

Autumn 2015

Greetings from Lake Placid, Florida, where it's still summer - and it was a hot one - no matter what the calendar says.

Welcome! It doesn't matter if this is your first visit, or if you're a regular, everyone is welcome. I hope you'll take a little time to explore.

My plan to update this page monthly is proving to be elusive. The *desire* is there - I *really* want to, but time ... I thought that being retired would give me *more* time to keep up with my tasks, but it's actually just the opposite. Both my husband (who is now also retired) and I agree - we're busier now than we ever were while we were working stiffs.

First, an update on my website. You may remember I put out an SOS for some help on what to do about a hosting issue. Do many of you responded with a variety of different ideas and fixes. It was awesome! You have no idea what all that help meant to me. Thanks to every one of you for caring enough to drop me a line and sharing your thoughts. I have printed all your notes and have a fat file to consult in the future.

In the end, the problem sort of solved itself. The timing was perfect. My hosting company, GoDaddy, now has a designated server, just for WordPress.org websites. Since most WP webmasters are not computer gurus, GoDaddy offers a number of services to help us. All I had to do was give them the word and they switched me off my old server and onto the WordPress server. It's been months now, and I haven't had any problems. I'm amazed. And, it's cheaper than the old server, too!



In other news, I'm really excited about my next book. Back in 2011, on the day I submitted my first book (Janelle's Time) to a publisher, I started a new book (Logan's Time), which I worked on until I had to stop to do the edits and other work on Janelle's Time. Between then (early 2012) and September of 2014, I only worked on Logan's Time sporadically. It was so frustrating, but at last - it was time to wrap things up.

I'm pleased to announce that my editor has Logan's Time, so it won't be long now. In the meantime, I've got the myriad of tasks to do before I can submit the book to the publisher, including choosing a cover design (I've got 2 I like but can't decide), updating the bio, writing the book blurb, and more.

In addition, I'm working on a book trailer, which will be narrated by a native Scotsman. Bob Atkinson, an author of two books about the Jacobite Rebellion, has been helping me with this book, which takes place in 19th century Scotland with the Scots Duke of Muileach as the main character.

Watch this space for future updates on Logan's Time.

That's about it for now. See you next time.

Regards,

Julie/Dayna