

## AFP INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2007

**STUART** – December 14, 2006 - **The Treasure Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP)** gathered at the Court House Cultural Art Center in Stuart, compliments of **Nancy Turrell**, Executive Director and charter member of the organization, to share a festive Christmas social. The event also served as the chapter's annual meeting and installation of the 2007 Board of Directors.

Surrounded by wonderful art and sculpture currently on display at the gallery and devouring sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, members and guests wished each other Happy Holidays. Non-perishable food for **Jesus House of Hope** was the only 'fee' for the free celebration event shared by members and guests.

Outgoing president, **Sue McVeigh**, thanked her 2006 board for their service to the organization with a gift of a crystal tree ornament in the shape of a heart signifying her heart-felt thanks for their volunteer dedication to the organization. She recalled the wonderful successes of the year – especially National Philanthropy Day whose planning began later than usual, a very successful new member drive during the summer that brought in 10 additional members (16 for the year), and spinning off the new Indian River County chapter early in the year. Sue was presented with a crystal gavel by **Diane Charette**, incoming president, as a symbol of these successes due to her strong leadership.

The 2007 Board of Directors was introduced and installed: **Diane Charette, Helping People Succeed**, President; **Joanne Towner, CFRE, Florida Easter Seals**, Vice President of Education; **Michelle King, United Way of St Lucie County**, Vice President of Membership; **Al Rivett, St Lucie Habitat for Humanity**, Vice President of Communication; **Linda Melton, The Daniel M. Foundation**, Secretary; **David Miller, Treasure Coast Humane Society**, Treasurer; **Deborah Johnson, CFRE, The Pine School**, Director-at-Large for Martin County; **Daniel Noelke, Treasure Coast Hospices**, Director-at-Large for St. Lucie County; and **Sue McVeigh, Smith Barney**, as Immediate Past President.

Diane closed the evening with thanks to the new and diverse board for their commitment to the organization for 2007 and her commitment to the enhancement of professional development throughout Martin and St Lucie Counties.



Incoming President, Diane Charette, honors 2006 AFP President, Sue McVeigh, for her excellent service to the chapter.