

Master's Dinner, 2011

We had 32 SOBs and guests on January 15 for our Master's Dinner at the Sizzler.



⇒ **Bill Seil (left)** helped us remember Members who've passed on from our Sherlockian world.

⇒ **Emily (right)** gave a lively recitation of Poe's "Annabel Lee", followed by **James'** impressive recitation of *many* stanzas of Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner". Then they sang their version of "Anything You Can Do" (from "Annie Get Your Gun") as Holmes and his smarter and younger sister!

⇒ **Sheila Holtgrieve (below, left)** was nominated for and won unanimously our "Footprints of a Gigantic Hound" award for her many contributions this past year. Last year's winner, **James Romnes**, presented her with the rotating trophy.



⇒ **Valerie Grove (right)** brought friend **Larry Brown** ...and **Carrol Clemens (below)** brought son **John** and pal **Kevin Moran**.



⇒ **Minnesota SOB Karen Murdock** sent some of her hand-made Sherlockian magnets which when distributed with PFL's coasters thrilled everyone!

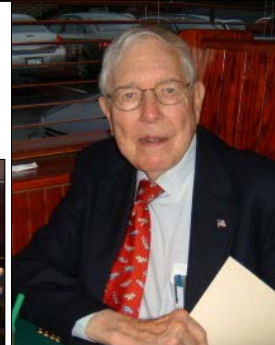
⇒ **Dwight & Gayle Holmes (below)** brought not only themselves, but a royalty check for the Club—our 10% of her sales of her "Sherock's" notecards!



⇒ **Peter & Kay Chelemedos (left)** told us they'll be down-sizing later this year and may have nearly 1,000 books up for sale!



⇒ **Margaret Nelson (below)** bore up nicely, as she prepared for her knee replacement surgery!
Treasurer Al (below) held a drawing for a book he donated, which was won by Emily Romnes.



⇒ **Ron Carlson (left)** told us he's been busy volunteering as a docent on Wednesdays at the Museum of Flight.



⇒ **Stephen Adkins (right)** made his first Master's Dinner, thanks to a ride from **Sheila!**



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⇒ **Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross (right)** suggested that next year's Master's Dinner might be held at one of the Pierce County Parks facilities she manages, for a combination catered /potluck affair! Great idea!!



⇒ **Secretary & Editor Terri (right, with Jean Macdonald)** surprised everyone by passing out Membership Certificates. Already-framed copies went to 25-year-plus Members **Bill Seil** (Member #1, being our only Member still-active continuously since March 31, 1980 and our 4th elected President), **Peter** (our 2nd Treasurer) & **Kay Chelemedos**; and **Jean Macdonald**.

⇒ Others attending, not already mentioned, include **Ann & Michael McElvaney (right)**, and **Bryan and Ginie Romnes (below left)**,

and **Joyce & Dr. Ed Funk (below right)**, who in May will lead our second Victorian-era discussion on a topic of medical and Canonical importance!



⇒ **PFL David (below right)** gave some very masterful toasts! And there were handouts galore: A limited edition print by SOB Stu Shiffman based on an idea conceived by PFL David; two fridge magnets—one with a profile of Holmes—contributed by SOB Karen Murdock, the other from the PFL showing his odd sense of humor; and last but certainly not least, copies of our 2010 Beaten's Christmas Annual!

⇒ After lots of eating and drinking and jocularly and silliness, and with the recitation of Vincent Starrett's poem "221B" by PFL David, our 2010 Master's Dinner came to end.



A Toast to the Persian Slipper



Here is Sheila Holtgrieve's toast at the Master's Dinner:

Strange receptacle, but so like Holmes—chemicals, bullet holes, scattered papers: bane of Watson and Hudson.

But without pipe, tobacco, cluttered household, would insight range so deep and far? Would cases be solved and stories unfold?

So lift a glass to the general mess of often untidy genius.

221B Baker Street would not be the same—and where would that change leave us?

Factoid:

Since 2003, our "Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Award" has been given annually by a vote of the Membership to that person who has contributed most to their enjoyment of the Club in the previous year and who has not won previously.

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