

## Minutes from the Meeting of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star

Sunday, November 6, 2016

There were 14 people in attendance, two of which were either new (Stefanie Urban) or a visiting member from another society (Ed Weiss from St. Louis).

Steve Mason opened the meeting with a toast honoring our member Bill Beason, who recently passed away. Bill was one of the founding members of the original Dallas/Ft. Worth Sherlockian society, The Crew of the Barque Lone Star, and also a member of the Baker Street Irregulars. Steve Mason and Don Hobbs had recently located Bill who was living in an assisted living community in McKinney, TX. The toast included an excerpt from another late member Brian Wooley's book, **Mythic, Texas**. This book also cleared up the mystery about the date of the first D-FW Crew Meeting, which was reported to be held in 1970.

It was announced that on December 10, Karen and Charles Olson will host a Christmas gathering for the Crew of the Barque Lone Star at their home in McKinney, Texas. We should bring a Sherlockian white elephant gift for the gift exchange. (A good place to look is on ETSY website.)

Leise Sherwood Fabre showed some Sherlock Holmes stamps she found on the ETSY website.

It was also noted that on November 29, 2016, our fellow crew member Linda Pieper, will be having knee surgery.

Dean Clark mentioned that a book worth reading for all Sherlockian is **The Invention of Murder** by Judith Flanders.

It was also noted that Gordon Speck from the St. Louis Sherlock Holmes society passed away recently. Both Bill and Gordon will be greatly missed.

Steve Mason has been invited to join the **Adventuresses** of Sherlock Holmes society, known as ASH. He will be invested in New York later this year.

Steve also did a little show and tell by bringing in a recent purchase of a Strand Magazine, which included "The Norwood Builder".

Our member **Diane Tran** is in the hospital. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Next Saturday, November 12, will be movie night at the Pieper residence. We will be watching "The Case of the Silk Stocking."

Next Monday, November 7, will be the Sherlockian symposium, The Women of Sherlock Holmes. It will be taking place at the Allen Public Library in Allen, Texas. It appears that the symposium has been advertised, by a variety of sources. We got a write-up in the Dallas Morning News, it was tweeted by the Baker Street Babes, by KRLD, by the Allen Monthly Newsletter, by Sisters in Crime, and by the Mystery Writers of America, as well as other sources.

Speakers will need to be at the Allen Public Library at 5:30 on Monday.

We will not be having a December meeting nor a movie watching night in December since we are having a Christmas gathering at the Olsons. Don't forget to RSVP to Karen Olsen if we plan to attend the party.

A reminder was also given for people to get their home address to Cindy Brown if they plan to participate in the 2016 Sherlockian Christmas card exchange.

A quiz was given on the Sherlock Holmes story The Norwood Builder. Karen Olson and Cindy Brown tied for the win, with Karen coming in first place with the tie-breaker and Cindy taking second place.

Rusty Mason gave a wonderful presentation of the website he has designed for the Crew of the Barque Lone Star. It has to be one of the best Sherlockian websites in the country.

Steve will once again be passing out his Sherlock Holmes calendars for 2017 at the next gathering of the club.

Herb Linder was invested as a Crewmate of the Barque for his continuing work to spread the word on Sherlock Holmes through gifts to libraries or schools and by doing presentations.

Steve gave a closing reading on pollution in the Victorian times, called A Yellow Fog Swirls Across the Windowpane. This reading was taken from the Baker Street Journal in June 1989.