

NEXT MEETING

- Program:** Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Chancellor of the Florida State University System
- When:** Friday, November 30, 2007
- Time:** 11:45 a.m. Lunch Buffet and Cash Bar
- Where:** **The Silver Slipper**
- Guest(s):** \$25 per guest
(payable on site with no exceptions)



Dr. Mark Rosenberg

Much of the focus of Florida's budget woes have centered on the equity of Florida's property tax system and the need for significant reform. However, while this focus has been largely on improving conditions of individual homeowners and businesses, another critical area affected by Florida's budget shortfall is the future stability and quality of a major economic engine--Florida's higher education system. In an effort to address proposed cuts, the Florida Board of Governors recently voted to freeze the number of freshman admitted to Florida's public universities for at least three years, defy the self-prescribed authority of the Florida Legislature by increasing tuition, and join a lawsuit filed by former Governor Bob Graham against the Legislature in hopes of clarifying who maintains the authority to set tuition rates. To address these issues and more about the current and future state of higher education in Florida, Tiger Bay is pleased to host **Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Chancellor of Florida's State University System**. Dr. Rosenberg was appointed Chancellor in 2005 following the passage by voters of a constitutional amendment establishing Florida's Board of Governors. As Chancellor, he is the senior education official leading a system of 11 public universities, serving more than 293,000 students, with a budget of nearly \$8.5 billion. Please join us on **Friday, November 30 at the Silver Slipper** as we welcome the Chancellor and have an opportunity to hear his perspective and offer our own as to what Florida wants and expects from its institutions of higher education.

Next Meeting: Holiday Party featuring Laughing Stock; Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center; Invitations have been mailed and **RSVP REQUIRED** for the event.