s) to step up and help get next years CBC organized. You do not have to be a birder to help on this. It is a matter of organizing materials, email contacting past participants, tabulating results, etc. Our past coordinator will be available to help guide the new volunteers throughout the process. If you would like to tackle this with a friend(s), a team approach would work well.

Vice-President: We have gone a year now without anyone in the Vice-President position. Here is a great way to boost your resume with a great title! And you do not have to be an expert birder to take on this position. The VP would be expected to attend all SEVAS meetings and Executive Committee meetings. These meetings are held monthly from November to April. The VP would also assist our Co-Presidents to help with projects and assignments on an ad-hoc basis.

Hospitality: Our dear friend Nancy White has passed away. She has been our Hospitality chair for as long as I can remember. So now we are looking for someone to organize snacks and beverages for all our meetings. This includes the annual meeting picnic (cancelled this year) and possibly the banquet for the Christmas Bird Count.

We have many challenges to help the birds next year. We need a full roster of officers and chairs to keep our momentum going. This year we added activities Birds and

Brews and Plants for Birds, and next year there will be a push for more advocacy from all Audubon chapters. So there will be more opportunities for volunteerism as the year rolls out. Please help the birds by helping SEVAS this year and volunteer now.