

# Lines from Linda

By Linda Evans, FOSL President

As we prepare for the holidays let me wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.



This time of the year can be one of the busiest and most hectic. We are all wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Finding the right gift, getting the house cleaned and decorated, and of course, the baking and cooking. Will we have it all done in time?

...Let me tell you how great you are, how fortunate the Smyrna Public Library is to have your support!

Well, sometimes the members of the board of directors and myself wonder the same thing. There is always something going on with the Friends or a deadline to meet. Just look through this issue of the *Link* and you will see what I mean. Surely there is an activity just for you – The Third Thursday programs, book discussion group, book sales, volunteering at the library or our annual “Murder Goes South” forum.

## Targeted Fundraisers

I would like to tell you something that I find very interesting. Last Spring the new board set some goals, developed a budget and decided that each time we had a fundraiser we would have a specific goal in mind. I'm proud to say that the last two book sales have been the best yet. With the funds raised we made some major purchases for the library.

## Our Membership Is Growing

We decided to conduct our membership drive in a different manner. There was a major mailing included in the August Smyrna City water bill. More than 100 new members joined the Friends because they believed in the library and wanted to lend their support. It was awesome to see the membership applications come in. Hopefully, each of you new members will enjoy this first copy of the *Link*.

Look for a year-end statement of income and expenditures in the next issue of the *Link*. You will see just how much you *do* support the library with your time and money.

Once again let me tell you how great you are, how fortunate the Smyrna Public Library is to have your support, and may each of you experience the special meaning of the holidays this year.

## Fall Book Sale Our Most Successful Ever – Sales Top \$2,200

By Jim Wooten, Book Sales

The Fall book sale was the most successful ever by Friends of the Smyrna Library volunteers, with just over **\$2,200** in sales.

We had two glorious days of weather, steady traffic, and a really good selection of new and used books, including a much more extensive offering of the always-popular children's books. We had good volunteers and the result was brisk sales.

Proceeds from the first sales went to honor the memory of a long-time book sales volunteer, **Glenn Joyner**, who died in August.

Glenn was a real patriot with a keen interest in history, especially the history of World War II in Europe. To honor him, Friends of the Smyrna Library have purchased the following books to be placed in the library's collection:

- *They Made America* by Harold Evans.
- *Medal Of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty* by Peter Collier
- *The D-Day Atlas: Anatomy of the Normandy Campaign*, with 178 illustrations, including 71 full-color maps by Charles Messenger
- *The World War II Memorial: A Grateful Nation Remembers* by Thomas Allen
- *Memories of World War II: Photographs from the Archives of the Associated Press*, forward by Bob Dole, introduction by Walter Cronkite

---

## The Friends Book Fair at Barnes & Noble Nets \$160

Thank you to all who participated in the Friends of the Smyrna Library Book Fair at the Cumberland Barnes & Noble. Friends and other Smyrna Library supporters presented vouchers for purchases of nearly \$1100.

B&N is donating 15% of our purchases – or \$163 – to the Friends.

**BARNES & NOBLE**  
BOOKSELLERS