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• Season's First Musicale •  
Monday September 12, 1994

To open the season with a bang, 32 people gathered in the Paulist Hall at St. Austin's at 2026 Guadalupe. They were members Pearl Amster, Wren Andersen, Byron Arnason, Patrick Bennett, Frank Delvy, Reba Gillman, Enid Hallock, Bill Hatcher, Janette Jones, Matthew Kaplan (just joined), Allen Lawshae with Kay Novak, Diana McAlpin, Robert Mellin, Lucy Shoe Meritt, Ben & Carmela Nardone, Denise Parker, Bee Polomé, Blair Protzman, Al Rellstab, Bob Wall, and Theresa Wilson with her mother Ginger Storey. Other guests were Jeffrey Fischer, a newcomer to town, and performers Scott Ferrell with Aimee Hurst, Gary Hallock, Ellsworth Schave, and Juan Zalles, and Julia Lawshae, recipient of our first Scholarship. Our new employee, Claudia Olson, was present briefly, but had to leave to attend a rehearsal.

The program opened with Lord High Pianist Bob Wall at the electric piano, borrowed from the Austin Civic Chorus, thanks to Diana McAlpin. He accompanied Frank Delvy who sang "Rising early in the morning" from *Gondoliers*. President Robert introduced Claudia Olson. He then honored the five nominees for the ACOT B. Iden Payne Awards for their outstanding work in *Pinafore*. Only three were present: Scott Ferrell and Frank Delvy each nominated for Lead Actor in a Musical, and Janette Jones nominated for Lead Actress in a Musical. Robert gave them the ACOT citations, which he had had framed.

Third Annual One Time Only Holiday Season  
All-Star G&S Revue

Sunday December 4th • Capitol City Playhouse

Freddy Carnes will direct, and is already hard at work.  
More Information Later

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin  
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Robert then asked Julia Lawshae to come forward to receive the scholarship, a check for \$1,000, to help her defray expenses at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. Julia thanked us eloquently, "I just want to say that without this I would not be able to go to New York. I've been having loan problems."

Next came excerpts from the O. Henry Musical, directed by Allen Lawshae, written by Ellsworth Schave, and performed by them and Gary Hallock, Denise Parker and Juan Zalles, with LHP Bob Wall accompanying. This proved to be an amusing interlude, finished off by the gift from Gary of an Oh Henry candy bar for each person present.

Gilbert & Sullivan continued with Scott Ferrell singing "The nightingale" from *Pinafore*, followed by Frank and Janette singing the duet "Things are seldom what they seem". Julia Lawshae sang Katisha's aria from *Mikado*, "Alone and yet alive". We all sang "Hail Poetry" (*Pirates*) twice, with vigor. Frank and Janette performed their delightful duet "I once was a very abandoned person" from *Ruddigore*. From *Iolanthe* Matt Kaplan sang "When all night long", and Frank sang (guess what!) the Nightmare song. Janette brought the program to a close with the opening song from *Yeomen of the Guard*, "When a maiden loves". We all joined in singing "Now to the banquet we press", while Pearl and Theresa brought the goodies in from the kitchen. Several tours were conducted, taking people up to see our new office. This interestingly varied program was enjoyed by all. Many Thanks to President Robert who put it together.

• Gala Opening Night • *The Gondoliers* •

Saturday March 18, 1995  
Fine Arts Center at St. Stephen's School

Auditions will be in mid-November • See next Newsletter



Come to our Musicale • Monday October 10th at 7:30 pm • Back at Pearl's • 2304 Hartford Road  
Save the date: Monday November 7th for our November Musicale