



July/August, 2002

Trouper *Trumpet*

“Loudly let the trumpet bray” – Iolanthe

2002-03 Board Proposed

At the annual meeting, all members whose dues are paid up will be voting in a new slate of officers and board of directors. Here is the slate we will be proposing for your vote:

President - Wendy Falconer

Vice-President - Jim Cooper

Secretary - Christina Richardson *

Treasurer - Guy Stretton

Directors:

Tom Bier

Diana Gladden

Silloo Madan

Michelle McNaughton *

Vangie Michell

Maureen O'Connor *

Bill Simons

Barbara Stretton

Anne Wachsman

Tom Zimmerman.*

*new member

Members may also propose names at the annual meeting.



Annual Meeting: August 11th

The annual meeting and summer party of Troupers Light Opera will be held on Sunday, August 11th beginning at 4:00. Once again **Silloo Madden** is hosting. Her address is 224 Frogtown Road, New Canaan. We will follow the Troupers' tradition--bring a picnic dinner, blankets and chairs. The board will supply sodas and other soft drinks, but bring your own wine, beer, etc. A grill will be available. The business meeting will begin at 6:00, followed at 8:00 by **John von Sneidern's** slides of *Trial by Jury* and *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

At the business meeting we will be voting on next year's proposed show, *Ruddigore*, and on the 2002-2003 officers and board of directors, as well as other business. We will be organizing committees to help with the production as well. This is a great time to bring friends and prospective members of the Troupers family.

Directions: From either direction: Take the Merritt Parkway, Exit 36. Turn left onto Route 106. There is a light at the end of the ramp where you make your turn. At the next light veer left onto Weed Avenue (106 goes off to the right). After approximately a mile and a half, you will come to Frogtown Road on the left. **Silloo's** house is number 224. Her phone number is 203-801-0652.



A special treat! **Mary Karnis**, Wine Ambassador for **Beaulieu Vineyards**, will be hosting a free wine tasting of their excellent Napa Valley wines at the meeting. She'll have plenty of samples and will talk informally about the wines. You won't need to bring your own wine to this one!



RAVE REVIEWS FOR VIDEO!

This year's video of *Trial* and *H.M.S. Pinafore* is eliciting these comments: "Thrilling!"; "Wonderful sound!"; "Terrific!"

If you hesitated to order, it's not too late. Send \$32.50 to:
Future Visions Video, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

***Pinafore* T-shirts Available**

A few *Pinafore* T-shirts are left in large sizes, as well as some sweatshirts. They will be on sale at the annual meeting. See **Barbara Stretton**. The cost is \$10 for T-shirts, \$20 for sweatshirts.

Troupers in the News

Dave Schancupp will appear as "Sandor" in the Orange Players Production of *Bells Are Ringing*.

Also appearing in the ensemble are Troupers **Michelle McNaughton, Heather Handley, Maureen O'Connell** and **Jim Cooper**.

Performances are July 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 8:00 PM, and July 14 at 5:00 PM at Dodds Hall Theater, University of New Haven.

Tickets are \$20.00. Call (203) 934-3489 for information and reservations.

Troupers Honors David Schancupp



Last month, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to propose long-time member, **David Schancupp** as a life member of Troupers.

David has been with Troupers since 1981, and has played principal roles in 18 main productions, in addition to performances at the Pink Tent festival, Five Mile River Recital Series, and concert performances at the New York G&S Society.

He served on the Board starting in 1985, becoming vice-president in 1990 and president in 1991 (to 1993).

He arranged for and planned the Troupers' appearances at the Palace Theater in New Haven of *Trial by Jury* and *H.M.S. Pinafore* in 1987 and *Ruddigore* in 1988.

As was customary at the time for the president to do, **David** produced our productions of *Gondoliers* in 1992) and *H.M.S. Pinafore* in 1993.

David recruited **Lucinda Winslow** to become our director when **Ron Luchsinger** retired after our 1992 production of *Gondoliers*.

Over the years after **David** left the Board in 1993, he has offered advice and suggestions when asked regarding legal matters, contracts, and many other matters. He chaired and presided over our "still alive at 45" anniversary party in 1991.

Lucinda Winslow and **Bill Baker** now have new email addresses. They are D. William Baker – wmbaker@optonline.net

~~Lucinda Winslow Baker --~~ lucinda@optonline.net

Send news of Troupers to the address below or to my e-mail:
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