



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Date: August 5, 2018

Berth and Port: La Madeleine's French Café, 5290 Belt Line Road, #112, Addison, TX 75254

Presiding Officer: Steve Mason, Third Mate

Time Convened: 1:05 p.m.

CREW ON DECK

There were 18 attendees on hand.

INTRODUCTION ROUNDS AT TABLE

OPENING TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Pam Mason
- 2) "A Few Garrideb Thoughts" by Dorothy Belle Pollack
- 3) Source: *The Serpentine Muse*

At this point, Pam offered a personal toast to honor her husband Steve and her son Rusty. September 8th is both the couple's wedding anniversary and their son's birthday.

THE QUIZ

- 1) Topic: "The Adventure of the Three Garridebs"
- 2) First Place: Karen Olson
- 3) Second Place: Ann Caddell

Both ladies received Sherlockian books.

A READING

"The Adventure of the Poisoned Cotton Merchant" leapt from the pages as Karen Olson thrilled us with a reading of her own Sherlockian pastiche, an adventure based upon historical events and details. Karen's two book sources were: (1) Did She Kill Him? : A Torrid True Story of Adultery, Arsenic, and Murder in Victorian England by Kate Colquhoun and (2) Jack the Ripper: The 21st Century Investigation by Trevor Marriott.

A READING

Dr. William J. Pervin, Professor Emeritus, University of Texas at Dallas presented his work "A Criticism of the Three Garridebs" to call into question and to analyze (1) the method Evans used to draw Garrideb out of his home and the simpler alternatives and (2) with reference to the illustration in *The Strand Magazine*, January, 1925, in which Holmes, right arm extended and left arm back, has his pistol ready to fire. The great detective, in return for two shots Evans fired, instead uses his pistol as a blunt instrument. Dr. Pervin critiques the choice and poses a grim outcome.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Steve Mason

1. This is a reminder to submit your stories for A Grimmer Holmes by the final day of September, the 30th.
2. On Saturday, September 1st, the Crew's picnic will take place at the home of Karen and Charles Olson. Please RSVP. The picnic will take the place of our September meeting, and it is agreed we will have a quiz. The story will be "The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax" from His Last Bow.
3. Though Walter Pieper did not make the meeting, he sent the message Movie Night will be held at the Pieper home this coming Saturday evening at 7:00. The movie will be "The Hound of the Baskervilles" starring Ian Richardson.
4. For our new people, please know that we have The Lending Library spread out at the back the room. It is available at every regular meeting.
5. Applying an idea previously posed by Joe Fay, Steve is in discussions regarding a proposal to have this society host a Sherlock Holmes movie morning every other month at Alamo Draft House in Denton.
6. Reminder: The Dallas Preston-Royal Library will host our society on (Tuesday) November 13th for a symposium. We have time slots for three speakers for 10-15 minutes to cover the following topics: (1) An Introduction to Sherlock Holmes, (2) Sherlock Holmes in the Movies and Television, and (3) Sherlock Holmes in Animation.

B. Allen Osborne – Our symposium at the Allen Library will be on (Saturday) November 17th with access from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to include set-up and clean-up. Marketing is requesting photographs and biographies from the speakers. "The Hound of Pinchin Lane" will be played in the final 40 minutes of the program.

C. Pam Mason – Steve has a Snoopy as Sherlock Holmes tattoo on his left arm. Steve is honoring his father.

D. Liese Sherwood-Fabre – I have passed out flyers for Bouchercon 2019. I encourage you to go ahead with buying your tickets and making your reservations.

THE GANGWAY DRAWINGS

Brenda Hutchison and Angela Lusk won Sherlockian prizes.

CLOSING READING/TOAST

- 1) Delivered by: Steve Mason
- 2) "The Enthralling Fun of Overhauling You" by Steven Rothman
- 3) Source: *Baker Street Journal*, "The Editor's Gas-lamp", Winter, 2004

Time Adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Brenda S. Hutchison