

# The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society

## September 1991 Newsletter

### Next Meeting

• **Wednesday, September 11th:** at Robert Mellin's, 7630 Wood Hollow Dr. #112, 345-5950: 7:30 pm, sharp. This is a change; many thanks to Robert who can host our meeting on short notice.

• Please bring your energy, enthusiasm and ideas to start the new season. We need you all! Munchies welcome. Map and directions on the back of this page.

### Austin Circle of Theatres B. Iden Payne Awards

• **Monday, September 16th at 8 pm.** Plan to attend, at **LAFF STOP**, 8120 Research Blv'd. This is the theater party of the year. Reservations at ACOT: 499-8388

• **Voting now going on:** If you are a member don't forget to get your ballot in by September 6th. Note that *The Pirates of Penzance* received 11 nominations. There were 2 nominations for Ken Johnson's original script *An Evening of Shorts and Briefs*; and friend Frank Delvy, and member Janette Jones were nominated for their lead roles in *I Do! I Do!*

### • Note about *Pirates* •

• Although the Live Oak Production was a fantastic success, and a near total sell-out, The G&S Society got back very little of the money we put into it. Our Executive Board has spent a great deal of time and energy working on ways to improve this situation. This has contributed to the fatigue mentioned below.

### • Something to Think About •

1) The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society is suffering one of its periodic crises. We have well thought out goals, and ambitious plans, but the busy people who have been providing the energy and supervision are tired. We need New Blood. Our many, and loyal members want us to produce quality Gilbert and Sullivan, but where are the willing workers and the guiding lights? Some years ago, in another such moment, our problem was expressed thus:

"We have plenty of Indians; what we need are some Chiefs."

Do you have ideas on how to develop the support we need? Are there hidden talents lurking among our membership, waiting to be coaxed out? How can we work together to provide the rousing productions of G&S that we all yearn for?

Think about this. Call us up with ideas, suggestions, questions. Come to the meeting and talk with us.

### Whom to Call: Officers

President, Karen Collier	288-5329
Executive V.P., Bob Kusnetz	836-1853
Production V.P., Jacki Chapman	323-0562
Publicity V.P., Bill Hatcher	892-3722
Secretary, Reba Gillman	327-2277
Treasurer, Carla Hammock	258-2481
Historian, Michael Drousche	459-9298

2) The other problem is **MONEY**. The more we have the more we can pay good people to work for us. We have to try all the fund-raising ideas we can think of.

Local businesses are often very willing to support an art organization serving the community. All we have to do is ask them -- and explain what we do. Perhaps you work for a company that might make a donation to Gilbert & Sullivan. If you think so call Karen and we will pursue it.

### • News of Members •

- Dorothy and Jim Kellogg proudly announce the birth of Allen McIntosh Kellogg on July 7, 1991. His parents met in our Society, so this is truly a G&S baby. Welcome!
- Congratulations to Jacki Chapman, who directed the recent Different Stages production of Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte* at Live Oak Theatre. It was excellent.
- Good wishes to Al Rellstab, who is recovering from aneurism surgery. He's doing well but it's a long, slow process.
- Our colleague, Barbara Irvine, was in town early in July. She now lives in New York City, but she was the touring pianist for the Andrew Lloyd Webber show. All Right!

*Reba*

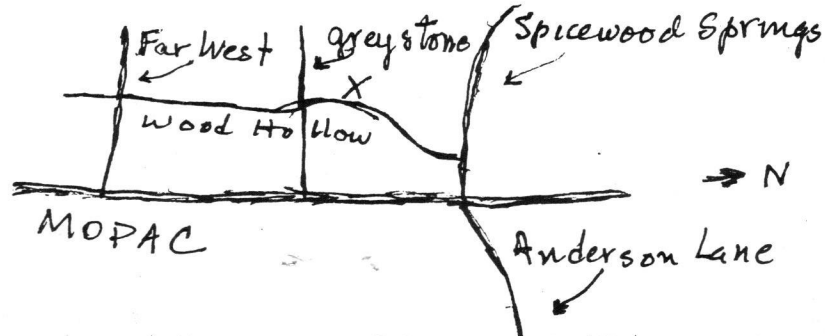
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### Membership Dues

Dues, dues, dues! It's September and a new batch are due. The red "DUES" on your label means it's time to renew. Please pay promptly, or let me know if you want to drop your membership.

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G & S Meeting  
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From Far West Blv'd go North on Wood Hollow; cross Graystone. Turn left (West) into Indian Creek Apts. At the top of the hill the office is on the left. Turn right to the third parking area. Look for the big blue Chevy Van. Robert's apartment is on the ground floor in Building #2.

From Spicewood Springs (continuation of Anderson Lane) go South on Wood Hollow. Turn right (West) into Indian Creek Apts. before you come to Greystone.

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