



# Ineffable Twaddle

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

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle



The monthly publication of  
The Sound of the Baskervilles  
A Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars since March 31, 1980  
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## Our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters' Celebration!

**Our Celebration of Holmes' & Watson's  
Meeting in March 1881 is:**

**Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2019

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** The Old Spaghetti Factory

You'll have **your choice of lunch options!** Complete details—including costs for each option and what's included in each option—can be found in the enclosed flyer.

**The Old Spaghetti Factory** is in Tukwila, WA, several traffic lights south of the Southcenter Mall. A few Members have checked them out and found that the décor, the food and the parking are all **great!**



Please be sure to return the "clip-off" coupon on the flyer, with your check, by February 26 to reserve your spot! Last minute reservations? Call or email Editor Terri!

### Why Should You Attend?

- ◆ *Be among the first to lay your hands on the 2019 issue of our Beaten's Christmas Annual!*
- ◆ *Share in the excitement of the awards ceremony, as we honour those SOB Members who did the most to contribute to the success of this Club in 2018!*
- ◆ *Enjoy the fun of some (potential) amateur entertainment!*
- ◆ *And, help the Club celebrate Holmes' & Watson's meeting in March 1881!*
- ◆ *Like all SOB weekend events, this is a perfect occasion for socializing in a relaxed atmosphere, to get to know your fellow Sherlockians even better!!*

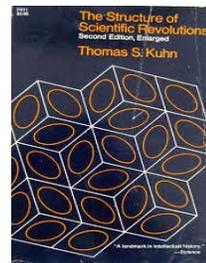
Please think about offering up a toast. ↗

*Out-of-towners and those unable to attend, send your toast to PFL David or designate a friend to present it for you! Honour any person, place, thing or subject you wish, but please let PFL David know in advance what you plan, so we have no duplications. Write it down and get it to Editor Terri, and we'll be happy to print it in April's issue of Ineffable Twaddle!!*

## "A Stream of Consciousness about Scientific Revolution, Amazon Prime, G.K. Chesterton and, Yes, Sherlock Holmes"

**By: SOB Program Chair Sunny Even**

At December's meeting we all had a little laugh at the ostentation of "The Gestalt Shift in Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes Stories" by Michael J. Crowe. It draws on ideas from Thomas Kuhn's famous "Structure of Scientific Revolutions" to examine the structure of the Sherlock Holmes stories. Being a bit nerdy, I was intrigued enough to check it out on Amazon. Sadly the \$85 price tag quite put me off. *(By the way it's now down to \$61.<sup>30</sup> and eligible for Prime! What a deal!)*



So instead...I perused the book using the "Look Inside" feature. *Did you know you can read new parts of the book each time you open this feature? Another Amazon deal!* Multiple iterations of "Look Inside" confirmed my misgivings over the price. But they also led me to a fascinating appendix that compares... **Continued on Page 4**

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**WHY WAIT?  
RENEW NOW!**

**Our year runs from April 1 to March 31! That means that dues are due by March 31!!**



**Renew using PayPal, or find a renewal form on the "Join" page at our website to pay by mail!!**

[www.soundofthebaskervilles.com](http://www.soundofthebaskervilles.com)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.

## Raisch Tells All: A Study of Pipes & Ash!

The Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 17, 2019** at the Seattle Public Library (Queen Anne Branch) at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (*driving directions at left*).

Take your Valentine out to dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> but on February 17 be with The SOBs, as Member **Larry Raisch** reprises his discussion of the varieties of pipes and tobacco found in the Canon—originally presented at our December 2017 Seattle Meeting!

His interest in this topic developed because, as he notes, *“Pipes are mentioned in 22 of the stories and tobacco, in all but four of them. So a discussion of pipe and tobacco use might be of interest. After all, the iconic image of Holmes always includes the deerstalker and the calabash.”* Please join us for what will surely be an interesting and enlightening program.

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

**And, Happy Valentine’s Day to ALL!!!**



## Holmes on Forgiving a Criminal

**A Crypto Puzzle ☺ By: SOB Charlie Cook**

Take a break from your study of the Canon and take up the challenge of Charlie’s newest cryptogram. Note that you MUST solve not only the quote but also the title of the Canonical story from which it comes!

**Hint Z = F**

*“N DELLKDX GPGB N BO VKOOEGNUM B ZXSKUC, QEG NG ND YEDG LKDDNQX GPBG N BO DBJNUM B DKES. QXDNTXD, NG ND GPX DXBDKU KZ ZKWMNJXUDD.”*

From *“The Adventure of GPX QSEX VBWQEXUVSX”*

Answer may be found on Page 6



## Coming to the Pacific Northwest in 2019

**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**  
310 S.W. Lincoln Street, Portland, OR  
Call: 1.866.845.4647

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”, such as [Scintillation of Scions](#), [221B Con](#).

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

We’ve already received requests for roommates, and carpooling should also be considered! Calls for volunteers won’t be far behind!

The University Place Hotel is in downtown Portland, seems to have lots of amenities, plenty of parking, a wide array of quality eating establishments within blocks—including Portland’s famous food carts! Keep up with the news on Twitter ([@LCSherlockian](#)) & Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/leftcoastsherlockian/>

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

## Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ SOB Charlie Cook wrote this...

● on December 27: My daughter, Astrid, gifted me with a review copy of the "SHERLOCK HOLMES QUIZ BOOK—a compilation of all the quizzes I provided The SOBs on all sixty (60) of the Canonical stories. Thank you so much for the wonderful Introduction provided. Hopefully I'll get the proof reading done in the next few months, so she can finalize the project.



● on January 6: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. HOLMES! YOU'RE MORE ALIVE THAN EVER! (Ed. Note: Thanks to Charlie for this reminder, but your Board met on January 5, and remembered to toast our hero too!)

⇒ SOB Cameron Brandon saw this: In the Buffalo News on January 14, reporter and BSI member Grace Bluestone wrote "MY VIEW: IN FILM OR PRINT, HOLMES IS WHERE MY HEART IS", in which she says in part, "Sherlock is still another name for a detective. There is a reason for that. He is someone we can admire and there are far too few of them these days. His thirst for knowledge is unquenchable." Read her entire article at: <https://buffalo-news.com/2019/01/11/my-view-in-film-or-print-holmes-is-where-my-heart-is/>

⇒ From Julian Epps, a guest at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Sherlockian Summit in November 2019: In case anyone is interested...I love Gutenberg free ebooks, and LIBRIVOX FREE AUDIO-BOOKS—read by volunteers. Here are links to a great and easy app to stream the books or download for offline listening. Easy to find a couple of Sherlockian collections.

- For iPhone/iPad: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.librivox.android&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=app.librivox.android&hl=en_US)
- For Android phones (LibriVox Audio Books by BookDesign LLC): <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/librivox-audio-books/id596159212?mt=8>

⇒ From SOB Vice President Kashena Konecki:



● "A CENTURY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE GREAT DETECTIVE ON SCREEN" is a series of weekly lectures occurring on 3 consecutive Wednesdays—FEBRUARY 13, 20 & 27, 2019. ... Continued on Page 4

## Club To Hold Fund-Raising Raffle on March 2

*The Club will hold a fund raiser at our Annual Masters' Celebration. We are asking Members to make a donation to our Club Treasury.*

The SOBs have received a generous donation from Members **Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross** of two (2) lovely charm bracelets!! **Each bracelet has seven (7) Sherlockian-themed charms**; one has smaller charms (½" in size), the other has larger charms (1" in size). Both have magnetized closures, security chains and space to add more charms, and each can be personalized to any desired length (*by removing several links from each chain*).

Our Board determined that the fairest way to make these bracelets available to ALL our Members is...guess what?...to hold a raffle! **The raffle will be held at our 2019 Masters' Celebration on March 2, and donations received from this effort will benefit the Club's general treasury.**

Members only may participate in this drawing by donating \$5 per ticket. Each \$5 raffle ticket will provide **two (2) chances to win one of the two bracelets**—that is: the first drawing will be for one bracelet; the second drawing from remaining tickets will be for the remaining bracelet.

★ **If you'll be attending the Celebration, you can make your donation that day (cash or check) and receive your tickets for any number of raffle tickets you wish at \$5 per ticket.**

★ **Since winners do not need to be present to win, ALL Members are eligible to participate! If you'll be unable to attend, you can make your donation for any number of raffle tickets you wish in one of these two ways:**

- a) by bringing the donation (cash or check) to a meeting, or mailing the donation to Editor Terri (*see last page of this newsletter for mailing address*); mailed donations must be received by February 26; or
- b) through use of our PayPal account at our website (found on the "Join" page). Webmaster Shannon will add a special button by January month-end to receive these donations; PayPal donations must be entered no later than February 25. Raffle tickets will be assigned to you and added to the lot for the drawing on March 2.

If you have any questions, please email Editor Terri at: [terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com](mailto:terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com)



## Your 2019 Planning Guide to SOB Activities



**Jot down these dates and events NOW, so you don't miss a thing!**

- ◆ **March:** We'll start the month with our **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters' Celebration**—a luncheon at The Old Spaghetti Factory near South-center in Tukwila on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then on the 17<sup>th</sup>, we can mash-up St. Patrick's Day with a study of **"The Stockbroker's Clerk"**.
- ◆ **April:** **The Club's 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** will be celebrated on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Our **regular monthly meeting will be moved forward a week to the 14<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)** and will include a **visit to "The Man with the Twisted Lip"**.
- ◆ **May:** Our **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreath Throw**—commemorating Holmes' loss at the hands of Professor Moriarty—is on the 4<sup>th</sup>, starting with lunch at 11:30 at Falls Terrace Restaurant, followed by our trek to the falls at Tumwater Falls Park along the Deschutes River. **Celebrate your Mom on the 12<sup>th</sup>**. Then join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> for our regular monthly meeting in Seattle and our study of **"The Naval Treaty."**
- ◆ **June:** Take your **Dad** to breakfast on the 16<sup>th</sup> or bring him along that afternoon to our regular monthly meeting in Seattle where we'll study **"The Engineer's Thumb"!**
- ◆ **July:** **Celebrate the U.S.A.** on the 4<sup>th</sup>, join us for our regular monthly meeting in Seattle on the 21<sup>st</sup> for another visits to **"The Crooked Man"**, then come worship the sun at Seahurst Park in Burien on the 27<sup>th</sup> at **our Annual Watson Picnic!**
- ◆ **August through September:** Attend our monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month and use your free time to get ahead on your Canonical readings; *see below:* **"Continuing our Canonical Study"!**
- ◆ **October:** Head to Portland, OR on the 11<sup>th</sup> for a 3-day weekend and the **Left Coast Sherlockian Symposium** (*see Page 2*), then report on and rehash that event on the 20<sup>th</sup> at our regular monthly meeting in Seattle —making those who didn't attend really jealous!
- ◆ **November:** Join The SOBs—and other Pacific Northwest scion societies—on November 2 for the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Sherlockian Summit**; stay tuned for additional details!! Then attend our regular monthly meeting in Seattle on the 17<sup>th</sup> before you get "gobbled" up by the U.S.' Thanksgiving on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ **December:** Kick off the holidays at our **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Will Crakes Memorial Jollification** on the 7<sup>th</sup>, then join us on the 15<sup>th</sup> for our annual visit to "The Blue Carbuncle" and cookie exchange!
- ◆◆ **Continuing our Canonical Study** ◆◆:  
Since we began, yet again, with a **chronological journey through the Holmes Canon** in March 2017, we've **now** traversed the years 1874 ("Gloria Scott") into early 1889 ("Boscombe Valley Mystery"). By the end of July, we will have covered STOC, TWIS, NAVA, ENGR and CROO and moved well into the year 1889. From August through November, we'll study FIVE, HOUN, IDEN and, with COPP, will move into 1890. Unless we have other diversions from our Canonical study this year (e.g., like Larry's talk in February, these stories should occupy us through November...at which time, we'll be back again to our annual re-visit to BLUE (and, no doubt, another cookie exchange) in December 2019!!

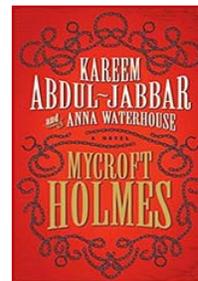
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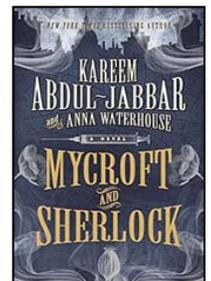
...the Sherlock Holmes stories with G. K. Chesterton's "Father Brown". Now, I'd never read Father Brown as an homage to Holmes; they seem to be almost purposefully contrary. But Crowe makes a compelling case. This sent me down the internet rabbit hole, to find that many Sherlockians have tread this ground too. If you want to know more and don't want to shell out the \$61.<sup>30</sup> (or spend an evening playing Look-Inside Roulette), I commend to your attention the excellent (and free) monograph by Gregory Dowling, "G.K. Chesterton's Father Brown Stories: The Debt to Sherlock Holmes" available at [www.academia.edu](http://www.academia.edu) with a simple Google search.

## Jabbar's "Mycroft" Books

**A REVIEW BY  
SOB PROGRAM CHAIR SUNNY EVEN**



As Sherlock's elder brother by seven years, Mycroft must have had a big influence on the Great Detective growing up, but the Canon provides so little to go on! He remains a shadowy presence in Sherlock's life.



That's why I love Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's incarnation of "Mycroft Holmes," and as continued in just-published "Mycroft and Sherlock." With Anna Waterhouse, Abdul-Jabbar creates an authentic character, perfectly cast in opposition to an impulsive teenage Sherlock, all set in the fascinating history, intrigue and consequence of the late Victorian Era. "Mycroft Holmes" introduces our eponymous hero, a talented but naïve 23-year-old up-and-comer at the War Department. With best friend Cyrus Douglas, a free black man from Trinidad, he soon becomes embroiled in a scandal with far reaching implications for the Crown. I won't spoil it for you, but to say that: The mystery is intricate, the action non-stop, and the sensory detail will transport you to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Be assured Mycroft's naivety is short lived.

The betrayals and ethical dilemmas of the first novel change Mycroft in ways that are still echoing in the second novel three years later. In "Mycroft and Sherlock" he's more secretive and warier, but no less dedicated in his service to the Crown, and devotion to family. Sherlock, now a 19-year-old Cambridge student of dubious academic habits and...

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## The Limited Edition Coins to Be Released In 2019

*Including a Sherlock Holmes 50p, a Queen Victoria £5 coin and a D-Day Landings £2 coin*

Every year the Royal Mint releases a series of limited edition coins to celebrate iconic British figures and memorable anniversaries. In 2019, the coin maker will unveil a special Sherlock Holmes 50p coin and a silver £5 coin to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. Nicola Howell, director of consumer business at the Royal Mint, said: "Our 2019 designs feature a range of momentous people, events, and creations that have had an enduring role in British life and culture." The coins will be available to buy in sets and will not be released into general circulation.

### Sherlock Holmes 50p coin

A 50p coin will be released to mark the 160<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sherlock Holmes' creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The coin will have a silhouette of the famous detective on it and will be engraved with quotes from the series of stories about the detective, including titles such as "The Hound of the Baskervilles" and "The Sign of Four".



### Queen Victoria £5 coin

2019 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria, regarded as one of Britain's greatest rulers. Queen Victoria started her reign at the tender age of 18, at a time when the British Empire was fast becoming a superpower. The Royal Mint only releases £5 coins to mark special royal occasions; the last one was released in May 2018 to celebrate the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's wedding.



### For Our WWII Aficionados: D-Day Landings £2 coin

June 6, 2019 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day Landings. It was the largest seaborne invasion in history and took place in 1944. The massive operation was the starting point for the liberation of German-occupied France during World War II and later became known as D-Day. The £2 coin shows the locations of the Normandy Landings—the beaches Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword.



**Sources:** The SOBs' Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/the\\_soundofthebaskervilles](http://www.facebook.com/the_soundofthebaskervilles)) & the UK Daily Post ([www.dailypost.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/limited-edition-collectible-coins-released-15646946](http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/limited-edition-collectible-coins-released-15646946))

## More Things to See, Buy... *Continued from Page 3*

♥ "Investigate the classic to modern cinematic interpretations of literature's most intriguing detective." ♥ "The class is afoot! Join Sherlockian scholar and instructor Kris Hambrick for this three-week course where she'll give an overview of Holmes on film, delve into the relative merits of each adaptation, and discuss the biggest question of all: Why is Holmes such an enduring character?" ♥ **Instructor Kris "Pepper" Hambrick** has been a Sherlockian since discovering PBS's "Mystery" at age 9. She's been published in Sherlockian fanzines, written about Holmes academically, was part of the planning committee for *Sherlock Seattle*, and appeared last year as Holmes in Driftwood Players' "Baskerville". ♥ For times, location, tickets & review the syllabus in advance, go to: [www.siff.net/education/film-appreciation/classes/sherlock-holmes?utm\\_medium=SIFFemail&utm\\_source=MAR\\_eneews\\_124&utm\\_campaign=sherlockholmes](http://www.siff.net/education/film-appreciation/classes/sherlock-holmes?utm_medium=SIFFemail&utm_source=MAR_eneews_124&utm_campaign=sherlockholmes)

● **Netflix Is Planning a New Sherlock Holmes Series Called "The Irregulars"**. The series will follow a group of street kids with serious crime-solving talent—while a "delinquent" Holmes takes credit for their success. For more: [www.radiotimes.com/news/on-demand/2018-12-20/netflix-the-irregulars-sherlock-holmes/](http://www.radiotimes.com/news/on-demand/2018-12-20/netflix-the-irregulars-sherlock-holmes/)

● **'ELEMENTARY' TO END AFTER 7 SEASONS**. CBS-TV's modern-day Sherlock Holmes & Watson drama series *Elementary* will end its run with its upcoming 13-episode seventh season. The decision comes as the crime procedural, created by Rob Doherty and starring Jonny Lee Miller and Lucy Liu, wrapped production on Season 7 (in December) with the final scene in the finale the last one to film. For more: <https://deadline.com/2018/12/elementary-to-end-7-seasons-cbs-canceled-1202521292/>

⇒ **Thoughts on Will Ferrell & John Reilly's "Holmes & Watson" film—**

● **From SOB Jean Macdonald on January 3:** On the news a few nights ago: The **SHERLOCK FILM WITH FERRELL & REILLY** has been voted the worst film of the year. *And* they are debating whether to make it the worst film ever!

● **From SOB Pat McIntosh on January 7:** I saw the movie "Mary, Queen of Scots" and before heading home, I watched the previews of the Ferrell & Reilly movie. I was fine with "The Naked Gun" series some years ago, but I knew it would be pure slapstick and nothing else. But after seeing the previews on this new one, I won't waste my time and money on it.

● **From SOB Cameron Brandon on January 12:** Saw this film on Christmas morning and thought it was an ok "popcorn" movie, but honestly it was dreadful!

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...a disagreeable attraction to criminal matters, is central to the mystery and action. As Mycroft struggles to act *in loco parentis* to his little brother, we learn the back story of their shared childhood. The Abdul-Jabbar/Waterhouse team proposes rich emotional texture and motivations to this key relationship to fill some of the blank space left by Conan Doyle. Happily, there still remains much to develop in future novels, as history and the Canon shows.

## Even More Things to See, Buy...

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● **From PFL David:** Speaking of movies that got less than stellar reviews, "Holmes & Watson" got a "0% Rotten Tomatoes Score" on its debut. Remember, though, that the strength of a character is not what happens when there is a successful depiction of him, but rather what happens when the movie/TV show is a disaster.

⇒ **SOB Ann Milam says to check these out:**



● *New Yorker Magazine* in their January 9 issue offered this by Ellis Rosen and Colin Stokes: "CLUES THAT YOU ARE THE UNORTHODOX DETECTIVE IN A MURDER MYSTERY". Here's their Sherlockian offering—with the clue: "Your sidekick, if you have one, is a lovable doofus." To see them all,

go to: [www.newyorker.com/humor/daily-shouts/clues-that-you-are-the-unorthodox-detective-in-a-murder-mystery?mbid=nl\\_Humor%20010919&CNDID=53971156&utm\\_source=nl&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Humor%20010919&utm\\_content=&utm\\_brand=tny&utm\\_mailing=Humor%20010919&hasha=7b20a20926d3ab29a7040b61c7600b9a&hash\\_b=8502906d3ce048b53e9ad2eebf682f4086b795d7&spMailingID=14926690&spUserID=Mjc2NTAwNDgwODk2S0&spJobID=1560711908&spReportId=MTU2MDcxMTkwOAS2](http://www.newyorker.com/humor/daily-shouts/clues-that-you-are-the-unorthodox-detective-in-a-murder-mystery?mbid=nl_Humor%20010919&CNDID=53971156&utm_source=nl&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Humor%20010919&utm_content=&utm_brand=tny&utm_mailing=Humor%20010919&hasha=7b20a20926d3ab29a7040b61c7600b9a&hash_b=8502906d3ce048b53e9ad2eebf682f4086b795d7&spMailingID=14926690&spUserID=Mjc2NTAwNDgwODk2S0&spJobID=1560711908&spReportId=MTU2MDcxMTkwOAS2)

● "SOME OF MY FAVORITE SHERLOCKIAN THINGS: A COMPENDIUM OF PAWKY AND OUTRE MONOGRAPHS, TOASTS AND WHATNOTS", by E. A. Livingston (MX Publishing, 2016) described this way: *Bud Livingston has been teaching and lecturing on Sherlock Holmes for the past 30 years. His monographs have been read aloud in the New York City area but mostly at meetings of The Three Garridebs of Westchester County in New York State and Mrs. Hudson's Cliff Dwellers across the Hudson River in Edgewater, New Jersey. He is the author of "Anatomically, My Dear Watson" and "Some More Trifling Monographs", and his work has been published in America, Canada and Australia. I had to look up "pawky", which Wikitionary defines as: (Scotland, northern Britain) Shrewd, sly; often also characterised by a sarcastic sense of humour.*

HELLO!

New Members!

## More New Members!!

We had one new family and one new individual joining the Club in January!

The **Michael Thomas family** joined on January 7.

**Ms. Dorrit Saviers** joined on January 22!

With all our newbies living in Seattle's 98101 zip code their homes sure are closer than many of us to the Queen Anne Library, so we hope to meet them soon!!

**Remember**, too, March is our annual dues renewal period! If you last paid in March, 2018, you must renew now! If you joined after July 1, 2018 and paid less than our full annual dues amount(s), you must also renew now!

*Thank you All!!*

⇒ **From Peter Blau of the Spermaceti Press:**

● Howard Ostrom has now identified **MORE THAN 4,300 ACTORS WHO HAVE APPEARED AS SHERLOCK HOLMES ON STAGE, SCREEN, RADIO, TELEVISION, THE INTERNET AND ELSEWHERE**. His "Sherlock Holmes on Screens, 1929-1939" (the first volume of his Sherlock Holmes Cyclopaedia) appeared earlier this year, and you can hear him discuss the project in the latest "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" podcast at [www.tinyurl.com/ybslndo3](http://www.tinyurl.com/ybslndo3).

● The Chautauqua Institution, founded in 1874, offers a wide variety of summer educational programs, and Canadians, Stormy Petrel Bob Coghill, BSI and Bootmaker Christopher Redmond, BSI discussed **THE TOPIC OF SHERLOCK HOLMES AND ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE AT CHAUTAUQUA'S HALL OF PHILOSOPHY** in August 2000. Subscriber Jennie Paton has kindly reported a 35-minute video of the discussion at YouTube at this URL: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=6psB3rmNoBE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6psB3rmNoBE).

● A proposal was afoot to demolish the **LYNDHURST PARK HOTEL**—the campaign to protect the hotel cited evidence that Conan Doyle helped design the redevelopment of the building as a hotel in 1912. The BBC reported on December 21 that **THE DEVELOPER HAS WITHDRAWN ITS APPEAL AGAINST THE NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY'S DECISION TO REJECT ITS PROPOSAL** to demolish the hotel. See more at: [www.tinyurl.com/y9jrdk9w](http://www.tinyurl.com/y9jrdk9w). ...

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## Solution To The Crypto Puzzle on Page 2:

From "The Adventure of The Blue Carbuncle"  
*of forgiveness.*  
 "I suppose that I am committing a felony, but it is just possible that I am saving a soul. Besides, it is the season

## Even More Things to See, Buy...



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- THE JANUARY-FEBRUARY ISSUE OF ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE continues an annual tradition of honoring Sherlock Holmes' birthday, with Sherlockian stories and artwork on the cover.
- The copyright clock continues to tick:

AT THE END OF 2018, "THE CREEPING MAN" (PUBLISHED IN 1923) ENTERED THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. Only the final nine Sherlock Holmes stories continue to be protected by copyright, with the last of them entering the public domain at the end of 2022.

- "There's a fundamental PRINCIPLE OF LAW THAT DERIVES FROM SHERLOCK HOLMES, WHICH IS THE DOG THAT DIDN'T BARK," Said Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito during an argument on November 26, 2018. The case involved jurisdiction on Native American land in Oklahoma, and you can read the details in an article in The Economist (November 28) at: [www.tinyurl.com/ya8qyrkv](http://www.tinyurl.com/ya8qyrkv).

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



- The New York Times recently asked its readers (via Twitter) for their experiences of PETTY CRIME IN LONDON. Unsurprisingly, the responses were somewhat less than serious. One person reported that a red-headed man hired him to copy out the Encyclopedia Britannica, but it turned out to be a scam.

- The December 2018/January 2019 issue of *Philosophy Now* has a Holmes-themed cover and article, "A FORGIVING REASON: THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES' SUCCESS" BY TIM WELDON. Weldon detects links between Sherlock Holmes and Blaise Pascal in the operation of intuition. You can access it here: <https://philosophynow.org/issues/129>

⇒ From our friends at MX Publishing:

THE ART OF SHERLOCK HOLMES IS A TOTALLY UNIQUE EXPERIENCE. Imagine fifteen of the finest artists in the U.S. creating art for some of the best new short stories written by some of the finest Holmes authors in the world. Each artist has envisioned their version of one story specifically selected for them. All stories and art in one large, hardcover, coffee table presentation volume. This first edition—"The Art of Sherlock Holmes: West Palm Beach Edition"—features artists from West Palm Beach, FL. Future editions will be USA wide, then global, with participating artists contributing from all over the world. "The Art of Sherlock Holmes" was conceived



## "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:** [http://www.norwegianexplorers.org/2019\\_conference.html](http://www.norwegianexplorers.org/2019_conference.html)

and curated by Phil Growick—himself a renowned Holmes author. A *Kickstarter* project is now in process.

⇒ Notes PFL David: WHAT HAS BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH BEEN DOING?! Losing his hair! Check it out at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xH-oScnJXB0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xH-oScnJXB0).

## More Member News & Notes

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- **After a 3-year absence, returning SOB Michelle Poitevin sent this email:** *I'm so glad to be a member again. Yes, I've just moved to an apartment on First Hill two blocks from my work at Swedish Hospital. I'm working as a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Organ Transplant and Liver Center. I love it!*

- **SOB Jody Holm has some questions about the "Left Coast Sherlockian Symposium" in Portland in October (see details on Page 2):** *I was poking around for rooms for the Left Coast conference in October. I see that the University Place Hotel is showing all rooms already booked for those dates. ☹️ Could it be that there will be a special conference rate? If so, how do I secure that rate? I am also wondering if you know anyone who would like to share a room. And, who from The SOBs has already expressed interest in going?*

**All SOBs:**

**START PLANNING TO ATTEND THE LEFT COAST SHERLOCKIAN SYMPOSIUM IN PORTLAND IN OCTOBER, AND PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO OTHER SOB MEMBERS!!**



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Regular Monthly Meeting, Sunday, February 17, 1:30 p.m.

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Member News & Notes

Our January 12, 2019 South Sound Meeting was presided over by PFL David Haugen.

- SOB Members present were: Cameron Brandon Dawn Jaekel Jody Holm Dawn Kravagna Terri Haugen Margie Deck Geoff Jeffery Al Nelson Judy Lyen Margaret Nelson Kate Nelson Cara Cross Melinda Michaelson Sunny Even

Our guest at this gathering was Margie's sister Juanita, visiting from Texas. Welcome! ★ Kate let us know that she is now the Executive Museum Assistant & Office Coordinator at the Tacoma Art Museum! Kudos, Kate!! ★ The month's story was "The Boscombe Valley Mystery" and, as usual, we had ties on the quiz! Tying for 1st were Dawn J, Geoff and Melinda; and for 2nd were Cameron, Margaret and Sunny! ★ Secretary Terri displayed the Sherlockian-themed charm bracelets donated by Geoff & Cara and explained the parameters of the fund-raising raffle we'll be holding on March 2. See Page 3 for full details!

Our January 20, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting in Seattle was presided over by PFL David Haugen.

- SOB Members present were: Sheldon Gloger Lauran Stevens Terri Haugen Sheila Holtgrieve Pat McIntosh Alex Snow Shannon Wallace Chris "Bear" Berwald
- It was an intimate gathering—we scored it "NFL=1; SOBs=0", because we deduced that the other "usual suspects" were somewhere watching the NFL semifinals! ★ The month's story at this meeting was also

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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.

"The Boscombe Valley Mystery" and we had ties here too! Tying for 1st were Chris and Sheila; and for 2nd were Pat and Sheldon! The general consensus was that BOSCI is a "good story".

SOB Nancy Holder emailed us from the 2019 BSI Weekend in NYC: January 10 at 12:00 PM Hello, fellow SOBs. I'm in NYC for the BSI birthday weekend. Last night I went to a dinner put on by the Adventuresses of Sherlock Holmes and who should I see there but Bob Coghill of The Stormy Petrels. Tonight is the distinguished lecture and the Baker Street Babes ball. Many of us weekend attendees

have gone to the JP Morgan Library to see a big exhibit on Mary Shelley and Frankenstein. This is me (right) with my friend Elizabeth Crowens at the Morgan. There are two secret stairways to the upper level!



From SOB Sheila Holtgrieve: Here's a picture of the Sherlock doll my granddaughter Hazel got me for Christmas and my birthday. She saved up her \$3.00 a week allowance for 12 weeks to get it! I was quite blown away that she would do this Wow! Continued on Page 7

