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Austin Gilbert and Sullivan Society
January Newsletter - 1980

NO MEETING in February!
See Explanation below.

MEETING: 17 people attended the first meeting of the new year on January 7th, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church. They voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers as presented in the December/January Newsletter. The new officers are:

President: Rosemary Russell-Vines
Secretary: Reba Gillman
Treasurer: Sharon Kite
Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and everything else:
Elizabeth Vickers
Publicity V.P.: Charles Hill

Allen Lawshae will continue as Production Vice-President through the run of "Patience"; Enid Hallock continues as Executive Vice-President, and Gina Poole continues as Historian-Parliamentarian.

We also rehearsed the pieces to be performed at Amster's Soiree on January 27th, and planned to meet weekly for 3 more rehearsals. Sissy Lawshae has been accompanying us, and John Gaehring has been directing the rehearsals. His good-humored firmness has been a great help.

The rest of the evening was devoted to hearing anyone who wanted to practice an audition piece for "Patience". Allen offered experienced advice on what to sing, and demonstrated with his own performance.

SOIREE: On January 27th 15 of us gathered at Pearl Amster's: Sissy accompanied us; Allen, Enid, Jeff, John, Katharine and Rosemary sang several ensembles, and joined the chorus of Ann, Carolyn, Elizabeth, Gina, Howard, Mary Lu, Reba and Sharon. There was a good crowd and everyone had a good time, followed by delicious desserts.

"PATIENCE": Rehearsals for "Patience" are now in full swing. There may still be room in the chorus for a few men (especially tenors). Anyone interested please call the Musical Director, Noel Alford, at 472-6085 (daytime is best). John Gaehring is the Production Manager. If you want to work backstage call John at home: 926-9350, or at work: 444-4835. Sharon Daniel is the Director (447-2005). The cast:

Allen Lawshae	- Colonel Caverly	Ken Mathews	- Major Murgatroyd
Larry Waldrup	- Duke of Dunstable	Bill Breaux	- Reginald Bunthorne
Kent Skinner	- Archibald Grosvenor	Catharine Brock	- Lady Angela
Susan Boswell	- Lady Saphir	Katharine Shields	- Lady Ella
Julee McClelland	- Lady Jane	Kristi Trimble	- Patience

Chorus: Sue Ricket Caldwell, Ann Coltman, Barbara Duvall, Reba Gillman, Enid Hallock, Elise Ragland, Carolyn Roseboom, and Rosemary Russell-Vines; and Howard Black, H. Craig McKee, John McNeil, Chuck Pulliam, and George Woolsey.

Opening night is Friday, March 21st. Performances continue on March 22nd and 23rd, March 26th through 30th, and April 2nd through 14th (With Mondays and Tuesdays and a few days at Easter off). Plan to attend!

"BASH": You are all invited to attend the "Bash" for the Austin Circle of Theatres on Monday, February 4th: 7:30 to 10:30 pm, at the Melodrama Theatre in The Village on Anderson Lane (look for it opposite the Village Cinema 4). There will be a \$2.00 charge - some food, beer, wine and set-ups and entertainment.

NOTE: In view of the many rehearsals already attended by our most faithful members, and the conflict with the "Bash", we decided not to hold our usual monthly meeting in Feb.

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Members who have paid their dues since the last newsletter: Leo Bacher, Ben Merritt, Jim Robinson and Dick White.

As I send off my first newsletter, I appreciate fully the super job that Rosemary has done all year. If any of you have items to put in the newsletter please let me know before the last Monday of the month. (327-2277 - or 1606 The High Road, Austin 78746). Here's to a good year!

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