



Ineffable Twaddle

"It is my business to know what other people don't know."

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Your Renewal Dues are NOW Due!!!
We've rolled back our RENEWAL DUES to 1980s prices!!
 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!!

Our Masters' Dinner is...

Saturday, March 7, 2015

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

\$25 per person

Buffet choices for your eating pleasure will include chicken, pasta and vegetarian offerings. And, the Club will foot the bill for appetizers, vino and dessert!!

Our entertainment will be an improv skit being put together by VP Kashena!

Alcoholic beverages are "no host", on a pay-as-you-go basis.



Angelo's Italian Restaurant,
601 S.W. 153rd Street
(206) 244-3555
...in downtown Burien, WA



Please RSVP by Friday, February 27!!!

Mail your check

-payable to The SOB's-to:

Terri Haugen

**6710—51st Street Court West
University Place, WA 98467**



A Few Words from Our Veep Kashena Konecki

It was once the home of Sir Arthur—famously the creator, of course, of Sherlock Holmes and other gripping stories of the day. But **Undershaw House at Hindhead** in Surrey, where he wrote some of his finest works, has been vacant for ten years. Now, though, it is about to take on a new role, as a school for children with disabilities and

learning difficulties. For details: www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2015-02-06/conan-doyle-home-to-become-a-school/

Ian McKellen has just the right balance between gravitas, wisdom, intelligence, and humor to play an elderly version of Holmes, whose days of restless intellect and cocaine-pounding are... **Continued on Page 3**

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Our 35th Anniversary Tea is March 28!!

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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:

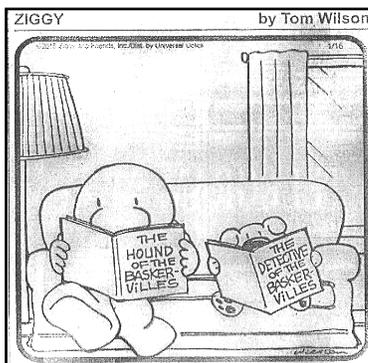
From northbound or southbound I-5, exit at Mercer Street and head west. Turn right on Queen Anne Avenue and head up the hill. At the 3-way stop sign at the top, turn left onto West Galer Street. At 4th Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street



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; good (but pricey) pizza and Italian food.

Thanks to SOBs Jon Strandberg & Sue Reid for this list!!



Cartoon submitted by SOB Dottie Normandin

Holmes' War Service Unsurpassed!

The **March 15, 2015** Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m.** at The Seattle Public Library at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (Queen Anne Branch). **Says PFL David:**

While not our last story in *publication* order—as there were 12 more published in The Case Book after 1917, when “His Last Bow” first appeared—this is our last in *chronological* order. Even its subtitle, “An Epilogue of Sherlock Holmes”, gives us an inkling of Holmes’ age (60) and the end of his efforts in favour of justice.

The tale pits Holmes against master German spy Von Bork in a battle of wits just as the first World War begins. Imagine Holmes’ frustration and exhaustion as two years of counterespionage work ends with Von Bork’s capture on August 2, 1914 on those white cliffs of Dover!

Join us for a lively discussion as we bid adieu to our Dear Mr. Holmes!



Only One More Month: Enter to Win!!!



Entries in our Trivial Twaddle Contest, sponsored by **SOB DC Smith**, must be received **at or before the April 19, 2015** SOB meeting. The winner will be announced in the May issue of *Ineffable Twaddle*.



THE CHALLENGE: In the 1970s **Soviet Sherlock Holmes TV series**, watch the first episode, titled “Acquaintance”, and look for some prominently placed item (or items) in 221B that not only *do not* belong there but are strongly tied *not* to the USSR, but to the USA. **Can you observe what you see? Can you correctly identify it / them?**

We KNOW many Members have now seen this episode and entries are coming in! BUT, **the judging does rely on**

accurate answers—so don’t give up!!



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.
- ☆ **This contest is open to ALL SOBs, so there’s no reason not to enter!**



Our First-Ever South Sound Meeting A Hit!



PFL David’s attempt to hold a meeting in his living room on February 15 proved a real success! He hadn’t done a full meeting in someone’s home for about 15 years, when **SOB Paul Williams** used to host us at his place each month!

☆ Attending the fete were: **Al & Margaret Nelson, David & Maffie Rafferty, Catherine Bancroft, Carrol Clemens, Ann Park, Judy Lyen, Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross, James Romnes and Dawn Kravagna** ☆ PFL David repeated his announcements from our February 8 Meeting, and we discussed and quizzed on VALL again. **Geoff and James** tied for 1st place in the quiz; **David R** and **Judy** tied for 2nd; and **Catherine, Al** and **Dawn** tied for 3rd! ☆ Everyone brought snacks and treats to munch on and, naturally, we had too much food! (*But then it wouldn’t be a Sherlockian event without food and drink!*) ☆ **Maffie** scored most of the cups Geoff donated to our raffle; so she’s been dubbed the “Queen of Coffee Mugs”. ☆ All agreed we need to do this again soon!! PFL David said the next South Sound Meeting will probably be held at the **new Original Pancake House** on 6th Avenue in Tacoma!!! Stay tuned!



Afternoon Tea Featured on our 35th Anniversary

Our Anniversary Tea is Saturday, **March 28**, at Carrol Clemens' home in Federal Way! **Tea will be served at 1:00.**

Our hostess has asked that our contributions be of the sort traditionally served at "an afternoon tea": Tea cakes, finger sandwiches, and small 2-bite sweet or savory treats are her suggestions!

Our annual tea is a great way to spend your Saturday afternoon—visiting, eating, imbibing, winning free raffle items, and welcoming springtime!!



So come out of your hibernation! We'd love to see **YOU** there!!

Driving Directions to Carrol's Home: From I-5 north- or south-bound, exit in Federal Way at S.W. 320th Street and head west.

After passing through intersections at 21st Ave. S.W. and at 26th Ave. S.W., turn left on S.W. 323rd Street. Then take the first left on 33rd Avenue S.W. Clemens' home will be on your right at 32148—33rd Avenue S.W. If you need further, call her at (253) 838-1790.



You May Know Holmes' Comments, but... Quiz #4 by SOB Charlie Cook

You may know Holmes' many famous comments, but do you know in which tales he made them?

1. "When you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."
2. "...audacity and romance seem to have passed forever from the criminal world."
3. "Dogs don't make mistakes."
4. "When a doctor goes wrong, he is the first of criminals."
5. "Education never ends...It is a series of lessons with the greatest for the

last."

6. "I am the last and highest court of appeal in detection."
7. "The game is afoot."
8. "It is quite a three pipe problem."
9. "You see but you do not observe."
10. "I never guess."



Note: There may be more than one correct answer!

The Answers appear on Page 5



More...from Our Veep Kashena

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long behind him. **The new film *Mr. Holmes*** has him making wistful as Holmes, now tending bees in a remote seaside village,

looks back on his life, specifically an unsolved mystery from 50 years ago, one involving an unforgettably beautiful woman. For more, <http://www.iamroque.com/news/movie-news/item/12898-mr-holmes-clip-poster.html>

☞ Fans of Sir Arthur will be interested to hear that the **Bloomsbury Hotel in London is offering a Sherlock Holmes package** where guests can enjoy themed treats and experiences honouring the famous Scottish writer's canny detective.

The deal includes two tickets to the Sherlock Holmes exhibition at the Museum of London, afternoon tea and a newly released Sherlock Holmes miniature book *How Watson Learned the Trick* written for Queen Mary's Dolls House in 1922. The dolls house was designed by architect Sir Edwin Lutyens who went on to design the Bloomsbury Hotel in the 1930s. The Uncover Sherlock Holmes package costs £295. See doylecollection.com

☞ Google "**Sherlock Holmes vs. Philosophers**" to take the BBC's "History of Ideas" philosophy quiz. Answer 10 questions to find out which you are—Sherlock or a philosopher!



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.lippincottslegacy.org.

For more about Omaha:

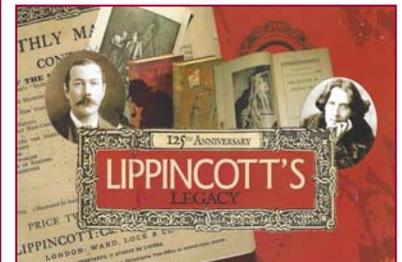
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Questions?

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



Seattle Meeting Location

We still don't have a new restaurant location finalized, nor is there a clear majority for making a change in our current day, time and venue!

The Orient Express at 2963—4th Avenue South in Seattle has been suggested. Stop by and check it out, as we may move there!

But we will continue to hold our Regular Monthly Meetings at the Queen Anne Public Library—at least through August, 2015!!



More New Members!

We met **Sable Jak** of Jim French Productions at the 3rd Sherlock Seattle Con in January and she and **Jim French** promptly joined our scion!!

SOB Airy Maher met **Jamie Colacecchi** at the Sherlock Seattle Con in January and invited her to check us out! Jamie attended both the January & February Meetings in Seattle and has now joined the Club as our newest SOB!! It's clear Jamie really knows The Canon, in addition to being a very modern *Sherlock* fan!!

Welcome, Sable, Jim and Jamie!

SOB Charlie Cook of Sumter, SC wrote on January 6"

Happy Birthday, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, and on January 9

Thanks to the anonymous hand that drew my name from the sorting hat and allowed me to receive the autographed picture of Cumberbatch & Freeman. Being an SOB is truly evidence of the existence of my lucky star! It shines brighter since I became a member.

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>

Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

• **From SOB Jim Nagle:** Thought you would enjoy this: A mini-biography of **Kareem Abdul-Jabar**, his intro to the BSIs and his new Sherlockian novel! Get details here: www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/02/02/elementary

• **And, from SOB Charlie Cook:** If you haven't seen it, you may want to check out the February 2 issue of "The New Yorker"; pages 18-19 have a short report on **Sherlockian Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, his upcoming novel on Mycroft, and his meeting with the BSI's in Chicago.

• **And, from SOB Stephen Adkins:** There was a small blurb in the AAPR Bulletin (Vol. 56, Number 1 for January / February, 2015): **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, as interviewed by Jon Saraseno, in a special to the bulletin, "Kareem has long been a writer (since his days at UCLA), and he is currently writing a book about Sherlock Holmes' older brother, Mycroft, working for the British Government." **Editor's Note:** As was discussed at our February 8 Meeting, Mr. Abdul-Jabar has been quite prolific, with children's books, an autobiography and other non-fiction works to his credit! Maybe he'd like to become an honorary SOB??!

• **From SOB Ann Milam:** A friend sent me this, and I thought of The SOBs. Follow this link to an article with the marvelous opening line, "A riveting exhibition here at the Museum of London has capitalized on the full-blown Sherlockmania that seems to have seized the Western world, judging by a new spate of movies, television shows and books.": www.nytimes.com/2015/02/10/arts/design/at-the-museum-of-london-the-city-that-sherlock-holmes-knew.html?smid=fb-nytimes&smtp=cur&bicmp=AD&biclupk=WT.mc_id&bicmst=1409232722000&bicmet=1419773522000&r=1

• **From SOB Bill Mosteller, Fairfax, VA:** The Red Circle scion in Washington, DC went to see **Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville"** at the Arena Stage on January 31. For a review, try: www.washingtonpost.com/express/wp/2015/01/15/76189

• **From SOB Kathleen Dunlap, Lexington, VA:** Here's photo of me in DC at Arena

Theater waiting to attend a performance of "Baskerville". My Sherlockian friend and I came up yesterday (January 31) and head home after the matinee. My first Sherlockian event since coming to Virginia."



• **From SOB Daughter Kate Nelson:** **Paddington Bear** statues have appeared all over London, decorated differently like the series of pigs, cows, nutcrackers, etc. Ap-



parently **Benedict Cumberbatch** designed one to be Sherlock influenced! Here it is! www.pinterest.com/pin/482096335085551918/

• **From SOB Dawn Kravagna:** The current issue of Mystery Guild Magazine (Winter 2015), in their new books section, promote "The Strange Case of Dr. Doyle: A Journey of Madness & Mayhem" (Friedman & Friedman) saying, "The authors of this remarkable true-crime book piece together Doyle's own words to create a riveting account of his murder tour (of Whitechapel), also including new evidence to better understand the murderer know to history as Jack the Ripper."

• **From PFL David's January 26, 2015 email blast:** **SOB Margie Deck** sent along the following web address for a wonderful article by BBC News on **how William Gillette contributed to how we think of Holmes:** www.bbc.com/news/magazine-30932322. It contains a short video of him acting as Holmes in his play and a short recording of him speaking lines from the play. Enjoy!

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Roger Johnson Wins Tony Howlett Award!!

We couldn't pass up this news about our pal Roger Johnson, Editor of the London Society's "District Messenger" newsletter!!

"The winner of the Tony Howlett award for 2015 is Roger Johnson. Roger is a highly respected Holmesian Scholar and Joint Editor of the Sherlock Holmes Journal.

The Tony Howlett Award is made

each year for long and outstanding service to the Society. Roger joins a long list of distinguished recipients

including Richard Lancelyn Green and Bernard Davies."

Source: www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk

That's Roger in the center, looking mighty happy!



A Night At the Radio Performance!!!

By: SOB Airy Maher

On a Monday evening in January, I paid a visit to the **Kirkland Performance Center** with a few of my friends. Six times per year, **Jim French Productions** assembles the cast of *Imagination Theatre* to present a live recording in front of an audience in order to produce and broadcast America's leading radio dramas on stations from coast to coast—on KIXI radio in Seattle.

I've never attended a radio drama performance before and I did not know what to expect, but it turned out to be an amazing experience. The seats were filled with radio fans from near and far (yes, even as far as Singapore and Australia). Two stories were produced that night: First was a story about **Seattle private detective Harry Niles** as he explored one of the darkest moments in his past. After an intermission, came a **Sherlock Holmes tale** of a tragic young wife who turned to the detective for fear of being haunted by a ghost, only to discover far more sinister truths. There were moments of humor and bleak moments as well, which all resulted in an utterly mesmerizing evening.

It was fascinating! It didn't matter that the actors wore leather jackets or Sea-hawks jerseys. It didn't matter that the shuffle of books and the slam of doors were being created with props on stage. When you listened, you were transported to a different world!

Lawrence "Larry" Albert (the voice of Harry Nile & Dr. John Watson) led the show and made the audience feel right at home. **John Patrick Lowrie** was a commanding presence in his role as Sherlock Holmes and very skilled on stage, as he also took part as writer and as director of the original Sherlockian tale that evening. The assembly of actors in both stories were incredibly talented and I would love to see more of their performances.

Perhaps my opinion is a bit biased, but I was with my friends (who are not radio enthusiasts, nor Sherlockians) and they exclaimed that they had an amazing night and would like to go again.

Jim French Productions announced that they will be reaching their 1,000th episode, and I wouldn't want to miss that recording session on **March 16, 2015!**



Above (seated, l to r) SOB Airy Maher, John Lowrie and Larry Albert; (standing) PFL David—at the 3rd Sherlock Seattle Con

From SOB Margie Deck

It's been ages since this was first announced, but finally we have specifics on the "Sherlocked" event in London!



Dates: April 24 to 26, 2015



The price to attend is a mere £44. For that you get to sit in the back rows and know that you were at a place where Benedict Cumberbatch, Steven Moffat, and Mark Gatiss also were. If you want to get up close, it will cost you just a little more. For £595, you can get a picture of yourself with one of the above and get one item signed, plus more convention goodies. If you want everything, then just pay £2,995.

If any SOBs decide to go, please give us a report when you get back. For the rest of us, start watching EBay UK beginning April 24.

And, it looks like the "Sherlocked" event *will* be coming stateside. The dates and location are unknown.

See more at: <http://www.sherlocked.com/index.php/news/9-sherlocked-in-the-usa>

Answers to the "Holmes' Comments" Quiz on Page 4

1. Beryl Coronet, Blanched Soldier, Bruce-Partington Plans, Sign of Four
2. Wisteria Lodge
3. Shoscombe Old Place
4. Speckled Band
5. Red Circle
6. Sign of Four
7. Abbey Grange
8. Red-Headed League
9. Scandal in Bohemia
10. Sign of Four



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\$20 per year brings Members the monthly newsletter "Ineffable Twaddle", a copy of Beaten's Christmas Annual, and the incalculable benefits of association with a group of certifiable Holmes aficionados.
Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary. Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Masters' Dinner" celebrating the meeting of Holmes and Watson (March), "The Annual Wreath Throw" commemorating Holmes' loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), "The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic" (July), and "The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification" (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.
To join, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.



Dates of Interest

- **SATURDAY, March 7**
Our 32nd Masters' Dinner, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Buri-en. See Page 1.
- **SUNDAY, March 15**
Regular Monthly Meeting, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Queen Anne Library, 400 West Garfield, Seattle
- **SATURDAY, March 28**
Our 35th Anniversary Tea, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Federal Way. See Page 3
- **SUNDAY, April 19**
Regular Monthly Meeting, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Queen Anne Library, 400 West Garfield, Seattle

Member News & Updates

SOBs attending our February 8, 2015 Meeting, presided over by **PFL David Haugen** were:

Pat McIntosh	Sue Reid	Terri Haugen
Laurel Becker	Jody Holm	Annie Becker
Sheila Holtgrieve	Jon Strandberg	Lauran Stevens
Kashena Konecki	Jamie Colavecchi	

● **Jody** attended now that's she's moved down to King County (from Watcom) to work in Kirkland! We couldn't be more thrilled!! ☆ Last month's guest attendee came again and joined!!! That's new Member **Jaimie Colavecchi** ☆ We welcomed guest **Jeff Hutchinson** at the February Meeting; he dropped us a line afterward to say, "Thank you for the warm greeting at today's meeting and introducing me to the group. I really had an enjoyable time." ☆ **PFL David** reminded everyone about the **Masters' Dinner** on March 7. **VP Kashena** wants to put together an improv skit as our entertainment; email her (above) if you want to participate!! Be sure to get your checks to Editor Terri by February 27, or call her (above) if you need an extension!! ☆ After PFL David reminded all about our **35th Anniversary Tea** on March 28 (see P. 3 for details), **Laurel** wisely noted that, as we probably won't have any real cooked food, it will be an "afternoon tea", rather than a "high tea"! ☆ PFL David also noted that: i) **our May Meeting at Queen Anne Library** will be moved to **May 10** (from May 17) due to a scheduling conflict, and ii) **The Orient Express** at 2963—4th Avenue South in Seattle has been suggested as a possible restaurant location for our Seattle Meet-

ings. (It's where the old "Andy's Diner" was!) If we make a change, it will occur after August!

● Young **SOB Emily Romnes**, just 17, has another amazing accomplishment under her belt! Proud **Pop James** told us on February 10: "Well, good old Emily had a surprise last night while attending the American Culinary Federation banquet. **She was chosen ACF culinary student of the year.** This was not simply for Washington State but for the whole country!!" Kudos, Emily!!!

● **SOB Dottie Normandin of North Grafton, MA** sent a bunch of news in early February: "There were many events offered in NYC at the BSI Annual festivities, which I look forward to every year, and this year certainly did not disappoint. I attended the William Gillette Luncheon, the Gaslight Gala (for non-BSIs), and the "Lost in New York with A Bunch of Sherlockians" walk. ...By the way, you might have heard my Patriots won over your Seahawks last night! I had to work but they won because my coworkers and I put on our Pat's finery!...That's me in



the center in red, which is non-regulation medical dress."
(Next year, Dottie, you need to ask everyone you meet at the BSI weekend, "Are you an SOB?" to locate Stu Nelan, Sonia Fetherston and Bill Mason!) 🍷