

Coach for Success #5 January, 2010

Dear Members,

This month's Board letter comes to you from Doris Ginther, Division I Vice President. Doris also has Board responsibility for the Publications and Writing Contest Committees. Beautiful Vancouver is her home and you may recall that Doris was the Convention Co-ordinator for the unique "Catch the Wave" Convention cruising Alaska. My best wishes to all for 2010.

Margaret Sutherland President.

Happy New Year! from Division I Vice President:

"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."

Those words by *Hal Borland* bring to mind the world we experience in POWERtalk International. Although we look forward to changes for the better and setting new goals, we base our decisions on what has gone on before and where we are today. We use our experiences to renew our energy and passion for our organization.

The excitement builds as we continue with our plans for this term. Check out the following events and decide where you'll participate. It is through participation that we grow and become more a part of POWERtalk!

Annual Speech Contests:

Speech contests are your opportunity to participate in a big way; as a chair or committee member; as a program leader, host, judge, evaluator, timer, teller; or as a speaker. Not only will you gain incredible experience, but you can receive Accreditation! Just remember, this doesn't only happen at club, but at council, region and international as well.

Writing Contests:

If you aren't keen on speaking, perhaps you can make your point with the written word. The new International Writing Contest chair, Bobbi Lyons, will welcome your submissions through your Region Writing Contest chair.

Spring Training and Region Conferences:

We look forward to these higher level training sessions, both for their educational value and for the opportunity to visit with continuing friends and meet new ones. When your region president asks you to participate, take the challenge and enjoy a more dynamic conference.

Ellen Goodman said: "We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through rooms of our lives . . . not looking for flaws but for potential."

Now step up, participate and turn your challenges into achievements in 2010!

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Division I Vice President