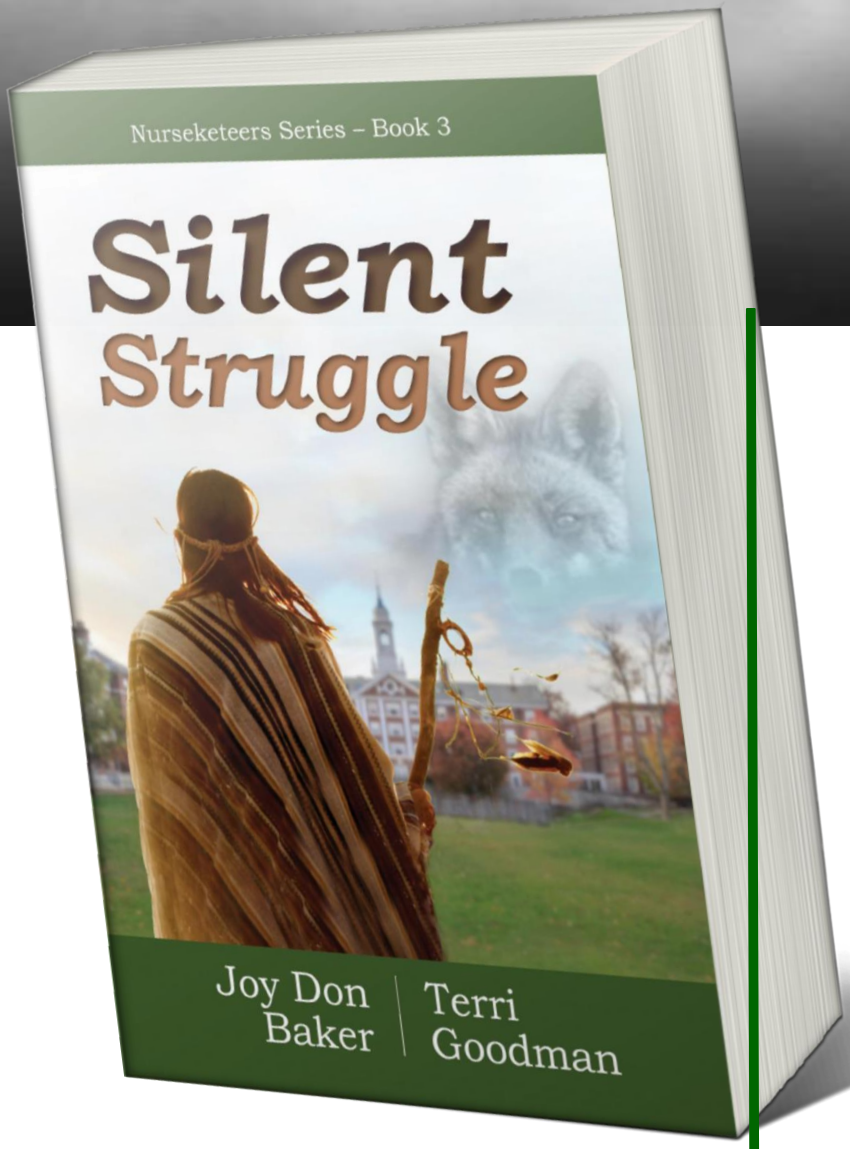
Nurseketeers Series – Book 3



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Author Bio

Joy Don was born in southern OK, the eldest of three children and currently resides in near Tulsa. She became passionate about nursing in the ninth grade while babysitting when an incident occurred where she remained calm and sought the proper help. When the help arrived, she promptly fell apart, crying.

During a summer job in a clinic, Joy Don learned to take X-rays and ran testing of blood and urine for analysis. She did the pre-work up for students seeking physicals to start school or play sports, of course this only included taking their blood pressure, weight, and getting them to fill in a questionnaire.

Being a registered nurse and progressing into administrative roles she learned early that communications through writing was essential. One of her first writing opportunities was through volunteer service in the AORN (perioperative nurses) when committees reported, via the *AORN Journal*, results to communicate action taken or needed to be taken by the membership. Joy Don became the Editor-in-Chief of the *AORN Journal* in 2012 and served in that role until she and Terri began to write their first novel.

Joy Don Baker

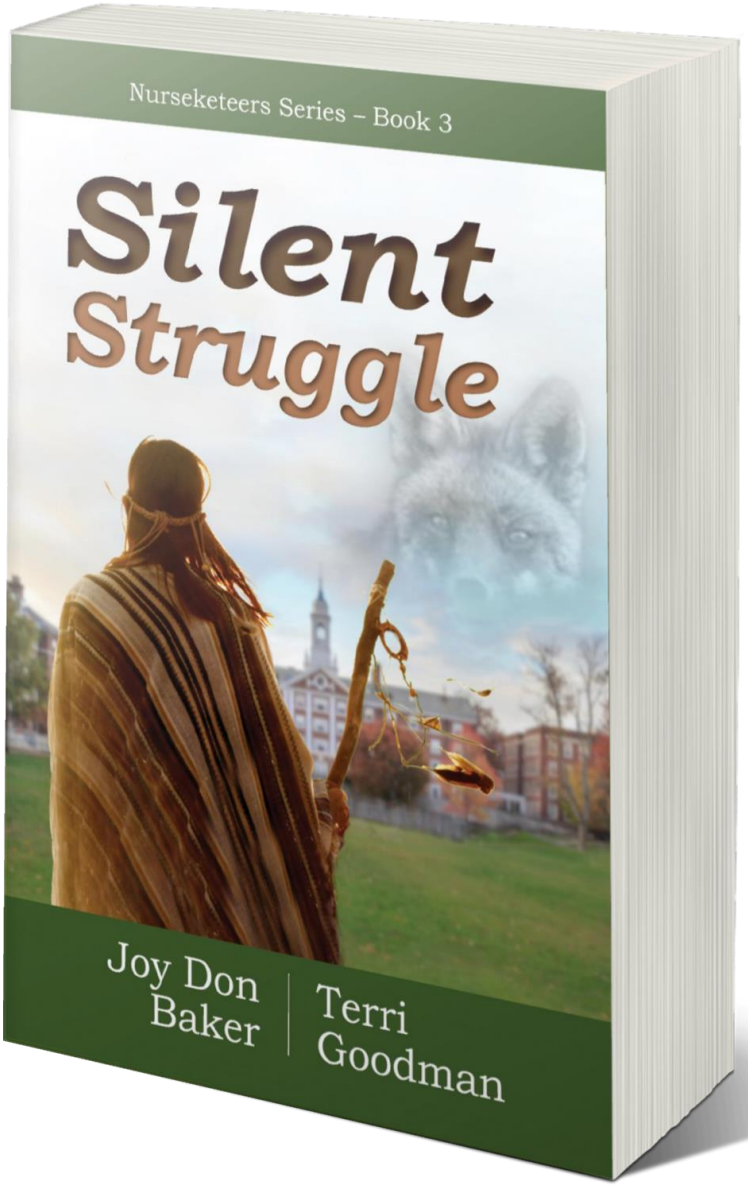
Author Bio

Terri got a typewriter for her sixth birthday, and, except for the camera she got the next year, it was the most amazing birthday present ever! She's always loved writing. Terri sees stories as she reads them, so the richer the words, the more vivid her private motion pictures. Her hope is that her love of language will help to bring The *Nurseketeers* Series to life for you.

As a nurse, Terri has published many articles in professional journal, has authored a textbook for perioperative nurses, and co-authored several books to prepare nurses for certification.

Born in Baltimore and raised in Washington, DC… She says "I'm a Yankee. I talk fast; I move fast; I think fast."

Terri Goodman



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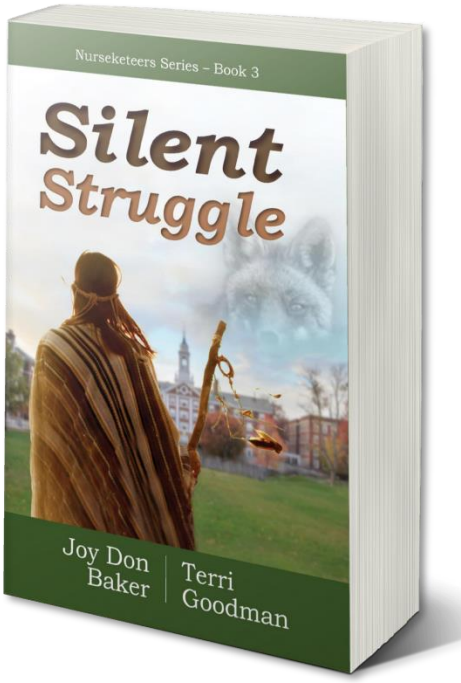
Katie, a stoic young Native American, faces family pressures, a developing distant romantic relationship, and stress from nursing school clinicals during her junior year at Crestmont University in Dallas.
Her dream of becoming a nurse is challenged when her mother suffers an injury that could force her to stay on the farm, assume her mother's duties, and postpone her education, perhaps permanently. Compounding her stress, Katie's childhood friend and soulmate's demand for a greater level of commitment drives her into an emotional spiral as she tries to balance her dream of becoming a nurse and her love for John.
The academically sound Katie finds that book learning is not sufficient for success in the clinical setting. Her frustration grows as she encounters difficulty in implementing her carefully crafted patient care plans. Her relationship with the *Nurseketeers,* her best friends and support system, deteriorates as she tries unsuccessfully to cope. She struggles in silence, turning in secret to alcohol to quell the chaos of clinical practice and putting herself in jeopardy of failing out of nursing school.

REVIEWS

It is their junior year in Nursing School and the adventures of Crestmont University's Nurseketeers continues! We find Katie, Robin, Frannie, and Leslie transitioning their learning from the classroom into the hospital as they begin caring for patients. While this transition is exciting and leads them one step closer to professional nursing, doubts begin to emerge about their ability to handle the demands of school, relationships, and life. *Silent Struggle* shines a spotlight on the challenges students of any generation face in college. From time management to finances, relationships, to scholastic performance, students struggle to cope with the demands of life, love, and transition…and will always persevere with the help of friends. ***Christina Roberts***

The Nurseketeers continue their adventure in this third novel. The girls are growing up and starting to deal with the struggles of adulthood. Katie realizes she's in love, and has been most of her life, but is not disillusioned about what that means. Loves takes second place to her career, an unusual position for her time. Struggling with adapting to the real world, she learns that she needs to use her support system, both friends and family, to cope with what life throws her way. Truly a complete college education, both inside and outside the classroom.
Daryn Herrington

Silent Struggle tells Katie's story as she navigates a busy third year in nursing school filled with hands-on learning, romance, family expectations, and big dreams. Katie must learn how to juggle her professional aspirations with her personal goals in an era when women's roles were rapidly evolving. Baker and Goodman have crafted a timeless, coming of age tale that examines how finding your place in the world isn't always straightforward and that will resonate with women as they reimagine their lives in a post-pandemic world. ***Melinda Hough***



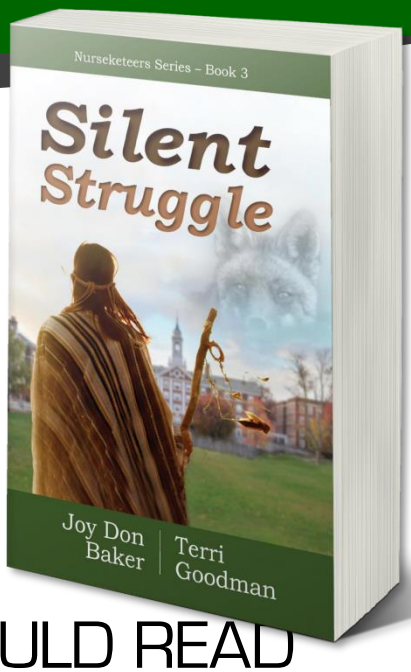
In this book, Nurseketeer Katie struggles through stressful real life situations and tests a variety of coping mechanisms during her junior year of nursing school. ***Chelsie Gabel***

The usually calm and confident Katie becomes isolated when the stress of nursing school tests her confidence. ***Amy Clark***

This story portrays that life can be a struggle at times. Choose your friends wisely. ***Marcia Crosthwait***

This series is a good, fictionalized reflection of life as a student nurse in the 70's. It shows the relationships of four very different young females who form tight friendships and relationships due o the core goal of becoming a nurse and their initial living arrangements in the school. ***Diana Gries***

Target Audience



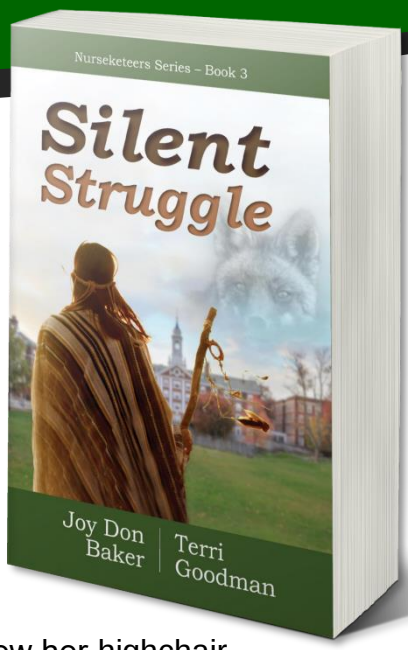
WHO SHOULD READ

- women 18 and older
- girls in college
- nurses
- women interested in
  - finding one's unique self
  - women's issues
  - relationships

BOOK BENEFITS

- overcoming challenges
- value of friendships
- assessing significant relationships
- juggling commitments
- dealing with substance abuse
- finding appropriate responses

Book Excerpt



Chapter 1 Excerpt

Perched on the edge of the chair she'd occupied since she outgrew her highchair, Katie sighed and watched her parents, older brothers, and younger sister bent to the business of breakfast. She twisted her napkin in her lap and worked up the courage to tell her parents what she'd been pondering for months.

"I need a car," she blurted, then exhaled like she had been punched in the belly.

"You what?" Her dad nearly spilled his coffee as he looked up in surprise. "You…"

"…don't need a car," her mother intervened in that no-nonsense tone that only she could deliver. "You can use the pickup anytime you need it." Then she reached for the coffee pot and refilled her husband's cup.

Katie slumped back in her chair with her arms crossed.

"The pickup will do," her father agreed.

Katie shook her head, took a deep breath, and proceeded with her rehearsed speech. "I need a summer job to earn spending money… money that I earn myself. You pay for everything and I'm nearly twenty-one. If I take the pickup into town for work this summer, you'll be without transportation on the farm all day."

Her parents said nothing, then her dad cleared his throat. "Princess," he began, "we'll make do. I can always borrow Amos' pickup, and you don't have a job yet."

"You shouldn't *have* to borrow! That's the point." Katie insisted.

"Watch your tone, Missy," warned her mother, "or this conversation is over right now."

Katie bit her lip, fighting tears, her bronzed cheeks flushed. She took a slow breath, swallowed her pride, and said, "I'm sorry, but… a car *makes sense*. When I go back to school, we'll have clinicals off-campus and we'll probably all have different schedules. We have to be at the hospital by 6:45 and I can't count on public transportation at that time of the morning. I'd have to get up in the middle of the night to be on time... and some of the hospitals aren't in the best part of town. It's much safer to have a car of my own."

Her parents looked at one another. "Dad and I will talk it over."

"But I…" Katie started.

Mr. Grayfox put up his hand. "No more talk!" He pushed back his chair and said to his wife, "We'll be back for lunch."

Katie's two older brothers rose to follow him out. Sam, the elder, threw Katie a wink, and Joe worked hard to hide his smile.

Silence filled the room as Katie glared at her mother in frustrated silence.

Interview Questions

1. How is nursing different today than in the 1970's?
2. How did you come up with the series protagonists and names?
3. Where did the idea for this book come from?
4. When did you first realize you wanted to be a writer?
5. How long does it take you to write a book?
6. Where do you get your information or ideas for your books?
7. What do you think makes a good story?
8. When did you decide to become a nurse & was that a change from your childhood dreams?
9. Did you ever consider writing under a pseudonym?
10. Do you try more to be original or to deliver to readers what they want?
11. You have to say goodbye to either snacks/drinks or music when writing, which would you choose?
12. How do you overcome writers' block?
13. Which is your favorite writing season and why?
14. What has influenced you most as a writer?
15. Do you like physical books, audiobooks, or eBooks better? Why?
16. Which is most important: A. Strong Characters, B. Mind-blowing plot twists, or C. Epic settings?
17. What is your favorite genre to read, and why?
18. What did you delete from your book?
19. Name five fun and unusual facts about you?
20. What does Nurseketeers mean?

STORY IDEAS FOR REPORTERS:

1. Value of Friendships

Katie is a Nurseketeer, one of four suitemates who plan to become nurses together. However, the four do not always see eye to eye. The challenges faced determines on whether she will stand her ground or make friendship your priority.

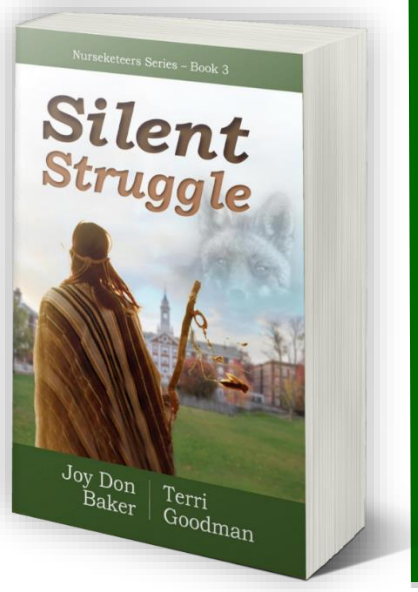
2. Overcoming Challenges

During the summer before Katie's Junior year in nursing school she is already learning things the hard way. Katie discovers with frustration that convincing her parents can take more than building her case on logic and common sense or at least as she sees it.

And then there's the situation when there are rules in place that interfere with meeting the patient's needs. The dilemma is which is the more important factor: the rule or the patient?

3. Assessing Significant Relationships

Katie and John have been soulmates for… well, for as long as they can remember. Now they're more than that, but how does she handle a special relationship when the neither is on the same page?



4. Substance Abuse

For two years, the Nurseketeers have looked forward to Clinicals and taking care of real patients in the hospital. For Katie, the experience was quite different from what she'd anticipated. The only solution seemed to be grabbing a drink or two to take the edge off.

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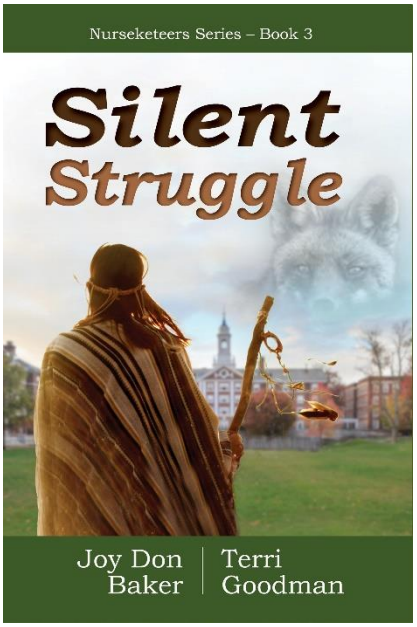

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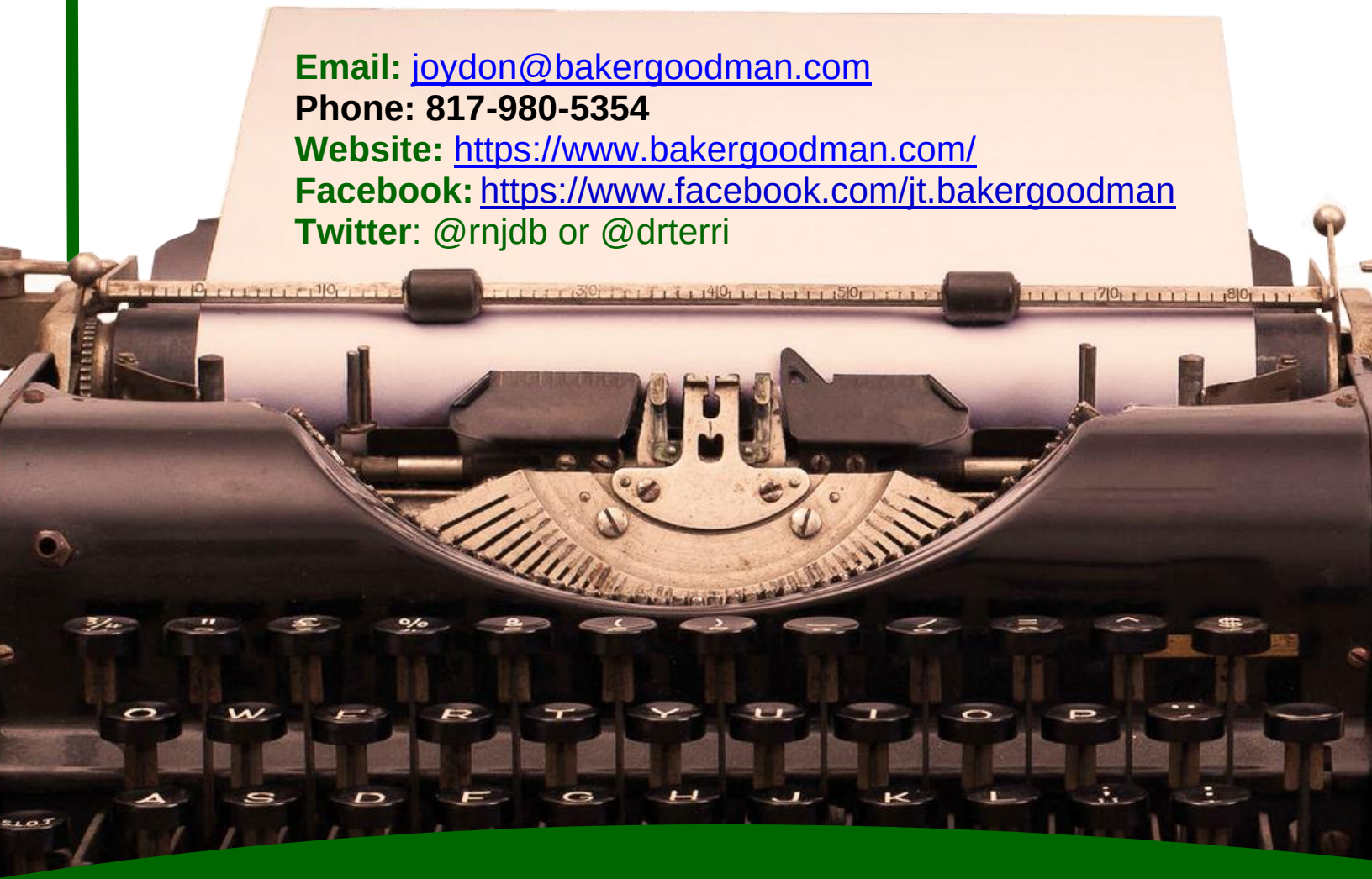
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