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## Recent Refuge Retirements

When a colleague retires after many years of service in an organization, those who remain must deal with conflicting feelings: happiness that the retiree has been rewarded for their service; and sadness at the departure of a valued co-worker and friend.

Staff and volunteers at the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex have had a double-dose of this conflict as they say goodbye to two long-term team members and friends: Project Manager **Jane Griess** and Refuge Ranger **Peter Range**.



Jane Griess, the Project Manager (read CEO) of the Savannah Refuges Complex retired from US F&WS at the end of 2014 after 25 years with the Service, the last 8 1/2 spent leading the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex. **Shaw Davis** will serve as Acting Project Manager while a search is undertaken for Jane's successor.

Jane was a great supporter of the Friends and of volunteerism and will be sorely missed. She is a [Life Member](#) of the Friends and we all hope she stays in touch. If you would like to send Jane an e-mail, send it to [webmaster@coastalrefuges.org](mailto:webmaster@coastalrefuges.org) and we will gladly forward it to her.



Peter retires after thirty-three years with the US F&WS, and many years of pursuing his life-long interest in birds and bird-banding. He was recently featured in a [Savannah Morning News](#) article describing his gentle way with the small feathered creatures to which he devoted so much time and care. Pete is a long-time Friends member and we hope to continue to see him at Friends' activities.

If you want to send Pete a message, e-mail it to the above address and we will be sure he gets it.

To Jane and Pete, thanks for your aid and support over the years and **Happy Retirement!!**