

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY
MARCH 1978 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING: March 6, 7.30 pm., Kleberg Hall, St. George's Episcopal Church, 4301 N. IH35. SING-THROUGH of PATIENCE. Bring your scores and/or selections. Bring food, tea-bags, instant coffee etc. too to make the meeting party-like.

G&S A LA CARTE: I spoke to Fred Thingamy about the G&S Society ushering for this show at the Paramount on March 18 and 19. I will be out of town that weekend (sob) so I would appreciate it if someone would handle all the paper work that is involved. On the 18th (Saturday) we need 12 ushers there at 6.45, and on the 19th (Sunday) we need 6 ushers for a kiddie mat.

They need to be there at 2.00. The programs will say "Paramount Ushers: Members of the Austin Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Inc." so please if you do usher be responsible and good and draft people into the society. It would be nice too if there were a few extra members there to man a table with info. about our society and cards for interested people to give us their addresses... I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. IF YOU ARE AT ALL INTERESTED SEE ME COS OTHERWISE IT JUST WON'T BE DONE. Men ushers need to wear coat and tie, women nice dresses. Fred suggested that everyone unify somehow - ie with a carnation. Perhaps we could spare a couple of dollars from the account to do this?

PINAFORE will be performed April 23, 2.00 at Baylor in Waco. Jeanell Bolton is handling this deal - let her know if you are interested in going. She has to let David Dow in Waco know how many tickets to get. David has also suggested a get-together, sing-through after the performance and we need feedback on that. Let Jeanell know within the next few weeks if you are interested in going. Adults \$3.00, students \$1.50.

We definitely need to get our act together so that if we are invited to perform somewhere - as we were Feb. 12, and Feb. 26 - we can do so. We will fade into oblivion if we do not publicise occasionally. It is a great pity to pass up chances like that. Steve Sansom is our program director, talk to him about working up some standard numbers we can perform on the spot. Steve was prog. dir. He is moving to Houston this week. Elections? The constitutional amendments were passed - present officers are in until Jan. 1979 and the fiscal year and terms of office will go from Jan. to Dec. in future instead of from Sept. to Aug.

Jeanell's phone number: 836-5405. Steve's: 447-2386

Bill Buchanan has a cupboard that he is storing costumes, props and bits and pieces in for and from our show. If you have any thing that you would like to donate to the society, or that you should have returned to the society, bring it to the meeting or phone him: 327-2860. I think that all the chorus costumes have been returned to me (except for Warren's, Warren). Bart and Joy - last I heard - were on their way to Europe to return one day. I started work on a G&S crossword puzzle for yall to do but got bogged down. If anyone comes up with any great ideas like that let me know at least 10 days before the first monday of every month and I will put it in the newsletter. That reminds me, that goes for any information you would like put in the newsletter. As you can see I did not have enough this time so am having to fill up space writing junk like this that should be said in one sentence at the meeting... If you phone and I am not home, phone again. I am usually home between 12.00 (midnight) and 7.00 am and I usually get phone messages within a month. So please keep trying. Center Stage invited us to attend a meeting of theatre groups in Austin - they are trying to stay above the water and so are roping in all small groups who might be interested in performing there. Phil Smith attended the meeting and will have a report for us. Hopefully, the business meeting will be short on Monday - bring any and all of your friends who are interested, and bring any and all of your scores too. Patience

See you then.

Ann Colman