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The President's Corner
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"So 2009 is my year. It's my time to get that story on the page and finish projects that deserve to be finished. It can be your year, too. Let's grab it together and do all we can to help ourselves further along the road to publication." ~ January President's Corner

The next step – Encouragement

Our world of writing is a lonely place after we shove the voices in our heads aside. Attending chapter meetings and chatting on the loop is our village.

At the January meeting, everyone shared the excitement of a member finishing her first book, another finishing her second book, and yet another finishing her third. We also shared the accomplishments of those with submissions, rejections (yes, this is an accomplishment), and publications. NT has a writing incentive program (Bead A Book into Submission) and critique loop. Member Candy Havens has a fast-draft loop and free writers workshops. We have great workshops lined up this year. Save your dollars for the November Writers Roundup with special speaker Margie Lawson.

But more than anything visit the unique village which is NTRWA--either at a meeting or on the loop. You'll find the encouragement you need to stop for a few minutes and write. Borrow an RWA national conference CD, play it in the background while you're cleaning, cooking dinner or driving. Keep your subconscious writing even if you can't make it to the keyboard.

Our friends at NT encourage and support every step down the road to publication.

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