



March 2006

Dear Colleague,

The AFP Orange County Chapter is one of the Association of Fundraising Professionals up-and-coming chapters. We were chartered in 1983 and our first President was Dorothy Sutherland, a former member of the AFP Los Angeles Chapter. Frank Hall, CFRE, FAHP (and our fifth President), is in possession of an original Orange County charter membership. During Herb Watson's two-year tenure as the second President, the chapter was involved in the first National Philanthropy Day (NPD) celebration.

Each President thereafter has made his or her mark on our growth. Due to excellent volunteer leadership, the chapter is financially secure with an investment reserve, we have a reputation at AFP International as strong philanthropic educators, our Conference and NPD grow in attendance each year, and we continue to offer our membership a growing variety of benefits and programs.

So, this month, in recognition of outstanding leadership, we will honor the past 20 Presidents at our luncheon. In addition, we will recognize the Executive Directors of our membership and those Orange County Executive Directors, not yet members, who continue to support the fundraisers within their organizations. Dan McQuaid, formerly Executive Director at Canyon Acres Children's Services, then 6 years as a nonprofit leadership consultant, and now the Executive Director of the Volunteer Center Orange County, will be speaking on effective leadership.

The March luncheon is actually a celebration of the chapter's past, present, and future. I'm pleased to report that the Chapter has received the AFP Chapter Ten Star Award, based on the level of our 2005 philanthropic activity and adherence to AFP International chapter requirements. Just 31% of the 174 chapters qualify. It's definitely an award of which to be proud.

In terms of the future, March 28<sup>th</sup> is the opportunity for you and the community to view the energizing process and exciting results of the AFP Orange County Board's strategic planning, to which I've been referring for the past two months. With the 2006 Membership Directory being distributed the same day, you'll be ready to network with your colleagues for the next 12 months.

Please join us for this memorable meeting - it will be a lively one!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances A. Rozner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frances A. Rozner, CFRE  
Chapter President

**AFP Orange County Chapter Mission Statement**

To advance philanthropy for the greater good, through education, training and advocacy.