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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the outgoing President of AFP Orange County, I would like thank you, the members, for making this past year such an extraordinary experience. Your board of directors and a sizable volunteer workforce demonstrated their remarkable commitment, ensuring the advancement of our organization and our mission.

For those of us involved with Orange County's vibrant nonprofit community, AFP provides a wonderful opportunity to come together, to learn from each other and to join forces to advance philanthropy in our community. To those who gave so generously of their time and talents, thank you from my heart.

Just few highlights of the past year's accomplishments:

- A record-breaking National Philanthropy Day, headed up by AFP's dynamic duo, Milly Heaton and former president, Bill Heaton, became the philanthropic awareness event of the year.
- The Orange County Council on Philanthropy, a collaboration of for-profit and non-profit organizations formed to advance the awareness and practice of philanthropy throughout our community, blossomed under guidance of Frances Rozner and Joan McBride.
- Thanks to Tim Bauer, Agnes McGlone and others working within Membership, AFPOC is closing 2007 with a record 315 members – confirming our success at serving the professional needs of our members.

A special thank you to my Executive Committee, Paul Carey, Nancy Franks, Katie Tarantino and Frances Rozner, to Vice Presidents, Nicole Suydam and Theresa Lu, to Conference Co-Chairs, Charlene Ferris and Eileen Hayden, and others not mentioned above due to space limitations. You guided me with your wisdom, your brilliant talent and your dedication to our profession.

Incoming President, Paul Carey, takes the gavel for the first time in January. All best wishes Paul and his board; I stay on to assist him as needed. Again, thanks to all AFP members for supporting this organization. If you are looking for rewarding personal experiences and professional growth, AFPOC is *the* place to be.

Sincerely,

Alice J. Klein, CFRE