



First it was word, then it was XP and now there is Vista to master. It's a fast track world. Emails, skype, cell phones, blackberries, etc. etc.

We continually have to "Renew the Vision". The need for communication and leadership skills is still out there. It is just that the time frame for acquiring these seems to have shrunk. We are all pulled in several directions. The world is moving and leaving us behind. It's a fast track world. We have to jump on that track and run as fast as we can with it. **WE** need to renew the vision that new members have of our training programs and adapt to **THEIR** needs. A little training is better than none at all. We should not get upset when someone stays a year and then leaves.

Seriously consider the *POWERtalk* Short Course in your club. After taking that, members realize the value of all the extras they could be learning if they stay with the organization. I joined right out of high school and here I am 50 years later and still learning and mentoring others. There is something to learn at every meeting. As an example - at a recent club program, the aim was 'To Explore Celebration Days'. We were all amazed at how much we learned about 'St. David's Day, Ascension Day, and Anzac Day'. Our organization presents amazing opportunities for learning, for friendships and for travel.

I challenge all of you to 'Renew YOUR Vision' about membership in ITC – what we offer our members, what we expect of our members and what we do to adapt to a 'Fast Track World'.

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 "...while we flatter ourselves that things remain the same they are changing under our very eyes from year to year, from day to day."
 —Charlotte Perkins Gilman

**Meet Your
 2009-2010
 Sierra Pacific Region Board**

As Madam President-Elect **Shirley Figenshu**, takes the reins as President on August 1, 2009; she has a valuable wealth of support on her Board as well as all the members of Sierra Pacific Region. The theme is "POWERtalk—Growth for All!"

Portia Munn is continuing on the Board and is the new President-Elect.

Lynn Harrison is Vice-President; **Faye Corrin**, is the new Treasurer, and **Eileen Beresford** continues as Secretary.

Mary Parks is staying on the Board once again as Parliamentarian.

Congratulations to each and everyone. Now it is also up to us to support the Board, provide them with feedback on what you would like about Region and how Region can assist clubs and councils next year.

