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• Message from your President •

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KUT-FM gave us good publicity on John Aielli's program
 Thursday, May 6th at 12:20 pm. President Robert Mellin and
 directors Noel Koran and John McLean spoke, and Leah
 Tsamou, Frank Delvy, Barton Green, and Allen Lawshae sang.

Lord High Patrons Russell Gregory, Dalton & Mary Jean Gross, Janette Jones, Jim & Dorothy Kellogg, Mary Hobart Key, William & Esther McCormick, Reuben R. McDaniel Jr., Col. George McQueen, Bill & Susan Reid, and P.J. Roy. (List continued p. 2)

For sale at \$2 a six-pack: Call Bob Kusnetz at 836-1853 to arrange purchase so he can bring orders to the June 7th Meeting.

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• Last Gathering and Musicale •

On Monday, May 10th, 22 people gathered at Pearl Amster's: members Pearl, Patrick Bennett, Sue Ricket Caldwell, Frank & Donna Delvy, Harold Gilbert, Reba Gillman, Sheila Glenn, Loel Graber, Enid Hallock, Elena Hinderer, Bob Kusnetz, Allen Lawshae, Robert Mellin, Lucy Shoe Meritt, Bob Wall (Lord High Pianist), and Jess and Emma Walters; and guests Barton Green (Lord Tolloller), and Noel Koran (Director, who has since become a member) with his wife Linda and their daughter Erin.

Frank started off the evening singing "The law is the true embodiment". We then paused for introductions and a brief report on *Iolanthe*. The show is going well but we are performing to small houses. Michael Barnes' review hasn't helped. On Saturday afternoon May 1st, most of the cast of *Iolanthe* performed for 30 minutes in the middle of Neches Street, as a pre-Pun Off entertainment for this year's Pecan Street Festival. John McLean was there to direct, and Bob Wall played the piano. Question: the first act finale of *Iolanthe* is the third longest musical section with no dialog in a G&S opera. What are the first two longest?

Back to music: Barton Green sang an exciting "A wandering minstrel I" from *The Mikado*, with new member Elena Hinderer playing the 'cello, and Bob Wall the piano. The men provided a wonderful chorus. Returning to *Iolanthe* Harold Gilbert sang "When all night long", again with piano and 'cello accompaniment. Frank, Barton and Allen gave us a rousing trio "If you go in"; Barton sang "Blue Blood" and Frank sang "The Nightmare Song", letter perfect as always.

Barton told us about his first performance in G&S, when he was 9 years old. In a boys' camp production of *Pinafore* the boys played all the parts. Barton was a cousin (female, of course). Ten years later he played Ralph.

He then finished off our program singing "A British Tar is a soaring soul" (*Pinafore*), joined lustily by the men. We all sang "Now to the banquet we press" and went off happily to the dining room. Three cheers for Pearl, the hostess with the mostest!

• In Memory of Bob Greenwood •

We have received two generous donations: from Ronald and Marion DeFord, and from Lucy Shoe Meritt, who also wished to remember her husband Benjamin Meritt.

• News of Members •

Anne Collins Smith came in 3rd in the Pun Off!!

Michael Drousche is happily settled in Hawaii, where he has connected with theater people and G&S fans. He hopes to persuade the community theater to put on *Pinafore*.

Amy Lynne Young was in Austin briefly and attended the May 6th performance of *Iolanthe*. "It's so British!" She still loves her job in London, Amsterdam, Amman et al and sends warm greeting to all her G&S friends.

(Cont. from p.1) Patrons Ed & Eda Ballinger, Mary Lu Barras, Sally Bartkowiak, Dr. Robert Bernstein, Richard Boner & Susan Pryor, Jane Bullard, Sue Ricket Caldwell, Richard & Dorene Cohen, Hugh & Ruth Eckols, Harry & Shirley Ellison, Sidney Frost, Rosemary & William Garner Jr., Kenneth Gentle, Doug & Sheila Glenn, Loel Graber, Mark Graber & Julia Frank, Larry & Kay Greenhaw, Joe Haggard, Enid Hallock, Bill Hatcher, Dudley Houghton, Susie & Dan Jacobson, Leonard Johnson, Bob & Helen Jones, Arthur Keller, Michael & Alice Kuhn, Allen Lawshae, Dale Lipsett, Frances Lockhart, Robert Mellin, Mary Metz, Eliza Morehead, Charles & Helen Morton, Mollie Newman, A. Wilson Nolle, Dr. Blair & Joyce Protzman, Charles & Diane Radin, Mr & Mrs M A Saad, Kent & Marion Smith, Linnea Smith, Roman & Louise Smoluchowski, John Tate & Carol MacPherson, Bob Wall, David A White, and Ronald E Wyllys.

New Lord High Patrons Steven Laden and Donald Wertz.

New Patrons Steve Bickerstaff and Carla S Lederman.

To be continued - Regular Members, Old and New, will be listed in the next Newsletter. Sorry, but I've run out of space!

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