The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society October 1991 Newsletter

Next Meeting

- Monday, October 7th: at Sue Caldwell's, 6804 Rockledge Cove, 343-7700 or 343 7800: 7:30 pm, sharp. Back to first Monday, but yet another new place. Map on last page.
- Come one, come all! Please bring munchies, and IDEAS. Now is the time to discuss your hopes for the Society. What do you want us to do -- why did you join?

To support our productions?
To perform in our productions?
To come to meetings and sing G&S?
To come to meetings and learn about G&S?
To get the Newsletter?
Something else? All ideas welcome!

• If you can't come to the meeting call and tell us what you think about these things (Reba: 327-2277). Or write a note (Reba Gillman, 1606 The High Road, Austin 78746).



cordially invites you to attend our annual fundraiser

An Afternoon Tea and Musical Program

Sunday, October 13

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Stouffer Hotel Wedgewood Room

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

Support the Society fund raiser, and enjoy an elegant tea and delightful music. Send your check to The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin, P.O. Box 68454, Austin, TX 78768. Or call Norma Garza, 441-7148. Reservations must be received by Friday, October 4th. Information follows:

PATTER PANDEMONIUM A Diverse and Exciting Musical Program Your Favorite G&S Arias and Patter Songs

Performers:

Julia Lacey Armstrong Mezzo-soprano
Dory Creedle Soprano
Arthur Fuscaldo Tenor
Wesley Grove Tenor
James Sanders Baritone
Heidi Spoor Soprano
Linnea Smith, at the piano

The Stouffer is the big hotel in The Arboretum.

• Wry Note •

Despite our best intentions we have committed a solecism. We have mis-spelled an important word. The Tea will take place in the WEDGWOOD ROOM, which is named for the famous English China.

Earlier we managed to avoid another solecism. We had planned to call our great event "High Tea", but Lo! those words describe a hearty meal, not an elegant afternoon tea.

A solecism, for those who have forgotten, may be a breach of etiquette and is referred to in *Pinafore* when Captain Corcoran tells his daughter Josephine that a lowly sailor is not a suitable swain. "A man in that station may be brave and worthy, but at every step he would commit solecisms that society would never pardon." Or, as Gilbert himself put it in a children's version of the opera, "He would drop his h's and eat peas with a knife."

[This useful information comes from The Gilbert and Sullivan Lexicon by Harry Benford.]

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• HELP WANTED • For January 12th G&S Program

Singers needed immediately to prepare program for January Soirée at home of Pearl Amster. Money collected will go toward our production of *The Mikado* in June.

Be A Star -- If you're looking for opportunities to perform please call Janette Jones now at 835-7513.

Pianist also needed. Volunteers welcome. Call 835-7513.

It's that time of year for most of us. The red "DUES" on your label and a dues form inside, mean it's time to renew.

It's less work for me if you pay promptly, or let me know that you want to drop your membership.

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· Soirée ·

Janette Jones is in charge of planning the performance to take place at the home of Pearl Amster on Sunday January 12, 1992 at 7 pm. She invites everyone to call her; don't be shy, nominate yourself to sing. She hopes to have the music and performers picked out early in October. You can learn the music on your own. There will be two rehearsals: January 4th and 11th (both are Saturdays).

Austin Circle of Theatres B. Iden Payne Awards

· On Monday, September 16th at Laff Stop, several members enjoyed the festivities, cheered the winners, and honored the nominees who didn't get awards. Reba Gillman, Loel Graber, Telisa Harwell, Bob Kusnetz, and Robert Mellin attended. Frank Delvy and Janette Jones sat at our table and were part of the entertainment. They sang "Nobody's perfect" from I Do! I Do! for which they had received nominations. The Pirates of Penzance had garnered 11 nominations, of which three were winners: Judy Thompson-Price for choreography in a musical; Royce Wilson, the Major General, featured actor in a musical; and Joe York, The Pirate King, lead actor in a musical. Otherwise Into The Woods (Zilker Hillside Theatre summer musical) swept the musical field, winning 8 awards.

Nominating Committee

Katharine Shields has agreed to serve as chair of the committee, which will be working hard to find eager and well-qualified candidates for officers of the Society. Although we do not vote on this slate until January it is not too early to start lining people up.

Katharine needs a few more members on her committee. If you are interested please call her at 327-2488. If you'd like to be an Officer, call her to let her know!

Garage Sale

Coming in March: Start saving stuff NOW! Our first effort did remarkably well. If we can get more donations and more participation we'll do even better next time around. Give it a try!

Last Meeting

- · On Wednesday, September 11th, nine people met at the home of Robert Mellin. They were members Sue Ricket Caldwell, Karen Collier, Michael Drousche, Reba Gillman, Loel Graber, Bob Kusnetz, Robert Mellin, and Amy Young, and guest Paul Waldrip.
- President Karen explained that Pearl Amster had a conflict on Mondays this fall; therefore we have to decide whether to meet on Tuesdays at Pearl's house, or find another location for Monday meetings. Sue offered to host the next meeting at her house on the first or second Monday of October. We gratefully accepted her offer.
- · In other business, Bob Kusnetz reported on our coproduction of Pirates. After a thorough discussion, the members authorized Bob K. to continue his negotiations with Don Toner, of Live Oak Theatre, and to accept or reject whatever offers he received.
- · Complete minutes will be available at the next meeting. Any member who cannot attend but wishes to receive a copy should call Reba at 327-2277.
- The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and sociability. Many thanks to our host, Robert Mellin!

~~~~~ Appreciation ~~~~~~

Many thanks to the envelope stuffers who helped get out the invitations to The Tea: Karen Collier, Norma Garza, Reba Gillman, Telisa Harwell, Allen Lawshae, Diane Simpson, and Amy Young met on Friday, September 6th. at Karen's house. Karen provided sandwiches and fruit to nourish us. Thanks also to Michael Drousche, who did all the calling, although he couldn't be there himself. The work went quickly, and we enjoyed the sociable chatting.

~~~~~ Admonition ~~~~~~

Support the Society: come to the meeting; call or send in your views on the purpose and functions of the Society; and pay your dues when asked! Please!

Reba Gillman, Secretary

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Going west from Mopac on Far West, turn left at the second light (Hart). Go one block; turn right on North Hills. Take the second left, which is Rockledge Drive. The first right is Rockledge Cove; 6804 is the second-from-the-left house on the cul-de-sac.