

**GAYLE HALLGREN-REZAC & JUDY THOMSON, CA**

**Gayle Hallgren-Rezac** is an innovative entrepreneur and marketer who co-founded two of Canada's most unique entrepreneurial ventures: Cookies by George and O-TOOZ The Energie Bar. She is the recipient of the YWCA's Women of Distinction Award as an entrepreneur. Gayle has spent the last decade observing networking around the world along with her husband, Darcy Rezac, the managing director of The Vancouver Board of Trade. While she has attended more than her fair share of rubber chicken dinners, she has also 'broken bread' with some of the world's most interesting business leaders. A master of the 'art of conversation', Gayle is passionate about the *Power of Positive Networking*<sup>®</sup> to change lives.



**Judy Thomson** is a chartered accountant, team builder and trainer. She has had a fascinating career in senior positions with a global accounting and consulting firm in Canada and Asia. These included being director of administration and human resources in Hong Kong for an office of 800 employees, and at the same time setting up services for the firm in China. She has also had her bout as an entrepreneur, being one of the key people in the successful start-up of the famous Rocky Mountaineer Railtours, which launched the world-class Canadian Rockies rail experience. In her over twenty-five-year career of team development and mentoring, Judy knows the value of building strong relationships. She speaks enthusiastically on the importance of *Positive Networking*<sup>®</sup> both inside and outside organizations.

**Judy Thomson and Gayle Hallgren-Rezac** are the co-authors of *WORK THE POND! Use the Power of Positive Networking to Leap Forward in Work and Life*. They wrote this best selling book with Darcy Rezac, the Managing Director of the Vancouver Board of Trade. They teach a brand of networking—*Positive Networking*<sup>™</sup>—that has been described as the 'world's best definition.' It is a what-can-I-do-for-you approach that resonates with audiences. It takes all the pressure off a networking situation and focuses on building relationships. They have given hundreds of presentations and seminars to associations, corporations and conferences.

