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**WOMAN CPA OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED**

**DAYTON, OHIO** -- The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) has announced that its Woman CPA of the Year award was recently presented to Mary F. Cheaney, CPA at the 2011 Annual Conference for Women in Accounting in Charlotte. It is given by AWSCPA to an individual for outstanding contributions to the accounting profession.

Cheaney is a practicing CPA with offices in Plantation, Florida, with over 30 years experience in taxation, specializing in tax planning and compliance in real estate and partnership areas. Prior to opening her own firm, Cheaney worked for two national CPA firms and the Internal Revenue Service. She is active in nonprofit boards, has served on the AWSCPA national board and is a member of the AICPA's Women's Initiatives Executive Committee.

She has served in numerous roles with the American Woman's Society of CPA's, including national President in 2008-09, on the board of directors for the Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting, serving as national Foundation President in 2001-2002, and is also a long-standing certified instructor for the organization's Leadership Training Series.

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AWSCPA, organized in 1933, is the only national organization committed to the development and advancement of women CPAs in the accounting profession. For its members, AWSCPA provides:

- Resources and support for professional and personal development
- Opportunities for leadership participation, networking and mentoring
- Visibility and recognition for the organization and its members
- Leadership in addressing the concerns of women in the accounting profession

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