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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. Keep Writing.  
And the next step -- Distractions.**

The frustrating part about having goals is having them.

Ever been on a true road trip? A trip where you don't care what road you take, turning where you want, not caring how long it takes because you truly don't care when you get there? It's so much easier to putter along and not worry about the traffic, time, and enjoy all the side streets along the way.

Well, writing isn't like that. Writing is normally goal oriented. You need to finish something and the harder you try, the more you're aware of all the things that have to be done around you. IF you can just finish the bills, just finish the real job, just finish the laundry, the dishes, the toilets... Time to write will come just after you take the kids to soccer or you can jot down some lines while in the car at their practice. Or you have a set writing time and while sitting with your hands on the keyboard and your butt in the chair -- well, the words just refuse to make good sense.

Knowing where you're going (either in a story or career) is essential for writers. It's the essence of a great story to have an end-goal (even if you write by the seat of your pants, you still have an idea where that story's going). And a writer's career is no different.

Don't get distracted with all the signposts along the way. We hear over and over and over again that you can't correct words that aren't on the page. So write. Words make sentences and sentences make paragraphs and paragraphs make chapters and chapters make books with endings. Write your sentences at soccer practice or in the car pool line. And don't forget your end destination -- publication. That's a terrific goal to have.



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