

Crew of the Barque Lone Star

November 5, 2017

There were 15 attendees at the Sherlock Holmes meeting.

Karen Olsen gave a wonderful toast to Sigerson the Norwegian explorer, and Holmes' travels during the great hiatus.

This month's reading assignment was *The Adventure of the Devil's Foot*, and the quiz was won by Sandra Little, with Karen Olsen taking second place.

Steve Mason talked about Chris Redmond's book, "About 60". Redmond is writing a second book where author's and Sherlockians are asked to write about various individuals who remind them of Sherlock Holmes in one way or another. Steve Mason was asked to write one of the articles and the character he will be writing about is Lucy Van Pelt, the character from the Charlie Brown comic strip.

The Crew's book, "A Grimm Holmes" The book contains pastiches written by Crew members who have taken one of the Grim fairy tales and added the Sherlockian twist to the story. Each one of the members who had written one of the stories will receive a hard-back copy of the book, and there will be paperback copies of the book that Lisa will order for others. We need to send Steve Mason a note if we want one of the books.

Steve gave a summary of the Beacon Society and its goal of educating young people on Sherlock Holmes and the love of reading. The Society basically has two programs under its umbrella. The first is the Jan Stauber Grant. This grant program provides up to \$500 to assist awardees who utilize Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson to teach English, literature, history, math, deductive reasoning, forensics, and critical thinking to students from elementary through college. Sandra Little, a member of the Crew spoke about receiving the grant last year and how her students have learned about Sherlock Holmes and have enjoyed readings from the canon.

The Beacon also has the Jr. Sherlock Society, which was developed by a teacher, Shannon Carlyle, from Franklin, TN. This program is to introduce children and youth to Sherlock Holmes and encourage/support an in-depth study of his character traits, etc..

Steve encouraged all members of the Crew to pass this information along to teachers, librarians, etc. who might be able to use the program in their profession and interaction with young people. All proceeds from Chris Redmond's book "About 60" goes to the Beacon Scholarship Fund.

We also talked about the Fortsecure Scholarship, which was developed and allows Sherlockians to take an exam, for three different levels of knowledge on Sherlock Holmes. One could get a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. on our all things Sherlockian.

Lawrence Fischman was inducted as the newest Deck Mate of the Crew of the Barque Lone Star.

It was also noted that this is the 20th anniversary of the publication of *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie King.

A few of the members of the Crew recently went to Tulsa to listen to a presentation by Ashley Polisek, on her dissertation on Sherlock Holmes.

Liese Sherwood-Fabre mentioned that she has been asked to speak at the next Dayton, Ohio, conference in March 2018, called Holmes, Doyle, and Friends.

The next movie night will be November 11, and will be either at the Pieper house, or at the Brown's house. Yet to be determined.

The end of meeting drawing was won by Bill Burlson, and was a print with a Sherlockian theme.

The meeting was closed by a reading from the Baker Street Journal, Autumn 2000. To a Sherlock Holmes Enthusiast, All Things are Sherlockian.