

## 2008 Annual Meeting Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center



TEAM Punta Gorda was honored to have been the first meeting held in the new Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center.

### Meeting Highlights

- CEO Nancy Prafke called the meeting to order and welcomed over 450 attendees. She introduced and thanked Kyle and Kelsey Lynch, creators of the introductory slide show. Nancy reviewed TEAM's reviewed the Mission Statement for those new to our community.
- Newly elected State Representative Paige Kreegel read a proclamation from Governor Crist. Nancy introduced County and City dignitaries.
- President Roger Peterson introduced Board members and thanked TEAM volunteers, the community and Charlotte County for their efforts. He provided the history of the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center.
- County Administrator Roger Baltz discussed the many facets of the partnership between TEAM Punta Gorda and Charlotte County in completing the \$20 million dollar Conference Center.
- Mayor Larry Friedman thanked Charlotte County and TEAM Punta Gorda for their many contributions and provided timelines for new projects.
- Chair of the Advisory Council Bill Hughes introduced the council, which has had an increase of seven new members. The Advisory Council interfaces with government and civic organizations.
- CEO Nancy Prafke shared some of the 2008 accomplishments, the strategic direction, advocacy, communications, public relations and partnerships, administration and infrastructure, funding, and introduced the new web site. She thanked the over 250 volunteers, committee chairs and over 2100 TEAM members for their efforts and energy.
- Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee Frank Mazur reviewed information about Artisan's Village, Rails-to-Trails, Architecture and Beautification, Jones Loop and Higher Education efforts.
- Chair of the Maritime Development Committee Tom Kessler displayed the master waterfront plans and vision for future projects.
- Board of Director Jill McCrory provided information for donations and tax implications for TEAM Punta Gorda members.
- Charlotte County Director of Parks and Recreation Laura Kleisa-Hoefl, gave the background of color and painting selections, artwork by Lyn Jensen and the funding for the Center..
- Event Center Manager Jim Finch offered his assistance for future Center events.
- Carl Kettle was awarded the Myrtle Beach trip prize.
- CEO Nancy Prafke thanked contributors Kinetico Water System for water supplies; John Zack, of A Better Looking Garden, who provided the plants and designed the stage; and Vernon Peeples, who provided historical reference; and, members of the audience for their interest.
- The Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m., to be followed by tours of the facility.