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### The Roving Pen

*by Tamara Kratzer*

The February general meeting will be held at Rudy's BBQ on the Loop across from the TJC West Campus at 6:30p.m on the 10<sup>th</sup>. But speaking of meetings, the Nutz and Boltz meeting is still alive and well. At least if you come and catch the lively conversation.

Some of the recent topics were on audiobooks and dialog tags. Some members actually listen to them and it's a good market for one's books. It's important to have a good reader and figure out how you want them to read your work. Which also brought up a dilemma with dialog tags. You don't want to overdo them, but you want to avoid confusion in an audiobook with your dialog. Be sure to balance your dialog tags between clarity of speaker and avoiding he/she said's. Well, action works and you might need to add some tags. Don't forget the next round.

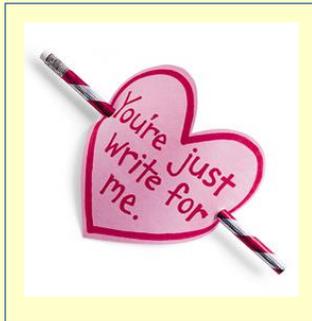


### The Adventure Continues

*by Bill McFarlin*

Y'all AIN'T going to believe this!! ☐ on Saturday I got up at 3:30 am to fish a tournament on Palestine. Very hard day as I kept my head down and tried to grind out 5 fish. Well that game plan did not work out. I got home at 5 pm, wife had dinner ready and I was in bed at 8:30. Dogs got me up at 10 and 2 for unknown reasons. Up at 6:00 still hungover from a hard day on lake; I stumbled into bath room washed my face. Eyes were still glazed over as I mashed tooth paste on electric tooth brush. I brushed hard to get the taste of 'snoring' out of my mouth. I brushed and brushed; then I thought this ain't foaming up much. Still I brushed trying to battle the sleep that lingered.

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## Jennifer Gaston the Editor Reminds Our Authors

from Patricia Wells

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## ETWG Member's Books Win Awards

by April Coker

ETWG Conference Chair April Coker was honored recently by Author Shout when her novels *The Keeper* and *Keeper II: The Storm* were awarded Author Shout's "Recommended Read" Silver Badge award for 2019. *The Keeper* is a romantic suspense novel about zookeepers who work the night shift when animals, and later keepers, begin turning up dead. *Keeper II: The Storm* joins the same characters in the zoo where, for some reason, some of the animals morph into zombie-like creatures and a keeper is killed. Turbulent weather adds even more danger. Both novels are Christian-based and can be ordered from Amazon.com in paperback or Kindle versions. April is happy to sell autographed copies directly to anyone who wishes to purchase. She can be reached at [aencoker@gmail.com](mailto:aencoker@gmail.com).



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Finally I looked at tooth brush ; still no foam, but mouth felt clean and slick. Looking into drawer where I keep the toothpaste I found I had done brushed my teeth ‘ real good’ with Cortisone! I got another brush, used toothpaste this time and brushed ‘ real good’ again. Eyes that were moments ago trying not to open were now wide and open!

Coffee helped to remove the taste that was left. But UGH!

Then wife said “ hope you didn’t poison yourself”.

After googling I found I should be okay. As I have said many times “I don’t make this stuff up”. And my teeth are super white and don’t itch!

## Writers' Events

Never too early to get ready for some writer fun:

**February 14** East Texas Writers Association meeting 7 pm at Catfish Village 2005 Tolar Rd in Longview. The speaker is Tex Thompson.

**April 25** Time to Write Writer's Conference (annual spring conference) from NETWO at the Jeffersonian Institute 120 E Austin St Jefferson, TX 75657 8:30

am to 4:30 pm. More information available and register at [netwo.org](http://netwo.org).

## TNC Newsletter and ETWG Information

### TNC Submission Guidelines and deadlines

All submitted data must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month in which art/ad/etc. will appear.

Length—up to 500 words (ask if more)

Format—single space, no indent

Fonts—12 pt. Times New Roman

Photos—jpeg with caption instructions

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