



## **A note from our president, Gina Nelson December 2010**

Come, woo me, woo me, for now I am in a holiday humor, and like enough to consent.  
~ William Shakespeare

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My first day of December rolled out with the softness of a snowball fashioned of newly fallen snow, but in a matter of days December has grown hard and a bit threatening. Soon it will careen through my holiday performances and end of the year chapter events until it finally crashes into Christmas and New Years, breaking into a thousand pieces of reflection and rest spent with those I love. Whew!

Whether you're at ease or totally stressed out, I hope you find joy in those you love and in the promise of peace this month. (I also hope you catch a moment or two to work on your story.)

I don't know about you, but last year I battled, and I survived. This year the desire to write returned, and I started a mystery -- one page after another, discovering who, what, when, where, and why. Those questions and the search for their answers quench my creative thirst. I'm learning to enjoy the process and the discovery.

And you, my fellow chapter members, I'm so proud of you. You're winning contests and securing agents. You're selling books and breaking sales records. You're continuing to become skilled at your craft while reaching out to help others on this writer's journey. Pat yourselves on the back, you deserve it. And keep up the good work.

I give my heartfelt thanks to Marsha West, Carolyn Williamson, Chris Keniston, Ron Campbell, Kym Roberts, Jeannie Guzman, Michelle Welsh, and Jean Marie Brown for serving on our Board of Directors this year. Their efforts ensured the growth and success of our chapter in 2010.

From generous baskets to inspiring events, these Committee Chairs brought us closer to our goals and dreams: Marty Tidwell, Angi Platt, Delores Shaffer, Nikki Duncan, Shelley Bradley, and Clover Autrey. Thank you.

From my very first visit, I knew North Texas was the perfect chapter for me. Not too small or too large, not too cold or too hot, and, yes, not too soft nor too hard. Just right. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this year. Join me as I raise a glass of cyber champagne to another year full of excellent programs, a nationally recognized contest, a stellar conference, and a focused yet relaxing retreat. Bravo!

I can't wait to see all of you at our party on December 11th. It will be a magical time to kick back and have some fun. Many blessings of love and laughter to you and yours this holiday season.

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I have had a holiday, and I'd like to take it up professionally.  
~ Kylie Minogue