Society Social a Success!
More than 70 members and guests attended the 6th Annual Society Social this spring at F&M Bank’s Franklin Room. After a delightful social hour and a delicious dinner prepared and served by Catering by Margie, Dr. Sharon Mabry, professor of music, entertained the audience with humorous and informative anecdotes from her book, *The Performing Life: A Singer’s Guide to Survival.*

Seven lucky winners went home with raffle prizes that included a copy of Dr. Mabry’s book, four CDs, gift certificates for lunch at The Lovin’ Spoonful, and a pair of Nashville Symphony concert tickets.

A big thank you to our host, F&M Bank, raffle sponsors The Lovin’ Spoonful, Naxos Music, and the Nashville Symphony, and especially to Dr. Sharon Mabry.

Introducing Allan Groves, Library Society President, 2014-15
The new president of the Woodward Library Society, Allan Groves, is an Austin Peay alum, having earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1980. He is the co-owner of the DQ Grill & Chill restaurants in Clarksville. Allan and his wife, Melinda, are members of Rye’s Chapel United Methodist Church.

Allan has a long history of community involvement and leadership, having served as president of the Clarksville Jaycees, treasurer and board member for the Clarksville YMCA, and board member of the United Way of Clarksville.

He is currently serving as vice president of the Executive Board of Leadership Clarksville, chairman of the Child Evangelism Fellowship Board – Greater Clarksville Chapter, treasurer of the Clarksville Rivers & Spires Festival, and as a member of the APSU Governors Club, the APSU Alumni Association, the APSU Foundation, and the APSU Tower Club.

We are happy to have Allan add to his list of leadership activities his service as the incoming president of The Woodward Library Society.

You are invited to our Summer Program to meet Dr. Alisa White, the 10th President of APSU

5 p.m., Tuesday, August 12 at the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill, APSU

Refreshments, wine & punch
Business casual

RSVP by Aug. 7 to 931-221-7618

New Board Members Elected
Welcome, new Board members Bonnie Hodge, Nancy Irby, and Phil Kemmerly (directors), David Kanervo (vice president/president-elect), and Jill Eichhorn and Gina Garber (ex officio members).

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to outgoing Board members Ellen Taylor, Inga Filippo, Jane Diehr, Norbert Puszkar, and John Scaife. Your dedicated service, astute leadership, and “can-do” attitude are greatly appreciated.
What a Terrific Year ~ Judith Castleberry, Past President

So, the time has come for me step aside and allow new leadership to take over directing the activities of the Woodward Library Society. As I think about this, I ponder and assess the planning, work, and effort that went into the events of this last year. It is my belief that any responsibility such as president of an organization delivers lessons or teachings from which one will profit.

Emerald Hill, now known as the Pace Alumni Center, was such an appropriate setting for John Butler’s exhibition of his Model T Ford, along with his lecture highlighting the details of early roadways and the difficulties experienced by automobile drivers of that era. His PowerPoint presentation of illustrations from his book, Model T in Trouble, gave insight to his resources and anecdotal explanations for the documented transportation mishaps.

Our fall event provided a wonderful illustration and insight into the accomplishments of Kell Black, professor of art. One of his books on paper art engineering, Paper New York: Build Your Own Big Apple, was the highlighted work, however, his talk gave us a view of how this book is an expression of a childhood passion to create 3-D paper objects, beginning with such common household items as a toaster.

The winter event included a delightful peek into the book Tennessee Literary Luminaries, by Sue Culverhouse. Mrs. Culverhouse pulled out a number of anecdotes and little-known facts about several Tennessee writers, which gave us a chuckle and provided us the opportunity to learn the humorous and amusing side of some great people.

Sharon Mabry’s presentation based on her recent book, The Performing Life: A Singer’s Guide to Survival, was an outstanding complement to the prior programs as she too gave us an enchanting view into the realities of trials and anxieties and traumas that can plague the life of a performer.

What did I profit? First, I gained a feeling of community from all the colleagues on the board and members of the society who provided time and work for each event. Second was listening to the authors who shared their unique voices through their work. Each book was a culmination of life’s influences, whether it was art, music, or literature. These presentations made me reflect on my own influences and provided the assurance that life will offer humor, anxiety, and passions. Each of us can use these experiences to grow and share in some format that will aid and support others. Third, the opportunity to be a part of a successful benevolent effort makes me proud. During the past year, as a group we have ably fulfilled the mission of the Woodward Library Society to raise funds to provide APSU students with information resources necessary for their research.

I have enjoyed the role as president and intend to remain active in this valuable organization as I pass the leadership to new president Allan Groves. I will support him with diligence and I encourage each and every member to become an active participant in the Society’s effort. Thank you for a terrific year!

Tim Hall & Lee Nicholson Hall Commemorative Tree

A tree will be planted near the Felix G. Woodward Library to commemorate former President Tim Hall and first lady Lee Nicholson Hall’s contributions to the founding of the Woodward Library Society.

To donate to the Hall Commemorative Tree Fund, please mail your check to The Hall Tree Fund, c/o The Woodward Library Society, P.O. Box 4595, APSU, Clarksville, TN 37044.

Thank you for your contribution!