



## NEGASS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**At any risk I must gratify my urgent desire to know what is going on.**

*(The Grand Duke – Ernest Dumkopf)*

- It's time for the annual membership renewal!

**If you want to know who we are... (The Mikado – chorus)**

- The New England Gilbert and Sullivan Society is a group dedicated to fostering appreciation of the works of Sir William Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, who jointly produced 14 comic operas in Victorian England, as well as many other works individually.
- Members of NEGASS are enthusiasts, singers, instrumentalists, producers, directors, technical workers, readers, listeners, debaters, hobbyists, scholars, students, teachers – anyone from the New England region and beyond who appreciates these brilliant men and their outstanding collaborations.

**I have long wished for a reasonable pretext for such a change as you suggest. It has come at last. (Patience – Grosvenor)**

- **New!** Memberships will run from September to August. We're hoping this will help us all know when it's time to renew and will make communication clearer.

**Kind Captain, I've important information. (HMS Pinafore – Dick Deadeye)**

- Dues are a modest \$25 per annum. However, we've added options.

**Here is a case unprecedented! (*The Gondoliers* – Quintet)**

- **New!** “Pay what you can” option for dues. If you are a student, have financial hardship or cannot for some reason afford the \$25 dues, please fill out when prompted on the website the amount you are able to contribute and your membership will be supported.
- Conversely, if you are able and would like to contribute above and beyond the suggested amount, by all means – we will accept your donation with the utmost appreciation!

**It nevertheless can't be denied that it has its inconvenient side.**

**(*Iolanthe* – Lord Chancellor)**

- If you wish to have your membership *automatically renewed* each September, you must go to your personal PayPal account (like a proper pirate) and *select this option*. If you don't, we will be reminding you through other means.

**If you wish in the world to advance your merits you're bound to enhance, you must stir it and stump it and blow your own trumpet, or trust me, you haven't a chance!**

**(*Ruddigore* – Robin Oakapple)**

- Membership benefits abound!
- Every other month, members receive a copy of the beautifully designed, delightfully filled NEGASS publication, **The Trumpet Bray**, which contains interviews, reviews, information, a calendar and so much more. It is a veritable treasure trove for the G&S enthusiast and novice alike!
- Members are part of an organization which supports a variety of G&S productions and groups throughout New England by publicizing events, purchasing program ads, organizing attendance and more.
- Members meet other wonderful, like-minded folks who also sing choruses in public!
- Members have access to meetings, concerts, lectures and other gatherings.
- **New!** Once per annum, a member can choose to host a Last Minute Light Opera (an informal sing-through of a selected G&S work) and if 3 or more dues-paying NEGASS members are involved, the cost of an accompanist will be reimbursed. (List of available accompanists available on request.)

**And all the knowledge we possess we mutually impart. (*Princess Ida* – graduates)**

- Do you have an article of interest? A fair, kind and balanced review of a G&S show you've just seen? We invite member submissions for publication in **The Trumpet Bray**. Submissions are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month for publications in February, April, June, August, October and December. Note: For each published review of a performance, a ticket reimbursement of up to \$25 is available upon request.

**Well, you see, there's a good deal to be said on both sides of the question.**

*(Thespis – Mercury)*

- **New!** Go green and have **The Trumpet Bray** delivered to your email inbox, *or* request the printed version to be delivered to your mailbox. It's your choice – please select your preferred option on the website sign-up form.

**At last, a capital plan we've got! (*Utopia* – Trio)**

- Do you have an idea for an outing? A gathering? A lecture, movie-viewing, discussion, party, etc.? All members are encouraged to submit ideas for social events to the program chair for consideration and planning. We love hearing ideas from the membership!

**Oh, wondrous revelation! (*The Gondoliers* – chorus)**

- Like and follow NEGASS on Facebook! There is a “page” for the public (New England Gilbert & Sullivan Society), and a “[group page](#)” for members. Hear from us, and let us hear from you!

**The question is not whether we like it, but whether they do. (*Patience* – Colonel Calverley)**

- We hope our new membership policies will encourage all G&S enthusiasts in New England to gather, read, watch, listen and enjoy the art we mutually love so well.

**For duty, duty must be done; the rule applies to everyone. (*Ruddigore* – duet)**

- Renew or begin your membership today! Visit [www.negass.org](http://www.negass.org) and click on the membership page.

We cannot understand it at all. (*The Pirates of Penzance* – Policemen)

- Questions about membership? Email us at [negass.org@gmail.com](mailto:negass.org@gmail.com)

Let's depart, dignified and stately! (*Iolanthe* – Peers)

Thank you for your membership, and we look forward to hearing from you this coming year!

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Merely corroborative detail, intended to give artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative. (*The Mikado* – Pooh Bah)

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