

## FRIENDS OF UPPER TAMPA BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY CHAPTER

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The next Friends Chapter meeting is Thursday, November 13th, at 7:00 P.M. at the Westchase Swim and Tennis (10405 Countryway Blvd.). Guests will be Irsrael Grajales from Hillsborough County Architectural Department and Jan Stein from Hillsborough County Public Art. Samples of materials for rugs, tiles, roof shingles, etc. for our future UTB Library will be on display for everyone to see. We will also have Architectural drawings of the UTB Library on display. This is a good time to learn more about the Friends Chapter and the future UTB Library.

The official date for the UTB Groundbreaking ceremony is December 12th at 3:00 P.M. The actual construction will hopefully start around the second week of January. This is an exciting time for the UTB Community and Citizens. We are getting closer to the reality of the doors of the UTB Library actually opening in December 2004!

Our Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 5th at at Aston Gardens (12951 W. Linebaugh Ave.) This will be sponsored by Aston Gardens and the Grapevine and starts at 6:30 p.m. We are very grateful to Aston Gardens and the Grapevine for their generous Community support to the Friends and the UTB Library. All proceeds from this event will go to the Friends of the UTB Library Chapter. It promises to be a fun evening. We will be having Hors d'Oeuvres & Wine Tasting, a Silent Auction and Entertainment by Thor Stevens. Tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple. For tickets you can call the Grapevine at 818-9463 or Kim Muentner 818-4688 before November 19th. If anyone wants to donate items for the silent auction, please call Kim. We have received some very generous donations and it promises to be a fun evening. As you know, these events are successful only because of the great support of the community and the volunteers who serve to make it an enjoyable event for everyone. A special thank you to Kim Muentner who is Chair for this event and Cindy Gormley, Bob Argus, Bridgid Schneider, Charlotte A. Loiselle, Tiffany Hughes, and Pat Lomot who are serving on the Committee. We appreciate that they give their time and talents.

We have another project going on also. Cindy Gormley our VP is doing an outstanding job coordinating the Westfield Shoppingtown tickets for a special Sun., Nov. 16th event from 6:30 p.m. To 9:30 p.m. You will only be able to go into the Westfield Shoppingtowns by having a ticket. When tickets are purchased at \$5.00 each it becomes a donation to the UTB Friends Chapter. For tickets you can call Cindy at 926-5363 before November 12th. The ticket purchase entitles you to Special discounts, free gift wrap, grand prizes and entertainment, refreshments and more. Plus you help the Chapter!

We will keep you posted regarding more information about the Groundbreaking for the new UTB Library as it develops.