

# ONE GOOD TURN

Newsletter of The *One Good Turn* Tent, Oasis 156, of The Sons Of The Desert

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**“Me? Professor Theodore Von Schwarzenhoffen? M.D., A.D, D.D.S, F.L.D, F.F.F und F should walk around?”**

**B**orn September 12, 1894, William Gilbert Barron, this month’s birthday boy, was the son of singers in the Metropolitan Opera. Billy Gilbert began performing in vaudeville at age 12. He developed a drawn-out, explosive sneezing routine that became his trademark (he was the model for, and voice of, Sneezy in *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*). Gilbert's exquisite comic timing made him the perfect foil for such comedians as Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, and he was especially memorable as the dim-witted process server Pettibone in *His Girl*

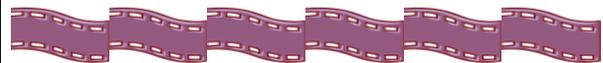
Friday (1940). Lou has picked three wonderful examples of Gilbert’s abilities.

Movies will start promptly at 3:00 p.m. with everyone invited out for a meal after the screenings. Cost is \$5 per family to cover cleaning

costs (meal extra). If you bring a snack to share, just remember to take your leftovers with you. RSVP by contacting Lou ([Isabini@optonline.net](mailto:Isabini@optonline.net)), Carol & Steve ([c.rugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c.rugh@sbcglobal.net)) or George ([gpappas@pace.edu](mailto:gpappas@pace.edu))

**DIRECTIONS TO THE SABINIS:**

Merritt Parkway to exit 35, High Ridge Rd. At bottom of ramp turn right. At 7<sup>th</sup> light (approx. 1.3 mile) turn right onto Ridge Park Ave (church on corner). Bear right onto Wood Ridge Drive. #151 is on the corner of Wood Ridge and Rosano.



## Birthday Extravaganza

[Credit to IMDB for much of the following info]



### **Mr. Wise Guy**

*Mr. Wise Guy* (the eighth in the East Side Kids series) finds the gang sent to the Wilton Reform School after they are unjustly convicted of stealing a truck. Bill Collins

(Douglas Fowley), brother of co-leader Danny (Bobby Jordan), becomes involved in a killing and, while also innocent, is convicted and sentenced to

death. Through a series of events, Muggs (Leo Gorcey), Glimpy (Huntz Hall), Danny and the rest of the gang, learn that Knobby (Billy Gilbert), a henchman of Luke Manning (Guinn Williams), knows something about the murder.

### ***Shiver My Timbers***



"Shiver My Timbers" is another fine illustration of the Our Gangers' propensity for playing hooky. In this one, Billy Gilbert is

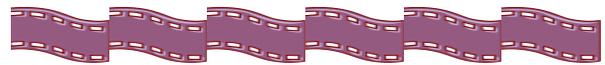
luring them away from school, by telling them windjammer stories. Miss Crabtree is understandably peeved, telling them that they were playing truant for the last time. She first wanted to report their behavior to the Gang's parents, who would have punished them severely. However, there came a change in plans. The Gang that very night got an opportunity to sign on as pirates, and were treated to psychological brutalities by the crew, to make the whole thing scary, to get them to change their minds. It did not work out as the crew expected, thanks to the resourcefulness of the kids. Indeed, there was no evidence that the Gang repented and went back to school; nevertheless, their getting a taste of pirate life was a fitting punishment. There are two interesting tidbits about this film. This film marks the first appearance of Jerry Tucker in Our Gang. He didn't become a regular until the short 'Bedtime Worries', 2 years later. The other item concerns Dorothy DeBorba, a constant presence at Sons' Conventions until her death in 2010. She often said how genuinely scary the typhoon sequence was, causing her to have a little accident while being rocked in the crate.

### **The Music Box**

What can we say about this Academy Award winning short, except that comedians



and comedy shows have been imitating it ever since that piano first rolled down the steps. The Laurel & Hardy Moving Co. have a challenging job on their hands (and backs): hauling a player piano up a monumental flight of stairs to Prof. von Schwarzenhoffen's house. Their task is complicated by a sassy nursemaid and, unbeknownst to them, the impatient Prof. von Schwarzenhoffen himself. But the biggest problem is the force of gravity, which repeatedly pulls the piano back down to the bottom of the stairs. Finally, the irate Professor explodes in fury to discover the "mechanical blunderbuss" in his home, not knowing it was a surprise birthday present from his wife.



## **Busy Bodies**

Summer brought several sightings that I've been saving up.  
- Fellow Son, Nico Cartenstadt, of Belgium shared the below



photo. The mule in the photo was spotted on a Brussel's apartment balcony. And although this reported female mule was not named Dinah (like in Way Out West), it was named Lola (and you'll recall that is another famous name from that same movie). This mule is being used in a play. The balcony belongs to the Centre Culturel Arabe,

which is putting on the play.

- Gino Dercola forwarded photos from Sons Hans and Anita Van Terheijden from The Netherlands. On a recent visit to Catalonia, Spain, they found a great



restaurant which features Laurel and Hardy. It may be in Spain, but help me out here, aren't the second lines of descriptions on the menu in Greek?



-Gino also sent us a write-up about Italian dictator, Benito Mussolini. "Benito Mussolini had a passion for Laurel and Hardy, the most famous

comedy duo in the history of cinema. The Duce, in fact, almost every night before bedtime, viewed films of L&H. His love of L&H was a curious habit because during that time, he advised his countryman against having admiration for U.S. films. And, regardless of the rules he set for other Italians, next to his fireplace in Villa Torlonia was uproarious laughter at jokes and films regarding Laurel and Hardy. Duce's desire was to meet the two comedians. Their meeting, however, never happened. Mussolini had to be content to receive a visit from their producer, Hal Roach, and to have a long chat with the duo's first voice actors, Alberto Sordi and Mauro Zambuto. It has been said that Mussolini once said this famous phrase: "By now, the world knows there are only three to wear the bowler hat: me and Laurel and Hardy!" (in Italian, "al mondo siamo rimasti in tre ad indossare la Bombetta: io e Stanlio & Ollio")."

## Dues Are Due

Steve Rugh will be collecting our annual dues beginning this month. If you've had any changes of address, phone or email please update the form below and send it with your \$20 to treasurer Steve Rugh, 63 Stable Ridge Road, Monroe, CT 06468.

We are happy to again keep our dues at \$20 in spite of constant postage increases.

## 2013-2014 Renewal

**Name(s)**

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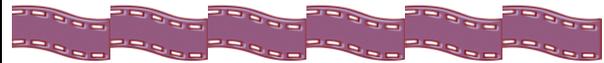
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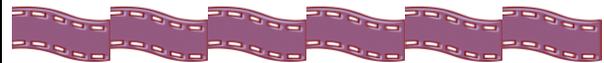
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## MOVING NEWS

Don't know whether our news about moving will move you, but Steve and I have a really big announcement. As you know, we've been splitting our time between our homes in Arizona and Connecticut. We feel it's time to make the move to Arizona permanent. This will be our last meeting. Steve needs to turn treasurer duties over to someone. While I will continue to write the newsletter, we need someone local to work with Lou to handle mailings, especially when ITJs arrive. We hope to see many of you at Conventions in the future. Lou says the welcome mat is always out if we make it East for visits. That works both ways as Steve and I hope many of you will find your Way Out West.



**SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 8**



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