Our 32nd Masters’ Dinner is Saturday, March 7!!

We gave up last year on holding a Master’s Dinner in January, celebrating the anniversary of Holmes’ birth in January 1854. Instead, our Masters’ Dinner now celebrates the occasion of our Masters’ (Holmes’ and Watson’s) meeting in March 1881.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. for our 32nd Masters’ Dinner once again at Angelo’s Italian Restaurant in downtown Burien.

Our buffet choices for your eating pleasure will include chicken, pasta and vegetarian offerings at a pre-paid cost of $25 per person. (Alcoholic beverages will be available on a pay-as-you-go basis.) But, the Club will foot the bill for appetizers, vino and dessert!!

Toasts to the pair at this event will be most welcome.

Like all SOB weekend events, this is a perfect occasion for socializing in a relaxed atmosphere, to get to know your fellow Sherlockians even better!! Angelo’s has wonderful ambiance, ample free parking and great food, so please be sure to join us!

Driving directions and a registration form is included with this issue of Twaddle for our in-state Members only.

In the meantime, here are some of the smiling faces from our 2014 Masters’ Dinner!

SOBs Roll Back the Prices!!!

Yes, we’re rolling back our 2015/2016 RENEWAL DUES to 1980s prices!!

Our fiscal year runs April 1 through March 31. Any Member who renews for the 2015 / 2016 year may do so for $15 for individual membership ($20 for families). Dues payments are due during March 2015, with dues “past due” if not booked by Treasurer Hank Deck by April 30. Please send YOUR RENEWAL dues to Hank at:

1806—177th Street Court East, Spanaway, WA 98387

Thank you so much!!

New Member Dues will continue as outlined on Page 6 and at our website.

A Few Words from Our Veep Kashena Konecki

See more photos of Cumberbatch and Freeman in Victorian garb at www.gloucestercitizen.co.uk/Fans-starsstruck-Sherlock-stars-Benedict/story-25908919-detail/story.html. They’ve raised a ruckus while filming at Gloucester Cathedral.

PBS has just picked up “Arthur & George” for 2015, based on Julian Barnes’ novel of ACD’s participation in solving a mystery. It’s a 3-part miniseries, which will be added to Sunday night’s Masterpiece Theatre’s lineup.

In connection with the London Museum’s exhibition, The London Society hosted on January 23 a debate about the “Best Sherlock and the Best Watson”. Sounds similar to the panel discussion we SOBs held at the 3rd Sherlock Seattle Con and continued as our meeting topic on January 18!! Continued on Page 3
The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield, Seattle. Library opens at 1:00, and closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

Getting there:
From northbound or southbound I-5, block north on the northwest corner, Queen Anne Ave. North; excellent Library opens at the Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill.

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Olympia Pizza and Spaghetti. 1500 Queen Anne Ave. North; excellent pizza with a Greek slant.
• Betty, 1507 Queen Anne Ave. North; Northwest cuisine.
• Via Tribunali, 317 West Galer Street (a block south of the Library); good (but pricey) pizza and Italian food.
Thanks to SOBs Jon Strandberg & Sue Reid for this list!!!

Eateries Near the Queen Anne Library:
• The 5 Spot, 1502 Queen Anne Ave. North; American cuisine.
• Hilltop Ale House, 2129 Queen Anne Ave. North; decent pub fare.
• Orrapin Thai Cuisine, 10 Boston Street (the intersection of Queen Anne Ave. North and Boston).
• The Paragon, 2125 Queen Anne Ave. North; eclectic cuisine.
• Olympia Pizza and Spaghetti, 1500 Queen Anne Ave. North; excellent pizza with a Greek slant.
• Betty, 1507 Queen Anne Ave. North; Northwest cuisine.
• Via Tribunali, 317 West Galer Street (a block south of the Library); good (but pricey) pizza and Italian food.

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Our First South Sound Meeting is February 15
Understanding the traffic and distance issues our South Sound Members face with a Seattle locale for meetings, PFL David has decided to offer a 2nd meeting in February!! Our first-ever South Sound Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 15 at the PFL’s home in University Place at 5:00 p.m.!! The story is the same as above: “The Valley of Fear”!

Getting to Haugens’ Home (DO NOT USE GPS!)
Take Exit #130 off I-5 and go west on South 56th Street. Proceed west for approximately 3 miles where—at the intersection with South Orchard Street—56th Street will become “Cirque Drive West”. Continuing west and, after encountering a traffic circle, at the next light—67th Avenue West—continue west through the intersection. You’ll see on your left white fencing; this is our complex: Nantucket West. Continue on Cirque Drive a scant ¼ mile and turn at the left first-hand turn (70th Avenue Court West). At the gate phone, key “001” into the phone pad; we’ll buzz you in. Inside the gate, follow the road to the left as it changes to 51st Street Court West. Proceed to the very last home on your right…house #6710. Park in the fenced RV lot to the east of the house. If you get lost, call us at (253) 460-2753.

THE RULES:
☆ Entries must be clearly written BOTH locating or naming AND correctly identifying the object (or objects) in question.
☆ Place your answer in a sealed envelope, with your name clearly printed on the outside.
☆ Submit your answer to DC or Club Librarian Sheila at an upcoming meeting or mail it to: DC Smith, P.O. Box 99294, Seattle, 98139-0294. The date of receipt (postmark date for those mailed) will be noted. At the end of the contest, the first complete correct answer will be the winner.
☆ Entries must be received at or before the April 19, 2015 SOB meeting. The winner will be announced in the May issue of Ineffable Twaddle.

This contest is open to ALL SOBs, so get to it!!!
Know Your Inspector Lestrade Actors? Quiz #3 by SOB Charlie Cook

Following is a list of actors who played Inspector Lestrade. To the right of the Lestrade actor, name those who played Holmes and Watson with him and the film(s) in which all three appeared. (There may be more than one film or episode in which the actor played this role.)

1. George Benson ______________________________________________________
2. Neil Dudgeon ________________________________________________________
3. Archie Duncan _______________________________________________________
4. Dennis Hoey _________________________________________________________
5. Peter Madden _________________________________________________________
6. Eddie Marsan _________________________________________________________
7. Charles Mortimer _____________________________________________________

The Answers appear on Page 5

More on Fetherston’s New BSI Biography!!

By: SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI, Salem, OR

I’m back home in Oregon after a very fun BSI Weekend in New York. The “one-off” 2015 “Sherlock” Christmas special will be based on “The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle”. Unfortunately it’s currently on stage in Sacramento, so we might have to wait for it to be picked up a little closer to home.

I know we all like to curl up with a good book, so there’s now a Sherlockian soundtrack to accompany you! Go to: www.comicmix.com/2015/01/13/emily-s-whitten-the-music-of-sherlock-holmes to get Emily Whitten’s playlist of classical music Holmes would have loved!

More...from Our Veep Kashena

Continued from Page 1

For two nights this year, the Museum of London will hold “Sleeping With Sherlock” nights, giving the public a chance to learn all about the detective at its first all-night events on 14 February and 28 March. Get details at: http://londonist.com/2014/12/sleep-with-sherlock-holmes-on-valentines-day.php?utm_campaign=coschedule&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=Londonist&utm_content=Sleep+With+Sherlock+Holmes+On+Valentine%27s+Day.


From SOB Carl Wirth

If you can get to Omaha in late May, be sure to join us!

Lippincott’s Legacy

A literary conference celebrating the 125th anniversary of the publication of “The Sign of Four” by Arthur Conan Doyle and “The Picture of Dorian Gray” by Oscar Wilde.

May 29 to 31, 2015
Hilton Hotel, Omaha, NE

For more info on the Conference: www.lippincottlegacy.org.

For more about Omaha: www.visitomaha.com

For Hotel Reservations: Resweb.passkey.com/go/lippincottlegacy

Questions?
Call Robert Bernier at (402) 554-2521 or email lippincott@unomaha.edu

Getting only 3 responses to our Meeting Location Survey—that appeared twice in Twaddle (issues 11 & 12, 2014)—we sent an e-mail blast out in November. Seventeen responses resulted, BUT...We still don’t have a new restaurant location identified, nor is there a clear majority for making a change in our current day, time and venue! So, we will continue to hold our Regular Monthly Meetings at the Queen Anne Public Library—at least through August, 2015!!
Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

- **From Editor Terri:** Seen at the 3rd Sherlock Seattle Convention in January—
  - Sara Crauder, a Stormy Petrel in Vancouver had a booth with her Sherlockian sewn goods and baked goods. Check her out at 221bakingstreet.storenvy.com or on Tumblr.
  - Rebecca Flau at the “Studio Catawampus” booth had reasonably-priced and good original drawings of Cumberbatch and Freeman. Check out her products at studiocatawampus.com or on Tumblr.
- **From SOB DC Smith:**
  - I’m familiar with the work of the Black Cat Press and they made some really fine miniature books. If I had the dough for an impulse buy I’d pick up “The ABCs of Baker Street” (1983) myself, but my loss might be your gain. Check it out at: www.ebay.com/itm/191448207431?_trksid=p2060778.m1438.l2661&ssPageName=STRK%3AMEBIDX%3AIT
  - Can’t do anything about “Warehouse 13” going off the air, but watched the pilot for the new series on TNT called “The Librarians”. Has Noah Wyle from the hit movie films. It was fun, has a similar gimmick and some nice surprise twists in the story. If you liked “Warehouse 13”, then you might want to give this one a look. **Editor’s Note:** Haugens also got hooked on this series, which ended its 10-ep first season in late January.
- **From Peter Blau’s newsletter:**
  - TopFoto (www.topfoto.co.uk) is a British agency that offers access to some three and a half million images, many quite interesting; search for “Sherlock Holmes” and “Conan Doyle” to see what’s available.
  - The Museum of London has posted some nice video at YouTube by way of publicizing its on-going exhibition at www.tinyurl.com/ns8s66n, including the interesting clip, “Sir Ian McKellen on Sherlock Holmes”.
  - Graham Moore’s pastiche “The Sherlockian” (2010), published in Britain as “The Holmes Affair” (2011) was a N.Y. Times bestseller. If you’ve wondered what he’s been doing since then, he has written the screenplay for “The Imitation Game”—the new film with Benedict Cumberbatch as Alan Turing.
  - The late John Ruyle, a delightful humorist and a skilled printer who wrote, printed, bound and published a long series of parodies featuring Turlock Loams and Dr. Fatso, also presided over the Quaker Street Irregulars. “The Canon of Turlock Holmes”, with commentary by (former SOBs) Ray and Greta de Groat and an introduction by Michael Keen, offers a nice look at John’s delightful work and has been published by George Vanderburgh ($30.00). The publisher’s address is Box 50, R.R.4, Eugenia, ON N0C 1E0, Canada; www.batteredbox.com.
  - The artist Charles Wysocki (1928-2002) specialized in Americana, and a web-site at www.charleswysocki.com shows his work. His print “Hound of the Baskervilles” was published in 1997 and now is available as a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle ($13.95). **Editor’s Note:** A framed copy of the print resides above the fireplace in a certain SOB’s living room!!!
  - Paul Laudiero’s amusing “Sh*t Rough Drafts” (Chronicle Books, 2014; $12.95) is subtitled “pop culture’s favorite books, movies and TV shows as they might have been”, and The Classics include one-page alternatives for “The Speckled Band”, “The Red-Headed League”, and “The Hound of the Baskervilles”.
  - Colin Mochrie, most famous for his appearances on the TV improve program “Whose Line Is It Anyway?”, has obviously enjoyed writing “Not Quite the Classics” (Diversion Books, 2013; $14.99); he bookends the first and last lines of classic books and poems around his own versions, one of which (“A Study in Ha Ha”) is Sherlockian.

From SOB Judy Lyen

Here are details on Anglicon 2015: The Regeneration

- June 12 to 14, 2015
- Full weekend is $65 through February 28
- Sea-Tac Double Tree Hotel, Tukwila
- SOBs wanting to volunteer can call me at (253) 761-3447
- More: http://anglicon.com

From SOB Cara Cross: The January 9 Tacoma News Tribune spotlighted the 3rd Sherlock Seattle Convention with a file photo of none-other-than **my hubby**

SOB Geoff Jeffery, taken at his Sherlockian display at the Washington State Fair in 1997, with the headline, ‘The Game is Afoot’!!
Webmaster Nelan Reports on 2015 BSI Weekend

By: SOB Webmaster Stu Nelan, Melissa, TX

Daughter Kami and I met in New York City once again and had a great time at the BSI Weekend which ran January 7 through January 11!

She came up as always from D.C., where she lives and works, and joined me in several of the Sherlockian events, including the Christopher Morley Walk and lunch, a stop at the Mysterious Bookshop, the Gaslight Gala Dinner (for us non-BSIs), and the Lost in New York Dinner.

We also did several non-Sherlockian activities, like a tour of the World Trade Center Museum (honouring 9/11) and its new buildings; seeing the musical “On the Town” (about three sailors on a 24-hours shore leave during WWII), and walking and exploring the High Line (also known as the High Line Park, it’s a 1.45-mile-long linear park built in Manhattan on an elevated section of a disused New York Central Railroad spur).

The highlight of the weekend was finally meeting SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI and her husband Ben! I had read so much about her being with the SOB’s and had read her 2012 BSI Christmas Annual (and brought it with me to sign!), and I’ve just unpacked her new book “Prince of The Realm” about Sherlockian Bliss Austin.

(Wife) Pat stayed home, so very soon I’ll take her on a three-week cruise, for which I now have plenty of reading material!

By the way, I noted that BSI Investments for 2015 included that of SOB Bill Mason of Green Brier, TN as “White Mason”.

“Cartoon from Howard Ostrom’s Twitter”: Mystery Solved

It started with a quick e-mail from SOB Margie Deck and the cartoon she attached, with the above title in the subject line. This resulted in a response from SOB Airy Maher that read, “Oh! I love Basil’s work! He illustrates for the Baker Street Journal as well!”

Having deduced that the cartoon (the work at right which Margie forwarded from Twitter) was not by Howard Ostrom but by someone named “Basil”, the balance of Airy’s massive made more sense! “I was just conversing with him today (via e-mail) because we both share a love for the BBC Radio 4 series. Not long ago I commissioned him to draw a scene from the radio show’s ‘Lion’s Mane’ episode (at right)...Basil (aka ghostbees) is a very cool fellow, and I just love his cute comics. He recently did one about the theory that Holmes hates Professor Moriarty because of a poor math grade. View it at: http://ghostbees.tumblr.com/post/100332105035

When you next find yourself needing a funny, head over to Basil’s own website at: http://ghostbees.tumblr.com/about.

From SOB DC Smith

Did you know that The Mini-Tonga Society is a Sherlockian group that is interested only in miniature recreations of 221B?

Founded in 1979 by Dee Snyder, Dorothy Shaw and John Bennett Shaw, it was mostly a correspondence club whose members occasionally gathered and showed off their creations. Some made theirs by hand; others hunted for pieces to complete their creation. Sadly, I couldn’t get any of the images on the Mini-Tonga Society’s site to load. However, I was fortunate to find a video (https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=hs27-VBUYi8) that features a hand-crafted room box by Mary Ciccolella that was over two years in the making. It is actually a box within a box, fully contained with battery power. There are many items in the room which specifically represent individual story lines. View the video to see if you can spot them!!

Answers to the “Lestrade Actors” Quiz on Page 3

2. Rupert Everett, Ian Hart; “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Silk Stocking” = Neil Dudgeon
3. Ronald Howard, Howard Marion Crawford; “Sherlock Holmes” = TV series 1954-55 = Archie Duncan
4. Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce; “The Pearl of Death” & 5 others = Dennis Hoey
5. Douglas Wilmer, Nigel Stock; “The Bruce-Partington Plans” and 12 others: TV series 1964-65 = Peter Madden
6. Robert Downey, Jr., Jude Law; “A Game of Shadows” = Eddie Marsan
8. Anthony Valentine, Ian Lavender; TV series of 3 episodes = Douglas Fowley
9. Richard Rodney, John NATO; TV series of 3 episodes = Bill Calvert
10. Edward Fox, Terry-Thomas; TV series of 3 episodes = Ronald Pickup
11. Michael Bentine, Andrew Sachs; TV series of 3 episodes = Clive Swift

Cartoon from Howard Ostrom’s Twitter: Mystery Solved

Sir. Arthur writes an epic historical novel.
Are you writing a short story about me?
No.
Are you writing about me?
No.
Are you writing a short story about me?
No.
Are you writing a short story about me?
No.
No. So away I hate you.

http://ghostbees.tumblr.com/
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Member News & Updates

SOBs attending our January 18, 2015 Meeting, presided over by PFL David Haugen were:

Lauren Messenger  Airy Maher  Terri Haugen
John Longenaugh  Sue Reid  Al Nelson
Jon Strandberg  Shannon Wallace  Judy Lyen

We saw Judy for the first time in ages; she supplied us with the info for Anglicon 2015 (see P. 5)

★ Our guest was a gal named Jaimie, whom Airy had met at the Sherlock Seattle Con and who had lots to add! We sent her home with a member app!
★ After announcements, the group had an intimate discussion of when and how we first became Sherlockian fans and those Holmes & Watson actors in film, TV and radio whom we like best. Our likes were hugely varied, from John L.’s admiration of Arthur Wontner as Holmes to Shannon’s devotion to the Russian Watson, Vitaly Solomin. Some like David “found” Holmes in school; Airy, as an adult, “found” him on the radio! It was a fun and lively time! ★ Over-anticipating the crowd we’d draw—who knew we had so many Seahawks fans among us—there were lots of eats and treats and too much coffee and punch, oh my!

★ Kudos go to SOB Bill Mason of Green Brier, TN, who was invested into the Baker Street Irregulars, as “White Mason”, at the BSI Weekend in New York City in January, 2015! Congrats, Bill!

EDITOR’S NOTE: In reply to a congrats e-mail PFL David sent him, Bill said, “Haven't had much opportunity to (sign messages with “BSI”) yet. I'll try it here first...I like the looks of that!”
★ Kudos also go to SOBs Margie Deck and Club Librarian Sheila Holtgrieve, who devised the two very popular daily quizzes we ran at the Sherlock Seattle Con! We had lots of entries and great prizes (see below)!!

MORE HOLIDAY WISHES: From our KC, MO SOBs Paul & Marcia Naher; his personal note said, “Thanks for the dues holiday and for our wonderful Club! You SOBs are the BEST!”
MORE HOLIDAY WISHES: From our Omaha contingent SOB Carl Wirth; his note said, “I wish Washington was just across the river and I could attend your gatherings.” So do we, Carl!

SOB Emily Rommes, just 17, tied for 1st place—the youngest person competing—in the Washington Potato Commission’s 2014 Culinary Challenge. With the task of coming up with an original recipe using Washington potatoes, she created a dessert that looked just like a baked jacket potato with butter on top—completely from potato ice cream!!! Proud Pop James said, “It tasted great!!”

We’ve Got Two New Members!
Second place prizes for the daily quizzes we held at the 3rd Sherlock Seattle Con were: Free 15-month memberships in The SOBs!

Friday’s winner was: Amy Platt of Issaquah (whom we somehow failed to get a photo of!)
Saturday’s winner was: Marian Cole of Bellevue
—a very prominent and busy volunteer at the Con—shown here.

Please be sure to welcome these new SOBs when you see them at an upcoming Club event!