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Dear Readers,

March is here and with it, the annual **Romance Slam Jam**, the premiere event for African-American Romance Writers & Readers. I'm more than a little bummed that I will not be able to attend this year - especially, since it is being held in sunny Miami, FL!!

As cold as it is here in Michigan right now, I would love nothing more than to soon be heading south!! Last year, I had such a blast in Shreveport, LA. But, oh well, there is always next year. I can't wait to see where it is going next. For those of you who *are* going - have a good time—and a little for me as well!!

Let me take a moment to get up on my soapbox. . . even though I will not be able to attend this year, I would like to say to all the readers PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider supporting this particular convention now and in the future. There are a lot of annual conventions that showcase African American books, and a lot of conventions that showcase Romance Novels. But this is the only convention that exclusively showcases AFRICAN AMERICAN ROMANCE NOVELS. AA romance readers, this is our Mecca. ***okay, climbing down from my soapbox, now. ☺

As far as conventions for 2007, I'm planning to attend the RWA (Romance Writers of America) convention in July in Dallas, TX, and maybe I'll see some of you there!

Well, the final edits for **Daring Devotion** have been submitted, so my baby is now in the hands of my editor. Her discerning eye, has never failed me yet. Here's hoping you all love it as much as I do.

Thank you to everyone who has entered the **Fever** contest. REMINDER: Today is the last day for new entries!!! The winners will be notified soon. The prize is an attractive **Fever** tote bag, and autographed copy of the book, both of which I hope you will enjoy.

February turned out a little different than I anticipated. The workshop at the Mt. Clemens Library was a great event as always. The name of my workshop was "The Romance Formula: Why It Works." Former police Chief, Ike McKinnon, was the special guest speaker. Just like last year, the day was filled with various workshops giving by area authors.



Followed by a round table discussion, and signings. This is the second year that the event has been held, organized by talented Detroit AA Romance writer, Karen White-Owens. Unfortunately, my workshop presentation at Wayne County Community College fell on the same day as the worst snow storm of the year here in Detroit. Valentine's Day! All the area schools—including WCCC were closed, as a result. Mother Nature can be a mean ole' girl!

Well, that's all for now. This spring I will be scheduling some book signings in the tri-state area concurrent to the release of **Daring Devotion**, more info will be posted on my website. I love chatting with readers, so those of you in the area please drop by and support a sista! Again, thanks for all the encouraging emails. Blessings to you and yours, until next time

Take care,
Elaine