



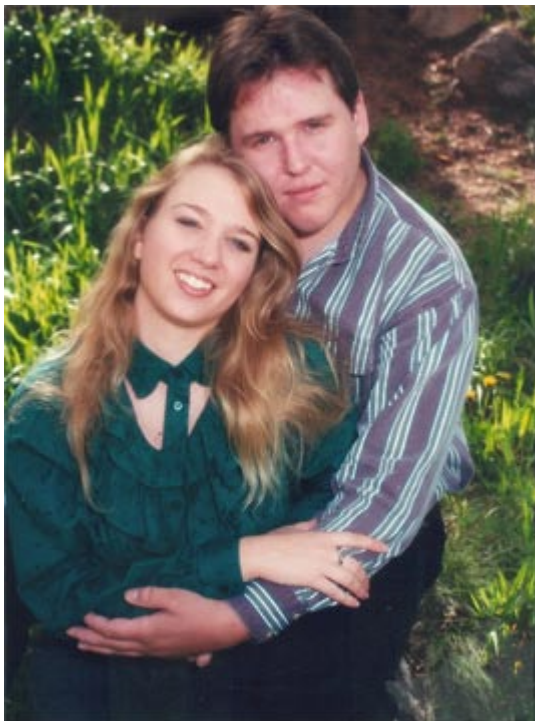
The Torch Is Passed

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Thirteen years ago, in January, 1996, Hollie and I founded the Colorado Springs Fiction Writer's Group (www.csfwg.org). Never, in our wildest dreams, did we think that a small group of fellow writers meeting for coffee could (*or would*) grow into this fantastic organization for writers.

For better than a decade the CSFWG has actively worked to improve the prose of its members. I've witnessed beginning writers grow into aspiring authors, acquire an agent and continue on to attain publication. Just to see a person go from telling others what their dreams are to actually being able to put pen to paper is "true magic."

It with the greatest pride that I go from being the orchestra leader to a member of the symphony. Over these years I've had the immense privilege of watching the group form itself into an organization that not only focuses on its members, but has branched out to the masses, offering free classes, holding high school writing competitions and even branching out to teach teen inmates that the written word is for everyone to not only read, but to write as well.



1996 Hank & Hollie



2009 Hank, Hollie & Josh



2009 - J.T. Evans

Taking the Presidency seat is J.T. Evans. He brings to the group not only a passion for writing, but website design knowledge, leadership skills and, like so many writers, a well of little-known facts that all writers scramble to learn and share. For the last six months J.T. has proven to be passionate not only about his craft, but about this group as a whole by running our Saturday group as one of the CSFWG Vice Presidents and taking the time to attend the Monday group as a contributing member.

While change can be bittersweet, I must admit that I'm excited to see what direction that J.T., Amanda White (*our equally-capable Monday Group Vice President*) and whoever takes over running the Saturday Group take this organization.

On a more personal note, it is you, our membership, our visitors and our Yahoo Group participants who have made the CSFWG what it's become today. It has been a privilege to serve you these years and will now do my part alongside you to support our new President.



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