

Crew of the Barque Lone Star Meeting

December 6, 2020

There were 47 people in attendance

The meeting started out with a toast by Third Mate, Steve Mason, to The Blue Carbuncle, and “Sherlock Backs a Turkey”, written by Jay Christ Finley and published in 1947 in *Sherlockian Studies*.

We then had the quiz on today’s story, The Blue Carbuncle.

Les Moskowitz then gave a toast to The Woman, Mildred Samons, “whoever she is”. We then had a detailed discussion of geese and do they or don’t they have a crop. It was surmised that maybe only city breed geese have crops, while country breed geese do not.

This led to a discussion of how Sherlockians communicated in the 1940’s, before the Baker Street Irregulars came into being, and there were all these scion societies. The majority of the interactions had to have happened through newspapers, but unlike in the late 1800’s most cities only have one or two editions each day, rather than the seven or eight editions.

Bob Katz led an interesting discussion on the structure of the Blue Carbuncle story.

We had announcements about upcoming meetings across the country. The Sherlockians of Baltimore will have their next meeting on December 19.

Don Hobbs announced that the SMU Sherlock Holmes conference featuring his collection of Sherlock Holmes stories in many languages, has been postponed indefinitely because of the virus. Hopefully it will be rescheduled in the late Fall of 2021.

Our Deck Mate Olivia Kirkendall, announced that she would be giving a presentation to the Alkaline Plains society, at their next meeting and would provide the link to Steve Mason.

On December 12, the Red Circle of Washington D.C. will be having a Zoom meeting and the author of “From Holmes to Sherlock” M. Bostrom, will be the speaker.

The Harpooners of the Sea Unicorn, of St. Charles will be meeting on Friday, December 18.

Steve mentioned that we had a good Christmas card exchange with 19 Sherlockians participating.

The Agony Column book, A Case of Agony, was recently published by the Crew of the Barque Lone Star is now available. Steve has uploaded the book onto the club’s website.

Karen Murdoch gave a wonderful presentation on Rhetoric, Figures of Speech in the Cannon and Victorian England.

We then had a lightning quiz on First Impressions.

The meeting was then proceeded with a presentation on the “Dangerous Works” book about the time Arthur Conan Doyle spent on a whaling ship.