

THE WRITING LIFE

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Congratulations!

Have you noticed that this year is almost over? How can that be when it just started? A minute ago, I was making resolutions; suddenly, it's time to make them again.

What's the first emotion you feel when you think of doing that? Could it be guilt for all the ones you *didn't* keep over the past 12 months? If you're like I am, you probably broke them in the first 12 days. But before you succumb to feelings of failure, let me make a suggestion: **Ask yourself what you *did* accomplish this year, whether you resolved to or not.**

Here's my 2007 list:

1. Wrote ten stories about young adults with developmental disabilities who made successful transitions from institutional to community living.
2. Used my newly honed computer graphic skills to design and lay out the stories, take the photographs, apply some Photoshop magic to them, and put a link to the published booklet on my Web site.
3. Planned and began to market a new project on 55 state

councils for development disabilities.

4. Wrote much of a new and exciting Web site called MyOnlineWeddingHelp.com, which shows brides how to plan every aspect of their wedding using the resources of the Internet.
 5. Taught "How to Write, Publish, & Promote a Nonfiction Book" to the best class I've ever had.
 6. Coached several clients through the tough, early stages of planning and organizing their books.
 7. Posted 45 articles on top online article sites.
 8. Worked with my terrific Web guru to improve my Web site.
 9. Bought a new camera and began teaching myself digital photography.
 10. Started working out regularly with a workout buddy.
- I think that list deserves a pat on the back and a hearty **congratulations!**
- Now, make *your* list, and send it to me at bobbi@writeanonfictionbook.com. I'll create a special page and post it. ■