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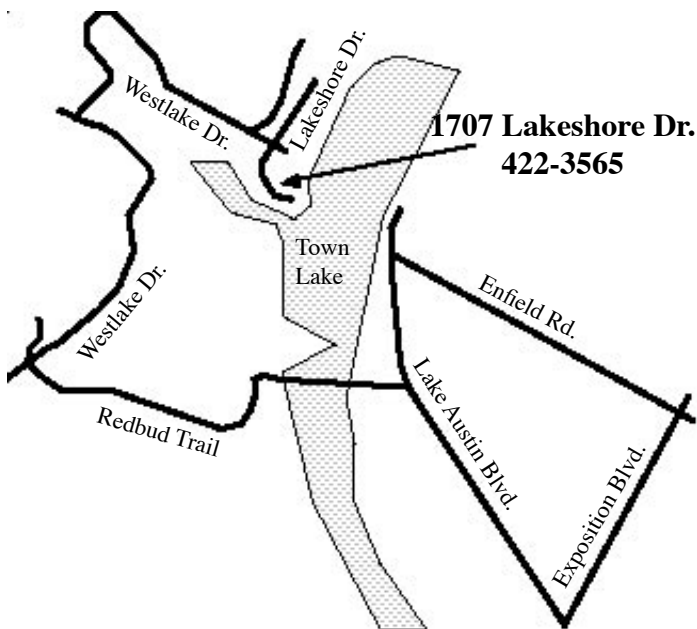
Monday January 9, 2006, at 7:30 PM

at the home of **Randall McIntyre**
1707 Lakeshore Drive
422-3565

Please bring munchies!

Come help us run our Society — Elect our Directors and get us going in the New Year! **Ann Coltman** is planning a Sing-A-Long to keep us in good spirits while we work. You will all enjoy Randall's wonderful home.

Directions below. If you need moral support call **Reba Gillman** at 327-2277. She has successfully navigated the slopes of Westlake Hills for years.



Directions: You can get to Westlake Drive from the city (as shown) or from Bee Caves Road. Proceed on Westlake about 2 miles past its intersection with Redbud Trail (it winds somewhat). Turn right on Laguna Vista (which Y's to the right as Westlake veers to the left); the first stop sign is Lakeshore Dr. Turn right, and the house is at the bottom, on the left side. The incline is pretty steep, so wear some good walking shoes. Do NOT park in the driveway.

The photos in this Newsletter were taken at the December 11 performance of *Trial by Jury* by Larry Shepley, who is so bad with names that he refuses to guess who are pictured. They were all great, however!

From Your President

Dear Friends:

It's time for our annual conclave. Amid merriment and music we will honor the majesty of constitutional governance. In other words, we will conduct required business and elect a new Board of Directors. Randall's home has a large den. We can accommodate a goodly turnout. So, I hope it will be convenient for all to turnout. I feel I should mention that this meeting is a legal requirement as we are a legal corporation. And I'm sure you all will agree that "The Law is the true embodiment of everything that's excellent" (*Iolanthe*, Act I).

Now, as we are on the subject of the Law I want to mention that *Trial By Jury* has just finished a successful though brief run at Harris Bell Hall of Westminster Manor. **Arthur DiBianca**, as the judge, was the embodiment of the law. **Meredith Groeschel** was the deeply wronged, yet not sincerely saddened plaintiff. **Holton Johnson** was the scurrilous and insufficiently contrite cad — I mean defendant. **Sam Johnson** was the usher who brought order to the court. **Scott Hetrick** and **Andy Fleming** shared the part of the distinguished counsel for the plaintiff, and **Randall McIntyre** was the foreman of a jury which seemed not to have been properly briefed concerning their duties. Clearly this case should have been tried in another venue. And while I'm on the subject of venues — I'll see you at Randall's house on January 9.

Fond regards, *Bill Hatcher*

Nominations for the Board of Directors 2006

Presented by the Nominating Committee: Allan Longacre, Chair; June Julian and Larry Shepley. Proposed Board for 2006 of 12 Directors, as permitted in the ByLaws:

Current members to continue:

**Byron Arnason, Ann Coltman, Reba Gillman,
 Bill Hatcher, Allan Longacre, Nancy McQueen,
 Larry Shepley, Jean Smootz, David Wieckowski**

New members nominated:

Nancy Jay, Cecily Johnson, June Julian

TRIAL by JURY, Concert Version

Report by *Reba Gillman*

On Friday December 2, 2005, at 8 PM, over 100 happy people gathered in Harris Bell Hall in Westminster Manor, nearly half of them Westminster residents. They enjoyed a delightful, informal performance of the opera, produced and directed by **Arthur DiBianca**. Lighting and minimal but very effective costumes by **Randall McIntyre** and **Ann Coltman** contributed a great deal to the total effect. At 8 PM on Sunday December 11 a somewhat smaller, but very enthusiastic audience, witnessed an even better performance. **Scott Hetrick**, playing the part of the counsel, was ill, but **Andy Fleming** took over the part and did it very well.

Volunteers sold tickets (\$5 general admission; free for Westminster residents), and some librettos. In the hall just outside the door other volunteers sold videos, DVDs, and some other G&S merchandise. Many thanks to these able volunteers who contribute so much to the overall production, and have such a good time doing it! Volunteers were: on December 2, **Jean and Ed Smootz**, **Nancy McQueen**, **Reba Gillman**, **Theresa Wilson**, **Byron Arnason**, and **Pat Hobbs**; on December 11, **Jean and Ed Smootz**, **Patricia Kaplan**, **Bill Hatcher**, and **Larry Shepley**.

The Company

Plaintiff **Meredith Groeschel**
 Defendant **Holton Johnson**
 Usher **Sam Johnson**
 Counsel **Scott Hetrick (Dec. 2), Andy Fleming (Dec. 11)**
 Judge **Arthur DiBianca**
 Foreman **Randall McIntyre**

Jury and Public

Stephanie Blackwood
Daniel Brookshire
Ann Coltman
Andy Fleming
William Jackson
Cecily Johnson
Sarah Wendtlandt

Pianist **Brett Bachus**

We wish to express our special thanks to
Barbara Lee and Westminster Manor
 and to **Felicity and Peter Coltman**.

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:

Brent & Una Jacob

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

Randall's/Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

Please register your Randall's Remarkable Card —Randall's will donate 1% of your bill to us (and up to two other charitable groups, if you wish). To register, visit the customer service counter and use our name and number:

Gilbert and Sullivan Society 10090

This is an easy and cost-free (to you!) way to help us out.

Bruce King Hallock

April 28, 1921 - Nov. 30, 2005



I've known Enid since I joined the G&S Society in 1978. And through the years I came to know the man who quietly and loyally supported all of her endeavors, as well as those of her friends and relations. But that was just the tip of the iceberg. That man was an aeronautical engineer who built and flew airplanes; during the Kennedy presidential campaign he flew Lyndon Johnson around Texas; with his family he built and ran an apartment complex in northeast Austin; with Enid he raised an impressive family, some of whom were quite involved with our G&S Society: notably punster son Gary, and singer and conductor grandson Andrew. But in spring of 2005 he was stricken with a cruel and fatal disease — amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease). His decline was rapid and the end came soon, leaving us all behind to mourn his passing. The family will hold a nondenominational memorial service on December 16. Donations in his memory may be sent to MDA/ALS, Executive Center Drive, Ste. 111, Austin TX 78731 (checks payable to "Muscular Dystrophy Association – HCSC").

Reba Gillman



CELEBRATION!!!

Please help us out!

The Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin will observe its 30th Anniversary in 2006. It is the second oldest and long-running dramatic organization in Austin. This is certainly worthy of Notice, and we hope to interest the local journals in reporting some of our history and outstanding performances. Will all members please come forward with newsworthy reminiscences? We especially hope to hear from those who were active in those exciting early days.

There is a family element to be publicized: We have three generations of Hallocks who have been involved with various aspects of production, starting with the first. And our original pianist, Felicity Coltman, is now represented by her daughter, Ann, serving on the Board and singing in the concert performance of *Trial by Jury* with her daughter Sarah Wendtlandt. What other interesting facts can we turn up with your help?

Please call **Reba Gillman** at 327-2277, or email her at rgillman@austin.rr.com with any thoughts or information.

Contributors to *The Mikado* 2005

Underwriters: Chris Buggé • Lawrence Shepley • Jean & Ed Smootz • Michael & Libby Weed. Contributors: Anonymous • Richard & Jennifer Arndt • Ken & Emily Ashworth • Mr. & Mrs. John C. Besperka • Larry & Becky Brenner • Chris Buggé • John Dailey • Marion DeFord • Betty B. Evans • Charlotte & William Flynn • Len & Reba Gillman • Loel Graber • Russell Gregory • William P. & Naomi Haight • Bruce & Enid Hallock • Betty R. Hatcher • James A. Hitt • Karen & Bob King • Edward Kluth • George & Nancy McQueen • James S. Moore • Mr. & Mrs. James Plugge • Prudential Foundation Matching Gifts • Charles & Diane Radin • James Robinson • Dorothy A. Rutishauser • Lawrence Shepley • Mrs. D.J. Sibley • Jean & Ed Smootz • Earl R. Hunt & Susan C. Spruance • Still Water Foundation, Inc. • Cleve H. Tandy

Foundation • Jean Tolman • Paula Tyler • Bill & Mary Weaver • Michael & Libby Weed • Westminster Manor • Eve & John Williams • John & Betty Wood. We wish to thank especially the following individuals for their continuing support: Byron Arnason • Marion DeFord • Russell Gregory • Andrew, Chris, & Gary Hallock • Kristine M. Olson • Allen Lawshae • Barbara Lee • Randall McIntyre • Rosemary Russell-Vines • Cynthia Ryan & Valerie Ryan in memory of James C. Ryan • Katharine Shields • Patricia Spurr • Rose Taylor • Steve & Louise Weinberg.



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The Mikado 2005 on DVD and CD

Thanks to Nancy Jay, we have high quality recordings of our 2005 production of *The Mikado*. The two-disc DVD is available for \$20, and the two-disc CD (audio only) is available for \$10. Please include a \$2.00 shipping fee per item ordered. These recordings may be ordered through our website

www.gilbertsullivan.org

or by calling our office at 472-4772.



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:

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Coming

An Evening of Musical Merriment with Russell Gregory and Friends

Saturday, March 4, 2006, 8:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa

A Benefit Concert for The Gilbert and Sullivan Society's
30th Anniversary Production of *H.M.S. Pinafore*

The concert will include Dallas's Piano Duo **Jerry and
Paula Stephens** with Introduction and Comments by
G&S's Artistic Director **Ralph MacPhail, Jr.**

Look for more information in the February 2006 Newsletter.

Coming

H.M.S. Pinafore

will be our production in 2006
in celebration of our 30th Anniversary

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays
June 15 – July 2, 2006

AUDITIONS

for *H.M.S. Pinafore* will be held on Saturday and
Sunday, March 4 and 5, 2006. Please visit our website
for further information. Come, be a part of one of the
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