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Opera Is a Family Affair for Birminghamites

DAC Opens Its Version of '21'

Detroit Athletic Club will inaugurate a "DAC 21 Club" Friday night, the party especially designed for intermediate members between the ages of 21 and 30.

It will bring together young marrieds, plus single members and dates. Aims are to get acquainted and to enjoy an evening of dancing. The party-goers may bring guests of the same age group.

The time is 9 p.m. and the place is the spacious cocktail lounge area on the second floor mezzanine. Terry Richardson's five-piece orchestra will play for dancing from 9:30 to 12:30. Dress is informal.

ON THE party-steering committee are Norman J. Froelich Jr., Don D. Andreae, B. A. Seymour Jr., J. Michael Sullivan, James M. Blankenhagen and Henry G. Gilder Jr.

According to plans, "DAC 21 Club" will be scheduled at intervals through the year.

Another group making merry at the club this week were the DAC Blackbatters. They honored their wives at dinner and dancing in the main dining room Tuesday preceding which they planned a series of squash and handball matches for the feminine contingent to watch.

The particular date was chosen so the group would have a boost of the club's May floor show which continues through the twentieth, show entertainers being Lucille and Eddie Roberts, comedy-mentalists, and Zippy the Chimpanzee.

AMONG THE Birmingham-Bloomfieldites at the Blackbatters' fete were the William K. Eichtenbergs, Jr., the Edgar B. Pines, the Heidi Hallas, John D. Rumseys, the Robert Winters, Robert Hubers, the Don Richmonds, Edwin G. Olsens, the Richard Allmans, the John P. Nagys, the Robert Solners and Mr. and Mrs. James Pilz.

The DAC's floor show opened Friday, May 10, gala. The Lewis J. Purdy's group honored the Les Nemethys of Welland, Ont., the party including the host's daughter, Marie Purdy and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baisch.

With the Harry E. Konkies were their son Glen and another son and daughter-in-law, the Gerald Konkies; noted were the John E. Murtaghs Jr., the John C. Kinase's group included their two sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wiggins and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wiggins, and also Mr. and Mrs. Walker J. Simons, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Burlingame entertained the James Peders and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marsch.



SYMBOL OF A TREND: President of the Detroit Opera Association Raymond T. Perrings of Bloomfield Hills with Mrs. Perrings, dynamic chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, and daughter Kay. They listen together, as do dozens of other localities who are planning to attend Opera Week as a family unit.

Festive Plans Made Around Club Election

Mrs. Roy H. Edwards of Orchard Hill Drive, Birmingham, will complete her two-year term as president of the Women's City Club of Detroit on Monday, May 27, when directors will elect her successor. Both presidents will be honored at luncheon that day, sponsored by the social affairs committee.

Mrs. Raymond H. Husband of Overhill Drive, Birmingham, and Mrs. Howard Burnette of Pleasant Ridge, are among the twenty-two members nominated for the board of directors, eleven of which will be elected for a three-year term at the forty-fourth annual meeting Monday May 20, at 8 p.m. Members can vote either Saturday, May 18, from 9 to 5 p.m. or Monday, May 20, from 11 until 7:30 p.m.

MRS. MILTON A. Darling, Jr. of Quanton Road, Birmingham, has been nominating chairman this year, will arrange a reception and luncheon for Tuesday, May 14, to honor the nominees. A social hour in the executive suite at 11:30 a.m. will be followed by a 12:30 p.m. luncheon—a good opportunity for members to meet their candidates.

Another event of interest in the entire membership is the Mother and Daughter tea Saturday, May 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fourth floor lounge. Mrs. Harry Kirk Denler is co-chairman of the committee with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Miriam.

Mrs. Theodore C. Yntema, chairman of the committee for the Metropolitan Opera, and her co-chairman, Mrs. John Gorjov, will be among guests of honor at the City Club's Opera Luncheon Thursday, May 23. Giving the nod to the Michigan Week at the same time, the committee has invited Governor Romney, which Mrs. Kenneff (last year's Opera chairman) as well as Mayor Cavanaugh and Mrs. Cavanaugh.

PARENTS AND friends of all the young folk who swim at the Club will be on hand Friday, May 24, and Saturday, May 25, to see the 1963 Water Show "Jews of the Sea," at 8 p.m. in the Swimming Pool.

Before she retires from office, Mrs. Edwards announces the date of the popular June picnic, first called "The Women's City Club Day in the Country." This summer it will be a "Day at Fair Lane" on Wednesday, June 12, where members and guests will see the former estate of late Henry Ford that is now a part of U. of M. Dearborn.

They Don't Draw a Line Society-Wise

Socially speaking, there isn't much of a line drawn as more between where suburbia begins and where it ends, proof of the pudding lying in the fact that so many Birmingham-Bloomfield families still retain memberships in the Detroit Golf Club.

And this group is about to welcome new members at a special black-tie dinner June Saturday. Vast-colored spring flowers will enhance the newly decorated dining area and set the theme for the party.

MR. AND MRS. Lawrence A. Freese, of Birmingham, are party chairman, assisted by the Charles A. Greniers, Jr. Others on the committee include the William Burtons, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ford Roche, the Neal A. Waldrops and Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Weber.

A French flower cart will hold courages to be pinned in the ladies and boutonnières for the men. Cocktails will be served preceding dinner, and later in the evening a gift will be presented to each new member.

Others going in from here for the party include Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. H. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and the William L. Mullens.

Groves Choir To Sing Out For Honors

There'll be an impressive array of bright shining faces spotlighted in Groves School Auditorium Thursday evening, May 23, when members of the Spirit Choir sing out at their annual spring concert.

The program will include religious, folk and novelty items, with a number of Fred Waring selections featured. The girls' ensemble will do excerpts from "West Side Story."

Among soloists will be Pam Crews, Ann Lawrence, Wally Konecny and Bob Reberger. This group attended the District Festival held in Ferndale recently and walked away with three first division ratings.

CHOIR INSTRUCTOR Evelyn Micheletti announces that proceeds from the evening will go for music scholarships at Interlochen.

Among others participating in the program are Betty Allen, Jo Ann and John Bobonis, Sally Bricker, Cathy Coakley, Susan Cosmi, Carol Currin, Gail Davidson, Debbie Deuel, John Donaldson, Margaret Ann Egan, Janet Eubank, Steve Green, Oya Ewin, Judy Harcourt, Pamela Johnson, Marsha Karp, Tom Langemann, Chris Marcks, Hal and Mrs. Marthy Mowry, Shari Newbuser, Janet and Judy Patterson, Diane Sutherland and Jan Tom.

Suburban Scene

by Mary Ellen Mead, Society Editor

Curtain About to Rise

As eternal as the facade of Masonic Temple's music therein—at least when it's opera—and as of Monday evening it WILL be opera for the next five days.

All the magnificence inherent in that magic word, "Metropolitan," will take over as the curtain rises on "Otello" opening night, excitement to be sustained throughout a week of glamor, glitter and great music.

In the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, opera has become a family affair, not only among individuals but with our local merchants, educators, service clubs, the press, the schools, TV and radio. All have had willing fingers in the pie, their volunteer aid contributing to two of the most heart-warming words of this, or any other season: "Sell out!"

Keeping a Tradition

Gov. and Mrs. George Romney have long made opera a family affair and so have the Raymond T. Perrings. Mr. Perrings has been a member of the Detroit Grand Opera Association since its inception, "Honey's" resulting interest putting her in this year's chairmanship for this area. With daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Keenan of Birmingham, and the Perrings will attend performances with daughter Kay.

Both the Perrings and Romneys will dine at the Detroit Club Monday night but in separate parties. The former with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore O. Yntema and the Frank W. Donovans. (Mrs. Yntema is general chairman and the latter with Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gordon (she's general co-chairman). Incidentally, among the Gordons' guests will be their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiting, Jr.

Group Participation

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lang will attend opening night with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Cannon, and their son and daughter-in-law, the William E. Langs. The James Albers will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gehrke, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham, Jr., will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham senior of Grosse Pointe.

The William McCaugheys will have as their guests their daughter Margaret and son Andy and their houseguest, Johann Sebastian Kilian of West Berlin. Andy lived with the Kilian family a few summers ago while participating in the Council of Churches foreign student program.

Blaise and Susan Henry are among other young opera-goers who will attend with their parents, the John F. Henrys, Jr., and Pam and Anita Ruppel will see opera with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Ruppel.

Wendy Jamison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamison Williams, will go down with her parents to hear "La Traviata," and attending the same matinee will be Margaret Ann Egan with her family, plus 11 of her young contemporaries. Both the Williams and the Egan will be in the audience opening night.

More of Same

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sundberg have made reservations for their daughters, Wendy and Mrs. Robert K. Riley, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner will attend with their sons-in-law and daughters, Ms. and Mrs. Clark Pardee, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Livesey. Mr. and Mrs. John S. French will see opera with son John.

In previous years, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kyles have attended opera as a family group with daughters Kathy and Annie, but

Playing "The Company Way"

Additional festivity revolving around Opera Week will take place Tuesday when Mrs. Robert Fisher entertains 30 members of the company at a luncheon in her home in Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Robert Chambers, also of Bloomfield Hills, will give a similar party the following day.

Other Bloomfieldites entertaining at these kinds of parties will be Mrs. Roy Fruhauf, May 23, and Mrs. George Trumbull on May 24.

Local representatives helping entertain the cast and other members of the company on these gala afternoons will be Mrs. Richard Purdy, Mrs. Ralph Fox, Mrs. John R. Phelps, Mrs. Phillip R. Flanders, Mrs. L. T. Dickson, Mrs. Darrell Roberts, Mrs. Charles Noonan, Mrs. Harry Hoyt, Mrs. Richard O'Reilly and Mrs. George McClellan.

Others are Mrs. Richard Meurer, Mrs. Kenneth G. Manuel, Mrs. Robert L. Graham, Mrs. Howard E. Hallas, Mrs. LeRoy Dahlberg, Mrs. John S. Judd, Mrs. William S. Reid, Mrs. Theodore Guething, Mrs. Glen Miller and Mrs. Charles Himmelhoch.