

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION



Council 2 has started a Powertalk Training Module club in the State of California Department of Public Health Building. Pam Montague and Maria Trujillo Tough are the trainers and there is a potential of four members attending the meeting. This a great start in getting our training in leadership and communication skills noticed. The members that have been attending are enthusiastic about learning and what *Powertalk* International can offer them.

In Council 1, Sierra Lindas club has signed on two new members. Way to Go!

Sierra Lindas also has a great accreditation story about member Linda Lagrange. Linda is sight impaired but has completed Level 1. Her Master Manual is NOT in Braille but with the support of club members has accomplished this task. She has been only a member for 2 years. You may remember Linda has a speech contestant in the 2007/2008 region speech contest. Linda is busy working on Level 2. Congratulations to Linda and this inspiring story of achievement!

We have several members that need our thoughts and prayers as they recover from illness or surgery. Frankie Terry Council 4, Sue Habel Council 1, Mary Parks Council 1 and Eileen Chally Council 2.

**I do have sad news to report that long time member Dolores Smith has passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2008. The funeral will be Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at Sunset View in El Cerrito. Dolores was a former member of Orchid and Eden Chabot clubs and a past regional officer for Sierra Pacific Region. Dolores moved to Las Vegas and was a current member of the Silver Club.**

Continue to brainstorm ideas about how to streamline your meetings and to increase your P.R.E.M. activities. When we get new members or share what we have learned with others that is what renews our interest in *Powertalk* International.

***Pam Montague***  
***SPR President***

## SPR PRESIDENT ELECT - Maria Trujillo Tough

It is hard to believe that we are preparing for our Annual Conference. The Annual Conference is another opportunity to attend the educational and fun workshops. You will come away with useful information for your council and club as well as for your own personal and professional growth.

**Council Management Training** is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This will be a great opportunity for your incoming council boards to meet with the regional officers and start planning for next year. I want to encourage all council board members to attend. Of course, Council Management Training is open to all members. We will be able to present Board priorities based on discussions held with the Council Boards.