The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society November 1990 Newsletter

Next Meeting

November 12th: At the home of Enid Hallock, 4001 Cherrywood, 477-0858, at 7:30 pm. This will be a business meeting, chiefly to report on *Ruddygore*. Please bring refreshments and we'll round off the evening with good fellowship and good food, as is our wont.

Looking Ahead: Plan now to come to the meeting on Monday, December 3rd. It will be an old-time G&S sing-along, with the opportunity to get acquainted with some of our new members.

Champagne Buffet and Musicale

A delightful time was had by all who attended the Champagne Buffet Musicale at the Top of the Marc, on Sunday, October 14th. See enclosed program. There were about 80 people in all, including 32 performers and 35 paid guests. In addition, contributions were received from people who could not attend the party, some in our new categories.

Among those was W.H. "Deacon" Crain, whose generous additional gift made him our first official Poo-Bah. We regret that this information missed the printing deadline for the *Ruddygore* program.

We honor 4 Grand Dukes: Austen H. Furse, Reuben R. McDaniel, Jr., Blair & Joyce Protzman, and Carey & Louise Thompson.

We welcome 8 new Lord High Patrons: Alegra's Sunshine Baby Company, Susan F. Bash, Tom Bereiter & Heidi Epp, Ronald & Marion DeFord, William L. Hubbard, Charles & Diane Radin, Chris Wing, and Martha Ann Zivley. In addition 9 members renewed at this time at the Lord High Patron level: Richard Boner & Susan Pryor, Col. & Mrs. Raymond Cook, K.W. Gentle, Len & Reba Gillman, David & Carla Hammock, Bob & Helen Jones, Bob Kusnetz, Mrs. Benjamin D. Meritt, and Mr.& Mrs. Robert G. Tull. Russell Gregory sent an additional donation.

We welcome 5 new Patrons: Mrs. R. Gordon Bennett, Susan K. Combs, Mary Ann Courter, Bill & Mary Finch, and Mrs. James W. McGrew. Twelve members renewed in this category: Pearl Amster, Dr. Robert Bernstein, Bob Greenwood, Enid Hallock, Arthur Keller, Robert Mellin, Mr. & Mrs. M.A. Saad, Judy Scott, Kent Smith, Linnea Smith, Roman & Louise Smoluchowski, and David A. White. Many thanks to them all!

RUDDYGORE!!

"The battle's roar is over" but the figures aren't all in yet. It was a good show, enjoyed by all who attended. But that was only 700 people.

Why so few? Publicity was good, and Drama Critic Michael Barnes wrote a special article about us in the American Statesman the week before opening. Some possible factors: there was a lot going on in Austin in competition; it was a short run, just two weekends; and Reagan High School Theater is off the beaten track.

Soirée Time

We have been invited again to perform at Pearl Amster's Soirée ... Sunday January 27, 1991 at 7 pm. Keep the date in mind ... for listening or performing.

News of Members

Bill Hatcher has a new work phone number: 326-6190.

Arthur Keller, a faithful Patron of our Society although he lives in California, writes that he is engaged to be married in May 1991 to Marianna Grossman. On their first date he took Marianna to eat dim sum at a Chinese restaurant, and sang some Gilbert and Sullivan to her. He says she was embarrassed but impressed.

Reading about the Austin Area Quilt Guild in the West Austin News recently, I noticed member Lorre Weidlich pictured among some fellow Quilters. She is President and a charter member of the Guild. Congratulations!

Something to think about ...

The G&S Society of Austin was founded in 1976 to promote the study and production of the G&S operas. We have achieved a consistent audience of over 1200. Now some of our active young members are interested in converting to a repertory company to produce other light operas as well.

Some of us are concerned that this would dilute our original purpose. We also fear that Austin cannot support such a group in addition to UT, the Lyric Opera and the other established theaters. What do you think?

Call or write me at 327-2277 or 1606 The High Road (78746)

or President Bob Kusnetz at 836-1853 or 11624 Parkfield (78758)

Reba Gillman, Secretary

Membership

The red "DUES" on your label tells you it's time to renew. The year rolls around fast, and you may be surprised to find your membership has already expired. Please take this opportunity to renew, and be generous! Use the handy insert.

THE GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

Presents

A Very Special

MUSICALE

October 14, 1990 Top Of The Marc

Musical Director—William Girard

PROGRAM

Artist	Selection	Show	Accompanist
Ruddigore Cast*	Finale	Ruddigore	William Girard
Frank Delvy & Russell Gregory	Kind Captain, I've Important Information	H.M.S. Pinafore	William Girard
Leonard Johnson	Time Was When Love And I	Sorcerer	William Girard
Neal Gibson & Bart Spraberry	When I Go Out Of Door	Patience	Celeste Booker
Judy Scott	When Frederic Was A Little Lad	The Pirates of Penzance	: William Girard
Leonard Gillman	When You're Lying Awake	Iolanthe	William Girard
Douglas Schram & Enid Hallock	Duet	Sorcerer	William Girard
Jess Walters	When I, Good Friends, Was Called To The Bar	Trial By Jury	William Girard
Katharine Shields	Poor Wandering One	Pirates Of Penzance	Leonard Gillman
William Girard	The Elements	Arr. by Lehrer	Leonard Gillman
G&S Chorus	Now To The Banquet We Press	Sorcerer	William Girard

*Richard Witek (Ruthven), Bart Spraberry (Richard), Frank Delvy (Despard), Will Rice (Old Adam), Carla Hammock (Rose), Enid Hallock (Hannah), Stacey Amorous-Mitchell (Zorah), Allen Lawshae (Roderic), and Norma Garza, Deborah Zallen, Sherry Vance, Maria Hutton, Janett Ford, Biff Coon, Lee Smith, Robert Muriada, Robert Mellin, Bob Bobo, Dallas Hutton, Bryan Hopkins, and Telisa Harwell (Chorus).

Hosted by Marc Katz

REMEMBER—Ruddigore At Reagan High Theater, October 26-November 4. Reservations: 452-7089

