# The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin January 1995 Newsletter

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Reba Gillman, Editor

### Next Meeting in January

## • Musicale and Annual Meeting •

- On Tuesday, January 10, 1995 at 7:30 pm at Pearl Amster's, 2304 Hartford Road, 472-7028. Please come and bring munchies. Note change in day.
- The program will be **Gondoliers Night**, with as many principals from the cast performing as we can round up. This will be our last opportunity to hear them until opening night the rehearsal schedule will keep them all busy with no nights off.
- The annual business meeting will be short, consisting mainly of the election of officers for 1995. Nominating Chair Enid Hallock will present the following slate:

President Robert Mellin Executive V.P. Allen Lawshae Production V.P. Patrick Bennett Publicity V.P. Bill Hatcher Secretary Reba Gillman Treasurer Diana McAlpin Historian-Parliamentarian Libby Weed Member-at-large Loel Graber

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Anyone nominated must have agreed to serve if elected. You must be a paid-up member to vote or hold office.

#### Note

• The only response I got to my question about which day to hold our meeting was from Lord High Pianist Bob Wall. He will be out of town attending a professional conference and couldn't play for us on Monday, January 9th. So Tuesday it is!



Gilbert & Sullivan Holiday Season All Star Revue and Champagne Buffet Fund Raiser December 4, 1994

Everyone had a wonderful time. The show was topnotch; the food was delicious (thanks to our talented members); wine and champagne flowed freely. We honored our Advisory Board: Deacon Crain, Enid Hallock, Bob Kusnetz and Jess Walters. Rick Anderson was out of town.

### • Message from your President •

I would like to think that all our Gilbert and Sullivan members and friends enjoyed a pleasant holiday season. Actually, there are some still enjoying themselves. As soon as they return, we will all be aboard again, manning the oars of that giant ship called *The Gondoliers*.

But first the December 4th All Star Revue Champagne Buffet Fund Raiser was an artistic success. Excellent performers, sharp numbers, and good staging made it perhaps our best. Again, many thanks to those that contributed to the show, including the performers, those that brought food, and especially our loyal G&S patrons and fans who bought tickets to this Fund Raiser. We did make some money but I wish more people had come.

Now back to *The Gondoliers*. Our casting is complete and what a fine cast it is. They will number 35, and our orchestra, too, will be larger than in the past. Our immediate job now is to raise the money to pay for such an elaborate production. Box Office receipts cannot begin to cover the expense. We need a corporate angel or angels as well as generous private contributions. Please dear readers, help me with this if you can.

\* \* \* \* \* \* Robert Mellin \* \* \* \* \*

### Your Help Is Needed

The run of *The Gondoliers* is short, only two weekends, because there are 410 seats in the theater. This means we must bring in a good audience for each performance. Group Sales are an important aid to selling out the house.

Do you belong to a church, synagogue or retirement community? Do you have a friend who does? Bill Hatcher is approaching these and other groups now, to promote group sales for *The Gondoliers* in March. He needs leads and suggestions from Society members - personal contact makes all the difference. Please call Bill at 892-3922. You can help sell our show!

Wanted for our Office
Radio, cassette player, CD player
If you have one to spare please call the office: 472-4772

# The Condoliers

### or The King of Barataria

### CAST LIST

The Duke of Plaza-Toro Frank Delvy Luiz Jeffrey Jones Don Alhambra del Bolero Michael Lucus Marty Schwebel Marco Palmieri Giuseppe Palmieri Michael McKelvey Antonio Matthew Kaplan The Duchess of Plaza-Toro Janette Jones Casilda Mary Alice Carnes Gianetta Amy Baker Tessa Stacey Amorous Inez. Anna Derdeyn

Chorus of Contadine

Kelly Blacknall, Mitzi Douglas, Glenna Gasser, Sheila Glenn, Susie Griffin, Missy Johnson, Patty Leonard, Diana McAlpin, Corey Rooney, Carrie Skinner, Susan Weed, Leah Zimmerman Men's Chorus (Gondoliers, etc.) Byron Burns, Russell Cochran, Arthur Di Bianco, Bill Hatcher, Stewart Johnson, Sean McCaffrey, Gary Preuss, Russell Prickett, Ralph D. Siqueiros, Jonathan Slocum, Dan Smith, Juan Zalles

# Still Needed

A G&S member or friend who is an accountant or CPA • and an Attorney •

to provide some pro bono services to our Society Call Robert Mellin at 345-5950 or 472-4772

Wanted: a clerical volunteer
To help in our office from time to time
Call Brenda Tharp at 472-4772



Happy New Year
Come to Our Musicale on Tuesday,
January 10th, at Pearl's

# • About the Cast • Note from the Producer, Robert Mellin

Individuals cast as principals in *The Gondoliers* represent talented performers from the whole spectrum of the Austin community. There are the well-known Austin theater people such as Mary Alice Carnes, Frank Delvy and Stacey Amorous. Austin Lyric Opera is represented by Michael Lucus, Anna Derdeyn, and Michael McKelvey. From the UT School of Music come Amy Baker, Jeffrey Jones, Marty Schwebel, and Music Director Richard Short. And from the Drama Department come Stage Director Matt Buchanan and Stage Manager Tayneshia Jefferson. Matt Kaplan is in the Aero Space Engineering Department.

Of course, some of these people belong to more than one group. There are eight Gilbert & Sullivan Society members in the cast: Frank Delvy, Sheila Glenn, Bill Hatcher, Janette Jones, Matt Kaplan, Diana McAlpin, Dan Smith, and Susan Weed. Many in the show sing in church and other choruses about town. The one common factor is that all like to sing and perform and are very talented.

### News of Members

- Doug & Kathie George send greetings from their new home in Arkansas, and the program from a local production of *Trial By Jury*. They are looking forward to visiting Austin in March to see our *Gondoliers*.
- Elena Hinderer invites us all to her wedding on December 31, to Dan Mouritsen. Congratulations and Best Wishes!
- Stanton A. Taylor of the Gilbert & Sullivan Society in Shreveport, LA, sends a beautiful card. It is a composite in color, of key scenes from the G&S operas delightful. He also sends a contribution Thank you!
- We have received new addresses for <u>Matt Kaplan</u> and <u>Amy Sikema-Young</u>. Call me or the office to get them.

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