

The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society  
October 1983 Newsletter

October Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3, at Enid Hallock's house, 4001 Cherrywood. Please bring refreshments. People wishing to participate in Pearl Amster's soiree on October 30 should come to this meeting.

September Meeting

Since secretary Ken Mathews was unable to attend the meeting, Rosemary Russell-Vines took the minutes. Thanks, Rosemary.

Guests at the meeting included reporter Gary Thomas, and photographer Barabara Lang, both from the Austin American Statesman. Gary would like to do a story on the Society. He has performed in a number of G&S operettas in other parts of the country.

Our treasurer, Sharon Kite, reported that our 1984 membership dues are now payable. We prefer to keep our dues at \$5 so we won't exclude anyone wishing to join, even though this does not even bring in enough money to pay for the yearly cost of the newsletter. Any contribution added to our minimum dues will be most welcome. You can become a Patron by contributing \$25, and a Lord High Patron by contributing \$50.

Cathy Brock was unable to attend, so our president, Reba Gillman, reported on our production of The Gondoliers. We did very well, but costs almost equaled income, so we won't receive any money.

The Town Hall in Hancock Center may be available for productions. Enid will check for further details. Reba said she would check on arrangements for the Hyde Park Showplace and Capitol City Playhouse.

Len Gillman reported on his plans for the Amster soiree performance. Since our members are busy, he suggested a program of solos and ensembles that were already prepared and easily polished. Len had already lined up several performers. Several members expressed concern over the direction the Society is taking, with emphasis on finished performances and the exclusion of many members. Many felt that the original spirit of our Society has been lost. After much discussion, we agreed that we should follow through on the idea of including group singing at every meeting. Production vice-president Gail White and Enid volunteered to do the planning as cochairpersons, and Sharon Kite offered to help.

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## Amster's Soiree

The Amster's soiree will be on Sunday, October 30, at 7 p.m. Enid said that we are going to perform up to 45 minutes of solos, duets, ensembles, and choruses. This will be in addition to the program Len arranged. If you are interested, please come to the next meeting and bring your G&S scores. For further information, call Gail White at 453-0006. We will be previewing selections at this meeting. If you wish to perform, please learn your music before the meeting.

## Announcements

Father Williams has a videotape of the 1937 movie, The Mikado, starring Kenny Baker and Martyn Green, that he is willing to let us see. The Society also has a VHS videotape of the 1957 movie, The Story of Gilbert & Sullivan, which members can check out.

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of former member Dick White. He suffered a massive heart attack on September 12. Even though he was inactive this year, he had been a faithful member of the Society.

## New Members

Please add the following members to your membership roster:

Alan Denman  
2526 Durwood #205  
Austin, TX 78704  
445-6143

Gary Duck  
3500A Enfield Rd.  
Austin, TX 78703  
474-8736

## Dues

Please pay your dues now. The minumum is \$5, and you can bring it to the meeting or mail to:

Sharon Kite  
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Austin, TX 78753

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9803 Meadowheath Dr.  
Austin, TX 78729

