AUSTIN GILBERT and SULLIVAN SOCIETY January Newsletter, 1981

NEXT MEETING: Election of Officers and Rehearsal ... Sunday, February 1st ... 7:30 pm At Covenant Presbyterian Church, New Choir Room, East side of New Building, South side of patio. 3003 Northland Drive (F.M. 2222).

Slate of Officers to be voted on:

President:
Executive Vice-Pres:
Production Vice-Pres:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Historian:
Publicity:
Reba Gillman
Enid Hallock
(unfilled)
Carole Smith
Sharon Kite
Gina Poole
Diana Sethre

AUSTIN CIRCLE OF THEATRES FESTIVE NIGHT at Saengerunde Hall, Scholtz's, on Monday February 2nd, 7:30 - 10:00 pm; 1607 San Jacinto; \$2.00 payable at the door. To reserve a table with friends, call Dick Giesecke: 451-8787 (daytime best) The Gilbert and Sullivan Society will present a fifteen minute segment of the program. Other theatre groups will present excerpts from their productions.

LAST MEETING: Minutes taken by Enid Hallock, in the absence of Reba Gillman. The Austin Gilbert and Sullivan Society met January 5th, 7:30 pm, in the new choir room at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Those present were: Sharon Kite, John Gaehring, Dick White, Howard Black, Carole Smith, Steve Swanson, Allen and Sissy Lawshae, Carolyn Roseboom, Michael Drousche, Gina Poole, Diana and Tom Sethre, Enid Hallock, and Rosemary Russell-Vines, presiding.

Rosemary urged all members to attend the ACOT gala Affair, Monday, February 2nd (Information above). It is to be a fun evening. It was decided that for our 15 minute segment we would choose our better efforts from preparation for the February 19th program at the Woman's Club. Reba Gillman had suggested that Allen and Enid sing the Duke and Duchess duet from Gondoliers as one number. The group registered approval.

The nominating committee report was made by Enid. Elections are to be held at the February meeting. Due to the conflict with the ACOT Gala the meeting will be held on SUNDAY, February 1st (see above). The slate of officers appears above.

John Gaehring reported on the spring production at Zachary Scott Theatre Center, May 15 - 30th. Roy Bailey is to be musical director. Auditions are to be March 23, 24 and 25 - 7:30 - 10:00 pm - at the Doughterty Cultural Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road. Rehearsals will begin as soon as auditions are complete. Anne DeBois is to be leaving ZSTC and Austin at the end of April.

Michael Drousche reported on his research into possible use of the facilities at UT for productions, i.e., Hogg Auditorium, Opera Theatre, Utopia Theatre, or whatever. It was not possible to bring specific details but it sounds rather expensive, and beyond the present potential of G & S. The group decided to look into it in more detail later, with the hope that some facility may not be as expensive as Hogg, and the Opera Theatre.

John Gaehring directed a stiumulating and vigorous rehearsal. Excerpts from Pinafore, Ruddigore, Gondoliers, Mikado, and Sorcerer will be presented on the program for the Woman's Club, February 19th. Thanks to Diana Sethre and Gina for bringing refreshments, and to Sissy Lawshae for her patient, competent accompanying at the piano.

PERSONAL NOTE: I was unable to attend the January G & S meeting because I was gadding about in California. Len had Math meetings in San Francisco. We flew out to L.A. early, and drove up the coast to visit our daughter and grand-daughter in San Luis Obispo. After that, on our way to San Francisco, we stopped off in Santa Cruz for a short visit with Katharine Shields. We found her in excellent health and spirits in a charming house among the trees. She sends her love to all G & S members.

Note: Katharine and Greg have now moved to Pasadena until mid-July. Address: c/o Vogel
1645 Sierra Bonita Lane
Pasadena, CA 91106

I hope to see y'all on Sunday February 1st at the G & S meeting, and on Monday, February 2nd at the ACOT Gala Evening.

Reba Gillman Expiring Secretary

FLASH!!!

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I have just found out that Austin Circle of Theatres has switched their Festive Night to SUNDAY, February 1st. Therefore, despite what the accompanying Newsletter says on this subject, please note:

NEXT G&S MEETING: back to MONDAY, February 2nd, 1981, 7:30 p.m.
Place: Covenant Presbyterian Church, New Choir Room
(Same as announced)

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