

Lines from Linda



By Linda Evans, FOSL President

I've written about many things in the past—family, community, programs and the changing seasons. Today, I'm combining those into one column. The times are changing!!! We have a new board and I can feel the wind blowing. What enthusiasm, ideas and resources they bring to the Friends and the library.

We have successfully completed our planning and budgeting for the year 2006-2007. The board recognizes the library as the shining community asset it is. There are over 24,000 cardholders. On an average, 700 people pass through the library each day.

Our goals are to promote awareness of the library and the Friends and to provide extra funding and programs. We have been passive about meeting these goals. The board decided we will become an aggressive promoter of the Friends and the library. Our goal is to increase the membership to 1,000 members by April 2007. Look for our new membership campaign soon and help us sign up your friends and neighbors. Spread the word.....tell them about the library.

Along with building our membership base we hope to grow our financial support of the library and its programs. Have you ever thought about:

1. leaving a bequest to the Friends
2. making a financial donation
3. making a charitable giving donation and have your company match it.

The Friends are a 501c(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

The Friends will have a finance committee set up to oversee our charitable donations. Their responsibility is to maximize the income from the monies so the Friends and the Smyrna Public Library will benefit. The Friends of the Smyrna Library Board with your support is ready to move this organization ahead.

Our books are phenomenal! The art displays have been superb and are only going to be better! We have a new and improved website! Our programs continue to be top notch—the Heirloom Gardening program was well attended and the ice cream social was a fun filled evening with Waddles the Clown still painting faces at 9 p.m.

Read your Link, check out the Friends spot at the library and continually check the web www.friendsofsmyrnalibrary.org for updates. You don't want to miss something.

Once again the Smyrna Public Library is the city's hidden jewel, but with your help the Friends can make it the city's shining star!

We can do so much together.

Linda Evans