The Loss of Our Greek Interpreter!

On February 11, 2019, we received communication from the daughter of SOB Peter Chelemedos: “My dad was born February 10, 1922 and passed away on January 29, 2019—12 days short of his 97th birthday. He specifically said he did not want a service like I had for my mom. He felt that was enough.”

So there will be no service to attend, but Peter’s formal obituary will appear in the February 17 issue of the Seattle Times.

Peter & Kay Chelemedos joined The SOBs in June 1980—just three months after the Club’s founding. Pretty quickly, Peter was drafted to serve as the Club’s second Treasurer (called the “Bight” in our early days) being elected so in October 1981. Members were so enamored of Peter’s—as well as President David’s—excellent, continuing volunteerism thereafter that the next year’s elections were disbanded! Finally, in March 1994—13 thankless years later—Peter gave up his position as our “Bight” at the still-hearty age of 72, so that he and Kay could do some additional traveling.

Upon joining The SOBs, Kay adopted the “alter ego” of “The Dancing Men”, while Peter (“of Greek extraction” himself) became ...

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“You’ll find a mystery within the mystery...”

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

As Program Chair Sunny Even suggests: If you carefully read the beginning of “The Stockbroker’s Clerk,” you’ll find a mystery within the mystery that is never addressed. Watson’s literary agent often throws in these inconsistencies—it’s suggested to disguise actual events or people—but when they’re so purposefully described as in this case, one has to wonder if we’re being told the whole story. What’s the mystery? I’ll give you a hint...The stockbroker’s clerk does not seem to be as cautious a money manager as he makes out to be. It’s evident from the details provided: Mr. Hall Pycroft’s savings, so carefully cultivated, were spent at an excessive rate in a very short time. In his own words, “I soon worked my way through that and out the other end.”

Was he perhaps gambling with his limited funds on the stock exchange?

**Explanation:** Mr. Pycroft earned £3 a week. At the very best he would have been saving 10% of his salary to put away £70 over the five year period he was with Coxon & Woodhouse. This means he had weekly expenses of £2, 14s/-, at the most. We know Pycroft left Coxon’s in early spring, and approached Holmes in June. He should have spent at most £32 or £33 of his savings over that short three-month period. Where did the rest go?

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### Charlie Cook Quizzes Us on “The Stock-broker’s Clerk”

1. From whom did Watson purchase a connection, and why did the previous doctor sell?
2. Name Holmes’ client and what was his class labelled?
3. What contributions did Holmes claim his client’s class gave to England?
4. Name the client’s company that went under, the new one that hired him, and the one that lured him away!
5. Name the two brothers who offered the client a better position!
6. How much did the new employers advance the client to lure him away?
7. What names did Holmes and Watson use when pretending to seek employment with the client’s new firm and where were they supposedly from?
8. What line of work did each of them claim to be qualified for?
9. What did one of the client’s employers do after he saw the headlines in what paper?
10. What did the top headline say?
11. What was the real name of the brother Holmes didn’t meet, and for what was he famous?
12. Name the only two policemen in the tale.

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**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**

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.

**Head to:** [https://www.facebook.com/events/357827828136779/](https://www.facebook.com/events/357827828136779/)

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

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

**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!

**With proud support of THE SOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES and its Members!**
SOB Bill Seil: All the locals must be aware of Portland’s Powell’s Books, but our out-of-towners, not so much! Caught this news item at voanews.com: “Despite e-books and smartphones with reading apps, the book business in the U.S. is enjoying a resurgence. And though internet sales take their toll on bookstores around the country, one store in Portland, Oregon, seems to be operating as usual. Powell’s Books, founded by a family of Ukrainian descent more than 45 years ago, is as popular as ever. Iryna Matviichuk reports from Portland in this story narrated by Anna Rice.” View the video at: https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.voanews.com%2Fa%2Fmassive-bookstore-in-portland-thrives-in-age-of-e-books%2F4739942.html&data=02%7C01%7C%7C35488373655e4d57629b08db67a38a029%7C84df9e7fe9f640af635a0a00000000%7C1%7C0%7C636830780947628384%7C02%7C7C01%7C7C35488373655e4d57629b08db67a38a029%7C84df9e7fe9f640af635a0a00000000%7C1%7C0%7C636830780947628384&amp;reserved=0

SOB Margaret Nelson: Take a vicarious trip (or a real one) to London and eat at The House of Commons. Go to: www.parliament.uk/venue to learn about booking tours of Parliament (start early to reserve!) and book a table at the House of Commons’ dining room at: https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/venue-hire/commons/pop-up-restaurant/. They have a set menu and are supposed to stress British food products. Of course, I would like to eat out on the terrace! When we booked a tour of Parliament a few years ago, it was well worth the effort as we got to go into old Westminster Hall, which had been closed to the public for years for security. The dining room can be a riot! And you can think about how much it all looked the same as when Sherlock was around.

Received at Editor Terri’s SOB email: “Murder in Minnesota! Two Sherlockian Tales” by Jeff Falkingham is now on the list of books recommended by the Beacon Society for young readers to enjoy and use for research purposes! The Beacon Society, based in Boston, promotes local programs and resources that “bring the magic of Sherlock Holmes to life” for students in their homes, their schools & their communities. This is the second time the Beacon Society has recognized this author’s work: he earlier shared a Jan Stauber Award for his school “Book Talks” program. Falkingham also recently won a Sigerson Award from the Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota for his efforts to promote Arthur Conan Doyle’s ‘Sherlock Holmes’ stories. Jeff regularly performs for schools, libraries, historical societies and...

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Club Will Hold Fund-Raising Raffle on March 2

The Club will hold a fundraiser at our Annual Masters’ Celebration. We are asking Members to donate to our Club Treasury.

Thanks to the generous donation from Members Geoff Jeffery & Cara Cross of two (2) lovely charm bracelets, a raffle will be held at our 2019 Masters’ Celebration on March 2, with donations received benefiting the Club’s general treasury!!

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).

Members may participate in this drawing by donating $5 per ticket, giving each of you two (2) chances to win one of the bracelets—i.e., the first drawing will be for one bracelet; the second drawing from the remaining tickets will be for the remaining bracelet.

If you’ll be attending the Celebration, make your donation that day and receive any number of raffle tickets you wish.

Since winners do not need to be present to win, ALL Members are eligible to participate! If you can’t attend the banquet, make your donation for any number of raffle tickets in one of these ways:

a) mail your donation to Editor Terri (see last page of this newsletter for mailing address); mailed donations must be received by February 26; or

b) use our PayPal account on the “Join” page at our website. PayPal donations must be made no later than February 25.

Either way, 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

Please Renew Now!

March is our annual Dues Renewal month! That means that 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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Add This to Your 2020 “Want List”!

SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI has completed the first draft of her next book, a biography of Baker Street Irregulars great Dr. Julian Wolff. Sonia’s book is scheduled to be published in early 2020 by BSI Press.

Wolff (1905-1990) was the BSI’s longtime “Commissionaire” following the death of Edgar W. Smith. Dr. Wolff was renowned for his series of maps of the Sherlockian world. He spent World War II in the Pacific Theater, and after the Allied victory he collected Sherlockian books and maps in Occupied Japan.

The book’s acknowledgements offer a tip-of-the-deer-stalker to our own SOB Ariana “Airy” Maher, who lent a hand translating one of Dr. Wolff’s Japanese language maps. (In addition, Sonia has made a generous donation to the Club Treasury in honor of Airy’s time and talent!)

More Things to See, Buy...

...book or social clubs. More at the author’s website: www.cccaper.com

➔ SOB Pat McIntosh alerted us on February 5: You most likely saw or heard already about today’s David Horsey editorial cartoon of Holmes & Watson. It’s about OUR INFAMOUS SR99 TUNNEL—the old one closing, the new one opening.

➔ SOB Jody Holm has some questions ABOUT THE “LEFT COAST SHERLOCKIAN SYMPOSIUM” IN PORTLAND IN OCTOBER (SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 2): Is there a special conference rate? Yes, mention the code word “GROUP” when you make your reservation!! Do you know anyone who’d like to share a room; and, who from The SOBs has already expressed interest in going??

Start planning to attend the Left Coast Sherlockian Symposium in Portland in October, and please make yourself known to other SOB Members!!

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

➔ As noted in our JANUARY 2019 ISSUE OF “INEFFABLE TWADDLE”, the Royal Mint produces coins to celebrate people and events. Among the events being celebrated in 2019 is the 200th birthday of Queen Victoria and the 160th birthday of Sir Arthur. The mint has chosen to put the silhouette of “Sherlock Holmes” on ACD’s coin. (Poor, poor Doyle!) NOTE THAT YOU CANNOT ORDER JUST ONE COIN and to get them all will cost you £55. (Attendees at the February Meeting speculated that there will be vendors who will buy the whole set and sell them individually: so check the web!)

• Matt Wingett has produced A NEW FACSIMILE OF (the original) BEeton’S CHRISTMAS ANNUAL for the very reasonable price of £15. You can learn more and order a copy at his website: www.lifeisamazing.co.uk/restoration-of-a-study-in-scarlet-cover-for-upcoming-facsimile-edition.

• Author Nick Utechin would like to tell those who kindly bought his book The Complete Paget Portfolio (Gasogene Books, 2018) that SOME TEXT with background historical information DID NOT MAKE IT INTO THE FINAL VERSION OF THE VOLUME. He’d be happy to send that text as a Word (.doc) file if they write to him at: highfieldfarmhouse@gmail.com

“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
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...“Melas” (“...a linguist and interpreter for London tourists and the law courts.”), the protagonist in Conan Doyle’s “The Greek Interpreter.”

But when Peter retired from the Club’s Board, talk about a busy couple! At nearly every SOB Meeting for years, the two would regale us of the many and varied trips they would take! As we reported, sadly just 14 months ago when we wrote of Kay’s passing in November 2017 (see Ineffable Twaddle, January 2018, Volume 37, Issue 1, Page 4):

“The Chelemedos were always very active travelers, inspiring many SOBs to take flight! It was through them that most of us heard about Elder Hostels (today, “Road Scholars”) and free adult education classes at the local community colleges, and the joy of staying young through ongoing learning and travel. Some of our old meeting notes remarked back in 1993 that, “Peter and Kay Chelemedos had returned from a trip to New Zealand for a reunion of WWII Merchant Marines, followed by a journey to Australia.”

No doubt their many travels inspired Peter to author a book about his career as a U.S. Merchant Marine—having joined at the age of 16 at the height of the Depression! At a Club Meeting in early 1993, he drew our attention to the book in his hand titled, Peter, The Odyssey of A Merchant Mariner By Captain Peter Chelemedos! Whoa, were we impressed!

Checking the web this week, we found that Peter’s book is still available today! You can find a copy on E-bay (without bidding) for under $13 (Hard-cover, 1992; ISBN: 9780897164061); try this link: https://www.ebay.com/itm/Peter-The-Odyssey-Of-A-Merchant-Mariner-By-Captain-Peter-Chelemedos-Hardcover-/142952414933

Sadly we didn’t see much of Peter & Kay after they sold their home and moved into the Edmond’s Landing retirement community some years ago. They were lucky enough to celebrate 70 years of marriage together, as he shared with us at a meeting back in 2013. Then we’d see Peter occasionally but not since Kay’s passing in 2017. As Peter told us then, “Believe me, after over 74 years, I miss her.”

As our PFL David said in his e-blast to Members on February 11, “I am sorry for his family and friends, but I like the thought of Peter & Kay being together again.” As do we all!

To send condolences to the Chelemedos family, please write to: Mrs. Penny Haase, 830 Laurel Way, Edmonds, WA 98020. Also sign Peter’s online guest book at Seattle Times: www.Legacy.com.

Ed. Note: Peter Chelemedos’ name will be added to our (sadly, growing) list of those who have passed on to “where it is always 1895” at our Annual Wreath Throw on May 4, 2019.

Our 2019 Beaten’s is At The Printer!

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 right) and it’s off to the printer and will be ready for delivery 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 will 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! Kudos and thanks to all our talented contributors!!

—Editor Terri

Answers To Cook’s Quiz on STOC on Page 2:

1. Mr. Farquhar; he had St. Vitus’ dance.
2. Mr. Hall Pycock; cockney.
3. Crack volunteer regiments; Mawsons; Franco-Midland Hardware Company, Limited.
4. Coxon and Woodhouse; £100.
5. Athin and Harry Pinner.
6. E. T. P. a darkness.
7. Homere, an accountant.
8. Mr. Price of London.
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**Member News & Notes**

Our February 17, 2019 South Sound Meeting was presided over by PFL David Haugen.

- SOB Members present were:
  - Cameron Brandon
  - Margaret Nelson
  - Sheldon Gloger
  - Sheila Hoftgrieve
  - Shannon Wallace
  - Kashena Konecki
  - Melinda Michaelson

- Guests at this gathering were
  - Larry R., Jr.’s gal pal Malka, and
  - Kris and Jennifer, two familiar faces from Sherlock Seattle Cons!

- SOB Larry Raisch gave us a fascinating talk about the types of pipes and tobacco referenced in the Sherlockian Canon—including a display of a variety of different pipes—discussing meerschaum pipes, briar and cherry pipes, clay churchwardens, and calabash pipes, among others. He also discussed modern approximations of the “black shag” and “arcadia” tobaccos mentioned in the stories, providing some examples of Sherlockian-inspired tobacco blends. Larry’s interesting talk and “show & tell” was enhanced by Chris B. bringing along samples from his own collection. This topic so grabbed Members attending that the Q&A session afterward was as long as Larry’s presentation!

- 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.

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$20 per year brings Members the monthly newsletter “Ineffable Twaddle”, a copy of Beaten’s Christmas Annual, and the inestimable 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.

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