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Many of us are afraid of change, whether expected or unexpected, but change is a natural part of life. Change affords us the chance to stretch and grow in directions we never imagined possible. There are three stages of change: beginning the journey, surrendering to the unknown, and transformation.

At the beginning of my journey this year, I was admittedly apprehensive about serving as President as I did not know what the year would hold for me. I eventually surrendered to the fact that others had gone before me and made it through the year. As I look back now, I can honestly say that it has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. And it is largely due to the support and encouragement that you, the members, have given me. Whether it was volunteering to chair a committee, helping with an event or just lending a supporting word or two, I could not have asked for more. Each and every one of you has touched my life in a deeply profound way.

I realize this year has been transformational not only for the Association but for me personally. By serving as President, I have grown and stretched in many ways I did not anticipate. Just like an acorn has to die in order to be reborn as an oak tree, a part of me has been reborn. Through this experience, I have become a better writer, a better speaker, a better employee but most importantly, I am a better person for having this experience. It has been an honor to serve you.

I have a few more items of business to take care of before my year comes to a close. After your 2015 Officers are elected, please remember to submit Form ADO 31 to ADO with a copy to your Region Director.

Second, the final issue of the 2014 DDJ should be arriving at your door shortly. I think you will agree with me that the co-editors, Diana Walker and Audra Horton, did a wonderful job keeping members informed this year. .

Finally, membership renewal forms should be arriving soon. Please review the information listed on your membership form and correct as necessary before sending it in. This helps to ensure that you get the information you need in a timely manner.

Desk and Derrick is a great organization and my hope is that we continue to grow and prosper in the future. Let's support the new Board as they begin their own journey through growth and transformation in 2015.

In closing, may we all take a few moments this holiday season to be aware of the many blessings we have in our lives. Our health, abundance, and happiness are priceless gifts and may we be grateful for each one. May God continue to bless each of you with peace, joy and happiness this holiday season!

Linda Rodgers