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## The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society

### February 1986 Newsletter

**Next Meeting:** Will be held Monday, February 10th, at 7:30 pm, at Enid Hallock's, 4001 Cherrywood. For information call Enid at 477-0858; or Reba at 327-2277.

**Agenda:** Society business (to be done quickly), and plans for the Amster Soirée (7 pm, Sunday, April 20th). Bring your selections to the meeting. The rest of the meeting will consist of bedazzlements provided by Rosemary Russell-Vines. This is one of those Big Meetings we've talked about. See the following.

#### Y'all Come!

First annual \*Frederic's birthday party. We will pour the pirate sherry (please bring munchies to go with it, other drinks will be available), eat birthday cake and, whatelse ... sing through **The Pirates of Penzance**. If you've ever had a yen to "do" Mabel now is your chance. Also bone up on your G & S as a quiz with prizes (first and booby!) will be presented. Costumes! if you are brave enough. Let's make this a fun time. See you there.

Rosemary

\* Frederic - handsome leading man of **Pirates of Penzance**. ("A thing of beauty" according to the chorus!) This leap year birthday plays a large part in the plot (a paradox, a paradox) when he finds out via Ruth and the Pirate King that instead of being 21 years old he's 5 and a little bit over. Infinitely worthy of a celebration I think.

**Last Meeting:** Seven members gathered at Enid's on Monday, January 13th. President Bob Kusnetz presided. He said he wished to thank Rosemary for running the last meeting while he was in Hawaii on a well earned rest. Unfortunately, Rosemary was home with the Cedar Fever and could not be thanked in person.

There were no corrections to the Newsletter; and Treasurer, Carole Smith, gave us an informal report, promising to have the Official report in February. The slate of nominations for officers was read. There were no further nominations and Loel Graber moved that we accept the slate as presented and elect the new officers unanimously. This was seconded and passed.

#### Slate of Officers

President	Bob Kusnetz
Executive Vice President	Rosemary Russell-Vines
Production Vice President	(unfilled)
Publicity Vice President	(unfilled)
Secretary	Reba Gillman
Treasurer	Liz Opal
Historian	(unfilled)

We discussed the plans for the Amster Soirée. Pearl has said she wants about an hour of music, but Allen Lawshae said he thought 30 minutes was plenty. Linnea Smith may be interested in playing for us, and Naomi Hirsch has offered to work with someone else on coordinating the program. Bob will try to talk to both Linnea and Naomi before the next meeting. Call Bob to tell him what you want to sing. Bring your selections to the next meeting. Recent policy is No Auditions - Anything Within Reason.

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Next we discussed the plans for a larger production, probably of **The Sorcerer**. Bob reported on his conversations with David Hime, Business Manager at the Austin Fifth Street Theater. We went over the fees and dates, and other technical details at length. There is still a chance that we might develop something at Capitol City Playhouse, or Hyde Park Showplace, and Bob wants to talk to Michel Jaroschy and Ken Johnson about possibilities. What we need is money, and free (or cut-rate) directors. Bob had some ideas about raising money by finding one or several people to put up money as an investment. He is willing to serve as Director free, and knows that Barbara Irvine is very much interested in being Musical Director. However, she does have to be paid something, since that is how she earns her living. We agreed that a May performance did not seem realistic, but authorized Bob to sign up for a November performance slot, if that becomes appropriate.

In other business: 1) Bob showed us a letter from ACOT (Austin Circle of Theatres). They have been asked by the Arts Task Force of the Austin-San Antonio Growth Corridor Council to find local theater groups interested in performing in other cities in the corridor. We agreed that we are interested. We approve of the idea, even if we might not be able to do it.

2) Bob reported on a phone call from Dorothy Allen and Jim Kellogg in Washington. They had just tried out for a local production of **Pirates**. Jim wowed them with his Duke of Plaza Toro, but Dorothy felt she had made less of an impression.

3) The Society has received an announcement of an album of the love songs of Sir Arthur Sullivan, put out by Northeastern Records in Massachusetts.

4) Loel suggested that appreciation was in order for the good job done this past year by the officers of the Society. We then adjourned for food and sociability.



### News of Members:

**FLASH** ..... Go see Jennifer Arndt's production of **Little Merry Sunshine** on Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th at The Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 3255 Bee Cave Road. Curtain time 7:30 pm; Admission free.

**SAVE the date** ..... On Sunday, April 27th Katherine Shields (Casilda in **Gondoliers**, and Rose Maybud in **Ruddigore**) is giving a voice recital at the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs building. Leonard Gillman will accompany her. Curtain time 4:00 pm; Admission free.

Congratulations to Leonard, who has been elected President-Elect of the Mathematical Association of America, a national organization with 20,000 members.

Dues Update: Thanks to Gail White for adding a donation to her dues; and to Judy Forbes for becoming a Patron.

*Reba*

Reba Gillman, Secretary



Frederic's Birthday, Wear a Costume, Bring a Munchie, Come and Sing!!!

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