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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*

Goals. Encouragement. Take Action.
And the next step -- Keep Writing.

I am a writer, so I should write. And write. And write. And write. But I'm also a mom, wife, grandmother, daughter, volunteer, friend, and business owner. Life takes time.

There's a reason I can write more this year. I had two kids graduate in '07 & '08. It was an important part of their lives and I'm glad I experienced the graduation process with them. But I didn't write much and felt guilty.

Spring break for the grandkids was this past week and I passed on having them visit. I was on a roll with revisions and honestly didn't want to stop for an entire day. Wow, I took time for my writing. I had lunch with Cathy Spangler and felt completely guilty. In her wonderful wisdom she said, "If you had a full-time job and they couldn't visit, you wouldn't feel that way."

Very true.

Push through the distractions. Push through whatever may be keeping you from writing every day. Your subconscious is always working on your story. Take a notepad and sit in the carpool lane. Listen to a writing CD while driving to work or rent an audio book from the library. Find a writing exercise, revise pages, find your characters' faces in a magazine, but stay close to your characters.

Just. Keep. Writing.

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