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SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

MAY 2004 NEWSLETTER



You are invited to indulge in an evening of Victorian elegance at the **Caswell House**

8:00 pm, Thursday June 3, 2004 1404 West Avenue at 15th Street

Performances by cast members from *The Gondoliers*, plus Kristin Burritt, Arthur DiBianca, Holton Johnson, Eva Laskaris, Cindy Sadler, and Derek Smootz; featuring music from *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Mikado, Iolanthe*, and *The Gondoliers*.

Please bring desserts

For this unusual event, we are inviting members of the media to meet our members and cast. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you plan to come. Please call Chuck Antonie at **733-1006**.

Message from Your President

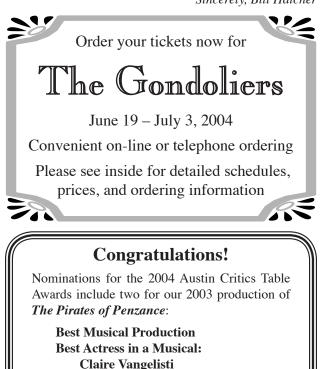
Dear Friends:

I take pleasure in writing this, my first President's message, because I have the opportunity to tell of major and exciting plans that are underway.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, our next Musicale will be a little different and a little grander than usual. It will be held at the Caswell House on June 3 and will be a kick-off of the publicity for the upcoming production of *The Gondoliers*. It will feature beautiful music from previous shows and then a little bit of a teaser from some of the cast of *The Gondoliers*.

Meanwhile, rehearsals are well underway for *Gondoliers*, and it will be a delightful production. We are fortunate once again to have a superb cast and excellent Directors. Please firm up your plans to see *The Gondoliers* and place your ticket order. I look forward to seeing you at the Caswell House and at *The Gondoliers*.

Sincerely, Bill Hatcher



The awards ceremony will be at 7:00 PM, June 7 at Cap City Comedy Club.

Frederic's Birthday and Gala Fundraiser

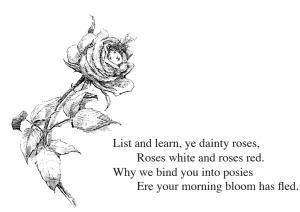
Report from Reba Gillman

On Sunday, February 29, at 4 PM a modest crowd gathered in the sanctuary of Genesis Presbyterian Church for a delightful program planned and directed by Holton Harrison Johnson. Maimy Fong was the capable pianist, and Chris Buggé demonstrated a new talent as Master of Ceremonies — of course, anything Chris says in that lovely English accent is enchanting.

The program was divided into two acts with a nice mix in each half of favorite selections from the G&S operas, with emphasis on our upcoming *Gondoliers*. Performers were favorites Kristin Burritt, Frank Delvy, Arthur DiBianca, Kristina Horacek, Holton, Janette Jones, Eric Peabody, Claire Vangelisti, Christine Walsh, and Oliver Worthington. Actually Oliver is new to our ranks, but he has since been cast in *The Gondoliers* and will soon become another "old favorite."

As the music ended, we all moved as in a heavenly trance to an ajacent building (well known as a rehearsal space to cast members of our last production, *The Pirates of Penzance*). There a bountiful spread awaited us, with comfortable seating at tables, and lovely decorations, all planned and set up by Kristin, Libby Weed, and Paula Tyler. The combination of a lovely musical program and a delicious spread in a relaxing atmosphere ensured that our celebration of Frederic's Birthday was a fabulous bash.

We are particularly indebted to Dan Smith and Janette Jones for the opportunity to hold our celebration at Genesis Presbyterian Church.



Newsletter Note

by Reba Gillman

Due to a variety of circumstances, some quite beyond our control, our Newsletter has become a very moveable feast. We hope that our flexibility in scheduling the so-called May 3rd Musicale did not ill convenience any of you. As you will read elsewhere it has become a Special Event in a Special Place, on June 3, and we hope you will all enjoy it.

The Gondoliers

R.L. Davis Auditorium, Texas School for the Deaf 1102 S. Congress Ave.

Admission: \$25 for adults, \$5 for young persons 17 & under. Half price (\$12.50 adults, \$2.50 young persons) for preview. Special \$20 price for adults for children's matinee.

Specific show dates & times:

8:00 Friday June 18 - half-price preview

8:00 Saturday June 19 - opening night with complimentary gala buffet 3:00 Sunday June 20

	is about 2-1/2 hr., including inter-
	mission, thunderous applause, etc
8:00 Saturday June 26	
3:00 Sunday June 27 - sign language inte	erpreting provided

8:00 Thursday July 1

8:00 Friday July 2

2:00 Saturday July 3 - special early children's matinee

8:00 Saturday July 3 To order tickets please contact All seats are unreserved, since the auditorium is quite large, with excellent seats in all locations.

http://www.boxofficetickets.com/gilbertsullivan

or call **1-800-494-TIXS**. Note: our website has this information plus much more:

www.gilbertsullivan.org

The Gondoliers Company

Executive Producer: Natalie George Stage Director: Christi Moore Music Director: Jeffrey Jones-Ragona Choreographer: Nancy Bain Set Designer: Leilah Stewart Lighting Designer: Stephen Pruitt Costume Designer: Sarah Lankenau

The Duke of Plaza-Toro (a Grandee of Spain)	Oliver Worthington
Luiz (his Attendant)	Ashley Robinson
Don Alhambra del Bolero (the Grand Inquisite	or) Russell Gregory
Marco Palmieri 🔨	Garrett Maddox
Giuseppe Palmieri 🔪 🍙 🕄	Holton Harrison Johnson
Antonio $\sum_{i=1}^{i=1} \frac{1}{2}$	Trey Deason
Francesco	Sean Arnold
Antonio Francesco Giorgio	Adolph Wettegrove
Annibale	Kert Peterson
The Duchess of Plaza-Toro	Rebecca Stidolph
Casilda (her Daughter)	Jeanette Franz
Gianetta 🔪	Claire Vangelisti
Tessa <u><u></u><u></u><u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u><u></u></u></u></u>	Kristina Horacek
Fiametta Vittoria	Jennifer Sublett
Vittoria	Patricia Combs
Giulia / C	Rema Garrison
Inez (the King's Foster-mother)	Melody Long

Chorus of Gondoliers and Contadine, Etc. Nancy Arnold • Stephanie Blackwood • Jack Byrom • Eshe Cole Andy Fleming • Amy Kelley • Brad Madison • Jay Martin Randall McIntyre • Emma McNairy • Amanda Shelton

Member of the Month

All dues-paying members are eligible to be our "member of the month" (who is randomly selected). The member of the month is entitled to contact our office and order one free piece of merchandise: a video, CD, Society History, T-shirt, or mug. This month's Member of the Month is

JIM COCHRAN

Congratulations! We value your membership! Please see our web site

www.gilbertsullivan.org

for a list of what's available, choose your prize, and we'll mail it to you.

Contributors to *Gondoliers* 2004

Underwriters: Chris Buggé · Larry Shepley · Michael & Libby Weed

Contributers: Norma & Floyd Brandt • Ann Rogers in memoriam Lucile Convers • John, Christie, & Lori Fisher • William P. & Naomi Haight • Benard Laves • Norman & Emilia Martin • George & Nancy McQueen • Joan Pearsall • B.M. Phillips • Priority Copy • D.A. Rutishauser • Jean and Ed Smootz • Patricia Spurr • Michael & Libby Weed • Dr. Claire Ellen Weinstein • Westminster Manor



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News of Members

Emma Walters is now living in Barton Hills Assisted Living at 1606 Nash Avenue, Austin 78704, in room 23; phone: 383-0779. She would appreciate calls and visits, but cannot always reach her phone to answer it.

The activities director is always on the lookout for entertainment for his residents; this might be an opportunity for a modest performance by some of our members. (For information call Reba at 327-2277.)

Bee Polomé continues to put up a valiant fight against pervasive cancer. She has responded energetically to every suggested treatment and hopes for the best. Meanwhile, she and her new husband, Milt Weiss, have been enjoying travel to many interesting places. We are happy to see them often at our G&S events.

Len Gillman has come through major heart surgery with flying colors. [Quadruple Bypass, and repair to aortic valve.] After three weeks at Seton Hospital and two weeks at St. David's Rehab Center, he came home for two more weeks of supervised exercise. He walks (slowly, it is true), navigates the stairs, and goes out for the mail and the paper. He has enjoyed several social outings, and will probably attend our June 3rd Special Musicale.

Our Supporters

We wish to thank especially the following individuals for their continuing support:

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Though they love with love exceeding, They must seem to be unheeding -Go ye then and do their pleading, Roses white and roses red!

Membership Form

We encourage you to join our Society. If you are a member, please check your membership renewal date on the top of the mailing label. If expired or near expiration, your membership needs to be updated! To correct your address, renew your membership, or become a member, complete this form, and mail it to us at:

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin P.O. Box 684542 Austin, Texas 78768–4542 Phone: 472-4772 (472-GSSA)

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Individual: \$20 or moreFamily/Group: \$30 or more

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Please consider becoming a member at one of the following Donor Levels: Patron (\$50-\$99), Grand Duke or Duchess (\$100-\$249); Major-General (\$250-\$499); Pooh-Bah (\$500-\$999); Pirate King (\$1000-\$2499); Savoyard (\$2500 & up). Donor members receive additional benefits. Please call our office or visit our website (www.gilbertsullivan.org) for further information.

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Coming Attractions:

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Next Board Meeting (may change)

7:00 рм, Monday June 7, 2004 at Paula Tyler's

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