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AUSTIN GILBERT and SULLIVAN SOCIETY
December Newsletter, 1980

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 5, 1981, 7:30 pm - at Covenant Presbyterian Church - 3003 Northland Drive (FM 2222 right at Mopac). For directions call Enid (477-0858). Refreshments welcome. This meeting will be partly a rehearsal for the February 19th program at the Austin Women's Club Luncheon.

NOTE: Due to various human errors we are not ready to hold our annual election of officers in January, as prescribed in the By-Laws. Therefore, we have postponed the elections to the February meeting. This means that you should bring suggestions for nominations to the January meeting. The nominating committee, consisting of Rosemary, Enid and Allen, will present a proposed slate of officers in the January Newsletter. Voting will take place at the February meeting.

LAST MEETING: Nine people were present at Enid's on December 1st. I was unable to attend, due to a conflicting rehearsal of "Amahl". Therefore, I base the following report on notes taken by Steve Swanson, with additional information from Enid.

Rosemary Russell-Vines presided. She introduced a letter concerning a musical fantasy, for which we can order a libretto and tape. She also reported that Reba reports that voters eligible to vote for the B. Iden Payne Award, sponsored by the Austin Circle of Theatres, will have only 1 vote, no matter how many shows they appear in.

Suggestions were made for nominations for the annual election of officers due in January. Rosemary, Allen Lawshae and Enid Hallock will form a nominating committee, and will submit nominations to be printed in the next newsletter, so that voting can take place in January.

Sharon Kite reported that Hogg Auditorium, the new U-T Opera Lab Theatre, and the B. Iden Payne Theatre are now available to outside groups. Michael Drousche volunteered to check on the details of renting a university hall.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussion of suggestions for the February performance and the May production. At present, those who expect to perform at the February 19th performance are: Sue Caldwell, Michael Drousche, Reba Gillman, Enid Hallock, Sharon Kite, Allen Lawshae, Jim Robinson, Rosemary Russell-Vines, Diana Sethre, Steve Swanson and possibly Mary Lu Barras. Rehearsals are to start at the next meeting on Monday, January 5, 1981 at Covenant Presbyterian Church from 7:30 - 9 pm, and will continue on Monday nights as needed. Performance will be on Thursday, February 19th at 11:00 am. The program will take 30 minutes. Performers are invited to stay to lunch if they wish. If you have not been contacted and are interested in performing with this group please call Enid (477-0858).

CORRECTION: The November 1980 Newsletter erroneously reported on "the Last Meeting" as having occurred on October 6th. Actually, that meeting took place on November 3rd. Sorry! (2)

AUSTIN CIRCLE OF THEATRES (ACOT): On December 21st I attended the last meeting of the year at the "castle" home of Libby and Roy Winters. After a very long business meeting a delicious luncheon was served. One item of business was the plan for celebrating Theatre Week in Austin. Each member organization is invited to contribute about 15 minutes of entertainment for a gala evening, which will take place on Monday, February 2nd, 1981 from 7 - 10 pm. This will be at the Country Dinner Playhouse. Admission will be \$2.00 per person at the door; advance reservations will secure places at choicer tables. Food will consist of popcorn and nuts; there will be an open bar and some door prizes. We must let ACOT know our selections by January 15th.

This promises to be truly a Festival Evening, and we are pleased to be included on the program. Last year the skits and scenes were mostly very good, and offered a good sample of the local theatre fare. The few of us who went enjoyed the evening. You are all urged to plan to attend!

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FEBRUARY MEETING: Since the ACOT festival just described conflicts with our usual meeting time, we have decided to change our February meeting to SUNDAY, February 1st at 7:30 pm. It will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please make a note now of this change, and remember that our delayed elections will take place then. You will be reminded of this in the January Newsletter.

REPORT ON NEW BABIES: Thomas Ross Hallock, born in November 1980; Gary and Chris Hallock are the proud parents; Enid Hallock is the doting grandmother.

Katherine Anne Swanson, also born in November 1980; proud parents - Steve and Barbara Swanson.

Elisabeth Haywood Wise, born in July, 1980; proud parents - G & S member, Elise Ragland and husband, Larry Wise.

OTHER NEWS: Gina and Eric Poole finally got back to Austin in early December. WELCOME!

DUES: Most of you have paid your 1980-81 dues by now. For those who have not, this will be your last newsletter. So .. to stay on our list, and keep in touch, send your \$5.00 now (payable to Gilbert and Sullivan Society) to Sharon Kite, Treasurer: 11403 Hilltop, Austin, 78753. Or bring it to the meeting on January 5th.

Happy New Year!!

Reba

Reba Gillman,
Secretary

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