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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. Distractions. Recognition.

Write some more. Submitting. Waiting. Writing Again. It's out of your hands. And the next step – SOLD!!!

I honestly can't believe that I can finish my president columns with that elusive word ... sold.

Although I've been writing a long time (with a few breaks now and then), the journey to SOLD this year was rather fast. Or it seems fast this time. Remember way back to my first January column? I set my goal to concentrate on my story SEE JANE RUN. I analyzed it, made the revisions, and entered the best contest for my story: The Daphne du Marrier (a contest that had been elusive to me for 9 years).

I finalized in the Daphne in May. Found out I won the Daphne in July, receiving requests from an agent and editor. I made the last revisions and cut 23,000 words of the story in August. Mailed the requests at the beginning of September. Signed with an agent on October 1st. Sold SEE JANE RUN on November 12th. Have a delivery date of January 15th and a release date for Harlequin Intrigue of September 2010.

Whew...

It's incredible...

I want it for all of you...

Kinda feels like a dream right now. And it was incredible to have an editor say, "We recognized your name, Angi. We know you're in it for a career." I've wondered how rejections or contest finals that threw my name onto loops or in front of editors would affect my career long-term. Yes, the volunteering came up. Yes, I said I was concentrating on me, now.

So as January rolls around again...

Set your goals. Remember to write. Seek encouragement and good critiques. Apply what you learn and hone your writing craft. Don't get distracted. Write some more. Wait for it and remember that selling is out of your hands, but you can do everything possible to put it into the right hands for your story.

I hope to see your name in the first-sale column soon!

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