

GAMBA NEWS

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November Meeting

It has been difficult to find a suitable meeting place for our November playing session. Jane Johnson tried to find a free or inexpensive church or hall, without success, but has offered her home in Menlo Park for our use. The meeting will be on Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 am, lasting until 5:00 pm. Please bring a bag lunch, or be prepared for a short drive to one of the nearby eating places. We apologise for the short notice, but please send in your reply coupon as soon as possible so that the groups and music can be planned. To get to Jane's house, take one of the following routes:

From 101: Embarcadero Road exit West becomes Willow Road, turn right on Santa Cruz Avenue...

From 280: Sand Hill Road exit (from N), go East, then left on Santa Cruz Avenue, or Alpine Road exit (from S), go East - this becomes Santa Cruz Avenue...

Then, after 2 blocks on Santa Cruz Avenue, bear left on Alameda de las Pulgas, turning left on the next street, Clayton Drive. Jane's house is No. 2174. (Phone 415-854-0496).

Painful Subject

At our last playing meeting on October 1, it was decided to request membership dues of \$15.00 per year for participating, voting members. Those wishing to receive the newsletter only would be assessed at \$5.00 per year. Of the 110 recipients of last month's Newsletter, we received about 40 requests for continuation. We are sending this newsletter to everyone, to give you a last opportunity to send in your \$15 (includes Newsletter) or \$5 (Newsletter only). Please make the check payable to Pacifica Chapter VdGS and send it in an envelope, along with your meeting reply coupon, to Julie Jeffrey. (Address on coupon).

Constitutional Crisis Averted?

As you know, we announced an election to take place by mail prior to the November meeting, and at the October meeting, nominations were made for the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Members-at-Large. Lee McRae and Peter Ballinger were nominated for the first two posts; Lois Nisbet respectfully declined the post of Treasurer, with Dalton Cantey accepting the nomination. John Mark, Alvin Roper, Lois Nisbet and Jane Johnson were nominated for the three Member-at-Large posts.

Meanwhile the By-laws committee (Lois, Jane, Luciana Lombardi and Barbara Barclay) had completed their work on the by-laws. These, if adopted, would be incompatible with the above election procedure. At a meeting of the *pro tem* board on October 16, the by-laws were thoroughly discussed. They will be submitted to the membership for approval on or before the November meeting. It was decided, because the nominees (except for Dalton and Jane) are identical to the *pro tem* incumbents, to postpone the election until April, as prescribed by the by-laws (subject to approval).

One feature of the By-laws is that the post of Music Co-Director (to be renamed *Program Chairman*), would be appointive rather than elective. The current co-directors would continue until the election of the new board in 1989.

Classes and Concerts

Viola da Gamba Class by **Wieland Kuijken**: Stanford Music Department, Friday November 18, 2:30-4:00 pm. Contact John Dornenburg (415-530-3202).

Concert by **Diana Dallmann** and **Julie Jeffrey**: Friday November 11, Music Dept. 115, UC Davis, 8:00 pm. Admission free.