

GILBERT & SULLIVAN

SOCIETY OF AUSTIN

JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING and MUSICALE

Monday January 15, 2007, at 7:30 PM

Note the change in date!

at the home of Benny and Nancy Jay
4305 Hyridge Drive
343-8408

Please bring munchies.

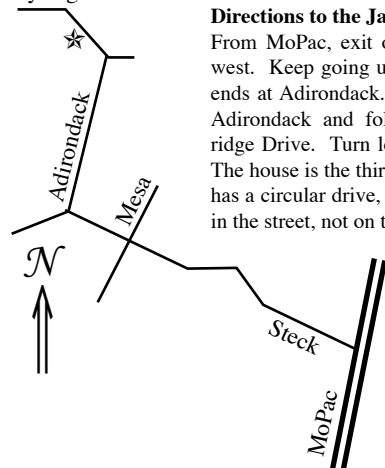
Now is the time for all good Savoyards to come to the aid of their Society. Turn out for the Annual Business Meeting and vote in the new slate of Directors.

The Nominating Committee [Allan Longacre, chair; June Julian, and Larry Shepley] recommends that we continue our Board with 12 Directors, although at present there are only 10 nominees:

Byron Arnason, Todd Galbraith, Reba Gillman,
Nancy Jay, June Julian, Allan Longacre, Nancy McQueen,
Larry Shepley, Libby Weed, Dave Wieckowski

We will get our business done efficiently and have plenty of time to raise our voices in song. Libby Weed, Benny Jay, Allan Longacre, and Larry Shepley will each direct their choices, taking this opportunity to highlight pieces they favor. Larry hints that his choice will be a double chorus from *Ruddigore*, so we can all get acquainted with the very clever play between Bridesmaids and Bucks and Blades.

Hyridge



Directions to the Jays' House:

From MoPac, exit on Steck going west. Keep going until Steck dead ends at Adirondack. Turn right on Adirondack and follow it to Hyridge Drive. Turn left on Hyridge. The house is the third on the left. It has a circular drive, but please park in the street, not on the drive.

Executive Vice President's Message

Allan Longacre

We on the Board of Directors wish all our members, supporters, and fellow G&S devotees a Very Merry and Happy New Year!

The society has had two fine productive years in a row, and we are eagerly looking forward to a third in 2007. This will happen with the continued quality performances by our artistic directors, production staff, and excellent performers. And with the continued quality performances by some of the most devoted and loyal audiences in central Texas.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting and again at *Ruddigore*!

Here and inside: Scenes from our Gala 30th Anniversary Celebration (photos by Benny Jay)

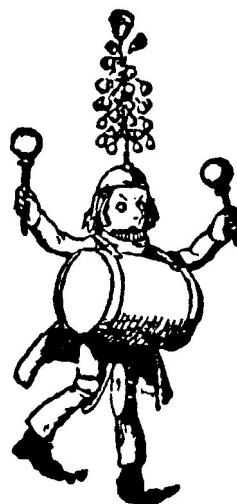
The photos are of our special honorees, with mementos presented by Libby Weed (at right), who obviously enjoyed doing so.



On the Occasion of our 30th Anniversary

Birthdays are not only times to reflect on the past but also times to look ahead to the future. I'm a johnny-come-lately to the Society, but my perception is that the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin is on a strong footing, new leaders are appearing and being brought forth, and our productions are getting stronger and stronger.

Ralph MacPhail, Jr.



Bab



Katharine Shields



Sue Ricket Caldwell



Frank Delvy and Janette Jones

Sappy



Russell Gregory



Robert Mellin

New



Enid Hallock with President Bill Hatcher

Year!



Leonard and Reba Gillman

The Witch's Curse

Larry Shepley, former President of the Society, will be presenting a class for the TAP program at the Congregation Agudas Achim Synagogue on the Dell Campus on January 31 from 1:45-3:00pm entitled

The Witch's Curse — *Ruddigore*

He'll explore one of Gilbert & Sullivan's "controversial" operas. Some people say it was greeted with boos when it replaced *The Mikado*. Some Victorians objected that the title was too gory for respectable families. Of course, the music is fun, the lyrics delightfully witty, and the story is upside-down and even a bit sideways. He will lead a sing-a-long with one of G&S's most famous — and most difficult — patter songs.

To participate, people need to sign up for the Winter semester of the program, which has a fee; the program entitles registrants to four classes of their choice and runs for six Wednesdays from 9:15–3:15. Each class is about 90 minutes long. The term begins on January 10, the last class being on February 14.

The location has plenty of free parking; the program is open to the entire community. Call Susan LaValley at 735-8407 to register.



Frank Delvy, who, in the words of Rafe MacPhail, is an excellent juggler of both words and of balls.

Relive *H.M.S. Pinafore*!

Nancy Jay's excellent DVD's and CD's of our 2006 production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* are available at \$20 and \$15 respectively. Please call our office 472-4772 or visit our website info@gilbertsullivan.org to order your copies.

An outstanding Gift for the New Year!

Welcome, Patricia

This is to introduce volunteer **Patricia Kaplan**. She began by helping Reba at the performances of *Gondoliers*: selling T-shirts, CD's, and other goodies. She also made herself useful back stage, sewing up costumes in need of repair. Last summer she took over the sales job for *Pinafore*.

Since then she has become an essential fixture in the Society office; she goes in weekly and keeps things running smoothly. Her background in library work shows up when she informs us that we can get to know our upcoming show by borrowing a CD of *Ruddigore* from the Central Austin Public Library. She says the New Sadlers Wells Opera production of 1987 is digitally recorded on two discs. The call number is CD B SULL. The catalog computer will tell you if it is available. Because *Ruddigore* is a boxed set, it is not shelved with the single CDs. Ask the librarian for help.

Jean Marie Leifeste Buggé

With sorrow we report the untimely death of Jean Buggé on December 4th. She was the wife of Chris Buggé and the mother of their sons Colin, Travis, and Domenic.

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 receive a CD of our 2005 *Mikado*. The Member of the Month for this month is:

Frances McComas

Congratulations! Please call our office (472-4772) to let us know where we should send your CD.

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 with your check, payable to "GSSA":

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☐ I'd like to volunteer. I'm interested in: _____

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Annual Meeting

7:30 PM,

Monday January 15, 2007

Note: This is a major change in date: The National College Football Championship game will be held on Monday evening January 8; therefore, out of respect, we decided at the November Board meeting to hold the annual membership meeting on Monday, January 15th. Mark your calendars.

Our Grand Production in June, 2007

Ruddigore

Or, The Witch's Curse

Rose, all glowing
With virgin blushes, say —
Is anybody going
To marry you to-day?

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