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Women Writer's Wire

It's a new year, set your goals, see your vision and never give up!

Do you make New Year's resolutions? Are your goals written down? Are the goals you are setting for 2010 the same ones you set in 2009?

We all have things we want to accomplish in our lives. Darren Hardy, SUCCES Magazine's Publisher and Editorial Director once said, "Achieving your goals boils down to a determination to do what you said you would do when the mood in which you committed to doing it has long since past."

Now is not the time to give up on yourself or your dreams.

In World War II a boat was hit by enemy fire and destroyed, leaving 300 men to

float in their life jackets until help could arrive. The water was cold, the ocean vast and empty. By day three, some of the men had fallen asleep and drifted away or died from injuries. The survivors barely hanging on to hope and sanity could only wait.



After four days adrift hopelessness seeped through the water like ink, darkening the will to live. One small grouping of men, six in all, lead by their young commanding officer fared better than the others.

The young officer, seeing his men giving in to hopelessness ask his men to talk about what they had to live for. He asked them to talk about

what they would do for their wives, children, and grandchildren, once they were home. If they didn't yet have grandchildren, the officer asked them to tell the others what they would do for them when they were born. After six grueling days at sea, only six survivors were pulled from the murky waters. The young officer and his men were all alive. Hope lived.

2010 is not time to give up on your dreams. Be encouraged, believe in your goals and dreams, and know that hope floats!

What age group has the highest rate of entrepreneurial activity?
20-34 or 55-64
Keep reading for the answer

Secrets of a Kentucky Gardner: Author to speak at Women Who Write February meeting

Karen Angelucci, author of *Secrets of a Kentucky Gardner*, *Secrets of Tennessee Gardening* and *Grimy, Grubby Gardening* will speak to Women Who Write on February 4, 2010, 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M., Louisville Free Public Library, Highland Branch, in Mid City Mall at 1250 Bardstown Road, Louisville. The public

is invited. Ms. Angelucci grew up in Cynthiana, Kentucky where she learned that gardening was her thing. Her gardening books are "so timely, you need only to read the month or chapter you are presently in to create a great landscape all year round." As a Fayette County Master Gardener, Karen volunteers

for The Arboretum at University of Kentucky. She serves as the Arboriculture Chair for the Garden Club of Kentucky. Please visit her Web site at karenangelucci.com. Ms Angelucci's books, signed by the author, will be on sale after her presentation.

Bring a friend and join the fun!

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Web sites and Other News of Interest

- www.fundsforwriters.com
- www.writingfordollars.com
- Guest Author Comes to February Meeting—Plan to Attend

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**Monthly Meetings:
First Thursday**

**Highland Branch, Louisville Free Public
Library, 1250 Bardstown Road,**

Mid City Mall, Louisville

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

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Women Who Write is an organization of women writers dedicated to excellence in literary creation. Our mission is to welcome, educate and support women who aspire to write. We encourage women to use writing as a creative force in their lives. Women Who Write was established in 1992 in Louisville. Our co-founder, Carridder "Rita" Jones, is a published author and playwright. Many of our current members are also published. All women interested in writing, in any genre, at any level, amateur or professional, are invited to join. Each year we sponsor a poetry and short prose contest and the winners are published in our annual anthology. Selected writings from our membership are also featured. This year is our 16th publication of *Calliope, the Annual Anthology of Women Who Write*. Annual dues are \$25.00 which entitles members to participate in our annual retreat, special events, critical response process and monthly meetings.



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Writer's resources and other news

Cheri Powell, our Associate Director recommends www.writingfordollars.com, a Web site for finding paying contests, jobs and articles of interest to writers. I like www.fundsforwriters.com. It has grant information, fellowships and contests for both prose and poetry. Use these resources and get out there and write!

2010 activity survey

Would you like to see Women Who Write sponsor a writing contest for girls? How about a Women Who Write cookbook, complete with stories that tell how you came to love a recipe. Perhaps you would like to mentor other members in the group on a topic, or be mentored by a member. Are you interested in training? What classes would you like to participate in? These are some of the ideas and questions outlined in our 2010 Activities Survey.

Slightly more than half of you have responded, about 19 members. To those of you who took the survey and completed it, we thank you. There were many useful

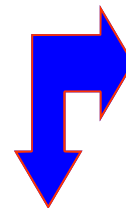
comments and we appreciate them all. During the business portion of our January meeting we will be discussing some of the results of the survey. We will also vote on the new vision, mission and core values language to be added to the bylaws. January will be very important meeting for our group. Spend some time this week thinking about the activities that you would like to become involved with. We can do so much if we all pull together to achieve success.



Writing prompt

Mission Possible...Since the only way to be a better writer is to, you guessed it; write. I thought we could use a little prompting, pun intended. *Your mission, Mr. Phelps, should you decide to accept it is this:*

You've accidentally dialed the wrong phone number, but the person who answers sounds familiar. Immediately he/she recognizes you, but because you made the call you're too embarrassed to ask who it is. Using only dialogue, figure out who the person is.



**Success corner...celebrate
your victory with us!**

"What one woman can do, another can do." If you have been published, won an award or a contest, please send me an email so that you and your victory can be shared with our group.

This month's winner:

Peggy Fox DeKay has taken first place in a nonfiction short story writing contest. She will receive a full page spread in onangels print magazine, along with a printed interview, a complimentary full page ad in the magazine, and a \$350.00 cash prize. An excerpt of the winning story can be read on their Web site at www.onangelsmagazine.com.

"If you never submit, you will never win."

Peggy Fox DeKay



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