

AUSTIN GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY
March 1984 Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to Ben Meritt, who celebrates his 85th birthday on Saturday, March 31st. Ben and Lucy are loyal and enthusiastic G & S fans. They are Card High Patrons of the Society, and they attend all the productions ... usually more than once. (For instance: *TRIAL BY JURY* twice, and *CONDOLIERS* three times.)

NEXT MEETING: BACK TO THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH! (See Below)

We will meet on Monday, April 2nd at 7:30 pm, at Gail White's, 1029 East 44th St. For directions call Gail at 453-0006, or Reba at 327-2277. Please bring refreshments. We will sing *The Sorcerer*. Anyone who has a score should bring it.

LAST MEETING: A combination of illness and Spring Break reduced our attendance to 7 faithful members. We met at Gail White's, and vice-president Loel Graber again ran the meeting. President Bob Kusnetz was still out of town, but promises to be with us for our April meeting. Society business covered included:

Correction to the February Newsletter: Carole Smith's new address is 3911 ETON (Secretary's mis-spelling last time!). Corrected form of Treasurer's Report for 1983 was available.

Reba Gillman was able to deliver the long lost full cast picture from *The Gondoliers* to those who had requested it. Anyone else may still call me if you want me to pick up yours and bring it to the next meeting. ZSTC (Zachary Scott Theatre Center) has announced a new arrangement for future orders of cast pictures. They will no longer take the role of middleman.

We voted to return to meeting on the first Monday of the month. Several members unable to be present had also expressed a preference for first Monday meetings.

Reba reported on some organizational changes in the Austin Circle of Theatres (ACOT), of which our Society is a member. At the request of the Austin Arts Commission, ACOT has become the umbrella organization for drama in Austin. This required restructuring their By-Laws, and hiring a half-time Executive Secretary. ACOT will receive a grant from the Arts Commission to support the new structure and expenses. Reba also reported that we have added a new organization to our mailing list: The Austin Theatre Guild.

Copies of the updated (4/83) G & S By-Laws were available for members who had not received them previously. I will continue to bring copies to all meetings. If you want one, let me know.

UPDATE: The program for the Texas Poetry Society will be on SATURDAY, May 19th in the afternoon. This is a correction from our previous notion that May 19th was a SUNDAY.

The G & S Executive Committee will have plans to present at the April meeting. Suggestions and volunteers are still welcome. We need a pianist, a musical director, and willing singers. Come to the meeting and help us plan.

GOOD NEWS: *Ruddigore* is on the schedule for 1984-85 co-production with ZSTC. This year we are required to take a more active part in preparing the proposal to the Austin Arts Commission. There will be hard work for us in April!

LAST CALL: You can still see *The Marriage of Figaro* at Capitol City Playhouse, this Wednesday through Saturday, March 28-31 at 8 pm. Call 472-2966 for reservations. (Tickets are cheaper on Wednesday and Thursday.) Don't Miss It!

LOOKING AHEAD: *The Gondoliers* will be the next G & S offering on public television. It seems to be scheduled for April 11th; check the local paper for details.

The Pirates of Penzance will be done this summer in San Marcos. Some of us will plan to go.

QUOTATION for the month: "This particularly rapid, unintelligible patter
Isn't generally heard, and if it is it doesn't matter!"
Ruddigore, Act II

Hope to see a lot of you at Gail's on April 2nd.

Reba

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