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The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society
June 1983 Newsletter

June Meeting

The June meeting has been cancelled. According to President Reba Gillman, half of the cast of The Gondoliers are also G&S Society members. Due to the fact that they have been attending rehearsals for several months, they have decided that they would prefer not to meet in June. Also, Society officers have not had time to pursue the possibility of producing our own show next year. Since we don't meet during the summer, our next meeting will be on Monday, September 12, at a place to be announced.

April Meeting

Our last meeting was on Thursday, April 28, 1983.

Reba opened the meeting by announcing that Elizabeth Vickers is our new historian. Elizabeth is taking over the position from Marion Boner. The Society voted to give Elizabeth money to buy a new scrapbook.

The Gondoliers

Music director Lenny Gillman reported that excerpts from The Gondoliers were given at the Hill Country Middle School and were well received. Jim Robinson set up the affair.

Reba felt that we should arrange more of these appearances.

We decided to set up a special category for patrons. We voted to place an ad in the program inviting donations. We now have two categories: a person contributing \$25 or more would be a Patron, and a person contributing \$50 or more would be a Lord High Patron. Two members immediately made donations: Patron Larry Shepley, and Lord High Patron Bob Kusnetz. Thanks!

Lord High Patron Kusnetz is also the stage manager and assistant director for the show.

1984 Show

Zachary Scott Theatre Center (ZSTC) will not co-produce a show with us next year. Lenny suggested that we immediately start investigating the possibility of the Society producing our own show at such theaters as Capitol City Playhouse, St. Edwards University, or ZSTC.

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Thanks

Enid Hallock is writing a letter to Covenant Presbyterian Church to thank them for letting us use their facilities for rehearsals. We also sent them \$50 to defray costs.

New Members

Please add the following new members to your membership roster:

Robert A. Kusnetz
11624 Parkfield
Austin, TX 78758
836-1853

Ray Howard
3403A Westlake Dr.
Austin, TX 78746

We also have some address changes:

Carolyn Roseboom
904 Post Oak St. #1
Austin, TX 78704

Cathy Brock
7201 Woodhollow #250
Austin, TX 78731
345-6641

B. Iden Payne Awards

Cathy Brock won a B. Iden Payne Award as Best Featured Actress in a Musical for her role at Cleo in The Most Happy Fellow. Congratulations!

Yeomen of the Guard

The Houston Gilbert & Sullivan Society are presenting Yeomen of the Guard in Jones Hall at 8 p.m., July 8 and 9, and 2:30 p.m. on July 10. Tickets range from \$9 to \$14 for the evening performances, and \$7 to \$10 for the matinee. For reservations, call the Houston G&S Society at 713-627-3570, or the Jones Hall Box Office at 713-222-3415.

McDonalds' Presentation

On Tuesday, May 24, Bruce Douglas (Marco), Keith Feldhacker (Giuseppe), and Lenny presented some excerpts from the show at the McDonalds' at Lamar and Barton Springs. Marco and Giuseppe appeared in costume and performed four pieces. Lenny accompanied them. The excerpts were a success. Several people came up afterward to express their pleasure. Jennifer Arndt and Lenny have formed a committee to think about similar performances. They welcome all comments.

Summer Vacation

The next newsletter will come out in late August. I'll announce the location of the next meeting then.