



Ineffable Twaddle

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

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

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December 1 is our Annual Jollification



Kick off the holiday season with a visit to Federal Way! Food and fun to welcome the holiday season: The SOBs' Annual Will Crakes Memorial Jollification!!

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SOB Carol Clemens has invited us to her home on Saturday, **December 1 at 1:00 p.m.** to celebrate our Annual Will Crakes Memorial Jollification!! ♦ **Whip** up your favorite sweet dessert or savory snack and bring it along to share! Your contributions are welcome and highly anticipated!! ♦ **Says PFL David**, "If you haven't attended this event before, we encourage you to start! It is a great way to kick off the holidays! There'll be lots of fun in a relaxed atmosphere with fellow SOBs."

Driving Directions to Carol'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.

"The Man Who Bested Sherlock Holmes"

By Joseph Baron from "My Evening with Sherlock Holmes", compiled by John Gibson and Richard Lancelyn Green

Submitted by SOB Margaret Nelson

For a general review of this tome, refer to Ineffable Twaddle for September 2018 (Vol. 37, Issue 9, Page 1) by Ms. Nelson.

...*"I don't care what you say,"* I exclaimed, enthusiastically; *"my opinion is that Sherlock Holmes will be as great a favorite with posterity as Pickwick or Count Fosco, or anybody else you can name in fiction."*

"Bosh; Rot!" replied my friend. *"Don't libel posterity in that reckless manner; it never did you any harm, and the poor body cannot speak for itself. And why should you imagine it will be so easily imposed upon?"*

"But look at his unique individuality—his wonderful reasoning powers," I retorted.

"Unique and wonderful fiddle-de-dee! I could tell you a story which might somewhat alter your opinions."

My friend Anderson was a particularly smart private detective, specially retained by a burglary insurance company, and I gave him credit for speaking with a touch of professional jealousy. Still, he had brought off some clever captures, and exposed a few people... **Continued on Page 4**

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A Holiday Puzzle from Christmases Past

This "Christmas Anagrams" Puzzle first appeared in our Beaten's Christmas Annual for 2011

Unscramble the clues. Each answer is a word or phrase associated with Christmas.

See if you can find three (3) terms that relate to

The Sound of the Baskervilles' favorite Christmas tale!



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|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Egg insert | 6. Sent reps | 11. Coogs pore |
| 2. Rag men | 7. Berny H. Rake | 12. The war |
| 3. Lance cue blurb | 8. Cog sore | 13. Pianist toe |
| 4. Mans own | 9. Can sled | |
| 5. Match sirs | 10. Cost king | |

Solution may be found on Page 7



Join us on
December 16
for our annual
Cookie
Exchange!!

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.

If you have a favorite snack, please bring it along!

“I had called upon my friend Sherlock Holmes upon the second morning after Christmas,...”

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2018** at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*).

Says this meetings’ Program-Runner Margie Deck: It is December and that means, as always, it is time to talk about ‘The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle’.

For December 2017, the SOBs enjoyed a viewing of the 1984 Granada Television production starring Jeremy Brett and David Burke, and those present voiced general approval of the adaption.

For our 2018 BLUE review, we will watch another television adaption of the tale from 1968; this BBC film stars Peter Cushing and Nigel Stock. Will we like it as well as the Granada film? Will we like it at all?

If nothing else, we can enjoy the very talented Frank Middlemas again this year. In the BBC adaption he portrayed Commis-sionaire Peterson, and sixteen years later he played the hapless (and hatless) Henry Baker later in the Granada film.

Adds PFL David: *Come for our annual discussion of “The Blue Carbuncle”, an autograph session with Margie Deck and Stormy Petrels Fran Martin and Bob Coghill, and stay for the cookie exchange.*



It’s been a year, so refresh your memory on
“The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle”
with **SOB Charlie Cook’s** following quiz:

1. When did Watson call upon Holmes at 221B Baker Street?
2. Holmes told Watson he received what from commis-sionaire, Peterson?
3. For whom was a discarded Christmas goose intended?
4. Who is the owner of the Blue Carbuncle?
5. What reward was offered for the return of the gem?
6. Who was arrested for the theft of the gem and what was his profession?
7. Where was the gem originally found?
8. Where did the owner of the hat purchase his goose?
9. From where did proprietor obtain his geese?
10. What did Holmes tell John Robinson his (Holmes’s) business was?
11. What was John Robinson’s real name?
12. What special feature did the goose with the Blue Carbuncle have?

Answers may be found on Page 5

Coming to the Pacific Northwest in 2019



Left Coast **SHERLOCKIAN SYMPOSIUM**

A Weekend of Scholarship and Camaraderie:

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

**University Place Hotel & Conference Center
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Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ SOB Geoff Jeffery let us know:

● **THE BOOTMAKERS OF TORONTO SCION** will host their last meeting of the year on December 1 with presentations on "The Adventure of the Crooked Man. Also included will be special guest Joe Lapello, author of "Murder Lost to Time", about a 100-year-old Toronto murder mystery that was never solved until now. For more or to register, email: meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca

● **FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE NOT BEEN FOLLOWING "ELEMENTARY"**, there's been a dramatic change: Both Sherlock and Joan find themselves in London at the finale of season 6. Where do they live? Joan is in 221A and Sherlock in 221B on Baker Street.

⇒ **SOB Jody Holm alerted us to this November 14 Tweet:** [CUMBERSTACHE @ElenneMigo](#). A video of Benedict with James Corden. [#BenedictCumberbatch](#) [#CumberLetterC](#) [@CumberbatchSpam](#)



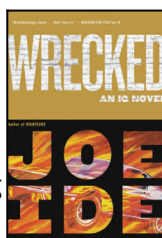
⇒ From SOB Vice President Kashena Konecki:

● **GO TO:** <https://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/2018/oct/31/theater-anti-why-we-adore-sherlock-holmes/#> to learn "Why We Adore Sherlock Holmes" and about the new play, "Holmes & Watson", that just closed at the North Coast Rep (CA) on November 18.

● **CHECK OUT** Canadian PM Trudeau in his Halloween costume for this year at: https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2018/10/31/justin-trudeau-family-halloween-2018-sherlock-holmes_a_23577256/! In years past, he's been Han Solo and Superman!

● **THE WASHINGTON POST NOTED THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS' DAY** with an essay by Michael Dirda titled "A century after the end of World War I, a new look at forgotten masterpieces of the era", in which he makes note of Conan Doyle's contribution to the literature! To read it, go to: https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/a-century-after-the-end-of-world-war-i-a-new-look-at-lost-masterpieces-of-the-era/2018/11/06/408e52c4-e1e4-11e8-ab2c-b31dcd53ca6b_story.html

● **JOE IDE BRINGS CINEMATIC FOCUS AND ACTION TO SHERLOCK HOLMES-INFLUENCED 'IQ' SERIES** The author shows off his screenwriting chops in "Wrecked," the 3rd novel in the series; the dialogue is clever and Ide knows how to stage an action scene. Ide spent almost a decade as a Hollywood screenwriter, selling scripts, doing rewrites and never getting anything produced. But he did learn a few tricks that have served him well as a crime nov-



elist. To see how he morphs his characters into Sherlockians and the full review, go to: https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.seattletimes.com/entertainment/books/joe-ide-brings-cinematic-focus-and-action-to-sherlock-holmes-influenced-iq-series/&ct=g&a&cd=CAEYA CoUMTM3NTY2MDU1MD I4ODwODEyMD AyGmMxOWY1ZWE0ZDFINDIjNWE6Y 29tOmVuOIVT&usg=AFQjCNE_CcUF0gDNP5z0PPmErigB_ocZAA

⇒ **Editor Terri received this announcement at her SOB inbox: TIM SYMONDS IS ONE OF THE MANY AUTHORS ON THE MX PUBLISHING LIST.** He let us know recently about his newest offering, "Sherlock Holmes and the Ninth-Dragon Sigil". Tim's other titles include "Sherlock Holmes and The Mystery of Einstein's Daughter",



"Sherlock Holmes and The Case of The Bulgarian Codex", "Sherlock Holmes and The Dead Boer at Scotney Castle", and "Sherlock Holmes and The Sword of Osman". To contact the author: <http://tim-symonds.co.uk>

⇒ From our Friends at MX Publishing:

● **THE FURTHER CHRONICLES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES—VOL. 1**, by Denis O. Smith is now available (SRP \$14.⁹⁵). They summarize it this way: From the curious clauses in a miser's will, to a plea for help on a tiny scrap of paper, these six cases, from the early years of Holmes' career in the 1880s, present a singular collection of mysteries for the world's first consulting detective to resolve. **Ed. Note:** Smith is known for his ability to write in ACD voice.

● **THE DETECTIVE AND THE WOMAN TRILOGY** by Amy Thomas is also now available (SRP \$34.⁹⁵). They summarize it this way: This Trilogy follows Sherlock Holmes and Irene Adler to the shores of Florida, the Sussex Downs, and the streets of London, where they combine wits to solve crimes and save their friends. An association formed out of personal adversity, the relationship between Holmes and Adler is that of equals but also, in many ways, opposites.

● **An Element of Deceit: A Sherlock Holmes Case** by James Moffett is out now (SRP \$14.⁹⁵). In it the consulting detective and his companion are put to the test when a young woman is found brutally murdered in her lodgings. Scotland Yard is at a loss and time is running out for the two protagonists, with scant evidence and a growing list of suspects.

⇒ **A Package Came from SOB Charlie Cook: SENDING A COUPLE OF ITEMS FOR THE SOB LIBRARY OR WHATEVER, HOPING THE GROUP ENJOYS THEM!** The first item is a Classics Illustrated "featuring stories..." **Continued on Page 5**

“The Man Who Bested Sherlock Holmes”...

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...who had attempted to defraud his company, so I was compelled to regard him as an authority. I invited him to proceed with this wonderful yarn of his.

“Well,” he began, “I was just putting the finishing touches to my breakfast one lovely morning—it was the beginning of July—when I heard the sound of wheels in the street, and looking through the window, I saw a neat little dog-cart pull up at my own door. The driver got down and rang the bell, and a minute later my servant brought in a letter, which I opened. It was brief, and ran as follows:

Luton Square, E ---, 5th July, 1892.

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad to see you as early as possible. A burglary was committed at my house late last night or early this morning, and very valuable property stolen. If you can make it convenient to accompany the bearer, so much the better.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McDonald.

“The driver is to wait for an answer, sir,” my servant reminded me as I stared at the letter.

“Say I will be with him in less than five minutes,” I replied. So I finished my breakfast, and after referring to the directory for information respecting McDonald, who was, it appeared a retired army captain, I went downstairs and entered the dog-cart.

On arriving at Luton Square I was shown into the drawing room, and the captain joined me almost before I was seated. I noticed that his agitation was very great.

“Good morning, Mr. Anderson,” he said, giving me his hand. “I am exceedingly obliged by your prompt compliance with my wishes, and I trust—but before going any further—may I ask if you have any objection to working, if necessary, with a fellow-expert in matters of this kind?”

“None whatever,” I answered. “Who is he?”

“A Mr. Sherlock Holmes,” he said. “I understand he is a specialist.”

“He is a remarkably clever man,” I replied.

“Then perhaps you will kindly follow me,” he said, and he led the way to the dining-room and unlocked the door.

“You see,” he explained, “I thought I’d better lock the room up, so that nothing could be disturbed until your arrival...”

“Morning, Kitty darling,” interrupted a voice, the exact counterpart of the captain’s, finishing with the unmistakable sound of a kiss; then, “How are you, papa?” in a feminine voice. A moment’s reflection convinced me that it was a parrot speaking, and looking up, I found my surmise to be correct.

“Ah, Poll, old woman,” returned the captain, and motioning me to be seated, he began:

“First of all, Mr. Anderson, my small household consists of six persons—myself, my wife, my daughter Kate, a cook, a general servant, and the driver who brought you here. The three servants have been in my employ for years, and I would trust them with untold gold. Now then, yesterday afternoon I received from Messrs. H- - - and C- - -, jewelers of Bond Street, a brooch set with a particularly precious stone—precious to me—and of priceless value by reason of old associations and circumstances connected with it, but I need not trouble you with them. The intrinsic value of the gem may not be more than five hundred pounds and, that of its setting, perhaps another thirty.”

“Keep your hair on, old chap,” said the parrot.

“S-sh, Poll! Well,” continued the captain, “I showed the brooch to my daughter only—for it was a surprise gift to my dear wife, on her birthday, and such a gift as she would prefer to anything this world contains, simply on account of the associations I hinted at just now. After hearing Kitty’s rapturous expressions as to its beauty, and her assurance that for

a similar present on her twenty-first birthday she could be as agreeably surprised as I could desire, I locked the trinket in a private drawer of that cabinet in the corner. On coming downstairs this morning, the first thing I did was go to the cabinet, to feast my eyes with a sight of the brooch, for I had been strangely anxious about it up to going to sleep and had driven myself to dreaming of it, I suppose, by my anxiety, and ugly dreams they were, too, and you would fully appreciate my anxiety if you were acquainted with the history of the gem, and how it has been endeared to us for a quarter century. Mr. Anderson,” and his voice quivered, “imagine my dismay, my agony, when on opening the drawer, I found it empty! The brooch was gone!”

“The brooch, the brooch,” muttered the parrot.

“I cannot describe my feelings at my loss, and though I am not a rich man, I will willingly pay five hundred pounds for the recovery of the brooch.”

“I will examine the cabinet, with your permission,” I said, and as I rose for the purpose of crossing the room, the bird broke forth with:

“Keep your hair on, old boy.” (This in the voice of the driver). “Cook, how are we for butter? Pretty Poll!” The last two remarks in the sweet, feminine tones imitated previously; then in a delicious drawl, “For what we are about to receive, the Lo-ord make us truly thankful.”

“A very clever bird that,” I remarked casually.

“She is a wonderful talker and mimic,” he replied, and was instantly absorbed in my examination of the lock of the secret drawer.

Here the servant entered with a visiting card.

“Tell the gentleman I will be with him immediately,” and as the servant left the room the captain said:

“It’s Holmes, so perhaps you’ll excuse me for a short time. I’ll explain things to him, and bring him in to you. In the meantime, make whatever examination you like.”

He had no sooner gone than I made a complete and exhaustive examination of all that I considered bore on the case, but without result.

“Keep your hair on, old boy! Ain’t it ‘ot? Woa!” All this was in the driver’s voice, rendered with phonographic accuracy, even to the slight cockney accent, and as I looked up at the bird, and saw its head on one side and its eye fixed upon me so comically, it flashed across me all at once that it might possibly know something of the brooch.

I was lost in admiration of the parrot when Captain McDonald came into the room with Holmes, whom he introduced to me. Holmes was dressed in boating flannels and looked more like a middle-aged tradesman out for the day than one of the smartest detectives in London.

“I have given Mr. Holmes the particulars I have given you,” explained the captain, as Holmes went to the cabinet and repeated my performance. “Is there anything you would like to know before I leave the room?”

“Nothing just yet,” said my colleague.

“Just two questions,” I put in, “First, was the parrot in the cage when you were putting the brooch away?”

“Oh, yes,” answered the captain. And Holmes smiled.

“Did you leave the room for a single moment?” I asked.

“No, I simply opened the two drawers, deposited the brooch, locked them up, and went straight to bed.”

“Thank you,” I said, “that is all I require.” And, as he left the room, I turned to see what Holmes was doing. He had done with the locks of the drawers, and was engaged at the window, and looking mighty puzzled,...



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...I can tell you, when the parrot asked, "What're you staring at?"

"Ah, Mademoiselle Psittacus Erithacus," said Holmes. "You are very inquisitive this morning."

"And very insulting too," I remarked. "She called me stupid just now."

"She is a very intelligent bird," he returned sarcastically.

"All right, my friend" I thought, "we shall soon see who is the stupid party. If you can come to any different conclusion to the one I have arrived at you are cleverer than I give you credit for being."

To be continued...join us again next month for the conclusion of "The Man Who Bested Sherlock Holmes"

More Things to See, Buy...

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...by the World's Greatest Authors", No. 52—a **full color, graphic novel** of Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles"! The second is a **playbill** from "The Hound of the Baskervilles" **production** that Charlie attended at The Shaw Festival 18, which he & Diana attend every year! **Ed. Note:** This is the play by R. Hamilton Wright and David Pichette, two Seattle-area playwrights, that many of us attended several years ago at the Seattle Rep Theatre at Seattle Center!

⇒ From San Diego SOB Cliff McInay: **HEADLINED "HOLMES AND WATSON SMART, FILLED WITH CLEVER SURPRISES"**, San Diego Union-Tribune columnist James Hebert's review of North Coast Rep Theater's (Solana Beach, CA) play



"Holmes and Watson" is a good one! "This is one fun, surprising and smartly crafted show. ...(weaving) its own absorbing mystery, complete with clever head-fakes and carefully doled-out clues. ...At NCRT, artistic

chief David Ellenstein directs the piece with a rich sense of atmosphere, capturing the chills and dry-as-sherry wit that courses through (Jeffrey) Hatcher's work. ...makes the play feel convincingly in tune with the Conan Doyle universe, and manages to keep us guessing nonstop about their characters' backgrounds and motives." For Hebert's online review, go to: <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/entertainment/theater/sd-et-stage-holmes-20181005-story.html>

⇒ Notes from PFL David and renowned Sherlockian Peter Blau:

● The upcoming Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly comedy film, "Holmes & Watson", has changed its opening date from December 21 to December 25.

● "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily" is scheduled to be performed at Wade James Theatre in Edmonds, WA from June 14 through June 30, 2019.

⇒ From SOB Bill Seil:

● **"MYCROFT AND SHERLOCK" (\$25.99) IS KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR'S SECOND BOOK** about the great detective and his older brother. Still a teen, Sherlock is just beginning to hone his remarkable skills. The equally brilliant Mycroft has yet to become a vital, if unseen, player in British politics. Someone is committing gruesome murders all over London while a fiendishly clever opium ring flourishes. Realizing that the two are linked, Holmes goes into sleuthing mode.

● **THE SEATTLE TIMES JUST PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE** about a Garfield High School instructor who gave students a chance to go to the Elliot Bay Book Company and not just visit but buy up to \$50 worth of books. He had asked the students to write him a reason why they wanted to go. In the end all students who asked to go were able to go. To read the article go to: seattletimes.com/entertainment/books/seattle-high-school-teacher-shares-the-wonder-of-books-with-students-on-a-different-kind-of-field-trip/

Some Smiling SOB Faces

From SOB Margie Deck: Here's a shot of guest speaker, SOB Elinor Gray, with our VP Kashena Konecki at the 4th International Sherlockian Summit on November 3! For more photos from this event, go to: <https://www.instagram.com/soundofthebaskervilles/>



Solutions to Puzzles & Quizzes

To Quiz on BLUE on Page 2:	
13. Pianist toe = Poinsettia	12. A barred tail
12. The war = Wreath	11. James Ryder
11. Coogs pore = Goose crop	10. To know what other
10. Cost king = Stocking	9. Garden
9. Can sled = Candles	8. Breckinridge's in Covent
8. Cog sore = Scrooge	7. House
7. Berny H. Rake = Henry	6. The Alpha Inn public
6. Sent reps = Presents	5. river in southern China
5. Match sirs = Christmas	4. In the banks of the Amoy
4. Mans own = Snowman	3. John Horner, a plumber
3. Lance cue blurb = Blue	2. £1000
2. Rag men = Manger	1. The Countess of Morcar
1. Egg insert = Greetings	0. Mrs. Henry Baker
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To Christmas Anagrams	
1. On the second morning	2. A very seedy and disreputable hard-felt hat
2. after Christmas	3. table hard-felt hat
3. Mrs. Henry Baker	4. The Countess of Morcar
4. £1000	5. John Horner, a plumber
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Member News & Notes

Our November 18, 2018 Regular Monthly
Meeting in Seattle was presided over by
PFL David Haugen.

● SOB Members present were:

Dawn Jaekel	Sheldon Gloger	Airy Maher
Sheila Holtgrieve	Mel Briganti	Sunny Even
Margaret Nelson	Terri Haugen	Allen Nelson
Cameron Brandon	Jody Holm	Alex Snow
Shannon Wallace	Margie Deck	Stephen Adkins
Kashena Konecki		Ben Featherston
Chris "Bear" Berwald	Sonia Featherston, BSI	

● The month's story was "A Scandal in Bohemia". PFL David's review was brief so that time could be allotted to **SOB Sheldon Gloger**. ★ While the PFL did ask many questions, Editor Terri forgot to keep score, so everybody there was a winner!! ★ Sheldon gave a very lively and interesting talk on his concept that "Irene Adler never wanted to marry Wilhelm"! His thesis is based on 8 probable reasons why, not least of which is her "all-consuming dream" to continue her career as a noted contralto. Watch for more on this topic in our 2019 issue of *Beaten's Christmas Annual* coming this March!!

● Are you interested in attending a South Sound Meeting on **Saturday, January 12th at the home of PFL David & Terri?** Do you want to discuss "The Boscombe Valley Mystery" or do something else; e.g. "What Is My Favorite Holmesian Story?"

● Traveling this autumn, **SOB Ariana "Airy" Maher** headed to Japan to visit her Dad & step-mom and step

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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.

-siblings. Her postcard featured a photo of the Great Torii of Itsukushima (Shinto) Shrine on the popular island of Miyajima! A stunning site!



● **Stephen Adkins** let us know that his professional practice is doing well! At his office in Bothell, WA he provides addiction treatment solutions and administers an opioid-use disorder program! Kudos, Stephen!

● Thanks to **Sonia** and **Margie** for these photos of speaker **Sheldon Gloger** at our November 18 meeting!



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**Regular Monthly
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December 16, 1:30 p.m.**
at Queen Anne
Library, Seattle

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Place (address above)

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