



Lines From Linda

As president of the Friends, I would like to give a special thank you to Ellen Williams, Editor of the Link. This is a critical position in the Friends and she has continued the integrity and quality of the Link. Unfortunately, Ellen is retiring due to family and work obligations. Ellen, thank you so much from all of the friends.

Many times I long for the small town where I grew up. I could travel from one side of town to the other in what seemed a matter of minutes. I could stop in the local drugstore, record shop or clothing store and I knew the owners. On Friday nights everyone supported the local high school team. A true sense of community.

So guess what happened last week? I found there is still a community spirit in Smyrna. Delivering posters for the dinner theater "The Foreigner", I was able to travel about Smyrna quickly. I placed posters in many of the businesses in the community. When I visited with Melanie and Amir at Cafe' Michel, Steve and Karen at Carters Pharmacy, Scott Towe at Concord Designs Florist, and Charyn at North Georgia Trophy & Engraving they were all eager to help the Friends and the community. You even see the Campbell High School football scores on the billboard at Moe's.

To go a step farther, let me tell you something that you might not know. The citizens of Smyrna are the sole support of the Smyrna Public Library. The next time you see your city council person or the mayor tell them how much you enjoy the library.

Because of that small town atmosphere and cooperation the Friends are able to put their membership application in the water bill. The Friends now have 420 members who are members because they enjoy the library and support it. For those new members, the Friends goals are (1) to provide additional funding for the library and (2) to promote the library and the Friends within the community.

So if you really want to feel a sense of community come to the dinner theater on November 19th and support your library and your high school.

Linda Evans, FOSL President

Third Thursday, November 17, 7:30

Meet Joshilyn Jackson! In her debut novel, "gods in Alabama", Joshilyn Jackson tells the story of Arlene Fleet, who made three promises to God when she headed off to college in Chicago: She would never again lie, never fornicate outside of marriage, and never ever go back to her tiny hometown of Possett, Alabama (the "fourth rack of Hell"). Despite pleas over the decade to come home, Arlene reconsiders only after a sudden visit from a former classmate. Library Journal says: "Forget steel magnolias - meet titanium blossoms in Jackson's debut novel. A potent mix of humor, murder, and a dysfunctional Southern family."

Joshilyn Jackson is a native of the Deep south, a former actor and award-winning teacher, and now a full-time writer and mother of two. She is currently at work on her second novel. She lives with her family outside of Atlanta, Georgia. Visit her web site at joshilynjackson.com

At this meeting, we will have a "members only" book sale. Please plan to attend.