



Ineffable Twaddle

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

The monthly publication of
The Sound of the Baskervilles
A Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars since March 31, 1980
Serving the Greater Puget Sound Region of Western Washington, USA



Anniversary Tea is April 2!

Yep, celebrate our 36th Anniversary with afternoon tea (*not high tea*) on Saturday, **April 2**, at Carrol Clemens' home in Federal Way! **Tea is served at 1:00 p.m.**

Carrol asks us to bring traditional fare of the sort served at "afternoon tea": Tea cakes, finger sandwiches, and small 2-bite sweet or savory treats are her suggestions!



Here 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 southbound, 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.

Reichenbach Remembered!

Don't miss our Annual Wreath Throw on Saturday, May 7 in Tumwater, WA. We'll convene **promptly at 11:30 a.m. in the park on the Deschutes River** on the east side of I-5, Exit 103—below the Falls Terrace Restaurant and the old Olympia Brewery.

We'll take a short stroll to the Falls, **Chairman James Romnes** will toss our wreath, **PFL David** will toast our honour roll of SOBs passed, then we'll walk back to Falls Terrace Restaurant for **lunch at approximately 1:00 p.m.**

As in years past, we anticipate excellent spring weather! It's free, just the cost of lunch and so much fun!!



Directions to The Annual Wreath Throw: If northbound on I-5, take Exit 103; follow Deschutes Way SW (straight) north to the Falls Terrace Restaurant (on your right). ● If southbound on I-5, take Exit 103 (2nd Avenue); stay straight to go onto 2nd Avenue SW, turn left onto Custer Way SE (takes you back over I-5), right onto Boston Street SE, left onto Deschutes Way SW. **The entrance to the park is on the south side of the Restaurant.**

**Volume 35 Issue 4
April, 2016**

Inside this issue:

- Anniversary Tea is 1
April 2
- Reichenbach 1
Remembered!
- Renewal Dues 1
are Now Due
- Two Chances to Study-Up 2
on "The Blanched
Soldier": April 10 and
April 17!
- In the Months Ahead... 2
- CBS-TV Juggles 2
Elementary"
- Mark Your Calendar for
More Sherlockian Events** 3
- The SOBs' Masters' Din- 4
ner a Smashing Success!
- Member News & Notes 4

SPECIAL PLANNING EDITION!!

We interrupt our normal Twaddle to bring YOU the most important events in the Sherlockian World, which need to be added to YOUR 2016 planning calendar post haste!!

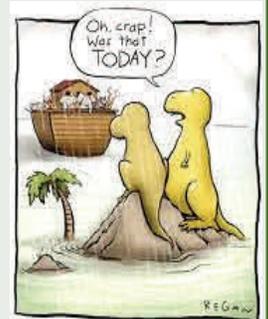
Renewal Dues are Now Due

Are your dues paid for the April 2016 to March 2017 fiscal year??

If not, now's the time to act! Send your check—payable to "The Sound of the Baskervilles"—to:

**Hank Deck
1806—177th Street Court East
Spanaway, WA 98387**

If you joined in the last 6 months, chances are you paid a lower, prorated rate to join through March 31, 2016, so it's time for you to renew as well! Rates are: \$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only). **Thanks!**



**Renewal deadline
is March 31!**

Driving Directions to Haugens' Home:

Take Exit #130 off I-5 (whether north- or south-bound), go west on South 56th Street. Proceed west on South 56th Street for approximately 3 miles where—at the intersection with South Orchard Street—56th Street will become “Cirque Drive West”. Continuing west on Cirque, you’ll encounter a traffic circle. Go halfway round the circle, as if you were simply going straight on Cirque Drive West. After the 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 first left-hand turn (70th Ave. Court West). Into the gate phone, key-in “001”; we will answer and buzz you in. Once inside the gate, follow the road to the left as it changes from 70th Ave. Court West to 51st Street Court West. Proceed to the last home on your right... house #6710. Park in the fenced RV lot to the east of the house. If you need further, call David at (253) 460-2753.

The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield



Library opens at 1:00, closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

Getting there:

From north- 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.

Two Chances to Study-Up on “The Blanched Soldier”: April 10 and April 17!

Next South Sound Meeting: Sunday, April 10

If you live in the South Sound-area or simply cannot attend the Regular Monthly Meeting in Seattle on April 17, join us on **Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.** at **Haugens' home** in University Place (*driving directions at left*).

If you have a favourite snack or non-alcoholic beverage you'd like to share, please feel free to bring it along!!

Says PLF David: We're in the home stretch! It's our 56th of the 60 Holmes stories. It appeared in the *Strand Magazine* for November 1926 and is one of only two stories narrated by Holmes—the other being “The Adventure of the Lion's Mane”. Enjoy your read of “The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier” and see you in April!



Sunday, April 17 is Seattle Meeting at Queen Anne Library



The **April 17, 2016** Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m.** at The Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions below at left*).

If you have a favourite snack or non-alcoholic beverage you'd like to share, please feel free to bring it along!!

Says PLF David: We're in the home stretch! It's our 56th of the 60 Holmes stories. It appeared in the *Strand Magazine* for November 1926 and is one of only two stories narrated by Holmes—the other being “The Adventure of the Lion's Mane”. Enjoy your read of “The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier” and see you in April!

In the Months Ahead....

The **May 15, 2016** Regular Monthly Meeting of The SOBs at The Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield (*driving directions at left*) will feature **SOB Ariana “Airy” Maher and her discussion** of that Meeting's scheduled story and her favourite, “The Adventure of the Lion's Mane”.

At our **June 19, 2016** Regular Monthly Meeting, **SOB Margie Deck** tells us we'll be playing “Team Trivial Pursuit” and says, “The questions will be in five categories, limited to only the stories in ‘The Adventures’.”

And, **SOB Vivika Sundqvist** informs us that her subject at our **August 21, 2016** Regular Monthly Meeting will be “A Shanksnag of a Maroon-Party”—with a promise that she'll explain it at the Meeting!!!

There's lots of fun ahead, so put us on your calendar!!

CBS-TV Juggles “Elementary”

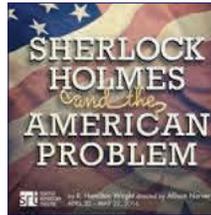
If you thought you'd lost track of “**Elementary**”, which got bumped from its 10 p.m. Thursday slot on CBS, you'll find it—for now—at 10 p.m. on Sundays.

According to Peter Blau, their ratings have declined, triggering rumors that the current, 4th season may be its last. If that turns out to be true, the series will end with a total of 96 episodes, meaning that **Jonny Lee Miller and Lucy Liu will have been seen as Holmes & Watson for more hours in more episodes than any pair of actors**, except Basil Rathbone & Nigel Bruce!!



“Sherlock Holmes and the American Problem”

Seattle Rep Theatre will feature R. Hamilton Wright’s new play, “Sherlock Holmes and the American Problem” from **April 22 to May 22, 2016.**



⇒ **The Club will attend as a group on Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m.**

⇒ **Please call or email PFL David (see P. 4) by April 17 to participate in our group discount! We need 10 to call!!**

⇒ **To book tickets separately from the Club or on a different date, call the Rep before April 8, use the promo code “MYSTERY” to book and get a 20% discount!!**

For tickets, call (206) 443-2222 or click on seattlerep.org.



Watson Picnic is where it’s at on July 16, 2016

The SOBs’ Picnic Chair SOB Paul Williams has again booked Seahurst Park in Burien, WA for our **Annual Dr. John H. Watson Picnic**. This is our **20th** Watson Picnic and it’s scheduled for Saturday, **July 16, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

It’s a potluck, so please bring some sunscreen, some food and some drink to share! But, please, absolutely **no** alcohol, **no** smoking and **no** balloons are permitted!

Come for breakfast, come for lunch, or make it brunch! Bring your family, bring your friends!! It’s where it’ll be at when you experience PFL David’s game!!

Haugens will host the coffee and breakfast treats at 9:00 a.m.! Driving directions will be provided in the June issue of *Twaddle*!!

Sherlock Seattle presents Watson Washington!

For years Sherlock Holmes has been the man of the hour, but now it’s time to shine the spotlight on an equally worthy character—Dr. John H. Watson! So, this year we bring you **“Watson Washington”**—a convention where we celebrate all things Watson, from the original ACD Canonical stories to the latest incarnations of the world’s most famous doctor!



Sherlock Seattle will hold **“Watson Washington” October 21 to 23, 2016 at the Broadway Performance Hall in Seattle, WA.**

Early Bird Membership rates are good through March 31, 2016. Basic Memberships for the weekend are \$40; VIP memberships, \$60.

Thereafter, the cost will be \$60 and \$80 respectively, so save some money and buy your membership NOW!

As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so Sherlock Seattle is looking for Staff and Volunteers to make “Watson Washington” their best convention yet!

To buy memberships or volunteer, go to: <http://www.sherlock-seattle.org>.



The SOBs’ Masters’ Dinner a Smashing Success!

In celebration of our 33rd Masters’ Dinner on March 5, 2016, the best fun was watching the surprise on Airy Maher’s face when she realized she was the one receiving a Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Citation!!! (Photo at left by SOB VP Kashena Konecki)

Equally honoured that day was SOB Carl T. Wirth of Omaha, NE who was not present but who also received a 2016 Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Citation!! When notified by email of his win, said Carl, “I am speechless, which in my case takes a lot. I really have enjoyed my membership by distance with the SOBs. I wish I could consult my Bradshaw and see when the next train to the far northwest is and thank everyone in person.”

A Mystery Awaits!

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Footprints, splatter patterns and the powers of observation mark the journey through **“The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes”**, coming to Seattle’s Pacific Science Center, **October 15, 2016 through January 8, 2017.**

The interactive experience combines science with history and culture to bring to life the historic underpinnings of author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s rich and vibrant stories.

Guests will learn how Sherlock Holmes, used seemingly trivial observations of clues others missed to solve some of his era’s most mysterious crimes. His practices and techniques, created in the mind of doctor-turned-author Conan Doyle, changed the way police work was conducted and remain in practice today.

The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes features original manuscripts and period artifacts, investigative tools influenced and used by Sherlock

Holmes, and interactive crime-solving opportunities. Guests will be transported into Sherlock Holmes’ London to solve a crime in a world filled with innovation and experimentation—and just receiving its introduction to his ground-breaking methods.

Tickets will be available soon.

More on the next Page!



The Sound of the Baskervilles By appointment of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria

Ineffable Twaddle

The monthly publication of The Sound of the Baskervilles A Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars since March 31, 1980 Serving the Greater Puget Sound Region of Western Washington, USA

President: David Haugen, PFL, SOB, PSC
 Vice President: Kashena Konecki (konecki@gmail.com)
 Treasurer: Hank Deck (spanawaydeck@yahoo.com)
 Secretary/Editor: Terri Haugen (terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com)
 Board Member Emeritus: Al Nelson (ahnelson3@outlook.com)
 Lending Librarian: Sheila Holtgrieve (sheilaholtgrieve@gmail.com)
 Webmaster: Stuart Nelan (stu.nelan@gmail.com)
 Sunshine Chair: Pat McIntosh (magnoliamci@centurylink.net)

Direct correspondence to:
 The Sound of the Baskervilles
 6710 – 51st Street Court West
 University Place, WA 98467-2287
 Phone: (253) 460-2753
 Email: david@soundofthebaskervilles.com
 Website: <http://www.soundofthebaskervilles.com>

The SOBs Masters' Dinner...

Continued from Page 3

The Italian buffet at Angelo's in Burien was again sumptuous, as was the cake we bought to celebrate the event.

Two-Year Membership Certificates were presented to nine SOBs at this Dinner—some present, some not—and included (*in order of joining from March 2013 to February 2014*): Sue Reid, Erika Carlson, Don Hodge, Lauren Messenger, Ariana "Airy" Maher, Dawn Kravagna, Angela Day, Shannon Wallace and Larry Raisch.

PFL David gave toasts, Members Margie Deck, Margaret Nelson and Al Nelson gave toasts, and we were again entertained with songs by the Seattle Carpool Chorus (made up of Sheila Holtgrieve, Kashena Konecki, Airy Maher and Lauren Messenge). Announcements included the upcoming change in our Webmaster and future SOBs and guests who will be giving the Club presentations during the balance of 2016. After dessert, our 2016 Beaten's Christmas Annual was delivered to smiles all round.

For more info & pictures, see our website!!!

Member News & Notes

SOBs attending our March 20, 2016 Meeting, presided over by PFL David Haugen were:

Margaret Nelson	Al Nelson	Terri Haugen
Sheila Holtgrieve	Airy Maher	Stephen Adkins
Lauren Messenger	Lloyd Hedberg	
Melinda Michaelson		

The Sound of the Baskervilles ... is a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars, serving the greater Puget Sound Region of Western Washington, U.S.A., and has met monthly since March 31, 1980.

\$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 or to renew your membership, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only)—to the address shown at left.

● **Lloyd** was back after a long, long absence. Simultaneous to his wanting to rejoin our Club was our need to fix our website after we got "locked out". As **Webmaster Stu Nelan** has had to withdraw that position and until our new **Webmistress Shannon Wallace** is up and running, Lloyd has graciously agreed to step in as our temporary webmaster!! Merci beaucoup, Sir!! ☺ PFL David remembered his briefcase this time, so we had a good discussion and quiz on "The Three Gables". Not surprisingly, with their easy-to-hear voices, was a 3-way tie between **Airy, Sheila** and **Lloyd**!! ☺ **Sheila** asked us all to be super supportive over the coming months to The SOB Team when the next "John H. Watson Society Annual Treasure Hunt" competition opens this summer!! **Lauren Messenger** and **Melinda Michaelson** have volunteered to lead our Club in this world-wide contest! PFL David plans to fill in their possible lack of research materials...gratis...and all our SOB Members across the country are encouraged to offer help as needed!! (*As drafters of this year's Treasure Hunt, our winning team of Margie Deck and Sheila Holtgrieve have had to bow out of the competition this year!!*)

One last thing for your 2016 Planning Calendar!

"*Sherlocked 2016*" will be held in London September 23 to 25 and attendance will cost you a mere £34 per day or £69 for a 3-day pass. But, to get the real experience, you'll want to consider the Silver Pass at £175, the Gold Pass at £295, the Platinum Pass at £595, or the VIP Package at £2,999—each including increasingly-better "swag"!!!