

The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society

December 1991 Newsletter

Next Meeting

• **Monday, December 9th:** at Sue Caldwell's, 6804 Rockledge Cove, 343-7700 or 343 7800: 7:30 pm, sharp. This is the second Monday of the month.

• Come catch up on what's going on. Please bring munchies. Map on last page.

• News and Ideas: Bring them to the meeting or call Reba, 327-2277. Or write a note to Reba Gillman, 1606 The High Road, Austin 78746. Always glad to hear from you.

• Do you have News for the Newsletter? Just let me know by the middle of the month. I'm always eager for material that might interest our members.



• Revised Report on Fund Raising Tea •

Good News: corrected figures show that we made a small profit on our Tea at the Stouffer Hotel on Sunday afternoon, October 13th.



• Coming Events •

• *Amahl and the Night Visitors* will be performed on Friday, December 6th at 8 pm; Saturday, December 7th at 2 pm and 8 pm; Friday, December 13th at 8 pm; Saturday, December 14th at 2 pm and 8 pm; at University Christian Church, 2007 University Avenue, Austin.

Produced by the new Opera Ensemble of Austin, performers include G&S member, Russell Gregory; and friends Joe Dowell and Doug Schram. Tickets: \$6 Adult, and \$3 Child. Go see it! For information call 447-2529.

• **Amster Soirée:** 7 pm, Sunday January 12, 1992

Many thanks to Janette Jones who has been working hard to organize the program. It is shaping up nicely, and should be fun. A tentative list of performers includes Susan Adams-Johnson, Jacki Chapman, Michael Drousche, Norma Garza, Harold Gilbert, Sheila Glenn, Loel Graber, Enid Hallock, Carla Hammock, Jim Robinson, Judy Scott, Katharine Shields and Deborah Zallen. Accompanist will be Ann Cogdell from the Wednesday Morning Music Club.

• **The Annual Pun-Off** and Benefit for the O. Henry Museum: Sunday May 3, 1992. We have been invited to perform G&S patter songs and punning dialog. If you have ideas and interest in this affair let us know!

• **Garage Sale:** March, 1992. Please save your junk! We need to raise money for our next production! Every little bit helps.

• *The Mikado:* Opening June 5th or 6th 1992, at the Zachary Scott Theatre Center: a G&S production.



• News of Members •

• Allen Lawshae and Robert Mellin are rehearsing nightly for the Zach Scott - Paramount Theatre production of *A Christmas Carol*. It opens Wednesday, December 11th at the Paramount and runs through Sunday, December 22nd. Get your tickets now!

• Mitchell Evan Collier (born 10/17/91) may be able to accompany his mother, President Karen, to the December meeting.

• Allen McIntosh Kellogg (born 7/7/91) was in Austin recently, accompanying his parents Jim and Dorothy Kellogg. Bob Kusnetz reports that all three are doing fine and will appear in a Christmas pageant in the Washington, DC-Virginia area where they live. Jim and Dorothy send best regards to all who remember them.



• Last Meeting •

Five faithful members and one new one, met on Monday, November 4th at the home of Sue Ricket Caldwell. They were Sue, Reba Gillman, Loel Graber, Bill Hatcher, Bob Kusnetz, and new recruit Harold Gilbert. Harold is a bass who lived for many years in the New York City area, where he performed G&S with the best. We welcome him enthusiastically to our ranks, and hope that living in Dripping Springs won't keep him from our meetings and performances. He has already volunteered to sing for the Amster Soirée.

Executive Vice President Bob K. presided in the absence of President Karen Collier (home with young Mitchell). Karen's report on the Tea was presented. Corrected figures showed a slight profit. We needed more aggressive publicity, and a more flexible way of handling reservations. We needed extra invitations to send to people who called in response to publicity. There was discussion of other fund raising ideas.

A report from Allen Lawshae stated that Reagan High School is not interested in being part of the Adopt-A-School



Membership Dues

Please keep them coming, and many thanks to those who have!

Each month a new list comes up of those who need to pay. If you want to drop your membership please let me know.

program with us, and that Allen did not wish to continue to work on the program. Bob K. said he would get in touch with Lanier High School to see if they might want to join the Adopt-A-School program.

Katharine Shields is chair of the Nominating Committee; Enid Hallock and Amy Young are other members. They will present a slate of officers at the December meeting.

Harold told us of his experiences with the Ridgewood, NJ Gilbert & Sullivan group. They produced two shows a year and would take them to any group that would pay for a performance. They took along their costumes and sets. Bob K.

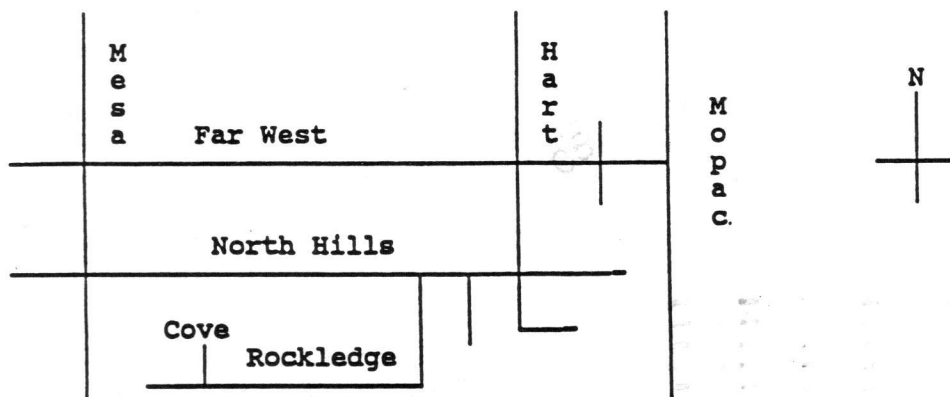
reminded us that we have often thought we should work up scenes and have them ready to go. We could list ourselves with the Chamber of Commerce as available for conventions. We could also perform for schools, churches and other groups.

We adjourned for food and sociability. Harold remarked that this was the first Gilbert & Sullivan gathering he had ever attended where no one sang. With a little encouragement this was remedied as Harold, Loel and Bob K. sang a capella, and from memory, the trio from *The Mikado*, "I am so proud".

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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.

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