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Library Associates Annual Dinner Meeting

The 1987 Library Associates Annual Meeting was held at Spindletop Hall on 24 March. Two-hundred and forty Associates members and their guests gathered to enjoy dinner and hear the sixth Edward F. Prichard, Jr. Lecture, presented by Robert K. Massie.

Mrs. Faye Claiborne, 1986 President, began the program by welcoming those assembled and introducing Mr. Paul A. Willis, Director of Libraries. Mr. Willis reported on Library activities of the last year, including progress on the new Library Endowment Fund, and noted the many gifts of collections and other materials donated to the Library since the last Annual Meeting.

Mr. Paul Willis, Director of Libraries, at Spindletop Hall with Mrs. Faye Claiborne, President of the Library Associates, Mr. Robert K. Massie, 1987 Edward F. Prichard Lecturer, and Mr. Earl D. Wallace, Sr., Vice-President of the Library Associates.
Following the Library Director's report, Mrs. Claiborne presented the slate of nominees for the Executive Committee as prepared by the Nominating Committee. The following were elected to terms of two years on the Library Associates Executive Committee: Mrs. Nettie Adams, Mr. Hill Maury, Mr. Boynton Merrill, Jr., Mrs. Joe Murphy, Jr., and Ms. Sue Lynn Stone. The membership then elected Mr. Scott D. Breckinridge president and Mr. Earl D. Wallace, Sr. vice-president for the coming year.

The Honorable Bert T. Combs was next on the program, offering a tribute to his late friend, Mr. Prichard. He then introduced the featured speaker for the event, Mr. Massie.

"Participating in History" was the title for Mr. Massie's engaging presentation. A Kentucky native and Pulitzer prize-winning biographer, he told how he began to develop a sense of history as a young boy following the events of World War II from his home in Lexington. As his life progressed, so too did his perspective of history; and today, as an author, Mr. Massie strives to personalize the historical events about which he writes so that readers may experience the events and become participants in history themselves. Following the Prichard lecture the crowd enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Massie, ranging from his career as a news writer to his experience of having one of his novels produced as a motion picture and another as a broadcast mini-series.

Mr. Breckinridge, the Associates' new president, adjourned the meeting.

Patterson Room Dedication

The Solarium in the Department of Special Collections has a new name. It is now the Mary Marvin Breckinridge Patterson Room, dedicated in ceremonies attended by a host of Mrs. Patterson's friends and colleagues on 21 May.

A broadcaster, photographer, writer, and devoted volunteer for the Frontier Nursing Service in Leslie County, Kentucky, Mrs. Patterson is a daughter of the notable Kentucky Breckinridge family. The 1930 silent documentary she filmed for the FNS, The Forgotten Frontier, was only the beginning of her life-long involvement with that organization, including fifteen years as National Chairman. Her work as a free-lance photographer has been widely published and recognized nationally. In 1939 and 1940 she served as a CBS European broadcast reporter. Her marriage to
the late Jefferson Patterson, a career foreign service officer and ambassador, led the couple to posts throughout the world; but Mrs. Patterson has always held a special fondness for her family and her work in Kentucky. In recognition of those endeavors and of her support for the University of Kentucky Libraries, the Solarium has been named in her honor. Along with many other valued gifts, Mrs. Patterson has made it possible for the library to establish in the future a Kentucky-Breckinridge Room in the second floor of King Library-South.

The University of Kentucky's Pres. Otis A. Singletary unveiled a portrait of Mrs. Patterson as a part of the dedication program and presented a plaque that will be displayed with the portrait. Mrs. John F. Simmons, a colleague of Mrs. Patterson from Washington, D.C., spoke of Mrs. Patterson's work with many organizations in that area, and Miss Kate Ireland presented a tribute from the Frontier Nursing Service. Mrs. Patterson closed the program with some brief remarks about her interest in the Library and the honor of having a room designated in her name. Mr. Paul Willis presided over the program and invited the guests to a reception in the Department of Special Collections.

Mrs. Patterson was again honored at a dinner held that same evening at the Hilary Boone Faculty Center. Other guests of the Library attending that function were Library Associates whose major gifts to the newly created Library Endowment have helped to boost that fund to $100,000 in less than one year. The dinner was a festive ending to a memorable occasion recognizing one of the university's generous benefactors.

**Book Sale**

The 1987 Library Associates Spring Book Sale was held 23 and 24 April at the Buell Armory on the university campus. The Book Sale was relocated to the Armory due to renovation of its usual site in the M.I. King Library; however, the Armory afforded ample space for the sale and a central location that made the event more pleasurable both for our customers and volunteer workers. Special thanks to those Associates and Library Staff who helped with the Book Sale to make it a success. The $3,200 profit from the Book Sale will be donated to the Library.

We must now begin work on the 1988 Book Sale. If you have books, magazines, journals, maps, or records you would like to contribute to the Book Sale, please contact the Director's Office.
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Each year the Associates organize a number of activities for the public and the membership. They also sponsor in part the publishing and teaching programs of The King Library Press, the hand press in the Department of Special Collections. Publications of the Press are offered to members at a twenty-percent discount. A subscription to the Associates’ journal, The Kentucky Review, is provided free to members.

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