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• Coming Up Next •

A Texas 3-Day G&S Convention  
at the Scottish Rite Temple  
207 West 18th Street

- Friday December 1, 1995 at 7 pm: organizational meeting. Betty Switzer of the Texas Commission on the Arts will be our invited speaker. At 9:30 pm there will be an Informal Gilbert & Sullivan Open Mike across the street at Cambridge Tower.
- Saturday December 2 from 1 to 5 pm: Gilbert & Sullivan Quiz Games (Gary Hallock, Quiz Master), demonstrations, exhibits and videos.
- Saturday December 2, at 7:30 pm The Big Event! A triple feature fund raiser. See page 1 for details.
- Sunday December 3 at 10:30 am: Sing-through of *Pirates*, Michael McKelvey directing.

• Wish List •

For use in the Society Office

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Megan Marsee

We are happy to report that we have hired a new Office Manager. Megan is an English Major at UT.

Remember, we still need volunteers to help our Office Manager with routine tasks. Call 472-4772!

• Message from your President •

It's happening! Our 3-day Gilbert & Sullivan Convention and Celebration is becoming a reality. Even our Texas Governor, the Honorable George W. Bush, is preparing a special letter of greeting to those who will attend. G & S Board members from Austin, Houston and Dallas will meet on Friday to discuss operational concerns. The Houston delegation will be led by President Steve Robbins, and Marian Shulman will head the group from Dallas. In addition, we expect individuals from San Antonio who are thinking about starting a Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

I have attended several rehearsals for the All-Star Revue for the Saturday night Gala. I'm happy to report that they are doing marvelously. Our Stage Director Allen Lawshae is doing a fine job. He is being assisted by Kay Novak, who is arranging the rehearsal schedule.

We welcome as our new office manager Megan Marsee. I am sure she will be a valued asset to the organization.

I will be looking forward to saying hello to you at our Convention.

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

• Coming on January 8, 1996 •

Our Monthly Musicale and Annual Meeting

- Monday January 8, 1996 at 7:30 pm at Pearl Amster's, 2304 Hartford Road, 472-7028. There will be a short business meeting to elect officers of the Society.
- Nominating Committee:
 

Katharine Shields, Chair	327-2488
Enid Hallock	459-6650
Al Rellstab	345-1684
- Musical program to be announced.

♥♥ Thanks For The Good Work ♥♥

LaDelle Fuller, Allen Lawshae, and Katharine Shields came into the office and worked for hours helping to get out the Convention-Gala Flyer, which we hope you have all received by now. It was a big mailing, and we're most grateful for the help.

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Megan Marsee • Our new Office Manager • Office Hours: M,W,F 2-6 pm; Tues-Thurs 8:30am-12:30 pm  
Newman Hall, Room 309, 2026 Guadalupe St., Austin TX 78705

• Last Gathering and Musicale •  
Monday, November 6, 1995

The *Pirates* sing-through brought 36 people to Pearl Amster's for a delightful evening. Members present were Pearl Amster, Wren Andersen & her mother Joy Sappington, LaDelle Fuller, Harold Gilbert & Eve Michaud, Reba Gillman, Loel Graber, Bill Hatcher, Janette Jones, Allen Lawshae, Robert Mellin, Lucy Shoe Meritt & Emmett Bennett, Kay Novak, Bee Harris Polomé & Chuck Kraus, Al Rellstab, Katharine Shields, Dan Smith, Lydia Storey, Charles Thomas, Lord High Pianist Bob Wall, Tasha Waring - our newest and youngest member with her father, Libby Weed, and Theresa Wilson, and G&S Office Manager Brenda Tharp. Other guests were Art DiBianca, Victoria LeBlanc, Annette Lezotte & John Mast, Jamie Walker, Joe C. White, and Michael McKelvey who directed the recent production of *Pirates* at McNeil High School, and brought with him two cast members: Dustin LeBlanc and Jesse Maniecia.

President Robert reminded us that the election of officers will take place at the Annual Meeting in January. The Nominating Committee is: Katharine Shields, Chair, Enid Hallock, and Al Rellstab. Robert introduced Brenda, who has copies of the November Newsletter if anyone wants one. Brenda thanked LaDelle Fuller, who had spent the afternoon in the Society office working on the mail-out of Flyers for our December 2nd Fund Raiser. The job wasn't finished and more people are needed to help tomorrow. Reba apologized

to Allen for an omission on the front page of the November Newsletter. Allen Lawshae is Stage Director, and Mark Alexander is Music Director for the All-Star Revue.

At 7:42 pm Bob Wall struck up the opening music for *Pirates*. Principal parts were taken by various people at different times, and sometimes everyone helped out. Of course choruses were lustily sung by all. In "Pour, O pour the pirate sherry" Dan Smith sang the part of Samuel. Jesse Maniecia sang Ruth's "When Frederic was a little lad", and Michael McKelvey gave us a strong Pirate King in "Oh, better far to live and die". Dustin LeBlanc took the part of Frederic, and Jesse sang Ruth in "Oh, false one, you have deceived me!" The ladies entered singing "Climbing over rocky mountain", with Janette Jones singing Edith, and Reba Gillman attempting the part of Kate. Katharine Shields sang a beautiful Mabel, and Joe White sang Frederic as we advanced through the solos and duets. Bill Hatcher took on Frederic, and Jesse helped out with Mabel's impressive recitative. Finally Allen Lawshae arrived as the Major General. Gathering momentum with everyone helping out, on we went through the lengthy Finale, interrupted only briefly by all singing a full-throated "Hail Poetry!" We finished Act I at 8:23 pm, and took a break.

We started Act II at 8:30 pm, with "Oh, dry the glistening tear", and the magnificent sequence of "When the foeman bares his steel", with Harold Gilbert as Sergeant of Police, and "Go ye heroes" with Katharine as Mabel, and all singing the exciting counterpoint chorus. (Cont. p. 4)

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[Last Musicale cont.] Mabel urges the policemen on: "Go, ye heroes, go to glory! Though ye die in combat gory, Ye shall live in song and story. Go to immortality!" to which the Sergeant responds "Tho' to us it's evident, These attentions are well meant, Such expressions don't appear Calculated men to cheer Who are going to meet their fate In a highly nervous state." The girls join in, the policemen sing "Ta-ran-ta-ra" - what a rousing scene! The plot unfolds rapidly as the Pirate King and Ruth steal on to explain to Frederic "A paradox, a paradox, A most ingenious paradox!, sung by Michael, Jesse and Dustin. Bill Hatcher as Frederic sang the touching duet with Katharine, "Stay, Frederic, stay! ...Nay, Mabel, nay!" The pirates attack, the police are overpowered, and suddenly all is resolved: Harold, as the Sergeant, sings "We charge you yield, in Queen Victoria's name!" The pirates reply "We yield at once, with humbled mien, Because, with all our faults, we love our Queen." And Ruth (Jesse) explains: the pirates "are all noblemen, who have gone wrong." The Major General (Allen) wraps it up: "No Englishman unmoved that statement hears, Because, with all our faults, we love our House of Peers. I pray you pardon me, ex-Pirate King! Peers will be peers, and youth will have its fling! Resume your ranks and legislative duties, And take my daughters, all of whom are beauties!" and the opera ends as Mabel (Katharine) sings "Poor wand'ring ones!" and the girls all join in, "Take heart, take heart, Take any heart - take ours!"

Harold suggested three cheers for Lord High Pianist Bob Wall, which we followed with three cheers for Director Michael McKelvey. Then at 9:10 pm, on a cloud of good cheer, we floated off to the dining room for refreshments.

#### • News of Members •

- Finally news from our overseas members, David and Carla Hammock. Schlumberger has transferred them back to the US, and they are living near Houston. They hope to get over to Austin for a visit in January. They are the proud parents of Sarah Mireille Hammock, born January 24, 1995. Their address: 7007 Glenwood Drive Sugarland, TX 77479

#### • Membership Update •

Welcome to new member James Hitt, and thanks for joining at the Grand Duke level.

Apologies to Willard Hanzlik, and thanks for raising his membership category to Pooh Bah.

Thanks to members who have renewed: Carolyn Jones as Patron; Eileen Sullivan as Grand Duke; and Steven and Louise Weinberg, whose latest contribution raises them to the Major General category.

Note: As Editor of this Newsletter I seem to have many opportunities for embarrassment. In the November Newsletter I gave ALO singer Mark Long a new last name.

#### • Many Thanks to Corporate Sponsors • for our Convention, to date:

**NationsBank**, our latest donor, brings the total from Corporate Sponsors to \$1100. We thank you!

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