



Ineffable Twaddle

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

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

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"Happy Anniversary to Us,..."!



Yes, we SOB's are turning **39-years-old** on March 31, 2019! So join us as we celebrate at our **Anniversary Tea on Saturday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m.** at Carroll Clemens' beautiful home in Federal Way. **Bring a friend... everyone is welcome!** ♣



It's a potluck, share and any unusual serving pieces or utensils your food might require! Carroll generously provides the non-alcoholic beverages! ♣ Look for food, entertainment, fun and lots of great stuff in our free raffle!

Driving Directions to Carroll'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.

Honorees, Recognitions, Winners at 2019 Masters' Celebration

THE FACTS:

- Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross won our "Footprints of a Gigantic Hound" Award!
- Vivika Sundqvist and Sunny Even won the Sherlockian Charm Bracelet drawing!!
- And, a dozen SOB's were recognized for earning their 2-year membership certificates and member ID numbers!!!

Many persons, places and things were honored as well with toasts and kind words throughout the event, many other winners went home with great stuff from our free drawing, and our 2019 issue of Beaten's Christmas Annual was delivered—to good reviews! In between it all was lots of food and drink, photos and smiles, and fun!!

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Renewal Dues are Now Due

Are your dues paid for the April 2019 to March 2020 fiscal year??

If not, now's the time to act!

Renew online using

PayPal at: [http://](http://soundofthebaskervilles.com/news/join/)

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Or, send your check—payable to

"The Sound of the Baskervilles"

—to our Treasurer:

Melinda Michaelson

P. O. Box 7633

Tacoma, WA 98417

Newer Members: If you joined after July 1, 2018, chances are you paid a lower, prorated rate to join through March 31, 2019, so it's time for you to renew as well! Rates are:

\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families

(U.S. funds only).

Thank you all!

Renewal deadline is March 31!

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Due to Easter, April Meeting
is on Sunday, April 14
one week early!



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.

“How much is in the writer’s words,...”

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, 2019—one week early, on Palm Sunday**—at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch), located at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*). *If you have a favorite snack, please bring it along to share!*

As Program Chair Sunny Even suggests: Victorian literature liked to play with the ideas of identity, disguises and the masks we wear for society—perhaps because they were so rigidly enforced. No right-thinking Victorian would connect the up-standing Mr. Neville St. Clair with the grotesque beggar Hugh Boone. Doyle uses this status-conscious bias to propel the mystery behind “The Man with the Twisted Lip”. In spite of the clues, the reader, along with Holmes & Watson, are playing catch-up to the end.

Is it my imagination that there’s an undercurrent of disapproval over St. Clair’s chosen “profession?” Does Doyle present St. Clair’s deception in the same forgiving light as he does Holmes’: when the detective gleefully assumes disguises to play others for the fool? Is St. Clair a performer or is he a cheat? It’s hard to say—for me, this is one of the more intriguing aspects of reading popular literature 130 years after the fact. How much is in the writer’s words, and how much is in how we receive them?

Here’s Charlie Cook’s Quiz on “The Man with the Twisted Lip”

1. Name the woman who burst into Dr. And Mrs. Watson’s domicile.
2. Why did she seek their help?
3. Where did Watson find the solution to the woman’s problem?
4. What else did Watson discover when helping the woman?
5. Holmes told Watson a story about what gentleman?
6. What was the gentleman’s wife stunned to see?
7. Name the old cripple who lodged in a room above an opium den.
8. How did the cripple earn his income?
9. Who ran the opium den?
10. What was in the pockets of a coat found on the mud bank of the river?
11. Who murdered the missing gentleman?
12. Why did the cripple do what he did?



Answers may be found on Page 5



A Weekend of Scholarship and Camaraderie

Coming this year to the Pacific Northwest

Friday, October 11, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to
Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

University Place Hotel & Conference Center,
310 S.W. Lincoln Street, Portland, OR

Call: 1.866.845.4647

Start planning your attendance now, and make yourself known to other SOB Members!!

We already have requests for roommates, and carpooling and volunteering should be considered!

Head to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/357827828136779/>

where you’ll see an outline of this weekend event’s schedule, and links to the conference venue and hotel.

When booking your rooms, **the code for special room rates is: GROUP**

The Left Coast Sherlockian Symposium will be a fun and educational weekend of talks, socializing and friendship in Portland, Oregon...“molded in the image of other Sherlockian events around the United States”.

◆ **With proud support of THE SOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES and its Members!** ◆

Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **Our own Sunny Even** got mention in Peter Blau's current newsletter (*Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press*) wherein he expanded on **SUNNY'S ESSAY** ("A STREAM OF CONSCIOUSNESS...") IN OUR FEBRUARY 2019 ISSUE (Vol. 38, Issue 2, Page 1) with this: "Gregory Dowling's essay on 'G. K. Chesterton's Father Brown Stories: The Debt to Sherlock Holmes', is available as a free download at www.academia.edu, a website that offers free access to more than 22 million research papers—including 300 with "Sherlock Holmes" in the title.

⇒ **SOB Cara Cross**: I have a large selection of Sherlock Holmes items for purchase at **MY SPACE IN THE PACIFIC RUN ANTIQUE MALL IN TACOMA UNTIL JULY 1, 2019**. Included in the display are games, puzzles, photos, posters, statues, pins, watches, teddy bears, dolls, and more. New items will be added periodically. Don't forget to bring your coupon to receive a 15% discount on any item above \$5 in my space #40 (*coupon is a 2nd attachment for those receiving IT by email; snail-mailers will receive a hard copy of the coupon!*).

⇒ **From President Fran Martin of The Stormy Petrels of B.C.**: Here is the link to the **LATEST PETREL FLYER**: http://bit.ly/Petrels_2018_4.

⇒ **Received from both VP Kashena and Cameron Brandon**:



The **THIRD ROBERT DOWNEY JR. AND JUDE LAW SHERLOCK HOLMES MOVIE** has now been delayed until Christmas 2021 from Christmas 2020. Read more at: www.hollywoodreporter.com/heat-vision/sherlock-holmes-3-pushed-back-christmas-2021-1192230

⇒ **SOB PFL Davdid sent this eblast in late February**: The **2019 RAZZIE AWARDS** have been announced and "Holmes & Watson" took home four of them—Worst Picture, Worst Director (Ethan Cohen), Worst Supporting Actor (John C. Reilly) and Worst Remake, Rip-off or Sequel. Two other categories show that not only was that movie in the running for more but so was Jonny Depp: Worst Actor, a tie—Johnny Depp ("Sherlock Gnomes") and Will Ferrell ("Holmes & Watson"); and Worst Screen Couple—Johnny Depp "and his fast-fading film career" (in "Sherlock Gnomes") and Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly ("trashing two of literature's most beloved characters" in "Holmes & Watson").

• Members couldn't help but respond:

KC, MO SOB PAUL NAHER: Thank you, at least we can't say we haven't been warned!

SEATTLE SOB ANN MILAM: Tell me you didn't watch it! Lots of promo but the initial reviews...oh, my!

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Calling all Writers, Puzzlers, Poets, Illustrators, Cooks, Reviewers and Jokesters!

Serious or silly, it's all good!

Would you like to see your essay, story, review, pastiche, cartoon or research work published?

- To contribute to our monthly newsletter, **Ineffable Twaddle**, you're encouraged to limit your writings to 350 words. Submissions are taken throughout the year.
- To contribute to our **Beaten's Christmas Annual** (more than 350 words), there's much wider latitude. Submissions are taken in the 4th quarter of the year, with a December 31 deadline.

Please send any queries and submissions to Editor Terri at:

terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com

Surely you've got something to say about Holmes, Watson, Doyle, the Canon or Victorian-era England...about books, movies, TV shows or audio materials! Share it!

For our Newer Members

Our springtime renewal period is always a good time to think about your Canonical name!!

Here are our Club's rules:

- Your Canonical Name (alter-ego) may be any person, place or thing from Sherlockiana with which you'd like to be identified! No one in the Club, however, may "be" Holmes, Watson, Moriarty or Irene Adler—ever! If the alter-ego you want is currently held by another active Member, you may not select that one!
- If you have chosen an alter-ego but don't know if your choice of a person, place or thing that is already taken by one of our active Members, please phone or email Editor Terri to find out in advance if your choice is already taken. Some of our more interesting alter-ego selections: "The Black Formosa Corruption" (DYIN), "Victor Trevor's bull terrier" (GLOR), "Café Noir" (MUSG), "Sigurson" (EMPT), "Bag of Tigers" (EMPT), and "The Busy Bee" (CREE). Feel free to be creative!



PLEASE RENEW NOW!

March is our annual Dues Renewal month!

This means dues are due by March 31!!

Renew using PayPal (on the "Join" page at our website), or use the Application that accompanies this issue of Ineffable Twaddle!!

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♥ An excerpt of the intro of our 2019 Footprints winners,

Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross: This recognition—our Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Award—is LONG, LONG overdue!! ... Remarkably the SOBs who are being recognized today have been continuous members for the last 21 years—having joined in January 1998. ♦ One member of this family was a long-time fan of Sherlock Holmes before joining our Club. Having amassed quite a collection of books, films, statuary, bears, music and other ephemera, this member has on a couple of occasions displayed portions of his impressive collection in the Hobby Hall at the Washington State Fair! ♦ Another member of this family grew into quite the Canonical expert over these past 21 years. This one has contributed articles and photo art to *Beaten's* and has shown a bent for acting, as demonstrated at the last couple of International Sherlockian Summits. ♦ Both these members have donated time to this Club by hosting various events and Masters' Celebrations like this one, by being a very active part of any South Sound Meeting we have, and have been most generous in their donation of Sherlockian stuff, *so that our younger and newer members can begin amassing their own collections.* ♦ On a personal note—since this is almost our only opportunity to tell you personal things about other members—*both* these SOBs spent long careers employed by Pierce County, are super talented and avid gardeners, have three “kids” and 6 grandkids! He's a freak about anything Christmas, they're both crazy about jazz, and she added “shopkeeper” to her resume last year. ♦ In case you haven't guessed who we're talking about, he's the man with “two first names”—no, not Harry James—but **Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross**—the parents of our first non-human member!! ♦ You see, we have Cara to thank for today's lovely venue, as well as several very successful such banquets at the best Pierce County Parks' facility, and Geoff to thank for the many, many donations he's made over the years of great stuff for you to choose from in our free, free, free raffles!! And, they were the generous benefactors of the Sherlockian-themed charm bracelets that we're raffling off today!! ♦ Please give a rousing round of applause to our 2019 winners of The Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Award—**Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross!!** *(Photo above by SOB Dawn Kravagna)*



♥ While Vivika and Sunny won the Sherlockian charm bracelets, the Club benefited greatly by the donation of \$150—with 12 Members donating \$5 per chance for 30 tickets!! ↗

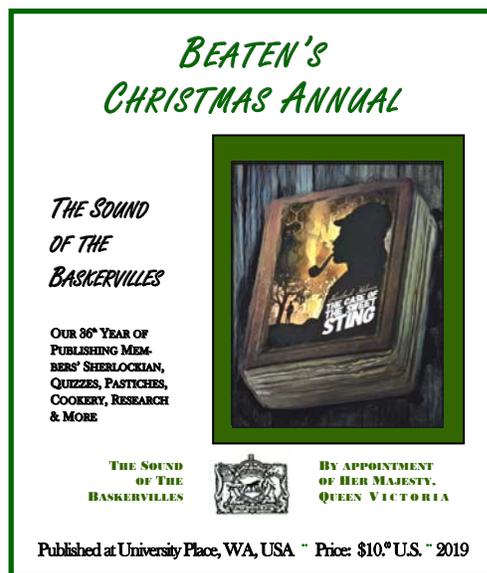
♥ Earning their 2-year membership* certificates and member ID numbers at this year's banquet were (from longest-term to newest):

<i>Dan Polvere, BSI;</i>	<i>Alexander Snow;</i>
<i>Diane Johnson;</i>	<i>Francis Bond;</i>
<i>Gary Thaden;</i>	<i>Sunny Even;</i>
<i>Chris “Bear” Berwald;</i>	<i>Nancy Holder & Mark Mandell;</i>
<i>Phillip Bergem, BSI;</i>	<i>and Elinor Gray</i>
<i>Melanie Briganti;</i>	

* “2-year Members” are those recognized at the first Masters' Celebration following their completion of two full renewal cycles

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Our 2019 Beaten's is Now Available



We've got more than 30 different SOBs contributing more than 25 different essays, poems, quizzes, puzzles, reviews, illustrations and interesting factoids and sidebars!

That's our 2019 issue of *Beaten's* (at left) and it's hot off the press

and was delivered at our Annual Masters' Celebration on March 2!

It's sixty pages of stories, research, and scholarship—amongst a bunch of fun and silliness!

For long-term Members, you know your first copy of *Beaten's* is free every year; additional copies are available for \$5 per copy.

For newer Members: In the first year of your membership, copies of *Beaten's* are available for \$5 per copy. Thereafter, while your membership is in good-standing (*by continuous payment of your annual dues*), you'll receive the Annual at no additional cost—over the annual dues rate you pay (\$20 for individuals; \$30 for families).

We think you'll like this issue of “*The Sound of the Baskervilles' Beaten's Christmas Annual*” and will get many hours of reading enjoyment!

Email me to obtain additional copies at: terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com

Kudos and thanks to all our talented contributors!!

— Editor Terri

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Interspersed through our meal Members offered up celebratory toasts:

PFL David's offerings included:

- Watson's faithful orderly Murray—"...Without whom!";
- The literary agent, Sir Arthur, of whom his

official website says that one of the examples of "his impish sense of humor was when he would respond to autograph requests by signing 'Dr. John Watson'";

- **Dr. John H. Watson**—"that fixed point in a changing age";
- And, of course, **Sherlock Holmes**—the other half of our dynamic duo—and all our SOB Members, near and far!!
- Here's a sample of David's words for the Queen herself—*She held many titles during her lifetime. For her first eighteen years she was known as "Her Royal Highness Princess Victoria of Kent", even though her real first name was "Alexandrina". (The "Alexandrian Era" just doesn't have the same ring.) From May 1876 to 1901 she was also "Her Imperial Majesty The Empress of India" or "Victoria Regina Et Imperatrix (Victoria, Queen and Empress)". So, in "The Musgrave Ritual", Holmes could have actually put "VRI" in bullet pocks on the wall of 221B. In addition to these titles, as the male-line granddaughter of a King of Hanover, Victoria also bore the titles "Princess of Hanover" and "Duchess of Brunswick and Lunenburg". Then, as the wife of Prince Albert, she held the titles "Princess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha" and "Duchess of Saxony". But we salute her today as the general populace of Great Britain did from 20 June 1837 to 22 January 1901: **To Queen Victoria!***

Sheila Holtgrieve: A poem to the "Coast of Cornwall"—



*Coming to the coast of Cornwall
Hoping to see the woman he loves
Dr. Sterndale finds her dead, brothers insane,
and suddenly he's bereft of his hopes.*

*He knows what caused this situation
He brought the root to Cornwall himself.
But, how did it get into the Tregennis house?
In the fireplace, in the food, on a bookshelf?*

*Vicar Roundhay comes running to Holmes,
Watson sees Dr. Agar's prescription for rest disappear
Holmes goes on the scent and focuses on Mortimer
And soon all the clues become clear.*

*Holmes tries burning the root, nearly kills Watson and himself
One might even call them dopes,
But as the case comes together,
Mortimer Tregennis is not far from the rope.*

*Holmes shows mercy to Sterndale
As he did for Croker and Trelawney Hope,*



*Sterndale goes back to Africa,
and Holmes and Watson depart from beautiful Cornwall coast.*

Margaret Nelson: A toast to a 20th century phenomenon—

Prior to each moon mission, our astronauts would review moon topography near their intended landing sites. One of the moon's craters, about a kilometer from the 1972 Apollo 17 landing site, was chosen to be named "Sherlock" after Sherlock Holmes by astronaut and geologist Jack Schmitt. Schmitt wrote, "Sherlock Holmes, whose adventures were preserved for us by Dr. Watson, was not only the world's most famous and most brilliant detective, but was also one of the leading geological thinkers..."

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"Dark Places, Wicked Companions, and Strange Experiences"

On **August 8 through 11, 2019**, The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota, the Friends of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota, and the University of Minnesota Libraries will hold **a conference to surprise and entertain attendees with the many dark places, wicked companions and strange experiences that Mr. Holmes and other characters have encountered.** The conference will be held at The Graduate Hotel on the U. of M. campus with an accompanying exhibit at the Elmer L. Andersen Library, home of the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota. The registration fee of **\$240 per person** includes all presentations, Saturday lunch and banquet dinner, refreshments at breaks, and conference keepsakes. (Additional Saturday evening banquet dinner for non-registered guests is \$70 per person.) Please make your check payable to "The Norwegian Explorers" and return it—with **your completed PDF registration form no later than July 19, 2019**—to the address on the form. **For registration via PayPal and the PDF registration form—including information on programming info, lodging and transportation—go to:**
www.norwegianexplorers.org/2019_conference.html

Answers To Cook's Quiz on TWIS on Page 2:

1. Kate Whitney.
2. Her husband was missing for two days.
3. An opium den called "The Bar of Gold".
4. Sherlock Holmes was also there.
5. Neville St. Clair.
6. Her husband in the window of the floor above working.
7. Hugh Boone.
8. He was a beggar.
9. Lascar.
10. 421 pennies and 270 half-pennies.
11. No one.
12. He could make more money begging than working.

Gloger Comments on STOC

Though unable to attend our March Meeting due to a health issue, SOB Sheldon Gloger wanted to share his input on our study that day of “The Stock-broker’s Clerk”, which follows—

About the Stock-broker’s clerk, if no one else mentioned it, I would tell what I learned when I studied the life of (Paul) Julius Reuter who made it big when he moved to London.

I have not had the time to research this idea so that I would not be surprised if it has already been covered by an article in a Sherlockian publication somewhere during the past 100 years.

So, if the following thought about the clerk has already been considered and maybe even dismissed, I apologize for bringing it up. If it is a new idea, then perhaps someone will research it better for presentation when “The Stock-broker’s Clerk” is next featured.

Until the lifetime of Sherlock Holmes, it would have been beneath the dignity of European royalty to associate with business. It was an untouchable activity across the continent. Reuter would have had a hard time making it by staying in Berlin.

But it was different across the Channel. British upper-class approved of “trade” as being as dignified as hunting foxes and so supported the best talent to get ahead, no matter what class that talent came from. (*Think of the Stock-broker’s clerk as a clever, competent fellow, maybe a Cockney as we listen to his words as reported by Watson.*)

Give the Prince Consort Albert credit since he sponsored the “Glass Palace” that showcased industry as being fine for royalty to support. It was no accident, then, that old-fashioned continental European royalty looked down at England as the land of trade, but Albert took that as a complement.

The Reuters News Agency was one of those companies that promoted its best—ignoring blue-bloods. Its most famous chief officer who led the company to dazzling heights of success, was born lower class. This could not have happened in Berlin, Rome, Warsaw or from the Limehouse neighborhood. Only well-connected royalty would be given the job. But in Reuters, it might have been our very own Stock-broker’s clerk after years of steady, deserved promotion.

This idea allows Brits to laugh at us Yanks for our famous belief, “Only in America.” Victorian Brits would know better: That “Only in London” could a Cockney make it to the top.

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Hall Pycroft shook his clenched hands in the air. “Good Lord!” he cried, “while I have been fooled in this way, what has this other Hall Pycroft been doing at Mawson’s? What should we do, Mr. Holmes? Tell me what to do.”



More Things to See, Buy...

SUMTER, SC SOB CHARLIE COOK:

In my never ending quest for everything Sherlock, I prudently eschewed the “Holmes and Watson” experience. For that I was awarded the wisest person in the room. I did the nominations, was the only candidate and was the only one in the room.

It’s always nice to receive an award!

OLY, WA SOB PATT O’NEILL WROTE SIMPLY: ROFLMFAO!

⇒ From SOB Cameron Brandon:

Slash Films has listed **THE TOP 70 HOLMES MOVIES WHETHER BROADCAST ON TV OR IN THEATRES**. I usually don’t care for these types of articles, but it was cool to see who was in each movie, and whether it was Canonical. You can find many of them on YouTube. **HERE ARE THEIR TOP 10:**

- 10 Sherlock: A Scandal in Belgravia (2012, Cumberbatch, PBS-TV)
- 9 Sherlock Holmes and the Voice of Terror (1942, Rathbone)
- 8 Sherlock: The Great Game (2010, Cumberbatch, PBS-TV)
- 7 The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959, Peter Cushing)
- 6 Sherlock: A Study in Pink (2010, Cumberbatch, PBS-TV)
- 5 Without a Clue (1988, Michael Caine)
- 4 Sherlock: The Lying Detective (2017, Cumberbatch, PBS-TV)
- 3 Terror By Night (1946, Rathbone)
- 2 The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes: The Master Blackmailer (1992, Granada TV, Brett)
- 1 Murder By Decree (1979, Christopher Plummer)

For more: www.slashfilm.com/sherlock-holmes-movies-ranked/ & www.slashfilm.com/sherlock-holmes-movies-ranked-part-2/

⇒ From Jean Upton of the London Scion’s District Messenger:

As for choosing one’s own favourite Holmes, Paul Thomas Miller (“The Shingle of Southsea”) endorses the philosophy that “All Holmes is good Holmes,” and consequently founded **DOYLE’S ROTARY COFFIN**, “A society formed for the sole purpose of whole-heartedly and contrarily enjoying stupid Holmesiana regardless of how Canonical others consider it to be.” Learn more (and even print off your own membership card) here: <https://sites.google.com/site/doylesrotarycoffin/what>

⇒ From PFL David: “TALK ABOUT SHERLOCK” IS A NEW MONTHLY AUDIO BLOG by Mattias Bostrom; in the first episode (“The Walking Out Mystery”) he discusses the impact of the Will Ferrell/John C. Reilly film “Holmes & Watson” and wonders whether the reported “mass walkouts” actually occurred. In the second episode (“The Micah Clarke Effect”) he discusses the importance of Doyle’s historical fiction. You can listen to both the episodes of his blog at www.talkaboutsherlock.libsyn.com.

⇒ SOB VP Kashena Konecki told us at the March Meeting that Brittany Cavallaro, author of...

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of his time. His knowledge of London soils and many other aspects of nature, combined with his use of deductive reasoning, serve as examples to all who aspire to understand the worlds around us."

Author Note: For your convenience, the U.S. Mint shows the general area of Sherlock on the reverse of the bicentennial Eisenhower silver dollar, and the handout you received today shows a photo of the moon, the silver dollar and the location of this "out-of-this-world" Sherlock. Thanks to Peter Blau who told us this story when he visited in October 2017. See the NASA website: www.hq.nasa.gov/alsj/a17/a17.site.html

Geoff Jeffery: Gave a heart-warming toast to his wife of over 40 years, Cara Cross!

Amid all the excitement we were again treated to a performance by **The Carpool Chorus**—Sheila Holtgrieve, Airy Maher, our Webmaster Shannon Wallace & our VP Kashena Konecki (*sans this year our Associate Editor Lauren Messenger*). Chorus leader Sheila is working hard to gain permission from the composer to reprint the text in our 2020 *Beaten's*, but the song's title was "My Sherlockian Favorite Things" and it was sung to the tune of "My Favorite Things" from the 1959 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music"!!



To top it off, Ed Southon brought a car full of Sherlockiana that he was donating to Club. He is moving to Pittsburg (*Boo hoo!! Bye, Ed!!!*), and his move is our gain.

Then there were lots and lots of smiling faces giving photo ops to our photogs! Photo credits go to our Twitter Administrator Dawn Kravagna, Margie Deck & Editor Terri.

For more on our 2019 Masters' Celebration head over to the blog portion on the Home Page at our website: <http://soundofthebaskervilles.com/>



Even More Things to See, Buy...

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...the young adult series that began with "A Study in Charlotte", HAS RELEASED HER 4TH BOOK, "A QUESTION OF HOLMES". More: www.goodreads.com/series/167543-charlotte-holmes

From SOB Judy Lyen: SOMEWHERE IN TIME UNLIMITED INVITES SHERLOCKIANS TO ATTEND THEIR SPRING EVENT—APRIL 27, 2019, 9 A.M. AT TACOMA'S GRAND CINEMA (606 Fawcett Avenue). Enjoy a private screening of the William Gillette 1916 silent film "Sherlock Holmes". COST FOR THE FILM: \$15. Optional Lunch follows at 1 p.m. at the Olive Branch Café and Tea Room (2501 East D Street, Tacoma). LUNCH OPTIONS RUN FROM \$35 TO \$55 AND INCLUDE THE \$15 PRICE FOR VIEWING THE FILM FIRST. Once thought lost, the film was re-discovered in 2014 and remastered. Hear the film's intriguing story, view the film, and then join us for a post-film luncheon at Gillette's "sumptuous home". For more: <http://costuminginseattle.com/sherlockianinvitation/>

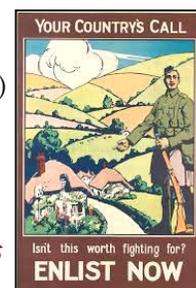


From Peter Blau's Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press: If you have been thinking about subscribing to the BAKER STREET JOURNAL, now's the time to do so, before the spring issue goes to press. Subscribers will receive all five issues, including the Christmas Annual, which will be a tribute both to the late William S. Baring-Gould and his *The Annotated Sherlock Holmes*. Strike while the iron's hot! Subscribe at www.bakerstreetirregulars.com.

THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS PRESS AND THE BSI TRUST WILL HOLD A BOOK FAIR ON APRIL 27 at the Chatham-Summit Quaker Friends Meeting House in Chatham, N.J., from noon to 4:00 pm, offering books from various BSI Press series, and used books and other Sherlockiana that have been donated to the Trust. Email Denny Dobby at dendobry@ptd.net and ask him to email you a list. Proceeds will be used to maintain the BSI Archives at the Lilly Library at the University of Indiana.

Greg Ruby discusses "HOLMES & WATSON IN THE GREAT WAR" (emphasizing Rathbone's and Bruce's military medals) in *The Numismatist* for Feb. 2019. To view: www.onlinedigitalpublishing.com/publication/?i=562102&vr=html5&p=50.

Ed. Note: For more on this subject refer to The SOB's 2017 issue of "Beaten's Christmas Annual" on Pages 47 to 49.





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2019

March 31—Your Dues are Due!!

39th Anniversary Tea,
Saturday, April 6,
1:00 p.m.,
in Federal Way

Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday,
April 14—one week early—1:30 p.m. at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

37th Annual Wreath Throw,
Saturday, May 4,
11:30 a.m.,
in Tumwater

Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday,
May 19, 1:30 p.m. at Queen Anne Library, Seattle

Member News & Notes

Our March 17, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting was presided over by **PFL David Haugen**.

- SOB Members present were:

Cameron Brandon	Sunny Even	Terri Haugen
Sheila Holtgrieve	Lauran Stevens	Judy Lyen
Kashena Konecki	Mike Thomas	Alex Snow
Vivika Sundqvist	Mel Briganti	Dawn Jaekl
Nancy Holder		

- We're pretty sure the low attendance—and on St. Pat's Day too—was because of **Seattle's ComicCon!** We knew that Shannon, Airy and Lauren M, at least, were there!! But **newly-wed Mel B** made it and she was glowing! (Her hubby's name is James!) ★ Our quiz on STOC was very competitive! There were so many tics beside so many people's names that Terri's scoring resulted in categories of winning: Those with more than 15 answers: **Dawn, Sheila** and **Cameron**; more than 10: **Nancy, Sunny, Alex, Mel, Mike, Judy** and **Kashena**; more than 5: **Vivika**. New Members: Remember that scoring in our quizzes it's not whether you answer a question correctly but that Secretary Terri hears your voice!! ★ **Mike** provided a great footnote about "St. Vitus's dance" which Old Mr. Farquhar suffered from and promised to provide an essay on his research! Stay tuned! ★ Re: The 5th International Sherlockian Summit, **Club VP Kashena** will attempt by June to find a venue for the event to be held in November this year; **if she cannot find a suitable venue by June**, the 5th Summit may be re-scheduled **from** this year **to** the autumn of 2020. More later!

- SOB Sherrill Hendrick:** *I am not able to get out*

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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' Celebration" honoring 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.

HELLO!

New Members!

Two Great New Members!!

Please welcome...

Marian Wiggins!

As she wrote us, "I found you through Joel Senter of the Sherlockian E-Times out of Cincinnati. I subscribed to that newsletter until Joel passed away last year. I had seen some of the Granada series on PBS and was drawn to the logic of the stories, the precision of the language, and the relationship between Holmes and Watson. I downloaded "the works" upon retirement and thoroughly enjoyed each of the stories. I live on the Kitsap Peninsula (so) don't know how active I'll be."

That's ok, we'll put Marian in touch with Sunny Even and Nancy Holder who also live over there!!

and, Kitty Holtgrieve!

Kitty is Sheila's little girl and, yes, her dues have been paid! Of note: She's our 2nd non-human member, but was unavailable for an interview!

*right now due of changes in my back over the past couple years...In a few months I may be able to attend a meeting that only requires exiting the car and entering a building within a short few yards...I love the Twaddle and hope to see you lovely people at least once this year! The meeting I was able to attend last year (Masters' Lunch 2018) was delightful with so much laughter and cleverness ensuing! **Ed. Note:** Our Anniversary Tea on April 6 in Federal Way! Would that be very convenient, Sherrill!?? See Page 1!!*