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Linda has been a pioneer and visionary all her career. She was one of the few women graduates from Stanford University in the sixties to choose a career in the information technology industry. She first joined IBM in its newly formed emerging business segment. As this part of IBM grew into a thriving division, she made a name for herself in sales, development, and management.

In 1978 she joined Amdahl Corporation as it rapidly morphed from a startup to a major force in the mainframe industry worldwide. She helped to build its systems engineering practice, a \$25 million distributorship in Brazil and Japan, and to lead its billion dollar turnaround in 1993-5. She held positions of increasing responsibility in marketing, finance, and strategy, culminating with her election to corporate officer.

Linda discovered the Internet in 1995 and nurtured several experimental technologies in her role as Amdahl's VP of Strategy. She was so fascinated by the Internet's potential that she spun out one potential product and founded an early Internet startup called Pebblesoft where she was CEO and President. In an era when there were less than 2% women CEO's, she raised \$5 million in seed capital, took a product to market, and eventually sold it to a large international firm.

Linda next pursued her passion for leadership. She became the CEO of Center for New Futures, a leadership consulting company. Here she studied methodologies for creating breakthrough results.

In 2004, her long term partnership with Barry Posner at the Leavey School brought her the opportunity to found a women's leadership organization. From her vision of women all over the world coming to study and being held together by the Internet, the Global Women's Leadership Network was born. In its first three years, this organization has built a reputation worldwide for its leadership programs and the accompanying network of support that is helping to fuel worldwide change.

Linda is a noted public speaker on leadership and management. She is the recipient of the Santa Clara County Commission on the Status on Women's award for contributions to the equality of women. She is a wife and the mother of four.