

## The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society

### March Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 7, at 4001 Cherrywood (Enid Hallock's home). We will start at 7:30 p.m. It will not be at Covenant Presbyterian Church as previously announced.

### February Meeting

Our last meeting was on Monday, February 7, 1983.

President Reba Gillman opened the meeting by introducing four visitors interested in the Society. They were:

- \* C. David Eagle
- \* David Kendall
- \* Darlene Salinas
- \* Rita Sheldon
- \* Shirley Tucker

We were glad to have them and hope they become members.

### The Gondoliers

Our next production, The Gondoliers, will be presented at Zachary Scott Theatre Center (ZSTC) from May 20 through June 5.

Music director Lenny Gillman reported on the continuing developments of the production and auditions.

The auditions were February 14, 15, and 16 for the principals, and February 28 and March 1 for chorus members. The cast has 10 leads and 12 chorus.

As you might remember from the last newsletter, Jennifer Arndt had some suggestions concerning auditions. John McNeill, the stage director, teamed up with Lenny, and decided to initiate the practice of having receptionists greet the auditioners. Elizabeth Vickers volunteered to schedule the following receptionists:

- \* Dorothy Allen
- \* Marian Boner
- \* Cathy Brock
- \* Reba Gillman
- \* Ken Mathews

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\* Gail White

I received comments from several auditioners praising the receptionists.

ZSTC has received a new piano. This means we no longer have to rent one for the orchestra.

A copy of an updated history sheet of the Society was passed around for comments. These were given to the auditioners.

### **The Story of Gilbert & Sullivan**

Several members mentioned that the movie, The Story of Gilbert & Sullivan, was on CINEMAX in February. Marian Boner volunteered to videotape the movie (on VHS format) for those who weren't able to see it.

### **Jess Walter's Gala**

The gala for Jess Walters was given on February 19 at the Bradford Hotel. Members Enid Hallock and Allen Lawshae sang four G&S duets.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Sharon Kite was unable to attend the meeting, but she sent her annual report with Rosemary Russell. After careful examination, the Society voted to accept the report.

### **Publicity**

Loel Graber, vice president for publicity, attempted to organize a publicity campaign for auditions, but called it off after learning that Elota Patton of ZSTC normally takes care of such things. Several members complained there wasn't much publicity. Lenny suggested that in the future we should go directly to newspapers and radio stations with our announcements. He also felt that we should pass out flyers throughout the city announcing our auditions. He blamed the lack of publicity on the fact that the Society's Executive Committee didn't meet and foresee these problems. No action was taken.

### **Advertising**

We need to sell \$500 worth of program ads for ZSTC. A copy of their rate card is attached. Elota Patton (476-0594) will coordinate our selling efforts.

### **Janita Robbins**

Janita Robbins, a former member, is now living in Plano with her

husband, Bill. They are the parents of an 8-month-old boy, Bill, Jr. She would like to hear from you. Her address is:

4117 Mesa Drive  
Plano, TX 75074

#### **The Mikado**

Mary Lou Barras has an extra score of The Mikado she would like to sell. You can call her at 477-8120 and work out the details.

#### **Message from the President**

The cast of our production of The Gondoliers will be announced at the next meeting. We had a very good turnout for the auditions for principals (lots of good sopranos!), despite poor coverage in the American-Statesman.

#### **The Newsletter**

If you have any announcements that need to be in the newsletter, please send them to me before the last monday of the month. My address is:

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