



Diane Dickhut retired in 1995 from Jackson Memorial Hospital, as the Nursing Supervisor of Obstetrics and Pediatrics working there for 30 years.

Diane came to Miami MetroZoo as a volunteer in 1993, while still working, holding many positions on the Volunteer Executive Committee including being President twice, Vice President and Program Chair. She has been the Monday Day Captain since 1995.

The Day Captain is responsible for filling the jobs for their particular day, transporting volunteers from job to job and helping them with their general needs. In collaboration with the Eastern Airlines Orchid Club, Diane assists with placing orchids in the trees throughout the zoo. After Hurricane Irma, she came out and saved orchids on trees that had fallen. We also assisted the Zoo with their FEMA project, which involved getting employees to sign their daily worksheets for reimbursement for the Zoo.

In addition to volunteering at Zoo Miami, Diane has been a volunteer for eight years at the Kampong, giving tours of David Fairchild's home in Coconut Grove. She also works with the Redland Orchid Festival, which is one of the largest orchid Festivals in the country. She assists the Redland Orchid Festival by managing all of the contracts, the collection of fees, and distributing needed information to the 65 vendors from all over the world.