



Wild About Wildlife

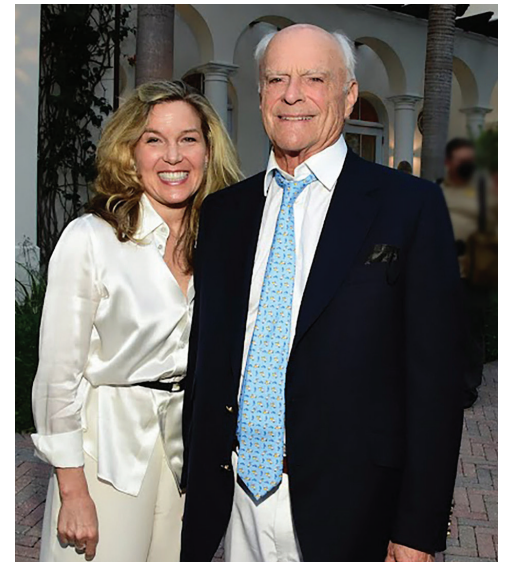
There was Ramen and Rissotto, the alligators and *Rivali*, *Remus* and *Cass*, the hawks and owl who welcomed the approximately 150 guests at the *Wild About Wildlife* event to benefit the **Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge** and the **National Wildlife Refuge Association**. The event was held outdoors in the lush gardens at the home of **Richard and Dragana Connaughton** in Palm Beach.

The evening raised \$130,000 for the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and the 28 other National Wildlife Refuges in Florida. Co-Chairs were **Dragana Connaughton**, **Nancy Marshall** and **Elaine Meier**. Honorary Chair was **Marshall Field V**. Wildlife was provided by **Busch Wildlife Sanctuary**.

Focusing on the corridor north of Lake Okeechobee, which provides water flow down through the remainder of the Everglades to Biscayne Bay, the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge is home to more than two hundred species of birds and wildlife, including the Florida panther.

The staff collaborates daily with ranchers, educating the next generation of advocates, and conducting community outreach programs to preserve the corridor and to protect this precious resource from future development.

The National Wildlife Refuge Association is the leading independent voice advocating on behalf of the National Wildlife Refuge System, which protects, promotes, and enhances America's wildlife. There are 568 Refuges nationwide.



FIRST ROW: Dragana Connaughton with Busch Wildlife Sanctuary bird handlers; Nancy Marshall and Jeff Koons; **SECOND ROW:** Amy Kight and Elaine Meier; Heather Becker and Marshall Field V.; **THIRD ROW:** LinQing Yang and Cameron Lickle; Marti LaTour and George Elmore; **FOURTH ROW:** Arlette Gordon, Rob Russell and Sally O'Connor; Bill and Marianne Buchanan with Richard Connaughton.

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