

The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society

March 1986 Newsletter

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

Agenda: 1) Society business (to be done quickly). 2) Preparations for the Amster Soirée, which will take place on Sunday, April 20th at 7 pm.

Chorus: If you want to sing in the small chorus, please come and bring scores (if you have them) for **Pirates**, **Yeomen of the Guard**, **Patience**, and **Iolanthe**.

Individuals who expect to sing solos or ensembles please work on your selections, and bring them to the meeting.

This will be a working meeting for all who expect to participate in the Soirée ... let's have a good turnout!!!

Last Meeting: The first annual Frederic's Birthday Party was a great success. Fifteen members gathered, some in costume, and had a rollicking good time. Thanks to volunteer Larry Lake, who came to play the piano for our lusty singing. Many thanks also to Rosemary Russell-Vines, who organized the fun. She came in her original "bathing costume" from the Zach Scott production of **Pirates**, back in 1977. Several came in various sketchy suggestions of Pirate garb, and Naomi Hirsch was stunning in a white bridal dress and veil, as Lisa in the first act of **The Grand Duke**. The festivities ended with a Piratical Quiz, made up by Carolyn Roseboom, complete with prizes for best and worst. (Actually we all collaborated on most of the answers.) And while we're on the subject, how many of you could identify the little pictures I printed in the last Newsletter? If you recognized the Major General in all his glory, and the policeman bringing in a felon you're up on your **Pirates**.

So much for the Fun. Now for the Facts. The meeting was held at Enid Hallock's, on Monday, February 10th. New faces and old, not seen in a long time, mingled, so we began by going around the room as each person introduced her/himself, and named a favorite G & S character. Mad Margaret, from **Ruddigore**, won with 5 votes. Poonbah, from **The Mikado**, came in second with 2 votes. Several people said they couldn't choose -- all were wonderful.

President Bob Kusnetz reported little activity on the production front. A new amateur group, The Austin Community Symphony is directed by Bill Girard, and will be performing at the just-opened Westlake High School Auditorium. This is a mini-PAC, seats 1200, and rents for \$3,000. The older Austin Civic Orchestra is directed by Jay Dean, and might be available to work with us in the spring of 1987.

Discussion of the program for the Amster Soirée resulted in a list of volunteers and possibilities. Linnea Smith will not be able to play for us so we need to find a pianist.

Bob also reported that the Austin Circle of Theatres (ACOT) invites all to a conference for performing arts organizations: Audience Development Through Public Relations, Marketing, Subscriptions, and Group Sales. This will be held on Saturday, April 5th at the Austin Fifth Street Theatre from 9 am on. Bob hopes to be able to attend. The meeting adjourned for refreshments, followed by the fun described above.

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ACOT: I attended one of the quarterly membership meetings on February 17, 1986. The Board of Directors have been active, and reported on some of the results. ACOT now has a mailing list of 1,000 names. ACOT has joined with some other local arts organizations (like Dance Umbrella) to offer a group health insurance plan to members. This is a boon to struggling performers who do not have other access to group health insurance. A small committee met recently with Arnold Rosenfeld, Editor of The Austin American-Statesman, to discuss the paper's theater coverage. Ideas were exchanged and the committee felt progress had been made. Like everyone else ACOT is interested in raising money and is looking for fund-raising ideas.

News of Members:

Dues Update: Thanks to Diana Sethre and Mary Lu Barras for including a donation when they paid their dues. Thanks to new Patrons: Sidney Brammer and Jim Robinson.

Membership List: Enclosed is the new, up-to-date membership list. Everyone on it has paid dues for this year. Note an address change for Carole Smith, and a new phone number for Steve Swanson.

Note: Let's have another Big Meeting in May start thinking now about the theme and activities. Volunteer to plan it!!!

See you at Enid's on March 10th

Reba

Reba Gillman, Secretary



Question: Who are the characters above?

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Membership List February 1986**

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Mary Lu Barras	1713 Palma Plaza, Austin 78703	477-8120
Howard Black	Rte 1, Box 1140, Pipe Creek, Tx 78063	
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<u>P</u> Sue Ricket Caldwell	6804 Rockledge Cove, Austin 78731	343-7700; 929-2078
<u>P</u> Judy Forbes	5512 Avenue G, Austin 78751	454-1068; 474-1444
<u>L</u> Len & Reba Gillman	1606 The High Road, Austin 78746	327-2277; 442-2301
Loel Graber	12227 Forsythe Dr., Austin 78759	836-2273; 469-7226
Bob Greenwood	3203 Breeze Terr., Austin 78722	477-4530; 471-7711
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Naomi Hirsch	3013 Harris Park Ave., Austin 78705	499-8377
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Jim Kellogg	3901 Cathedral Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016	202-244-8435 h
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Bob Kusnetz	11624 Parkfield, Austin 78758	836-1853; 838-3267
Allen Lawshae	5804 Fairlane, Austin 78731	453-7637; 445-8728
Dale Lipsett (and Linda)	Box 1030, Eldorado, TX 76936	915-853-3113
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Elizabeth Opal	4900 Timberline, Austin 78746	328-2476
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Rosemary Russell-Vines	105 East 46th St., Austin, 78751	454-4358
Diana Sethre	7010 Northledge, Austin 78731	345-3207
Larry Shepley	207 Yaupon Valley Rd., Austin 78746	327-1511; 471-5774
<u>P</u> Katharine Shields	2001 Big Canyon Dr., Austin 78746	327-2488
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Linnea Smith	2607 Fiset, Austin 78731	452-8072
Steve Swanson	1725 Harlequin Run, Austin 78758	836-1398
Elizabeth Vickers	4604 Gray Fox Dr., Austin 78759	345-1269
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Gail White	1029 East 44th St., Austin 78751	453-0006

Member	\$ 5 (May include donation in addition)
<u>P</u> - Patron	\$25
<u>L</u> - Lord High Patron	\$50