The Austin Gilbert & Sullivan Society January 1992 Newsletter

Elections - Annual Meeting

• Monday, January 6th: at Sue Caldwell's, 6804 Rockledge Cove, 343-7700 or 343 7800: 7:30 pm, sharp. Slate of officers:

President Robert Mellin
Executive Vice President Bob Kusnetz
V.P. for Production open
V.P. for Publicity Susie Jacobson
Secretary Reba Gillman
Treasurer Amy Young
Historian Anne Collins Smith

Plan to attend this important meeting. Nominations accepted from the floor. In order to vote or run for office you must be a paid up member. Please bring refreshments. Map on last page.

• Amster Soirée: 7 pm, Sunday January 12, 1992; 2304 Hartford Road, 472-7028. A benefit for the Gilbert & Sullivan Society: \$3 a person - \$5 a couple. Everyone is invited!

The program includes four "When" songs (When All Night Long, When Frederic Was a Little Lad, etc.), duets and solos from seven operas, with chorus added where needed. This should be fun.

Janette Jones has worked hard to organize the program, and Ann Cogdale will accompany. Performers include 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, Amy Young, and Deborah Zallen.

• News of Members •

- Allen Lawshae and Robert Mellin finished their run in A Christmas Carol on December 22nd. The next day Robert took off for a four week vacation in Peru.
- Note new address for Allen:
 7483 Chevy Chase Dr. #104
 Austin, TX 78752
 459-4858
- Bob Kusnetz is finally catching up with a long-time dream. He's learning to fly!

- <u>Dr. Lucy Shoe Meritt</u>, antiquities scholar and archeologist, and long time G&S lover and member, was the subject of a delightful article in the American-Statesman. Written by Billy Porterfield, it appeared on December 6th.
- And <u>Dr. Anne Collins Smith</u> has just earned the right to that title, completing her Ph.D. in Medieval Philosophy at UT. Congratulations!

• Last Meeting •

On Monday, December 9th at the home of Sue Ricket Caldwell fourteen members gathered. They were Sue, Jacki Chapman, Dave and Karen Collier with guest Mitchell Evan Collier aged 7+ weeks, Michael Drousche, Norma Garza, Reba Gillman, Loel Graber, Susie Jacobson, Bob Kusnetz, Katharine Shields, Anne Collins Smith, Amy Young, and Deborah Zallen.

Katharine, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate printed above. Since most of the officers had asked to be replaced, she and her committee, Enid Hallock and Amy Young, had a big job on their hands. They had worked hard and explored many possibilities.

There was discussion of the present By-Laws, and the need for their revision. Member Jim Robinson is interested in helping us on this. He is a lawyer, specializing in by-laws, and is the Corporate Secretary of a large Insurance company. He has been invited to rejoin the Board of the Houston G&S Society, with which he has had considerable experience. It was felt that we need to reconsider the way the Society is organized, but that this would take time and thought.

Karen talked about the work of the Production Committee, and urged that it continue. Members have been: Karen, Norma, Michael, Jacki and Kate Hendricks. Katharine moved and Susie seconded the motion that the existing Production Committe continue, adding and dropping members as needed. This passed without dissent.

Katharine mentioned that one thing the Production Committee ought to get to work on immediately was finding a Musical Director for our June production of *The Mikado*. As a start she suggested writing letters to the musical directors of the many small chamber, orchestral and choral groups that exist in Austin.

Other jobs include lining up crew and finding a good rental source for costumes. Karen had made up a budget, and

will make sure the new President gets it. Karen reported that expensive insurance requirements could not be worked out for us to qualify for a grant from the Austin Arts Commission. Therefore, we had to write them declining the \$1,500 grant.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and sociability. Reba passed around three pictures of Jim and Dorothy's son, Allen McIntosh Kellogg, at the age of two and a half months. Michael had brought a slew of his pictures from our 1980 production of *Patience* for us to look at. He takes GOOD photos!

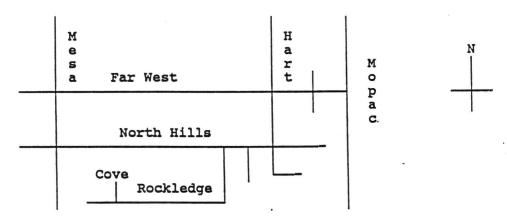
Some people gathered around the piano in another room to sing informally. Some also took the opportunity to run through their Soirée pieces together.

Many thanks to Sue for her continuing hospitality, and for getting the piano tuned just for us!

Reba Gillman, Secretary

Reminder to Soirée Singers
Come to the rehearsals at Pearl Amster's on Saturdays,
January 4th and 11th, 3 - 6 pm. Important!!

Jim and Sue Caldwell 6804 Rockledge Cove 343-7700 or 343-7800



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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