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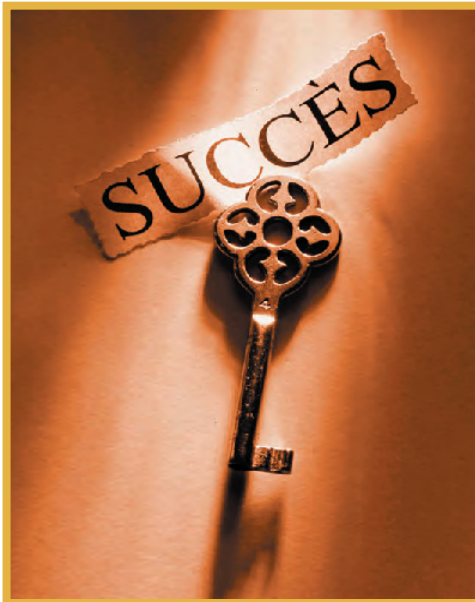
## President's Message

From The Desk Of....

**Barbara Oswald / FPPOA President**

If you are reading this, then amazingly enough, you realize we survived 2011 mainly intact. It's amazing what the FPPOA managed to accomplish this past year with the federal budget in such a quandary. Last year about this time, we were wondering if the IT Conference and Expo was going to be cancelled. Apparently that was not enough pressure for us as we forged ahead with the NTI-Atlanta. Nothing like waiting until Friday night before the start of the NTI for the budget to pass. All of this was accomplished within the new guidelines of not being able to charge vendors for participating in our conferences.

Congratulations to the National and Regional Line Officers of the Year winners. Special thanks to those of you who took the time to nominate a worthwhile officer from their region. There are so many deserving officers who do so much to help offenders, fellow officers, our communities at large, and the national system,



but do so mainly behind the scenes without asking for any accolades. I recently attended the retirement events for John Hughes and Kate Lynott on behalf of the association. It was truly an honor to recognize each of them for their exemplary service to the judicial branch and support of the FPPOA. Both started as line officers and never forgot where they came from. Both John and Kate exemplify the Probation and Pretrial Services

Charter for Excellence and demonstrate how improvements in the system can come about through hard work and collaboration.

After serving in the capacity of President for the past three years, I truly appreciate all the efforts of people who have stepped up over the years

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