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Honorable Jane Sauls, Chair
Leon County Board of County Commissioners
301 South Monroe Street, 5th Floor
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Commissioner Sauls: Jane

I appreciate your interest in the upcoming Author Event, which has become a major fundraiser for the Friends of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the Civic Center.

We are THRILLED to have booked our guest author, **Jeff Shaara**. Mr. Shaara is VERY popular as the acclaimed historical author of Gods and Generals, Gone For Soldiers, Rise to Rebellion, The Last Full Measure, and To The Last Man. Because he has chronicled history's most life-altering conflicts with so much detailed realism, Steve Forbes says Mr. Shaara has "cemented his reputation as a war writer of Tolstoyan and Homeric dimensions".

Ms. Sauls, as you know, this is a popular event, and we are expecting another sell-out because of Mr. Shaara's talent and popularity and because he is a Tallahassee native. I would love to have the Leon County Commission sponsor a table. Our sponsorship levels are $1500, $2500, and $5000, and include dinner for eight, excellent seating for the speaker's discussion, and two tickets (or more, depending on sponsor level) to a private VIP reception with Mr. Shaara.

The Author Event is a unique and entertaining fundraiser. The author is impressive, the audience is impressive, and the list of sponsors is impressive. As you know, your financial help goes to support the work of our library system – providing books, literacy staff, and funding towards a new Bookmobile. No one knows better than the members of the County Commission the efforts of the Friends of the Library. We are trying to provide all the tools for higher learning in Leon County. Because an educated community is a healthy community, we would appreciate your support for the Author Event.

I look forward to hearing from you, especially if you have any questions – 893-6710 (evenings). Or, you may call Beth Langford at 906-0700 (daytime). Thank you so much for your consideration. If you would like representation from the Author Event Committee at the County Commission meeting on January 11th, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Schaffer
Friends of the Library
Author Event Committee