

The Gondoliers News

Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Plaza Toro request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter - "their beautiful daughter" - Casilda to his Majesty the heir to "the immeasurably wealthy" Kingdom of Barataria.



These celebrations will take place on 9 occasions in May/June in the year of our Lord 2010 and you will be esteemed and honoured guests.

R.S.V.P. Friday 5th February 2010 in person at Eastwood Uniting Church Hall, Lakeside Rd., Eastwood at 8 p.m. If intending to be a part of these festivals but unable to come on 5/2/10, please contact the Lady Chamberlain, Countess Jessica Allen (details at the end of this epistle)."

Well - I guess this is just a ditzy way of making sure everyone knows we need you to participate in this great Gilbert & Sullivan operetta and we look forward to seeing you at the Orientation Night when all those intending to do so should be there to become acquainted with the show and to learn what has already been planned by your hard working team whilst you have all had a long, lazy holiday! Now be honest, you have really missed your weekly dose of EUCMS haven't you?

Speaking of team, we are delighted to welcome Karen Swancott to the team as Decor Director and Megan Willis as Prompt.

Keep reading the Bulletin for Executive news regarding booking dates etc. and start working on your Italian now!

Ciao!

Elaine

(who can't speak Italian - as if you didn't know)

Libretti and Scores

Just a little reminder, for anyone who must sadly decline the above invitation from the Duke and Duchess, but who happens to have a lib and/or score for "The Gondoliers" that they can lend or would like to sell, to please contact the Production Manager, Jess Allen on 9716 6832 or email jessa_melb@hotmail.com

EUCMS News

2010 AGM

Don't forget our AGM is on again, on 23rd February 2010, in the Eastwood Uniting Church Hall - starting at 8pm. Stay tuned to your letterbox for the arrival of all the necessary information to prepare yourself for the meeting within the prescribed time.

Please make sure you do read the AGM material for several reasons. There has been an important notice of

motion received, so you should be prepared to respond. Also, once again this year, the minutes of the 2009 AGM will be taken as read, rather than read aloud at the meeting, so if you wish to comment before voting on whether the minutes should be accepted, you will need to have read them yourself. Most people agreed last year that a shorter meeting was pleasant!

Also note that the AGM material will again include a form with an opportunity to update your contact details and tell us if you would prefer to receive the monthly bulletin via post or email. Last year, many members chose to join an email list for those who would prefer correspondence emailed rather than posted, reducing overheads and the "carbon footprint" of EUCMS!

You must be financial to vote. Your annual \$20 subs will be due at (or before) the meeting to allow you to vote for the year. If you intend to pay on the night, please get down there early, to allow time before the meeting starts to do this. If paying on the night by cash, please make sure we know who the cash belongs to, (put it in an envelope or attach a piece of paper with your name to it) as the treasurer gets very busy just before the meeting starts and can't keep track of anonymous monies.

Executive Vacancies

Every year, all positions on the Executive are made vacant at the AGM until nominations are read and voted on, however, as you read in last month's bulletin, we do already know of current Exec members who will not be re-standing this year. As a society, we need to look at filling these positions (President and General Secretary) so the Executive can continue to do all the work necessary to keep our society functioning.

You now have less than a month to think about yourself filling a role or nominating someone else who is keen. Refer to the Executive list on the last page to see all the positions that will be available. You can look on the members' page of the website or call Robyn or Penny to get a copy of the Executive job descriptions. Please call an existing Exec member if you would like an idea as to the time and energy commitment needed. The Exec meets one Monday night a month during the year.

Nomination forms need to be posted to our PO Box or last minute forms can be dropped in to the Vice President, Penny Wilson at 32 Pinetree Drive, Carlingford before 8pm on 21st February.

New Member Welcome

Following his casting in *The Gondoliers*, we are pleased to welcome Mitch Bryson in from the sidelines to full performing membership of EUCMS! Minh and Mitch make a great team, (onstage as well) as anyone who attended Stuart Maunder's workshop could attest!

2010 New Members' Auditions

For anyone who might have a friend or family member - (particularly a man!) who is keen to also get on stage, New Members' Auditions are on THIS Friday 29th January at 8pm. Please call Caroline Reddel on 9449 4561, or 0401 307 088 or email cazthelion@hotmail.com to register your interest or to answer any questions that a new member might have.

People who are keen to help out as a non-performing member are asked to also come on the night for general society information and filling out of forms.

Thankyou From Tear Fund

Among several other letters of thanks from groups to whom EUCMS made donations this year, we have recently received a certificate thanking us for the donation which enabled them to fund a Community School in Laos, Pakistan or Zambia. Reading these letters of thanks is a rewarding part of being on the Executive, and reminds us of why we are constitutionally a not-for-profit group, committed to making these kinds of contributions. We will make a point in upcoming Bulletins of sharing some of the responses we have received. After all, it is the hard work - on, off, behind and now also beneath stage - of our members that makes this possible. Thankyou for all the ways your contributions help.

Members' News

Wedding Congratulations

Our very best wishes to Brian Madden and to Irene who was married last week. We pray that you will enjoy many years of joy and happiness together.

Allowah Kids Church

A group from Epping Presbyterian Church is being involved with visiting Allowah Children's Hospital on a regular basis to help run *Kids Church* on a weekend. If anyone would like to be involved, please give Penny Wilson a call for further details.

An Opportunity

EUCMS has recently been contacted by Mr Graeme De Vallance of a group called "Cast of Thousands" - they are involved in organising appointment bookings for auditions (as opposed to the open casting cattle call) with the producers and judges of "Australia's Got Talent". We assume that they are approaching groups

through Theatre Australia to create a shortcut for the audition process... although this is no guarantee of success on the show, it would provide for an audition appointment rather than lining up. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, they are looking for "Solo acts, group performances, comedians, dance troupes; our doors are open to anyone who feels they have a special talent in any area". For more information, or the application form they sent us, contact Adam or Penny Wilson (8812 2575). Although they did not provide us with a closing date, they have said auditions (other than the public call) are being held now, so if you are interested, please respond quickly.

Your News?

A reminder for members that they can let us know of their news or other items they wish passed onto members via the bulletin. If so, contact Elaine Gow on 9872 6453 or eebeegee@bigpond.com

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Next Executive Meeting

8th February at Adam & Penny Wilson's house, starts 8pm.