



NEGASS Presents
An Edwardian Summer
Party
 A Delight for Eye, Ear and Appetite!
 Sunday, August 18, at 2 pm
 Grims Dyke West
 108 Oakland Ave, Arlington, Mass.

Heed not the tear that dims this aged eye! NANCY BURSTEIN, long-time NEGASS member and occasional Officer and Board Member, will bid a fond farewell to her NEGASS friends by hosting an Edwardian Summer Party at her home in Arlington, prior to moving to Virginia in the fall.

Her hope is that, like the Yuletide party she hosted last December, this will become an annual tradition in which the works of Gilbert without Sullivan and vice versa can be celebrated.

The order of the day will be as follows:

- Arrive, have some light refreshments.
- Reading of a "Bab" Ballad. *Would you like to volunteer?*
- Songs by Sullivan without Gilbert, accompanied by Juliet Cunningham. *Would you like to sing a song?*
- A group sing of what is perhaps Sullivan's best-known melody outside the G&S canon: "The Lost Chord". Copies will be made available.
- Read-through of Gilbert's short comic play, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, A Tragic Episode in Three Tableaux". *Would you like to take a role?*
 - Roles: King Claudius, Queen Gertrude, Ophelia, Hamlet, Rosencrantz, Guildenstern, First Player (male) and Second Player (female).
 - Script: <http://math.boisestate.edu/gas/gilbert/plays/rosencrantz/rosencrantz.pdf>

And then ... more refreshments! Expect ice cream in decorative molds, an Edwardian tradition.

To RSVP, and to volunteer to read a Bab Ballad, perform a Sullivan song, or take a part in the play, please e-mail [impresaria AT comcast DOT net](mailto:impresaria@comcast.net) by no later than **Sunday August 11**.



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Directions to the Edwardian Summer Party:

- From east: Rte. 2, exit 58/Park Ave., Arlington Heights; continue on Concord Tpk .8 mi; right onto Park Ave .5 mi; right onto Oakland Ave.

- From west: Rte. 2, exit 58/Park Ave. Arlington Heights; take 1st left onto Park Ave, .5 mi, right onto Oakland Ave.

❧❧ NEGASS NEWS ❧❧

ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING AND FANTASY DAY - 2013

On Sunday, June 23 NEGASS members gathered at the Park Avenue Congregational Church to elect new Board Members and fulfill all our fantasies! Well, almost all.

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were approved: **Tom Dawkins** as our new President, **Tom Weber** as our returning Treasurer, **Angela Jajko** as our new Program Chair, and **Thaddeus Bell** and **Susan Craft** as Members-at-Large. Diana Dawkins expressed serious concerns about the abilities of our new President. (HAHAHAHA!) The Board of Directors will fill the vacant Vice President and Member-at-Large positions for one-year terms. A round of grateful applause for Rebecca Hains greeted her return to private life after four years at our helm, “free at last to live a blameless life and to die beloved and regretted by all who knew her”.

We then proceeded to the next business of the afternoon, which was FANTASIES, accompanied by the multi-talented **Tom Dawkins** at the piano. It seems that everyone’s fantasy is to be a tenor! **Art Dunlap** so delighted us by singing the part of Lord Tolloller in the Friendship’s Name quartet that we requested that he follow up with “Take a pair of sparkling eyes.” Not to be outdone, **Tom Weber** (who sings roles like Hildebrand) also showed us his other vocal persona with “When first my old, old love I knew.” And **David Leigh** gave us an energetic performance of “A wand’ring minstrel”. **Your humble scribe** was able to supply the “Nancy on his knee.”

This remarkable confluence of soi-disant tenors obviously demanded that **Brad Amidon** (who DOES typically perform in that range) explain the situation by singing “A tenor, all singers above”. He did this ably, and he and **Rebecca Hains** continued the scene with a rare serious moment by singing the beautiful duet “Words of love”.

The afternoon also provided choruses ("Climbing over rocky mountain", "In a mournful train"), trios ("Three little maids", "My eyes are fully open"), solos, duets, and quartets. Other singers included **Marion Leeds Carroll, Diana Dawkins, Jess Raines, Tom Dawkins** amazingly from the piano, and even occasionally me. We were also delighted to see in the audience our erstwhile Secretary/Membership Chair duo, **Carol and Bill Mahoney**.

Fabulous refreshments were provided by **Kaori Emery**, including home-baked chocolate chip cookies, a beautiful fruit platter, and an assemble-your-own ice cream sundae table appropriate for the first day of summer.

We then all toddled home with the gratifying feeling that our DUTY HAS BEEN DONE!
- **Nancy Burstein**

NEGASS Public School Outreach Report

NEGASS performed "The Words or the Music?," an original show written by **Nancy Burstein** and **Susan Craft**, for the Bishop School 3rd graders in Arlington, to great appreciation. Kudos to **Tom Dawkins, Tom Weber, Jim Eggleston, Dennis O'Brien, Angela Jajko**, and **Connell Benn** for their excellent performances, and especially to **Jenna Lourenco** for managing the liaison with the school.

A representative from the Arlington Cultural Council (ACC), Eliza Burden, suggested that NEGASS take a half-hour slot at the ACC's booth at Arlington Town Day on September 21 to publicize upcoming NEGASS events.

- **Nancy Burstein, for the School Outreach Subcommittee**

New Between-Bray Mailing List

We are now sending the "Between-Bray" mailing list to all members of NEGASS. Between-Bray tells our members about upcoming G & S events that missed the last Bray but will take place before the next Bray. The new mailings will tell you how to "unsubscribe" if you do not wish to receive Between-Bray postings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SummerSings Series 2013 - August 12 G & S

SummerSings, a summer choral series co-sponsored by **Cappella Cantorum** and the **Con Brio Choral**

Society, provides informal opportunities to sing great choral music with Connecticut choral conductors and soloists. **SummerSings** take place on Mondays, 7:30 pm, at St. Paul's Church, 56 Great Hammock Rd., Old Saybrook, CT.

The August 12 G & S program will include *Trial by Jury* complete, "The Night is Calm...." from *Golden Legend*, and Act 2 Finale from *Yeomen of the Guard*. Attendees should bring their own *Trial* scores if possible, and any extras they can lend out to other attendees. An \$8 fee includes a borrowed score for the evening. See <http://cappellacantorum.org/docs/2013-SummerSings.pdf>

G & S Road Scholar Program in Warwick, NY

Offered by the Ivoryton Savoyards; this program will explore *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Mikado* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*, studying the "words and music through musical selections, video performances and lecture/discussions filled with airy persiflage and innocent merriment. Write a song parody, read from the "Bab Ballads" — Gilbert's series of illustrated poems — and enjoy adaptations, send-ups and translations in a week of laughing song and merry dance!" [excerpted from the Road Scholar web site]

The program takes place Aug 25-30 at the Warwick Center, 62 Warwick Center Road, Warwick, NY. For more information, see <http://www.roadscholar.org/n/program/summary.aspx?id=1%2D6EY9PD>

G & S News

New Yeomen edition needs beta-testing!

Long-time NEGASSer **Dafydd Mac an Leigh** has created a new, fully typeset edition of *The Yeomen of the Guard*, including a conductor's score, a vocal score, and a set of instrument parts. These are all-new performance materials, meant to be used together or with existing scores, and include Wilfred's and Meryll's solos along with other cut material. Dafydd would like to open this edition up to peer review and find companies interested in beta-testing this new score, and has made them available online through the end of the calendar year. You can find the materials at <http://web.simmons.edu/~leighd/YeomenEdition.html>, or contact Dafydd at [preeta3 AT yahoo DOT com](mailto:preeta3@yahoo.com) for more information.



NEGASS Events

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August 18, 2 - 5 pm
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"Grims Dike West"
108 Oakland Avenue
Arlington, MA

Upcoming Productions & Events

An Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan
Longwood Opera

August 6, 7:30 pm
www.longwoodopera.org

Christ Episcopal Church
1132 Highland Ave
Needham, MA

Here's a How De Do
NELO Sings G & S
New England Light Opera

August 7, 7 pm
www.newenglandlightopera.org

Hamilton Wenham Community House
284 Bay Road (Rt 1A at Patton Park)
Hamilton, MA

Opera Night: G & S and Others
Greater Worcester Opera

August 7, 7:30 pm
www.greaterworcesteropera.org

Briarwood Community Center
65 Briarwood Circle
Worcester, MA

G & S Choruses
SummerSings
Capella Cantorum & Con Brio
Choral Society

August 12, 7 pm
www.capellacantorum.org
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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
56 Great Hammock Road
Old Saybrook, CT

G & S and The Big Three: Pirates, Pinafore, Mikado
Road Scholar Program

August 25 - 30
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The Warwick Center
62 Warwick Center Road
Warwick, NY

5th Great G & S Singout
Victorian Lyric Opera Company

August 30 - September 1
www.vloc.org

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
603 Edmonston Drive
Rockville, MD

The Pirates of Penzance
Methuen Young People's Theater

September 7, 2 & 7:30 pm
September 8, 3 pm
www.mmmh.org

Methuen Memorial Music Hall
Rte. 28 - 192 Broadway
Methuen, MA

Yeomen of the Guard
Connecticut G & S

October 19, 7 pm & October 20, 2pm
www.ctgands.org

Valley Regional High School
256 Kelsey Hill Rd.
Deep River, CT

H.M.S. Pinafore
Valley Light Opera

November 9, 10, 15, 16, 17
www.vlo.org

Academy of Music Theatre
274 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01060

