

Minutes from Sherlock Holmes Meeting November 1, 2020

Attendees: 42

Because of technical difficulties, we were not able to hear the opening toast by Walter Pieper, but we appreciate his preparation and effort.

Greg Ruby then gave a toast to the Sesame Street character, Hemlock.

Next, we had a quiz on the story from the canon, *The Adventure of the Copper Beeches*. Ann Caddell was the winner of this month's quiz.

Robert Katz, BSI, then led a question and answer session about ***The Adventure of the Copper Beeches***. The theme of the question and answer period evolved into the re-appearance of women in the canon who are no longer in control of their wealth because of the laws of Victorian England. We had a very good exchange of the idea of women being the victim and men who are predators to women with their own wealth.

Steve then gave announcements regards the following:

Robert Katz turned over the leadership of the Sons of the Copper Beeches last Friday, after 10 years of very successful leadership.

The trio of Mason, Mason, and Fay just turned out their 300th cartoon strip, a remarkable achievement.

The Beacon Society is embarking on publishing a newsletter for junior Sherlockian focused on youth ages 8-12 years old.

The Crew of the Barque Lone Star is again having their Christmas Card exchange. Anyone can participate as long as they agree to send a Christmas card, hopefully with a Sherlockian theme.

There was a note of interest in the newspaper about the Burlison High School quarterback who is named Conan Doyle Jr.

The announcements were followed by the main speaker Mike McSwiggin, BSI, who spoke about Pharmacy in the Canon, *A Seven Percent Solution*.

The presentation included the 20 most frequently mentioned drugs in the canon.

We then had a lightning quiz regarding *The Dear Doctor Watson*.

To finish out the meeting Ann Caddell gave a presentation about Dr. Joseph Bell who mentored Arthur Conan Doyle and was the inspiration for Holmes' skills in observation.