

Crew of the Barque Lone Star Meeting

January 03, 2021

There were 51 people in attendance from all parts of the United States and Canada.

The meeting started out with a toast by Third Mate, Steve Mason, to Dr. Watson.

We then had the quiz on today's story, "The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet". Shana Carter won the quiz.

Bob Katz then ran a discussion on the story, focusing on its structure at the beginning and end. Much of the action in this story occurs "off-screen" – is told as a narrative.

Greg Ruby provided information on the next Sherlockians of Baltimore meeting on January 16. next meeting on December 19.

Our special Guest Speaker, Barbara Rusch from Canada, gave a wonderful presentation on the collecting of Sherlockiana materials. Barbara has a unique and extensive collection herself. The presentation started by discussing the history of collecting and moved to the more special items she has obtained over the years, including letters written by Conan Doyle, ephemera from Doyle's life, and memorabilia from Sherlockian films and stage performances. One of her more interesting sets is undergarments owned by Queen Victoria and the Conan Doyle family.

We then had a lightning quiz on the stories which involve the theft of jewelry. Ann Caddell won the quiz.

The meeting was then proceeded with a presentation by Edith Pouden on Arthur Conan Doyle's time in Plymouth, working in partnership Dr. Budd, their falling out, and Conan Doyle's eventual move to Portsmouth.