



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



Thank You's All Round



PFL David took time at our December 5 Meeting & Annual Jollification to thank those who've given so much to this Club in 2015, saying, *"This Club does not run on its own, it takes volunteers and members like you who come to our events. So, thank you to:"*

VP Kashena Konecki: Who ran the meetings while I was gone, is our bad weather coordinator, and keeps up our Facebook page.

Hank Deck: Our unsung Treasurer, who is trying to keep our Club financially afloat.

Sheila Holtgrieve: Our Librarian who, by this time, has carried several tons of Sherlockian books to our meetings.

Al Nelson: Who worked so hard to put our November 21 "Sherlockian Summit" together!

Dawn Kravagna: Who keeps up our Twitter page.

Airy Maher: Who keeps up our Tumbler page.

Stu Nelan: Who keeps up our website all the way from Texas.

Carrol Clemens: Who hosted our Anniversary Tea in March and once again invited us to her home for the Jollification.

And, our **talented speakers** who filled-in during my absence last spring:

John Longenbaugh, Vivika Sundqvist and Sonia Fetherston!!

A toast to all those "Without Whom"!!!

It's a New Year: Time for Another of Lauran's Contests!!

The 2016 SOB Contest

Here is your chance to cast **your** perfect Sherlock Holmes film!!!

Imagine yourself as Steven Spielberg and choose your favourite actor / actress for each of the following roles:

- Holmes
- Watson
- Lestrade
- Mrs. Hudson
- Moriarty

Use actors—human or inhuman, alive or otherwise—currently working or from the past. Send a small photo or illustration of each actor, with a notation of the name of the character you want them to play.

Send entries to our Contest Sponsor—SOB Lauran Stevens—at:

109 John Street, Apt. 509, Seattle, WA 98109

All entries must be in **no later than January 31, 2016**, and the winner will be announced at the February 21 Monthly Meeting.

There is only one winner, one prize but it's a **big one**—at least 11 Sherlockian / English items with something to do, something to read, something to see and something to eat!

Plus the winner gets the opportunity to explain their choices in the next issue of *Beaten's Christmas Annual!* It's a contest worth winning, so get casting!



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*"Happy
221B
Holidays"
from
Dwight
& Gayle
Holmes*

Driving Directions to Haugens' Home:

Take Exit #130 off I-5 (whether north- or southbound), 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 Avenue 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 Avenue 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 Three Garridebs”!

Two (2) Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will be held in January 2016.

The first, on **January 10**, will begin at **2:00 p.m.** at **Haugens' home** in University Place (*driving directions at left*). The other, on **January 17**, will begin at **1:00 p.m.** at **The Queen Anne Branch of the Seattle Public Library** (*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:**

“*The Adventure of the Three Garridebs*” is our next story to study—in publication date order!!! According to Watson’s intro to this tale, the events occurred at the “end of June, 1902...the same month that Holmes refused a knighthood for services which may perhaps some day be described.” It involves a letter Holmes gets from a Nathan Garrideb, asking for help in a most peculiar quest. He is looking for another man with his unusual surname, which could mean a \$5 million inheritance for him. He has been approached by another man, American John Garrideb of Kansas, who says that he needs to find others with the same last name. Okay, what’s the deal here?

It’s a story that’s toward the end of the Canon, so chances are you haven’t read it in some time! Better study up!!

All Around the Sound: Theatre Showings of *Sherlock*!!!

The BBCs’ “*Sherlock*” Victorian-era one off (“special”), “The Abominable Bride”, will be broadcast both by BBC-1 in the U.K. and by PBS-TV in the U.S. on Friday, January 1, 2016!!

Watch the cast and crew discuss why they’re going back to Victorian times at youtu.be/xcNt59TuMDA [#Sherlock#221Back](https://twitter.com/Sherlock221B)

“Bride” will then be screened across America in movie theaters on Tuesday & Wednesday, January 5 & 6. These presentations will have extra material, including Stephen Moffat’s guided tour of 221B Baker Street and behind-the-scenes footage from the “making of” this special.

Along the I-5 corridor here in Western Washington, theater screenings will occur at:

- **Auburn** 17 Theatres
- **Barkley Village** with IMAX RPX, **Bellingham**
- **Cascade Mall** 14, **Burlington**



- The Commons at **Federal Way**
- **Issaquah** Highlands with IMAX
- **Kent** Station 14 with IMAX
- **Martin Village** Stadium 16, **Lacey**
- **Alderwood** 7 Theatres, **Lynnwood**
- **Bella Bottega** 11 Cinema, **Redmond**
- **Pacific Place** 11, **Seattle**
- **Thornton Place** with IMAX, **Seattle**
- **Southcenter** 16 with IMAX, **Tukwila**

Fathom is the company setting up these theater viewings, which are at 7:30 p.m. both nights. The price is \$15.75 (*but could vary by location*).

Both the DVD (\$22.99 SRP) and high-def Blu-ray disc (\$29.99 SRP) will be released on January 12. They’ll come with English SDH subtitles. And, you can pre-order on-line now at Amazon and elsewhere. (Amazon’s pricing: \$16.99 DVD, \$21.99 Blu-ray.)



A Few Words from our Veep Kashena Konecki

I'm having a discussion group of sorts on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/soundofthebaskervilles) with my "12 Days of Questions About the Blue Carbuncle" quiz (Thanks to SOB Jean Macdonald's quiz at our Jollification!). I'll post the answers on Christmas Day, if I haven't had too much eggnog!!

If anyone wants to buy something off Craigslist in L.A. and you have \$400 to spend, there's a cool looking table being offered with its top etched with Sherlockian info!!



Sherlock Seattle's convention team will hold a relax-a-con (a mini-con) on **January 23** at the Broadway Performance Hall in Seattle—to tide us over until the actual Convention in October 2016!! To get your \$20 membership to the mini-con, or buy some swag, or purchase your full-con membership, or simply make a contribution to the effort, go to: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/sherlock-seattle-mini-con/>



Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

⇒ "Elementary" Alert!! The team that maintains a non-profit and unofficial fan-site for the CBS television series "Elementary" has announced that they will shut down the website in December. Take a look before it vanishes at www.thedeductionist.net.

⇒ "The Man Who Murdered Sherlock Holmes" is scheduled at the Mercury Theater in Chicago January 20 to March 20. The new musical is by John Reeger (book) and Julie Shannon and Michael Mahler (lyrics and music). For more, go to: www.mercurytheaterchicago.com. (From PFL David: The theater's website gives the following description of the musical: "A world-premiere musical adventure brings the famous detective face-to-face with his creator and killer. Join Sherlock Holmes and author Arthur Conan Doyle as they investigate one final mystery together. This is an all-new story you have never heard before filled with adventure, mystery and romance.")

⇒ **The Adventure of the Grinning Cat**, by Joseph W. Svec III (MX Publishing, \$9.95) brings Holmes and Watson into the world of Wonderland, where they find H. G. Wells' time machine and some Carrollian logic puzzles as well as many of the characters Alice encountered there. The publisher's website is at www.mxpublishing.com.

⇒ There's a new book-edition of "The Hound of the Baskervilles", from Universe and Andrew McMeel (366 pp., \$14.99); the reason there are 366 pages? It's also a day-by-day calendar for 2016. Get it at: www.tinyurl.com/nzgczb.

⇒ **The Witch of Lime Street: Séance, Seduc-**

tion, and Houdini in the Spirit World, by David Jaher (Crown, \$28) is the carefully researched and detailed history of Mina Crandon, whose performances as the medium Margery provided a real test of the Scientific American challenge in the 1920s. Houdini was her most energetic and fervent opponent, and Conan Doyle one of her principal advocates in the 1920s, and the book is a well-written account of their histories and the battle over whether her powers were real or fraudulent.

⇒ "It's kindergarten, my dear," is the attractive sample art work from **Baby Sherlock: The Crumbs of Baskerville**, a children's book by S. Mickey Lin with artwork by Elle Shengxuan Shi. A reader discovered a Kickstarter campaign at www.tinyurl.com/q2h88yb.

⇒ Jim Clark has used modern technology to create a **fascinating virtual movie of Basil Rathbone reciting** Vincent Starrett's classic sonnet "221B" poem; it's available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=12iCXXzKQSU.

THANKS TO PETER BLAU FOR THE 7 ABOVE BULLETED (⇒) items.

• "The Complete Sherlock Holmes": No advertising has yet been seen from Jim French Productions on their issue of "The Complete Sherlock Holmes" radio dramas on DVD, which used the same actors as Holmes & Watson and the same script writer over the last two decades!! **THANKS TO PFL DAVID**

• **A Guide to Deduction: The Ultimate Handbook for Any Aspiring Sherlock Holmes or Doctor...** **CONTINUED ON PAGE 5**



From Editor Terri

If you love Andrew Scott's portrayal of Jim Moriarty, you'll love him in his other roles too! Right now, he's catching up with Cumberbatch and Freeman pretty much being "everywhere" in his burgeoning film career. Did you catch him in the 2014 ensemble film "Pride" with Dominic

West? See it if you can—

Fantastic! Here's a summary of it: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3169706/> And, Sherlockology had great things to say about Andrew in its October 27 review of the new James Bond film, "Spectre".

"...For Sherlock fans, there's a rather good moment relating to his final moments on screen that could be very well appreciated...Most importantly, there's no sign of Jim Moriarty at all here, despite some fairly obvious temptations relating to the material—a testament to Andrew's acting skills."

Hope you are enjoying Mr. Scott as much as I am!!



We'll start the New Year with not one, but **two South Sound Meetings**. Both will begin at **2:00 p.m.** and will be held at Haugens' home in U.P.

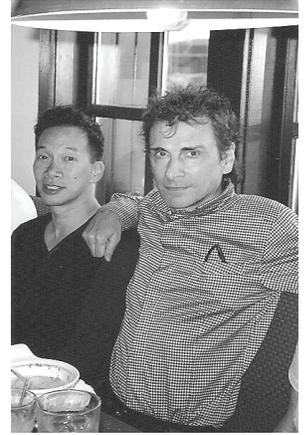
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All are welcome!!

Vintage SOBs: Faces of The Sound of The Baskervilles

At near right, Peter & Kay Chel-emedos; center, Ann Stevens, Barbara Nelson and Ann's daughter, Kat Stevens; at far right, Walter Choy & Michael Phillips...at The SOBs Monthly Meeting, September 2008.



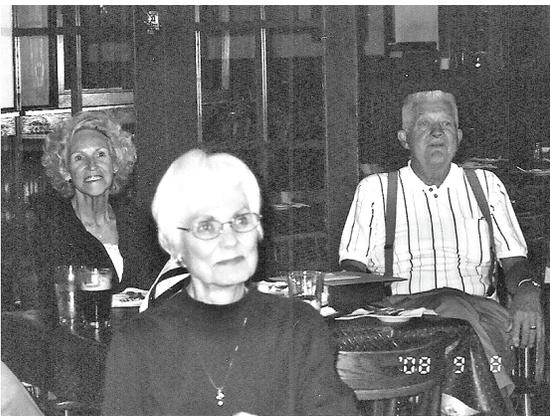
Photos by Terri Haugen



At our September 2008 Monthly Meeting, celebrating PFL David's 25th Anniversary as our President...

Left, Lauran Stevens and Stephen Adkins;

Below left, l to r, Nancy Polley, Joyce Funk and Manson Polley;



Above right, Kate Nelson with her Dad Al Nelson;
Right, Don Mathews reminisces

Photos by Bill Seil, Dwight Holmes & Terri Haugen



Left, Paul & Marcia Naher of Kansas City, MO with their grandkids (circa 2009)

Below right, Bob, John & Becky Geis at a dinner party they hosted when John graduated from Marine boot camp in late 2009; Bob later served multiple active tours of duty in Afghanistan with the National Guard



10 Reasons to Attend the Minneapolis Conference in 2016

- 10 It's in Minnesota in June...yes, June. So no sleet, ice or snow!!!
- 9 It's on the campus of the University of Minnesota which holds the world's largest Sherlockian collection (thanks to the gift made by John Bennet Shaw decades ago). Great stuff to see!!!
- 8 You'll get to see Tim Johnson again, the collection's curator, whom we met in Seattle at last year's Sherlock Seattle Con!!!
- 7 This conference is held only every 3rd year, so you'll have to wait until 2019 for the next one!
- 6 It's co-sponsored by the Norwegian Explorers, the local scion society; so you'll get to meet lots of new like-minded folks!!
- 5 It will be attended by tons of other Sherlockians from around the U.S. and the world—and even more of our own SOBs whom you haven't met yet!!
- 4 The conference hotel (The Commons) is right on the University campus in downtown Minneapolis (www.commonshotel.com). Easily accessible from the airport and rail station!!!
- 3 PFL David is an invited speaker. More opportunity to heckle him!!!
- 2 Haugens will hold a Club-wide contest to award free registration to the winner (1) for conference events (a \$215 value)!!!
- 1 Haugens will hold a Club-wide contest to award \$100 per night toward the winner's hotel stay (3 night limit).

The 2016 joint tri-annual conference is Friday to Sunday, **JUNE 17 TO JUNE 19**. It's titled, and will involve presentations on the subject of, **"THE MISADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES"**.

Go to: www.norwegianexplorers.org to register. Click on the link on the left side of the screen; from the "conference info" page, click on the .pdf registration form. The cost is \$215, which includes breaks, lunch and a banquet on Saturday.

Hotel rooms (*1 king bed or 2 queen beds*) are \$146 per night and should be booked by May 16, 2016 by calling (800) 822-6757 or (612) 379-8888 or clicking www.commonshotel.com. Be sure to ask for a room reserved for the "Sherlock Holmes Conference".

PFL David's currently thinks his talk will focus on how The SOBs have "held it together" during our Club's recent growth, with the new Sherlockian Members we've acquired after the first several Sherlock Seattle Conventions—which will certainly include a contrast between Baby Boomer fans and Gen Y enthusiasts.

BE PART OF PFL DAVID'S GROUPIES, HIS FANS, HIS HECKLERS...WHATEVER!! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT A REAL SCION SOCIETY LOOKS LIKE!!!

FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW!!

Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

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...**Watson** by Hannah Rogers (MX Publishing, \$9.95) is the ultimate handbook for any aspiring Sherlock Holmes or Watson. Building on the massively successful aguidetodeduction.tumblr.com, the book includes not only advice on deducing aspects of an individual but on a wide range of skills every detective needs. Learn how to build a mind palace, interrogate and break codes on a par with the world's only consulting detective. **THANKS TO PFL DAVID**

• Here is a quote from the Christian Science Monitor review on the new children's book **Lock and Mori** by Heather W. Petty: "Each incarnation of the classic British detective (and there have been many) is unique in both characterization and setting. (This one) adds a new layer to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's pantheon: two brainy, tenderhearted kids attempting to protect each other from dangers beyond their ken. Almost all the usual suspects make an appearance: Moriarty, Sherlock, Mycroft, John Watson, even Mrs. Hudson. There's no Inspector Lestrade, or Irene Adler (or) Toby, but catch the pipe reference if you can. True to Canon, this sleuthing tale is rife with intrigues, puzzles, and vivid danger. Read at your own peril--nothing is more electrifying than the hunt for truth." **THANKS TO CLUB**

LIBRARIAN SHEILA HOLTGRIEVE

SOB Vice President Kashena

Konecki is now our "inclement weather coordina-

tor" and is putting together a phone tree and email blast list for our Western Washington Members!!

Please let VP Kashena know if you prefer: a) email contact, or b) phone contact! Email her at: konecki@gmail.com

And, please be sure that your contact info is current on our Membership List!



Newest Member, First in 2016!

Long-time **SOB Frank Bork** of Lancaster, NY learned recently that his great-grandson's favourite book is "Sherlock Holmes" (natch!), so he recruited him into The SOBs!

Our newest Member then is 10-year-old **Logan Bork**, who hails from New Jersey!!

Welcome, Logan!!!

From SOB PFL David

Ben Stiller's **"Zoolander 2"** is due out on February 15th.

The action comedy follows Derek Zoolander and his friend Hansel McDonald as they infiltrate a new and different world of high fashion in order to stop the murder of beautiful people. Benedict Cumberbatch is in this one and his look is certainly different.

The Daily Mail reported in November that, "Critics threaten a boycott of 'Zoolander 2' over Cumberbatch's 'cartoonish' transgender character and say it is the 'modern equivalent of blackface'..."

What do you think?





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

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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 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.



Dates of Interest

- **FRIDAY, January 1**
BBC / PBS broadcast of the "Sherlock" special, "The Abominable Bride"; check local listings for channels and times
- **SATURDAY, January 2**
Re-view & discuss previous night's "Sherlock" special, "The Abominable Bride" at Haugens' in University Place, 2:00 p.m.
- **TUES. & WED. January 5 & 6**
Local-area theatre screenings of "Sherlock" special, "The Abominable Bride"
- **SUNDAY January 10 & 17**
Regular Monthly Meetings, see Page 2 for details

Member News, Notes, Updates

SOBs attending our combined Annual Jollification and Regular Meeting on December 5, 2015, presided over by PFL David Haugen were:

Carrol Clemens	Maffie Rafferty	Terri Haugen
Sheila Holtgrieve	Marcia Marcy	Margie Deck
Shannon Wallace	Vivika Sundqvist	Jody Holm
Kashena Konecki	Margaret Nelson	Al Nelson
Cameron Brandon	Stephanie Trasoff	David Rafferty
Jean Macdonald	Melinda Michaelson	

- **SOB Jean Macdonald's** quiz on BLUE was a real brainteaser!! **Sheila** was the 1st place winner, and **Shannon** and **David R** both confessed to earning the lowest scores!! ☆ PFL David announced that our **2016 Masters' Dinner** is scheduled for March 5 and will again be at Angelo's in Burien. He also reported on the **International Sherlockian Summit**—the gathering of 7 area Sherlockian groups—on November 21 in Mt. Vernon; get the details and see photos on the "**Breaking News**" page of our website!! ☆ **Marcia** brought her two little boys, making the festivities even more fun, and **Carrol** was a fabulous host as usual!!

- Two South Sound events are planned for January at Haugens' in University Place, both beginning at 2:00 p.m. On **Saturday, January 2**, we'll focus on the BBC/PBS broadcast of the "Sherlock" special aired on January 1. On **Sunday, January 10**, we'll conduct a Regular Meeting with discussion and quizzing on "The Adventure of the Three Garridebs".

- **SOB Pat McIntosh** has graciously agreed to be our new Sunshine Chair—sending out all those "get well", "sympathy" and "thinking of you" cards to Members in need! Keep us posted if you know anyone who needs a bit of cheering up!

- **SOB Ginnie Romnes** is doing pretty well. She's through the first round of chemo and onto a second, less-strong round. She IS a real fighter!! Please drop her a card when you can to: Ginnie Romnes, 18226 SE 164th Street, Renton, WA 98058

- **SOB Don Mathews** not only wrote to us but called us too! He's in rehab right now, sounds good, is grateful for our kindness and misses us all! Let's send cards to him at his cousin's in ID, who will forward them to him! That's: Don Mathews, P.O. Box 213, Elk City, ID 83525

- **Long-time (1983) SOB Kathleen Jane Dunlap** wrote in early December saying, "My dear mother, Kitty, died December 2—just 8 days before her 95th birthday. She was an amazing woman and I will miss her so. Have cared for her for 16.5 years, so I have a huge adjustment to make." Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Kathleen!

- **Membership Listing Update: SOB Barbara Nelson's** phone number should read (425) 640-2126, and **SOB Annie Becker's** email should read: iamanniebecker@gmail.com.

- **Dues Reminder:** Thanks to those who have already sent their 2016/2017 renewal dues!! ☆ Formal dues renewal forms will be sent in mid-February, and dues will be delinquent if not booked by Treasurer Hank before April 1.