

AUSTIN GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY
February 1984 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 12th at 7:30 pm, at Gail White's, 1029 East 44th Street. For directions call Gail at 453-0006, or Reba at 327-2277. Please bring refreshments. We will continue singing *Ruddigore*. Anyone who has a score should bring it.

LAST MEETING: A small, but faithful band of 8 members attended the meeting on February 13th at Gail White's. Guest, Naomi Hirsch, was a welcome addition. A graduate student in voice at U.T., she has sung G & S in Massachusetts, and London (England); we welcome her to Austin! Another visitor was young James Shields, who was cute, and politely quiet.

Our new President, Bob Kusnetz, was still travelling around for IBM, so vice-president Loel Graber ran the meeting like an old hand. Progress reports on Society business included the following:

Zachary Scott Theatre Center (ZSTC) believes it is on the verge of receiving the long awaited full-cast pictures of *Gondoliers*. Reba will pick up pictures for anyone who wants her to bring them to the next meeting. (Call me if you would like me to do this for you.)

UPDATE (3/2/84): The pictures are in - finally!

No further progress on the ACTV video tape of *Gondoliers*.

Our proposal for a co-production of *Ruddigore* with ZSTC in the 1984-85 season, has been received by ZSTC. They expect to let us know their decision by March 15th.

On Sunday afternoon, May 19th, we will perform excerpts from G & S for the Texas Poetry Society at Saint Martin's Lutheran Church. They would like us to provide 40 minutes of music, preferably in 2 sections of 20 minutes each. They intend to feed and to pay us. Details remain to be worked out. The Executive Committee will be appointing a musical director. The Society officers welcome suggestions and volunteers. Please let us hear from you.

Katharine Shields wishes to thank all those who brought gifts to the surprise baby shower for her, last November. (James keeps her too busy to write notes.)

Copies of our new By-Laws, completed in March 1983, were passed out. Any member not present, who would like a copy, should call me. I will also have copies available at every meeting. If you have any improvements to suggest, make a note of them, and save them for the next revision (a year or so from now).

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Sue Ricket Caldwell, who have become the proud parents of Laurence Stanton Caldwell. This blond, blue-eyed boy joined their family on February 27th, at the age of 3½ months.

PLEASE ADD TO YOUR LIST:

Change of address:

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836-2401

New Member:

Sidney Brammer
400 East 35th St., Austin 78705
472-5980

New Lord High Patron:

Kathy Summers
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454-9311

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THE COMPLEAT GILBERT AND SULLIVAN: A monthly series of G & S operettas, presented by WGBH Boston, and underwritten by Mobil Corp., begins on Wednesday, March 21st, with *The Yeomen of The Guard*. In Austin it will be televised at 8 pm by KLRU-TV, and simulcast on KMFA. Thanks to our Utah member, Dorothy Allen, for bringing this to our attention in a jolly letter. She also sent a copy of the article in the PBS publication, DIAL, on Gilbert & Sullivan.

MOZART: *The Marriage of Figaro* will be performed at the Capitol City Playhouse from March 14th through March 31st, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm, and Sundays at 2 pm. The music is delightful and the plot is very Gilbertian. Jess Walters is the Director. In the cast you will recognize many familiar faces, specifically: members, Enid Hallock and Steve Swanson; and former G & S performers, Bob Nelson (*Iolanthe* & *Trial By Jury*), Kent Skinner (*Patience*), and Joyce Wead (*Mikado*).

DON'T MISS IT!

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Secretary

P.S. Send me news and announcements, please!

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