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SHERLOCK HOLMES: A PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVE

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This article is an attempt to draw a philosophical profile of Sherlock Holmes; perhaps even uncovering his own philosophy of life. We will resort to the master's own methodology, namely, that of deduction, albeit with some extrapolation. Like him, when we eliminate the impossible, then what we have left, however improbable, must constitute his

philosophical underpinnings. But first a word about philosophy as the term is a great conversation stopper.

Philosophy has meant many things and the world has run both well and badly on its ideas. For instance, the philosophies of capitalism and communism both offer economic theories that have

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Plato, Aristotle, and Holmes?

THE MAGIC BULLET, **PRE-KENNEDY** By Jerry Kagle



The history of Dr. Watson's war wound has been a topic a great speculation by scholars in the Sherlockian community for many years. For those who have read "A Study in Scarlet," and of Jack's travels in Wonderland, or more aptly Watson in Afghanistan the questions still rage. How, where and when, did Watson get shot? How did the wound travel from his arm to his leg? Were there two wounds? Was it a misquote that a second wound was mentioned in the first place?

The facts show that Watson was shot on July 27, 1880 at the battle of Maiwand. Watson's own statements confirm this. "I was removed from my brigade and attached to the Berkshires, with whom I served at the fatal battle of

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guided nations. Largely, these are based on what each considers to be the nature of humans.

Philosophical outlooks also develop frameworks in which to view government. Democrats, for example, generally favor more government while Republicans favor less. At the root of the former is the view that the person needs all the help one can get in taking care of oneself; the other feels self reliance is the better and more dignified condition of humans. Some say Democrats govern from the heart, and Republicans claim to govern from the head.

Judges must develop a philosophy of law. They must decide whether law is nothing more than the will of the lawgiver, having the power to back it up, the view of Chief Justice Holmes--Oliver Wendall, that is, not Sherlock. This essentially is the view that might makes right. Opposing this is the position that law is an ordinance of reason and that *ipso*

facto, any "law" contrary to reason is no law at all. This is based on natural Law theory.

In medicine, philosophy asks if the patient is the thing to be cured, or a person to be healed. In education, the issue is whether the student is an input/output computer--a sponge soaking up facts transmitted by a master--or a person who the teacher facilitates in a mutual learning process which must come from within. The latter essentially uses Socratic questioning as its model.

In our age of intense specialization, philosophy serves as a counterpoint as it is a "specialty of the general." Thus it is reflective and depends for its content on other disciplines. Hence, the saying that "The Owl of Minerva takes off after dark." This means that things have to happen first before one can mull over their significance. Thus before

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one can philosophize, there must first be a cultural reservoir from which to draw.

The root meaning of philosophy is "a love of wisdom." In this latter sense, Holmes was not a

philosopher, as he did not seek wisdom, but knowledge. In fact, Watson tells us in *A Study in Scarlet*, that Holmes' knowledge of philosophy itself was nil. Further, the knowledge the detective sought was not for its own

sake, but rather a highly specific and practical knowledge. It was useful knowledge put to action (**praxis**) to help him solve crimes.

Upon meeting Holmes, one recalls Watson's astonishment at the latter's ignorance of the Copernican Revolution in Astronomy. Particularly, Watson was chagrined with Holmes' snide remark that he would do his best to forget Copernicus's discovery, so that his brain could make room for "useful" knowledge. Clearly, Holmes

did not believe the mind had an infinite capacity for knowing everything. This was contrary to Aristotle's view that the mind was like a **tabula rasa** (blank tablet) on which potentially everything could be written.

Philosophy then consists principally not in "useful" knowledge but in abstract and speculative knowledge. In this respect philosophy was inimical to Holmes' concern. Such speculative questions would be, "Is there life after death? Is there a God? If so, what is this being's relationship to the world? How does one square up the reality of evil with an all good God?"

Holmes addressed the problem of evil only in a parochial way, claiming that Prof. Moriarty was evil personified. Nor was this a simple metaphor. For Holmes, evil was something concrete not abstract, and he claimed he would gladly give up his life to rid the world of that arch criminal. He never

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drew the distinction between moral evil and physical evil.

Holmes lived in Victorian times which heeded the call of the Enlightenment combined with 17th-18th century rationalism and the rise of the sciences. Charles Darwin, Sigmund Freud, and Sherlock Holmes all inherited the fundamental principle that the world was completely intelligible and eventually reason would fathom and triumph over all. Darwin posed the ultimate insult for religious fuddy duddies; namely, that instead of man descending from heaven as some kind of angel, he argued that man is rather a risen animal. For Freud, there were no human mistakes; these were explained by the lower levels of the mind which was like an iceberg, the largest part of which was beneath the surface. Penetrate the Id and the Ego, and the explanations came forth, albeit reluctantly.

Logic in such an age was universal in scope and inexorable.

The world was only a machine. One recalls that brother Mycroft was even more talented in that area than Sherlock. The difference between them was that Mycroft was essentially lazy. In such a world of pure reason, there was no room for an Augustinian or Pascalian protest that "Heart has its reasons that reason cannot understand."

For Holmes, there were no genuine mysteries, only problems to be solved. Witness his failure to understand the mystery of love between a man and a woman. Love cannot be reduced to a problem whose explanation lies in a "chemical bonding." Love is transcendent and in that sense unfathomable. Nor is love blind; rather it enables the lover to see the world in a wholly different way. Somehow in true love, the beloved is deeper in the lover than he is in himself. Holmes would totally disagree and one almost senses his disgust with Watson when

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he leaves his companion for Mary Marston. The Sign of Four, proved happily to be the sign of two.

In short, Watson describes Holmes as "the most perfect and reasoning machine." (The latter could well repeat with René Descartes, "Cogito ergo sum—I think, therefore I am.")

The master of deduction also was clearly aligned with the Greek Stoics, who advocated our ignoring emotions (hence the adjective, stoical) and whose god was a kind of universal mind or **Nous**. For them, as for the great detective, emotions distorted thought and so were to be dismissed. Star Trek embodied this view in Mr. Spock. In fact, Holmes so prided himself on being a thinking machine that when he had no cases, he resorted to the seven percent solution of cocaine to sustain himself. One recalls that Freud not only used it but was its advocate.

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If Deity entered into the Holmesian corpus, it was more the Deistic god of Isaac Newton, a god who started out the universe and then distanced himself from it to let it run down on its own. Hence, Newton's metaphor describing god as a watchmaker, who having completed his work, let the watch take care of itself. There is no divine providence as God does not interfere with the world. (One might even identify Holmes' god with that of Benedictus Spinoza, to-wit, only another name for order in the universe.)

It follows from this that the notion of spirit and spiritual hold little or no place in Holmes' philosophy. There is no evil spirit, only the evil will of men. To look beyond this world to a possible evil genius (René Descartes' term) as the cause for some unexplained phenomenon was, for Holmes simply a case of throwing in the towel and giving up on something inherently explainable. Watson,

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wasn't so sure, however, and almost seems ready to attribute something preternatural to the Hound of the Baskervilles, or possibly even to Tonga in The Sign of Four. (As an aside, it is a paradox that Sir A. Conan Doyle himself was a true believer in spiritualism and other worlds, but apparently he never convinced Holmes.)

Holmes, of course, was a thorough-going chauvinist with respect to the male intellect, and a misogynist in regards to women. Watson tells us though, perhaps with a sense of comic relief, that only once was the detective "beaten by a woman's wits" yet that comeuppance was decisive. To continue, "And when he speaks of Irene Adler, or when he refers to her photograph, it is always under the honorable title of the woman."

And what of the ethics of Sherlock Holmes? On a number of occasions, he justifies his conduct which clearly is outside the law. He hides behind his not being a police official, but only a consulting detective. This appears more as a rationalization, however. See, "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle" and the dismissal of James Ryder. Or the letting go of Dr. Sterndale, a confessed murderer, in "The Devil's Foot." He also releases Captain Crocker from a legal investigation in "The Abbey Grange."

On a number of occasions in ignoring the law, he even successfully solicits as his accomplice, that staunch conservative and defender of British tradition, Dr. Watson. Both could have been convicted of breaking

and entering in the house of the blackmailer, in "The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton."

To sum up Sherlock Holmes' philosophical positions then:

LOGIC: He was an absolute believer and practitioner.

EPISTEMOLOGY (concerning the validity of human knowledge): He was a thorough--going realist. Things can be known in their reality.

COSMOLOGY (a study of the ultimate nature and causes of the universe): He had no interest.

METAPHYSICS (an enquiry into the existence of ultimate reality or being): He had no interest.

ETHICS: Generally, he implicitly upheld traditional ethics such as enunciated by Plato and Aristotle. However, he occasionally employed the principles of "Situation Ethics" which more or less eschewed universal laws of behavior.

Sherlock Holmes was not immortal, nor was he a philosopher, but his exploits told us much about ourselves and the world we live in. He was inextricably on the side of good, however, and conveys a sense of dedication to his work which we all would be well to emulate. His works will continue to fascinate readers well into the coming millennium.



ANNUAL DINNER PREVIEW:

"THE MANY FACES OF MYCROFT HOLMES"

A Talk Complete with Illustrative Lantern Slides
By William S. Dorn, 1999 Annual Dinner Guest Speaker

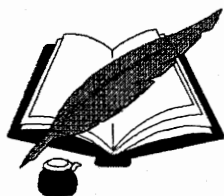
Mycroft Holmes, Sherlock's elder brother, has been described by scholars(?) as
royalty
a hopeless, albeit sporadic, bumbler,
a sometimes author,
any one of several highly placed government officials,
an important cog in Britain's Secret Intelligence Service,
A key figure in the entrance of the United States in World War II,
a frequent and essential consultant to his younger brother,
a detective himself,
an expert driver of horse drawn vehicles,
a criminal (as unbelievable as that might seem),
the world's first computer (equally unbelievable),
the first computer programmer.



Could any or all of these be true?

We will explore each of these suppositions one-by-one, and -- in the end -- expose just who or what Mycroft Holmes was. And perhaps still is?

For more info on the Sherlock Holmes Annual Birthday Dinner (**January 16th**), see page 10



Editor's Notes

Well, it's lucky #13, and the old "Bulletin" has never looked better.

We've got a second lead article by

Dr. Gerald F. Kreyche, this time on Holmes and his philosophy of life. This is a prime example of someone using his expertise (Gerald is a Professor Emeritus of Philosophy) to relate to the Canon and make a real contribution with it. Sherlockian scholarship can be melded with almost any interest from boxing to wine tasting, and articles linking Holmes to these subjects can be found in any Sherlockian Journal. Do you have a hobby or interest that you could turn into a Sherlockian piece? Something to think about.

Our second featured monograph is by Jerry Kegley, and comes our way from Baker Street West 1, our new sister publication. Many of you may know that we have started an article exchange program with that fine journal, which has already published Denny Hogarth's fine work on Poe as the foundation for Holmes and all detective fiction, that you saw in the Bulletin some months ago. Some of you expressed an interest in BSW1, so I have included on page 23 of this issue the info you would need to subscribe. Remember, you're not a real Sherlockian if you don't get at least three Holmesian Journals on a regular basis! Also, every DWNP member should be able to dis-

cuss the issue of Watson's traveling wound, so read Mr. Kegley's words with care. You have been warned!

Denny Hogarth has put together some great club history from the DWNP archives, and we intend to publish much of it as a series called "FOR THE RECORD". Enjoy the first fascinating if hefty installment this very issue. Plus, there is a first ever book review from Ye Editor himself!

Also, John Price would like it known that the official DWNP Handbook is now complete. It has 172 pages, 22 graphics and material from nine different members. It has some of the best stuff from The Medical Bulletin, as well as work that has never seen previous publication. It contains all the basics as well as the classics about Sherlock Holmes and the Neglected Patients. For new members and for longtime fans of this publication, it is a must. The plan is for yearly supplements to be published, so don't miss out. It will be available at the Annual Birthday Dinner, and you can reserve your copy when you register, a good idea considering the limited number that will be available. Happy 25th anniversary everyone, and see you Jan 16th!

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Maiwand."¹ As far as dates are concerned, the when is soundly entrenched in British military history.

The question of how a military Doctor came to be wounded after being assigned to a rear area prior to battle is a bit more complex.

As a student of military history, one of the first things that I learned is that no military engagement no matter how big or how small is an ordered or uniform event. Quite the contrary the very chaotic and frenzied nature of battle is in most cases what turns the tide between victory and defeat. It is a great leader indeed that maintains order amongst the chaos. That is why the likes of Caesar, Napoleon, Lee, and Patton to name a few, have achieved myth-like status. Whether it be the lay of the land, the enemies' tendencies, or the way in which the fight developed, these individuals know how and when to seize the moment and in most cases win the day. Unfortunately for the British, General Burrows was not a man who believed in *carpe diem* on July 27, 1880.

Ayub Khan discovered the British force sent from Kandahar to oppose him at a place called Khushi-i-nakhud. After the British had suffered great loss from the Afghani artillery fire, an advance of Afghan cavalry coinciding with a charge of fanatic Ghazis broke up the Bombay Native Infantry (Jacob's Rifles), who fell back in retreat upon the 66th Regiment. As the British position became more and more tenuous the thin red line bent to the breaking point with the gallant and courageous Berkshires (66th Foot) defeat degenerating into a rout.¹

The soldiers of the Queen were overrun by the Afghan tribesmen and Dr. John H. Watson found himself deep in the thick of the fighting.

I digress though, John H. Watson MD, was neither a great general nor a regular soldier. What then was his participation at the battle of Maiwand, and more to the point how was he wounded?

The questions regarding Watson's wound are numerous and the answers to those questions create even more questions. Now the truth can be told. With the help of Dr. Watson, himself, I will lay all speculation to rest. Moreover I have the only possible answer to all those questions, and that answer is "The First Magic Bullet Theory."

Watson states plainly the events leading up to the Maiwand disaster. "...On landing at Bombay, I learned that my corps had advanced through the passes, and was already deep in the enemy's country. I followed, however, with many other officers who were in the same situation as myself, and succeeded in reaching Candahar in safety, where I found my regiment, and at once entered upon my new duties."³

Watson's narrative becomes very slight regarding the actual events surrounding his actions during the battle. "...There I was struck on the shoulder by a Jezail bullet, which shattered the bone and grazed the subclavian artery."⁴ The good Doctor also provides a clear story of his misery's and misadventure after his wounding. "...I should have fallen into the hands of the murderous Ghazis had it not been for the devotion and courage shown by Murray, my orderly, who threw me across a pack-horse, and succeeded in bringing me safely to the British lines..."⁵

What really did happen upon that hot dusty plain in July of 1880? It is known that the British force was overrun, newspapers of the day reported the British force under Burrows suffering the following casualties: Europeans killed 310, wounded (including J. H. Watson) 14, natives killed 654, wounded 118, Followers killed 331, wounded 7.⁶

As an assistant Surgeon atot, Watson would have naturally been assigned to a rear area, to see to the wounded as they came in. In the early stages of the battle this was undoubtedly the case. It was during the British rout that Watson was struck by the Jezail bullet that left him helpless until rescued by his orderly, Murray.

Watson was shot, but how was he positioned at the time of the shooting?

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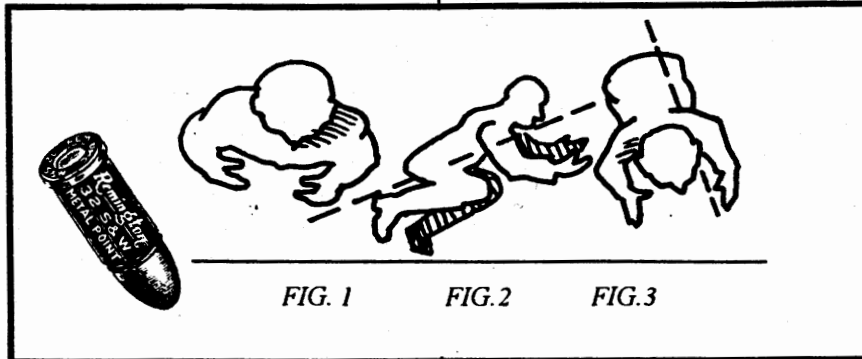
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What profile did he present to his enemy's gun?

This is critical to the ultimate answer. As a Doctor, and from what we know of John Watson's character, he was undoubtedly administering aid to a fallen comrade. If so, and when we weigh the

Jezeil Bullet through it some time before, and though it did not prevent me from walking, it ached wearily at every change of the weather."⁸

The aches and pains Watson Mentioned throughout the Canon being the result of this single bullet. It is not



evidence we can draw only this conclusion. He was on his knees leaning over his patient, thus present a profile similar (Fig. 1) to his shooter.

As can be seen, only the head, shoulders, arms and upper legs are exposed. Watson states, "...I was struck on the shoulder by a Jezeil bullet..."⁷ Taking Watson's own account into effect we can look at the evidence and state a very clear hypothesis. The bullet, shot from the jezeil gun hit Watson at the top of his shoulder near the tip of his collar bone. It entered about mid-way between his neck and the ball joint to his left arm. The bullet shattering the bone and grazing the subclavian artery as it traversed the shoulder area. Continuing the trajectory path, after the bullet deflected of the collar bone it exited Watson's body through his armpit traveling at a slightly downward path along side of his torso. It impacted for a second time in the fleshy part of Watson's hip. The bullet in all probability nicked the hip bone and then exited for a final time through the buttock. (FIG. 2&3)

Watson suffered from two wounds caused by a single bullet. The facts sustain themselves when we consider Watson's assertion from "The Sign of Four," "...my wounded leg. I had a

hard for anyone who has suffered a broken bone or deep muscle injury to sympathize with the sudden limp or stiffness of limb that the good Doctor endured. The pain one feels at times when the weather changes or with the strain of fatigue or exertion can be most trying.

The fact that Watson was struck twice by the same bullet is not a historic anomaly. You need look no further than the "Warren Commission Report,"⁹ or the numerous theories put forth in books about the Kennedy assassination, to see a bullet with even more magical properties and a more storied history, than even Watson or his literary agent could have imagined.



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**1999 ANNUAL
SHERLOCK HOLMES
BANQUET
JANUARY 16TH -
WYNDHAM GARDEN
HOTEL
DWNP'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY!**

The Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Banquet will be held Saturday, January 16th, 1999 on the top floor of the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 1475 South Colorado Blvd, Denver, Colorado. The view of downtown Denver and the mountains is spectacular! The dinner will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients, which was founded in 1974. This year's guest speaker will be DWNP's own William S. Dorn, an internationally known Sherlockian scholar and author. The dinner will be complete with the usually Sherlockian toasts and the annual Silent Auction to raises funds for the Christmas Goose Fund. The Cocktail Hour will start at 6:00 p.m. and the Dinner will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

The Wyndham Garden Hotel's banquet room is a beautiful facility, easily able to accommodate all of the Neglected Patients and their guests. Everyone should be able to see and hear very well. There is a built-in bar immediately adjacent to the banquet room, which will be open during the entire dinner. The Wyndham also provide convenient free parking, a passenger drop-off area and elevators. As with previous years there will be collectibles for sale, a registration table and tables displaying Silent Auction items.

Neglected Patients wishing to spend the night at the Wyndham Garden Hotel should call (303) 757-8797 for room reservations.

Dinner prices this year will be substantially less than the last two years. This year's entrees are as follows:

CHICKEN PICATTA (\$25.00)

Garden Salad with Ranch and Cabrenet Vinergurette
Rosemary Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Warm rolls and Butter

**LONDON BROIL WITH ROASTED
GARLIC MASHED POTATOES (\$25.00)**

Grilled Marinated Flank Steak Thinly Sliced and Layered on Rich Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Ladled with Sauce Bordet
Garden Salad
Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter

**VEGETABLE BARLEY RUSOTTO
STUFFED ZUCCHINI (\$23.00)**

Grilled Zucchini with Portobello, Barley, Caramelized Shallots, Roasted Tomato and Dusted with Fried Leek
Garden Salad
Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter

All the dinners include a Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Milk. The dinner prices also include tax and gratuity.

The dinners this year DO NOT include a free glass of wine with the meal. Dinner guests will need to purchase at the bar their drink of choice for toasting during the dinner. The Cash Bar will be open at 6:00 through the dinner at prices comparable to other banquet facilities. The

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prices are House Labels - \$3.75, Call Labels - \$4.00, Prestige Labels - \$4.25, House Wine - \$3.75, Domestic Beer - \$3.25, Imported Beer - \$4.00, Cordials/Liquors - \$4.75, Mineral Waters - \$2.25 and Soft Drinks - \$1.50.

Reservation forms will be included in a latter issue of the MedicalBoard Update for your convenience. Mark January 16th on your calendars now! The Medical Board is hoping to break the magic "100" number this year.

THE BRICK AWARD: THE ANNUAL DINNER TRIVIA CONTEST

Since 1990 the Annual Dinner to celebrate the birthday of Sherlock Holmes has also included the traditional oral Sherlockian Trivia contest. The first person who correctly answers the question or questions wins symbolic custody of a brick from a building that was once locate at 221B Baker Street in London. The winner then has the responsiblity to present the question(s) at the next Annual Dinner. The following is a list of the past winners.

1990 Ronald Lies
1991 James Butler
1992 William Dorn
1993 Dennis Hogarth
1994 Ronald Lies
1995 Fran Hogarth
1996 Terry Smith
1997 Dr. Michael Cherington
1998 William Dorn

DR. CHERINGTON DONATES \$50 FOR BRICK AWARD PLAQUE

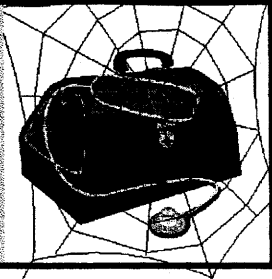
Dr. Michael Cherington has donated \$50 toward the purchase of a permanent plaque which will list each year's brick award winners. The Medical Board wishes to thank Dr. Cherington on behalf of all the Neglected Patients for his generosity.

The Brick Award is the Annual Dinner oral trivia contest which was started in 1990. The winner of the contest wins symbolic custody of a brick from a building once located at 221B Baker Street and the duty to compile the questions for the next Dinner.

Last year's winner, Bill Dorn, has not yet released any clues about his questions or the story on which he may be focusing. The competition over the past couple years has been friendly, but intense.

FOR THE RECORD

The first in a series of historical archives related to our august organization, DWNP



DR. WATSON'S NEGLECTED PATIENTS: A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF EVENTS

1974

Dues: \$3.00

- Sept. 11 **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF DR. WATSON'S NEGLECTED PATIENTS** and election of the first Medical Board, Bemis Library, Littleton, Colorado. Dues: \$3.00.
- Oct. 4 First Medical Board Meeting, residence of Mary Holmes, Secretary.
- Oct. 10 Medical Board meeting of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients, at the residence of Mary Holmes. MEMBERS OF THE FIRST MEDICAL BOARD were Chief Surgeon, Lt. Col. Morency R. Dame; Transcriber, Mary Woodward Holmes; Wielder of the Scalpel (Treas.), Dr. W. P. Blake; Intern, Joanne Hartley; Intern, Ronald De Waal; Consultant, Mary Ake and Consultant, Nancy Wynne.
- Nov. 11 DWNP Film Evening, 7:30 p.m., Bemis Library, Littleton CO.
- Dec. 5 Informal Society Meeting, Bemis Public Library, Littleton, Co. Program: Presentation of a paper by Ron De Waal, "Holmes Away from Home: Highlights of a Sherlockian Trip to Europe - 1974."

1975

Dues: \$3.00

- Jan. 20 First issue of The Medical Bulletin edited by Lt. Col. Morency R. Dame.
- Jan. 8 Discussion, "A Night in Victorian England," Martha and Bill Liehe residence.
- Feb. 2 First Annual Dinner, Howard House Restaurant, Littleton, CO. Speakers: International Sherlockian and Collector John Bennett Shaw, "The Cult of Sherlock Holmes" and Washington D.C. Sherlockian and Geologist Peter Blau, "The Literary Agent." Cost: \$10.00

Menu

Mixed Green Salad
Dinner Wine
Roast Young Colorado Tom Turkey
Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce
String Beans with Mushrooms

Snow Flake Mashed Potatoes
Assorted Breads & Butter
Beverages

- Feb. 2-5 **"Sherlock Lives!"** - Second World Sherlock Holmes Symposium, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Program: Robert L. Fish, BSI discussed his books The Incredible Schlock Homes and The Memoirs of Schlock Homes; Tom Schantz, Editor of Aspen Press, Boulder, presented "The 61st Adventure;" John Bennett Shaw, BSI, Sherlockian presented a paper, "The Cult of Sherlock Holmes;" Samuel Rosenberg discussed his book Naked Is the Best Disguise; Peter E. Blau, BSI, Sherlockian presented a paper "The Literary Agent: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle;" Two panel discussions: "Sherlockian Bibliomania or Everything you Wanted to Know About Collecting, But Didn't Know Who To Ask" and "The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes" and 4 movies: "A Study in Scarlet" (1933), "They Might Be Giants" (1971), "The Man Who Was Sherlock Holmes" (1937) & "A Study In Terror" (1965).

- Feb. 12 Discussion, "Victorian England," Daniel Daugherty Residence.
- Feb. 27 Lecture, Littleton Bemis Library, "Singular Features Associated with the Well Known Surrey Family of the Royslotts of Stoke Moran" by Mary Ake.
- Oct. 7 Presentation by Ron DeWaal "The Political & Pornographic Sherlock Holmes," Bemis Library, Littleton, CO.
- Dec. 5 Talk and slide show by Mary Ake, "Mary and the Sacred Pilgrimage," and a Sherlockiana "Show & Tell," Marathon Oil Co. Auditorium, S. Broadway, Denver, CO.

1976

Dues: \$3.00

- Jan. 18 Annual Dinner, Brock's Eating and Drinking House, Littleton, CO. Speaker: William Dorn "Mycroft Holmes, the World's First Computer" and Ronald B. DeWaal "Sherlock Holmes and U.S. Presidents." Cost: \$6.00

Menu

"Donegal" Sirloin, or
Beef Brochette, or
Fried Chicken, or
Filet of Flounder stuffed with crabmeat
Salad Bar
Vegetable
Coffee or Tea
Dinner Wine

- May. 7-9 A Weekend in Denver with Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients and The Brothers Three of Moriarty.
- May 7 Play "Sherlock Holmes," "freely adapted" by Director William Oakley from William Gillette's play, Heritage Square Opera House.
- May 8 Play "Sherlock Holmes," by William Gillette, presented by the Royal Shake-

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- speare Company with Leonard Nimoy, Denver Auditorium Theatre.
- May 8 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Birthday Dinner & Meeting - to Commemorate the Literary Agent's 117th Birthday on May 22, Executive Tower Inn. Speakers: Ronald DeWaal, "I Hear of Sherlock Holmeses and Dr. Watsons Everywhere!"; Scott R. Bullard and Michael L. Collins discussed their novel The Golden Fleece, a pastiche in which Holmes investigates the theft of the Declaration of Independence; and John Bennett Shaw "The Air of London is NOT Sweeter, But I Was There and in Copenhagen and Edinburgh, Too." Films: "The Hidden Motive" (1975) with Leonard Nimoy and "Mr. Sherlock Holmes of London" (1971).
- May 9 Dr. John H. Watson Memorial Breakfast.
- Sept 18 Dedication of Baker Street Restaurant & Pub, Colorado's new and only Sherlock Holmes restaurant, Greeley, CO.

1977

Dues: \$3.00

- Jan. 8 Out-Patients, a newly-formed discussion group, held Sherlock Holmes birthday dinner at the club house of the South Suburban Golf Course, in Littleton, CO. Drew Thurston presented excerpts from his paper on the origins of Sherlock Holmes in Edgar Allen Poe, Dr. Joseph Bell and Arthur Conan Doyle.
- Jan. 21 Annual Dinner, Holiday Inn, Littleton, CO. Speakers: Nancy Wynne, "Sherlock Holmes and the Mormons" and Scott Bullard & Michael Collins "Baritsu: Art or Science?" and LTC. Morency R. Dame gave a short talk on his trip to the Baker Street Irregulars' Annual Meeting and Dinner. Film: "The Speckled Band" (1931) starring Raymond Massey.

Menu

Trout Almandine (\$7.50) or
Breast of Chicken Kiev (\$7.90)
Wine
Salad
Roll
Dessert

- May 1 Morstan-Watson Wedding Anniversary, celebrated by the Out-Patients with a potluck dinner at the residence of Nancy Wynne.
- June 4 The First Annual running of the Hound of the Baskervilles Race, Cloverleaf Kennel Club, Loveland, CO, on the anniversary of Sir. Charles Baskerville's death, June 4, 1977.
- Summer "The World of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson," class taught at CSU by Ronald DeWaal.
- Summer "Agatha Christie: The Woman and Her Work," class taught at University of Denver by Nancy Wynne.
- July 22-24 Sherlock Holmes Film Festival, sponsored by DWNP, Colorado State University Engineering Auditorium. Films: all 14 of

the Basil Rathbone/Nigel Bruce Sherlock Holmes films.

- Sept. 18 The Second Annual Party for Dr. John H. Watson, M.D. Celebrating his 125th Birthday, Baker Street Restaurant & Pub, Greeley Colorado. Dinner, toasts and music. Film: "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" (1939).
- Fall "The World of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson," class taught at CSU by Ronald DeWaal.
- Fall "Agatha Christie: The Woman and Her Work," class taught at University of Denver by Nancy Wynne.
- Oct. 1 Outpatients Meeting to discuss "The Stockbroker's Clerk."
- Oct. 8 Outpatients Meeting to discuss "The Naval Treaty."
- Oct. 15 Outpatients Meeting to discuss "The Card-board Box."
- Oct. 22 Outpatients Meeting to discuss "The Engineer's Thumb."
- Oct. 29 Outpatients Meeting to discuss Naked Is The Best Disguise.

1978

Dues: \$5.00

- Jan. 7 Council of Four of Denver met at the Lotus Room of the Bannock Street V.F.W. to celebrate the birthday of Sherlock Holmes.
- Jan. 20-21 A Weekend of Celebration on the Occasion of Sherlock Holmes' 124th Birthday:**
- Jan. 20 Play, "Sherlock Holmes and the Affair of the Amorous Regent," Bonfils Theater, Denver, CO.
- Jan. 21 Coffee, 9:00 a.m. Residence of Nancy Wynne, Littleton, CO.

Films and Buffet Lunch, Holiday Inn, Aurora. Films: "A Study in Scarlet" (1933), "Sherlock Holmes" with Mr. Magoo as Dr. Watson, "A Study in Terror" (1965), "Silver Blaze" (1976), "Mr. Sherlock Holmes of London" (The S. H. Society of London) (1971).

Social Hour and The Jefferson Hope Dinner, Holiday Inn, Aurora.

Menu

The Nobel Bachelor's Baked Chicken (\$8.00) or
The Crooked Man's Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce (\$8.00) or
The Norwood Builder's New York Steak (\$10.00)
Garden Variety Vegetable
Baked Potato or Rice
Coffee or Tea
Hot Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice Dessert

- Spring "The World of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson," class taught at CSU by Ronald DeWaal.
- Spring "Agatha Christie: The Woman and Her Work,"

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class taught at University of Denver by Nancy Wynne.

Jan.-Feb. Sherlockian Exhibit, from the 2nd week of January through the 2nd week of February, The Bemis Library in Littleton featured an exhibit of Sherlockiana from the collection of Neglected Patient John Stephenson.

Mar.17 Medical Board and Consultants Meeting, Mary Holmes residence, Littleton. Films: "The Christmas Pudding" (NBC, May 2, 1955) and "The Case of the Unlucky Gambler" (NBC, July 18, 1955) both starring Ronald Howard and H. Marion Crawford.

Aug. 6 Medical Board and Consultants Meeting, at Charlene Schnelker residence, Littleton.

Sept.24 "A Night of Music and Magic," Dr. Watson's Birthday was celebrated at Becketts Pub in Southglenn.

Oct.10 Medical Board and Consultants Meeting, at Mary Ake's residence in Littleton.

1979

Dues: \$5.00

Jan. 6 Annual Dinner Celebrating the 125th Birthday of Mr. Sherlock Holmes, Phipps House, Denver CO. Performance by the "Patients Players" who gave readings of "The Yellow Face" and "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle" in the style of old radio broadcasts, using sound effects and several mood enhancing props. Cost: \$8.50

Menu

Roast Beef
Boiled Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts
Yorkshire Pudding
Coffee or Tea
Wine

Feb.13 Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients previewed the movie "Murder by Decree." Showing arranged by the Sherman Advertising Agency for Avco Embassy Pictures.

Mar.11 Class "Elementary Sherlock Holmes," taught at Southeast Denver Free University.

Mar.20 Medical Board Meeting, David Poole residence, Littleton.

June 3 Spring Fling, Littleton Museum. Puppet show followed by croquet game.

June12 Medical Board Meeting.

July14 Matinee performance of "The Crucifer of Blood," at Elitch Gardens Theatre.

Sept.1 Play "Sherlock Holmes," at the Heritage Square Opera House.

Sept11 Medical Board Meeting, David Poole's residence.

Sept13 Dr. Watson's Birthday Celebration, a pot luck dinner and croquet match at residence of Sally and Jim Kurtzman, Denver.

Oct. 2 Discussion panel at DU in Nancy Wynne's class "The Ambience of the British Detective Story."

Nov.12 Rehearsal meeting of the DWNP Buskers, Nancy Wynne residence in Littleton.

Nov.27 Medical Board Meeting.

1980

Dues: \$10.00

Jan. 5 Annual Dinner Celebrating the 126th Birthday of Sherlock Holmes, Phipps House, Denver. Theme: "The Henry Baker Dinner." Entertainment was a Victorian Music Hall presentation by "The Buskers." Cost: \$10.00.

Menu

Goose with Dressing
Apple Rings
Peas with Mint
Rolls and Butter
Colcannon
Tea and Coffee
Flaming Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce
Wine

Apr.12 Play "Find Sherlock Holmes," Doctor Watson's Neglected Patients Theater Party, Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Arvada with dinner before the play at Hackberry Hill Restaurant.

May 6 Steve Dixon's Sherlock Holmes class at C.U.

May 11 Informal dinner at the Anaconda Towers to visit with Peter Blau of the Washington, D.C. scion, "The Red Circle."

June 6 Medical Board Meeting.

June11 Dinner Meeting with Peter Blau and "The Limited but Practical Geologists" at the Petroleum Club, Denver, CO.

Aug. 15 Opening of Nancy Wynne's bookstore "Murder by the Book" in Littleton, CO.

Sept. 6 Dr. Watson's Birthday Celebration, Croquet match and pot luck dinner at Sally Kurtzman's residence.

Oct.21 Medical Board Meeting.

1981

Dues: \$10.00

Jan.10 Annual Dinner, Padre's Restaurant, 8035 S. Quebec St. Speaker: Tom Schantz speaking on Sherlockian Book Collecting.

Menu

Roasted Ribs of Beef (\$12.00) or

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Chicken Cordon Bleu (\$10.00)
Dessert
Wine

June 9 Medical Board Meeting at David Poole residence.

June 10 "Elementary Sherlock Holmes: An Introduction to Sherlockiana" including showing of the film "The Speckled Band," presented by DWNP's Out-patients, S. Aurora Public Library.

June 14 "Sherlock Holmes Mystery Tour," (car rally) sponsored by the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club, Inc, Englewood CO.

June 21 "Elementary Sherlock Holmes: An Introduction to Sherlockiana" including showing of the film "The Speckled Band," presented by DWNP's Out-patients presented through Southeast Denver Free University and Nancy Wynne's bookstore, "Murder by the Book," Littleton, CO.

June 28 "Silver Blaze Handicap," Centennial Race Track, Littleton CO.

Sept. 9 "Elementary Sherlock Holmes: An Introduction to Sherlockiana" including showing of the film "The Speckled Band," presented by DWNP's Out-patients presented through Southeast Denver Free University and Nancy Wynne's bookstore, "Murder by the Book," Littleton, CO.

Sept. 14 Dr. Watson's Birthday.

Sept. 24-26 Mystery Party Weekend, at the Tumbling River Ranch, Grant, CO.

1982

Dues: \$10.00

Jan. 15 The Basil of Baker Street Dinner, in Honor of the 128th Birthday of Mr. Sherlock Holmes, Phipps House, Denver, CO. Program: "The Ivory Box," a play by Dorothy Ellis, was presented by the _____ of The Baskervilles," mad lib by Jill Stone, Auction of Sherlockian T-shirts and books and a Blair Kittleson general sing-along. Cost: \$10.00.

Menu

Buffet Dinner Featuring Beef Tenderloin Tips and Other Canonical Dishes
Wine

June 12 "The Silver Blaze Handicap," Centennial Race Track, Littleton CO.

Sept. 11 Dr. Watson's Birthday Celebration, Pot-luck and croquet match, Sally and Jim Kurtzman residence.

1983

Dues: \$10.00

Jan. 8 Annual Dinner Celebrating the Master Detective's 129th Birthday, Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, CO. Program: DWNP's Buskers presented a musical program of Gilbert and Sullivan. Speakers: Debbie Laubach "A Detective's Lot is Not a Happy One" and Mr. Thomas Kerwin, an authority on the Savoy Operas. Cost: \$16.00.

Menu

Fruit Cup
Half Country Fried Chicken
Rissolle Potatoes
Carrots
Peas and Onions
Tomatoes Vinaigrette
Spumoni Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce
Rolls
Tea and Coffee
Wine

Summer/Fall Out-Patients meeting at Chuck Hansen's with author Jack Tracy who wrote Encyclopaedia Sherlockiana, etc.

April 12 DWNP volunteers manned the phone banks to help raise money for PBS Channel 12 in Broomfield.

June 25 "The Silver Blaze Handicap," Centennial Race Track, Littleton CO.

Sept. 11 Dr. Watson's Birthday Celebration and Croquet Match, Sally & Jim Kurtzman residence.

Oct. 14-15 Mystery Weekend, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park.

1984

Dues: \$10.00

Jan. 7 Annual Dinner to Celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients, Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, CO. Speakers: Co-founder Nancy Wynne and Shirley Beaird "The Art of Making Money From Murder, Mystery and Mayhem." Musical entertainment by DWNP's Buskers. Cost: \$20.00.

Menu

Consomme Celestine
Beef Stroganoff in Patty Ring
Oven Browned Potatoes
French Peas with Onions
Romaine Lettuce and Sliced Fresh Mushrooms
Brown Palace Dressing
Pear Helene and Butter Cookie
Coffee, Tea or Sanka
Wine

June 2 Farewell Dinner for Co-founder Nancy Wynne, who was moving out of Denver, David Poole residence.

Sept. 23 Dr. Watson's Birthday Celebration and the Charles Hansen Memorial Croquet Tournament, Sally and Jim Kurtzman residence.

1985

Dues: \$10.00

Jan. 5 Eleventh Annual Dinner For Sherlock Holmes' 131st Birthday, The Wellington Broker Restaurant. Program: "Collecting Sherlock Holmes in Pocketbook" by John Stephenson, Sherlockian Auction and Display of Items, A Sherlockian Reading by Debbie Laubach, Singing of "He Is An

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Englishman" and a Film. Cost: \$25.00.

Menu

London Broil or Chicken Granier or Salmon
Mixed Green Salad with Choice of Dressing
Baked Potatoes
Julienne Vegetables
Cheesecake with Strawberries
Bread and Butter
Coffee and Tea
Wine

Sept. 15 Dr. Watson's Birthday Celebration, pot-luck and croquet match, Sally and Jim Kurtzman residence.

1986

Jan. 4 Twelfth Annual Dinner for Sherlock Holmes' 132nd Birthday, The Wellington Broker Restaurant. Program: Bagpipe Concert by Susan Thornton, A Slide Show and Lecture of the Military Career of Dr. John H. Watson, M.D. by John Thornton, and a Bagpipe Blowout. Presentation of a Book to David Poole. Cost: \$25.00

Menu

London Broil or Chicken Grand Marnier
Mixed Green Salad with Choice of Dressing
Baked Potato
Julienne Vegetables
Cheesecake with Strawberries
Bread and Butter
Coffee and Tea
Wine

1987

Dues: \$10.00

Jan.10 Thirteenth Annual Celebration for Sherlock Holmes' 133rd Birthday, The Wellington Broker, Denver, CO. Program: Music by Susan Thornton, Presentation of a Paper by William Dorn: "The Science of Deduction?"; Presentation of a paper by John Thornton: "The Adventure of the Elusive Boundary-line;" and a slide show. Cost: \$25.00.

Menu

Prime Rib or Chicken Marnier or Vegetarian Patter
Shrimp Bowel
Mixed Green Salad with Choice of Dressing
Baked Potato
Julienne Vegetables
Cheesecake with Strawberries
Bread and Butter
Coffee and Tea
Wine

Mar.12 DWNP as phone bank volunteers for Channel 12 KBDI-TV during the showing of an Arthur Wontner classic Sherlock Holmes movie and the new "Mystery" with Jeremy Brett.

June 13-14 Open House for "Baskerville Hall, the Charles Ford Hansen/Roy Hunt Memorial Library (DWNP Sherlockian Library) at Charlene Schnelker residence. The open house was held after two performances of "Iolanthe" held at the Shwayder Theater.

Sept.27 Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients' Annual Celebration of the Good Doctor's Birthday, potluck and croquet match, Stan and Jan Moskal residence.

1988

Dues: \$10.00

Jan.16 Informal Annual Dinner, Brown Place, Denver, CO. Order from the Menu.

Jan.16 Afternoon Open House for Baskerville Hall, the DWNP Sherlockian Library at Charlene Schnelker residence.

Feb.19 Presentation of "Sherlockian Book Collecting" by John Stephenson and Ron Lies at the Dorothy Ellis residence.

Mar.12 Organizational Meeting of St. Bartholomew's Chemical Laboratory (Bart's Chem Lab), a new Denver metro area Sherlockian society.

Mar. 18 "Game Night" for Sherlockian games, Stan and Jan Moskal residence.

Apr. 16 First official meeting of Bart's Chem Lab, Jim and Debbie Butler's residence.

June 8 High Tea, House of Windsor and viewing of John Stephenson's latest collectors' items, a VCR of Sherlockian tapes.

Sept. 18 Dr. Watson's Birthday Party, Potluck and Croquet Tournament, Sterne Park, Littleton, CO

Nov. 1 Joint Dinner Meeting with Peter Blau and "The Practical, But Limited Geologists," Broker Restaurant, Denver.

Nov. 3 In Memory of Guy Fawkes, Bemis Library, Littleton, CO. An evening of film starring Sherlock Holmes.

Nov. 10 A Film Evening, Bemis Library, Littleton, CO.

1989

Ducs: \$ 10.00

Jan. 6 Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner, Denver Press Club, jointly held with Bart's Chem Lab. Speaker: Rex Burns, a Denver-based mystery writer. Cost: \$16.00.

Menu

Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu
Salad
Dessert
Coffee
Wine

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May 18 High Tea, House of Windsor, Lakewood, CO. Program: Audio of the only known tape of William Gillettes' voice presenting a Sherlockian story.

May 21? The Literary Agent's happening: a bicycle event with picnic and other activities along the South Platte River near Littleton, CO [Do not know if this event occurred.]

Sept 24 Dr. Watson's Birthday Party, Potluck and Croquet Match, Sterne Park, Littleton, CO.

Nov. 21 DWNP receives from Olympic Pin Collectors the design for the new DWNP pin.

1990

Dues: \$10.00?

Jan. 6 Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner jointly presented with Bart's Chem Lab, Denver Press Club. Speaker: Well-known Sherlockian and sci-fi author David Dvorkin. Cost: \$16.00.

Menu

Roast Pork Tenderloin or Chicken Kiev or Fish of the Day

Salad
Rolls
Dessert
Coffee
Wine

Nov. 8 Guy Fawkes Day, Ross Cherry Creek Branch Library, Denver. Movie: "Murder By Decree" with James Mason and Christopher Plummer.

1991

Dues: \$7.50.

Jan. 5 Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner jointly presented with Bart's Chem Lab, Denver Press Club. Speakers: Mystery writers Joy Adamson and Yvonne Montgomery. Cost: ?

Menu - ?

May 22 Tea Time in May, House of Windsor, Lakewood, CO. Program: Video of Christopher Morley Centennial Memorial Dinner Celebration Held in Chicago, May 1991 (Founder of the Baker Street Irregulars).

July 20 First Annual Silver Blaze Barbecue and Horseshoe Tournament, Larry and Liz Feldman residence.

Sept. 9 Play, "Sherlock Holmes: A Little Night Mystery," Heritage Square Dinner Theater.

Dec. 28 Bart's Chem Lab, Annual Blue Carbuncle Dinner, Catholic Diocese Community Services building, by Jim & Debbie Butler.

1992

Dues: \$7.50

Jan. 4 Eighteenth Annual Dinner for Sherlock Homes' 138th Birthday, Denver Press Club, speaker Ed Rochette, numismatist - "Coinage and Sherlock Holmes." Cost: \$20.00.

Menu

London Broil or Roasted Chicken Breast or Salmon Fillet

Salad
Rolls
Dessert
Coffee
Wine

Feb. 19 "A Night of Sherlockian Research and Writing" (A Writing Seminar) by Sally Kurtzman (college English professor) and Bernard Kelly (professional writer), Arapahoe Community College.

May 28 Neglected Patient's Tea, House of Windsor. Program: 15 minute audio tape of Jeremy Brett discussing his characterization of the Master Detective.

July 7 The Lady Frances Carfax Memorial Walk, Black Forest, CO in conjunction with the American Volksmarch Association & The Falcon Wanderers.

Aug. 8 Dr. Watson Birthday Picnic and Croquet Match, Congress Park, Denver.

Nov. 11 Sherlock Holmes Silent Film Night - "The Copper Beeches" (M. Trelville as Holmes and Mr. Moyses as Dr. Watson) & "The Man With The Twisted Lip," (Eille Norwood as Holmes and Huber Willis as Dr. Watson) Eugene Field Library, Denver.

1993

Dues: \$7.50

Jan. 9 Annual Dinner, Denver Press Club, speaker Tom Griffin, CBI criminalist. Cost: ?

Menu - ?

Mar. 4 Marty Ernsteen present a short talk and a Jeremy Brett Sherlock Holmes video for the Mystery Book Group at the Westminster Library.

May 12 Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients Tea, House of Windsor, Denver with audio of voice of Sherlockian action William Gillette .

May 18 Fund Raising Volunteers for PBS Channel 12 KBDI Sherlock Homes Film, 2246 Federal Blvd., Denver.

Nov. 14 Sherlockian Salon & Tea, An informal reception of honor Dr. Watson's birthday, Charlene Schnelker residence.

1994

Dues: \$7.50

Jan. 8 Annual Dinner Celebrating the 140th Birthday

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of Sherlock Holmes, Denver Press Club, speakers: Mary Ake, "The Birth of a Scion: Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients;" Charlene Schnelker "The Out-Patients: The Early Years of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients;" Robert Peterson, "The Counsel of Four: A History of Sherlock Holmes in Denver;" and John Stephenson, "History of a Happy Obsession: Collecting Sherlockiana." Cost: \$21.00.

Menu

Chicken Saltimbocca or
Sesame Lime Swordfish or
Roasted Ribeye or
Italian Stuffed Zucchini
Salad
Coffee or Tea
Wine

- May 5 Discussion Group, "Conversations in Baker Street" at Larry Feldman's.
- June 15 Dinner and Toasts with Peter Blau and The Practical But Limited Geologists, Denver Press Club.
- Nov. 9 Baskervilles Film Night - Hound of the Baskervilles (Peter Cushing & Christopher Lee) and Hound of the Baskervilles (Tom Baker), Pints Pub, Denver.
- Dec. 10 High Tea, Rose Tea Room, Arvada, CO - audio of "The Blue Carbuncle" radio broadcast (Rathbone & Bruce).
- Dec. 11 Discussion Group "Conversations in Baker Street" at Larry Feldman's.

1995

Dues: \$7.50

- Jan. 14 Annual Dinner, Denver Press Club, speakers Dave and Veronica Prebble "Gems and Jewelry in the Sherlock Holmes Stories." Cost: \$21.00.

Menu

New York Strip Steak or
Tuna Tangerine with Lime Leek Sauce
Cornish Hen with Cranberry Sauce
Vegetable Wellington with Lemon Dill Potatoes
and Winter Vegetables
Salad
Potatoes
Vegetable
Italian Cream Cake
Coffee or Iced Tea
Wine

- Feb. 19 Discussion Group "Conversations in Baker Street" at Dr. John Litvak's office.
- Feb. 20 Sherlock Holmes Film Night - "The Triumph of Sherlock Holmes" (Arthur Wontner as Holmes & Ian Fleming as Watson), Pints Pub, Denver.
- Apr. 22 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover

Bookstore, Denver, "Sherlock Holmes: Fact or Fiction" by Bill Dorn.

- Apr. 29 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "An Introduction to Sherlock Holmes Scholarship" by Larry Feldman & Ron Lies.
- May 6 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "Sherlockian Ciphers, Codes & Secret Writing" by Fran & Dennis Hogarth.
- May 13 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "Tales from Dartmoor: The Hound of the Baskervilles & "Silver Blaze" by Bill Dorn.
- May 13 Lecture by author William A.S. Sarjeant about his book Ms. Holmes of Baker Street: The Truth About Sherlock, Pints Pub, Denver.
- May 20 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "The Red Headed League" by Terry Teis and "An Offering of Scholarly Incites on One Final Sherlock Holmes Story" by Larry Feldman.
- May 28 Dr. Watson Luncheon at the Historic Castle Marne, including a tour of the building.
- Sept. 16 Dr. Watson Birthday Picnic and Croquet Match Celebrating the 143rd Birthday of John H. Watson, M.D., Congress Park, Denver.
- Sept. 23 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "Sherlock Holmes: Fact or Fiction" by Bill Dorn.
- Oct. 7 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "Sherlock Holmes Scholarship, Pastiches, and General Humor" by Larry Feldman.
- Oct. 21 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "Sherlock Holmes and Victorian Art" by Julie Morrow.
- Nov. 4 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "Sherlock Holmes' Investigative Techniques" by El Paso County Sheriff John Wesley Anderson.
- Nov. 14 Guy Fawkes Night, Pints Pub, Denver, Lecture "Sherlockian Humor" by Terry Teis and Film Without at Clue with Michael Caine as Holmes and Ben Kingsley as Watson.
- Nov. 18 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, "The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet" by Terry Teis.

1996

Dues: \$7.50

- Jan. 6 Annual Dinner to Celebrate the 142nd Birthday of Sherlock Holmes, Warwick Hotel, Denver, speakers Robert N. Miller, former Colorado U.S. Attorney & former Weld County D.A., and Joseph A. Fanciulli, former Lakewood detective, co-authors of Death Roads: The Story of the Donut Shop Murders.

Menu

Sherlock Holmes: Prime Rib (\$31.00)
Dr. Watson: Warwick Chicken (\$24.00)
Mrs. Hudson: Angel Hair Pasta Fra Diablo (\$24.00)

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- Rice, Pasta or Potato
Salad
Vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Coffee or Tea
Dessert
Wine
- Feb.24 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Denver Public Library, Ross Branch, "A Sherlock Holmes Tour of London, By Bill Dorn.
- Mar. 9 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Denver Public Library, Cherry Creek Branch, "The Disguises of Sherlock Holmes" by Fran & Dennis Hogarth.
- Mar.23 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Main Denver Public Library, "The Three Canons" by Larry Feldman.
- Apr.14 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Main Denver Public Library, "Who's Who in Queen Victoria's Family" by Dame Beryl Sykes-Windsor.
- Apr.27 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Main Denver Public Library, "Denver's Early Sherlock Holmes Society The Council of Four" by Robert Peterson and "The Social Implications of 'The Illustrious Client'" by Terry Teis.
- May 18 Dr. Watson Tea and Tour, Historic Byers-Evans House, Denver.
- May 20 Lecture, British Forensic Archeologists John Hunter and Paul Cheetham, "Murders from the Moors to the Cellars of England," Pints Pub, Denver.
- Sept.22 Annual Dr. Watson Picnic & Croquet Match, Congress Park, Denver, CO.
- Oct.19 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Warwick Hotel, Denver, "Sherlockian Scholarship: The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes & The Sherlockian Apocrypha," by Larry Feldman.
- Oct.29 Social Hour & Dinner with Peter Blau and "The Practical, But Limited, Geologists," Cadillac Ranch, Denver, CO.
- Nov. 5 Guy Fawkes Nite: Short Lecture on Guy Fawkes by Terry Teis, Basil Rathbone & Nigel Bruce radio broadcast "The Gunpowder Plot," and 30 min. video of Ron Howard as Sherlock in "The Haunted Gainsborough."
- Nov.16 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, Warwick Hotel, Denver, CO, "Forensic Science 100 Years After Sherlock Holmes," by Jack Swanburg.
- 1997**
- Dues: \$7.50
- Jan.18 Annual Sherlock Holmes banquet, Celebrating the 143rd Birthday of the Master

Detective, Warwick Hotel, Denver, CO. Speaker: Colorado mystery writer Francine Mathews, best known for "The Jane Austen Mysteries" and "The Nantucket Mysteries."

Menu

Sherlock Holmes: Prime Rib (\$30.00)
Dr. Watson: Warwick Chicken (\$26.00)
Mrs. Hudson: Angel Hair Pasta Fra Diabolo (\$26.00)
Wiggins: Vegetarian Entree of Chef's Choice (\$26.00)

Rice, Pasta or Potato
Salad
Vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Coffee or Tea
Cheesecake
Wine

- Feb. 1 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO, "Reloading the Canon . . . An Introduction to Sherlockian Scholarship," by Larry Feldman.
- Feb. 22 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Forensic Science: 100 Years After Sherlock Holmes continued," by Jack Swanburg.
- Mar. 8 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Hidden Rooms, Hidden Passages and Secret Hiding Places," by Fran & Dennis Hogarth.
- Mar.22 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "His Last Bow," by Terry Teis.
- Apr.23 Film Night at Pints Pub, Film: "The Voice of Terror" with Basil Rathbone and a brief Introduction to the movie by Larry Feldman.
- May 18 Dr. Watson's Annual Tea, Van Dyke Apartment, Denver, CO. Program: Humorous audio pastiches by "The Friends of Bogie" doing Sherlock Holmes.
- Oct.11 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Tales from Dartmoor: The Hound of the Baskervilles & 'Silver Blaze'," by Bill Dorn.
- Nov. 1 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Heraldry," by John Price.
- Nov. 3 Guy Fawkes Fun Night, Pints Pub, Denver, CO. Program consisted of Sherlockian games, short film clips and short "Did You Know" presentations about Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.
- Nov.15 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Sherlock Holmes & Forensic Science - Ballistics," by Jack Swanburg and Tom Griffin.
- 1998**
- Dues: Individual-\$10.00; Two Household Members-\$15.00
- Jan.17 Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Banquet, Celebrating the 144th Birthday of the Master Detective, Warwick Hotel, Denver, CO. Guest speaker: Forensic Anthropologist Sue Ware.

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Sherlock Holmes: Prime Rib (\$30.00)
 Dr. Watson: Warwick Chicken (\$28.00)
 Wiggins: Vegetables in Puff Pastry (\$28.00)
 Rice, Pasta or Potato
 Salad
 Vegetable
 Rolls and Butter
 Coffee or Tea

Dessert
 Wine

- Feb.21 Radio Play "The Final Problem," Centura Senior Life Center, Denver, CO, jointly presented by the Radio Historical Association of Colorado and Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients.
- Mar.14 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Cryptography Before 1890," by Dennis Hogarth.
- Mar.19 Radio Play "The Final Problem," Church of the Master, Denver, CO, jointly presented by the Radio Historical Association of Colorado and Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients.
- Mar.28 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Real Life Cases of Conan Doyle," by Bill Dorn.
- Apr.25 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "The Six Napoleons," by Terry Teis.
- June16 Retirement Tribute to Sherlockian William Dorn, Pints Pub, Denver.
- Sept.20 Dr. Watson Tea, The House of Windsor, Lakewood, CO, Program: 1935 Recording of William Gillette as Sherlock Holmes and the 1945 radio show recording "The Second Generation" starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.
- Oct. 3 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Codes, Ciphers and Secret Writing in the Sherlock Holmes Stories," by Fran and Dennis Hogarth.
- Oct.17 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Heraldry," by John Price.
- Nov. 2 Guy Fawkes Silent Film Night, Pints Pub, Denver, CO, Films: Buster Keaton in "Sherlock Jr." (1924); George Treville in "The Copper Beeches" (1912) and Ellie Norwood in "The Man in the Twisted Lip" (1921).
- Nov.21 Sherlock Holmes Seminar, LoDo Tattered Cover, Denver, CO, "Sherlockian Coins and Medallions," by Ed Rochette.

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Dues: Individual \$10.00; Two Household Members \$15.00

Jan.16 Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients 25th Anniversary Annual Dinner Celebrating Sherlock Holmes's 145th Birthday, Wyndham Garden Hotel, Denver, CO, Speaker: Sherlockian Scholar and Author William S. Dorn, "The Many Faces of Mycroft Holmes."

Menu

- Chicken Picatta (\$25.00)
- Garden Salad with Ranch and Cabernet Vinegarette
- Rosemary Potatoes
- Vegetable Medley
- Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter
- London Broil with Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes (\$25.00)
- Grilled Marinated Flank Steak Thinly Sliced and Layered on Rich Mashed Potatoes and Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- Ladled with Sauce Bordet
- Garden Salad
- Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter
- Vegetable Barley Risotto Stuffed Zucchini (\$23.00)
- Grilled Zucchini with Portebello, Barley Caramelized
- Shallots, Roasted Tomato and Dusted with Fried Leek
- Garden Salad
- Warm Dinner Rolls and Butter

All dinners included Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Milk





Harry Houdini
Culver Pictures, Inc.

Expectations Met *A weekend with Doyle and Houdini.*

A review by Larry Feldman

Escapade

by Walter Satterthwait
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".. the blatant irony of having the maestro of impossible escapes on the scene of a locked room murder mystery."

A fictional mystery story that contains historic figures as characters has a double burden to carry. First, the depictions of said personages have to ring true. They need to be consistent enough with what's known of them that one feels like one has spent some time in their company. Second, it needs to meet the standards of the genre, in this case that of a good British mansion "whodunit". Walter Satterthwait's *Escapade*, a locked room mystery featuring Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Harry Houdini, fulfills these demands adequately.

Having recently seen the TNT movie depicting Houdini's life, I felt in the proper frame of mind for reading this unusual foray into historical fiction. All the elements that we associate with the great magician is there in spades; his great arrogance, his self-centered conceit counter balanced by his great love for his wife, his total mastery of his art, his disdain of fraudulent mediums and his fascination for the English aristocracy were all clearly depicted in the course of the story. The same can be said for the depiction of Sherlock Holmes' creator. Doyle's embarrassing obsession with spiritualism is shown in uncomfortable clarity. Fortunately, his great compassion for others that made

him the personification of "gentleman" in the best sense of that word, is also clearly depicted. Doyle is shown to rise to every difficult occasion, taking advantage of a genre where the extremes of life and death are present by definition..

Satterthwait also provides us with a number of fictional characters that are truly worthy to play off these "Great Individuals". The story's narrator, Pinkerton detective Phil Beaumont, provides an American hard boiled point of view to this British comedy of manners that is both amusing and pithy. Beaumont has been hired by Houdini (at his wife's insistence) to protect "the Great Man" (as Beaumont slyly refers to Houdini, but only when speaking to the reader) after he is threatened by Chin Soo, a rival stage magician who blames him for the destruction of his career. Chin Soo, who isn't even really Chinese, is a master of disguise and so, could be almost anyone in the story. Protecting Houdini's life under these circumstances would be difficult anywhere, but at the estate of Lord Robert Purleigh, thick with all sorts of suspicious guests and family members, it would seem virtually impossible. In addition, the great author and spiritualist Conan Doyle is due to arrive with a medium and her spouse, that will attempt a seance designed to convert even the skeptical Houdini. Despite these complexities, the Pinkerton throws himself into the task while trying to soothe the ego of the Great Man whom, of course, sees no reason to really hide from a clearly "inferior" conjurer.

One of the most memorable things about the book is how Beaumont interacts with the various characters, particularly the master escape artist. Beaumont both has respect and affection for Houdini, but, at the same time, struggles to be tolerant of his colossal egotism which sometimes surfaces as a rather bizarre naiveté. In this way, his relationship is reminiscent of Archie

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Goodwin and Nero Wolfe, with the similar result of both warmth and humor. An admittedly extreme illustration of this takes place while the two men tour the Purleigh estate. Suddenly, Houdini stops short.

"Look there, Phil!"
I stopped and looked. A squirrel bounded across the lawn, a ripple of red fur atop the grass.
I said, "It's a squirrel, Harry."
He grinned, excited. "But it is an *English* squirrel, Phil. My *first* English squirrel."
"You've been in England before."
"Yes, but I was trapped in London then. I've never seen the countryside, never seen the wildlife."
"It's a squirrel, Harry."
"Think of it, Phil. Ancestors of that squirrel may have witnessed the signing of the Magna Carta."
"Maybe even signed it themselves."
He looked at me and frowned. "You have no romance in you, Phil."
"Probably not," I said.

Another way that the author takes advantage of Houdini, is by making use of the blatant irony of having the maestro of impossible escapes on the scene of a locked room murder mystery. There are several examples of this, but my favorite is when Lord Purleigh tries to argue that the death of his father (the central mystery of the story) *had* to be a suicide, and makes the mistake of asking his resident padlock adept to prove his point.

He turned to the Great Man. "You're the lock-expert chap. Could you have nipped out of that room? Eh? In one piece? And left the locks the way we found them?"

"Of course," said the Great Man. His timing, as usual, was perfect. "There are several methods by which I could have done so. With the simplest of these, I could have prepared the door in less than a few seconds."

While many of the solutions to the numerous aspects to the mystery seem both clichés and contrived, there are some aspects to this tale that seem rather refreshing and different. First, there is the rather raw sexuality that seems droll, if a bit out of place. An even better example is the presence of *so* many

detectives, it's hard to know who is the central character that we traditionally expect to bring the matter to resolution. In this way, the story becomes more than a "whodunit?" but, a "who-will-solve-it?" as well. Will it be the famous escape artist? The Pinkerton detective? Besides these two, there is the admirable Miss Turner, who is the unhappy paid companion to an unsympathetic widow. Her series of letters to her old school chum, which appear every second chapter or so, transform her into a second narrator who, at times, seems close to solving the case on her own. Then there is the charming if excessively literate Inspector Marsh, who eccentrically quotes the Bard at almost every turn. We like him immediately due to his being the only professional policeman who respects Beaumont's abilities. He seems to be a sort of English Hercule Poirot, who will swoop in and charmingly explain all. Interestingly enough, the one who never seems to be in the running is Doyle, who is intent on a supernatural explanation.

All in all, Walter Satterthwait, in his novel *Escapade*, provides us with a complex and humorous pastiche of the English Manor Mystery genre, while giving us the sensation of personally knowing the remarkable Harry Houdini and the beloved Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. As such, this is an experience of interest for any student of Doyle, Houdini, or the two genres that each of the two men defined.



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Library of Congress

"... his great compassion for others that made him the personification of "gentleman" in the best sense of that word..."





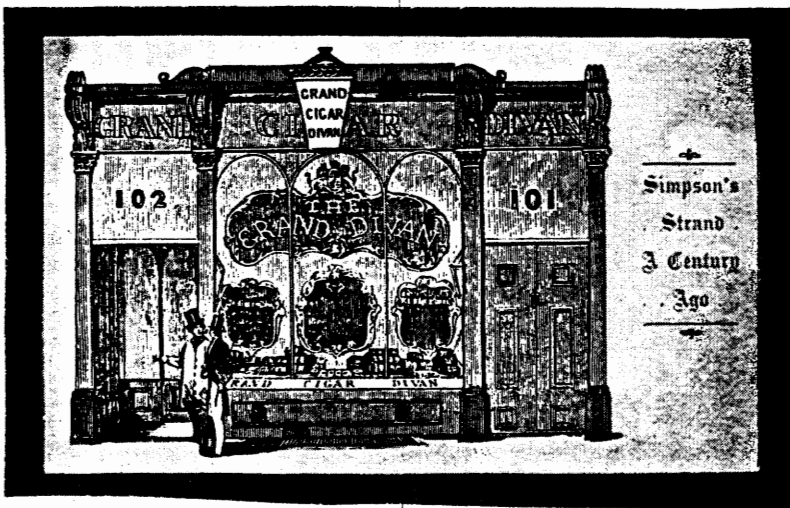
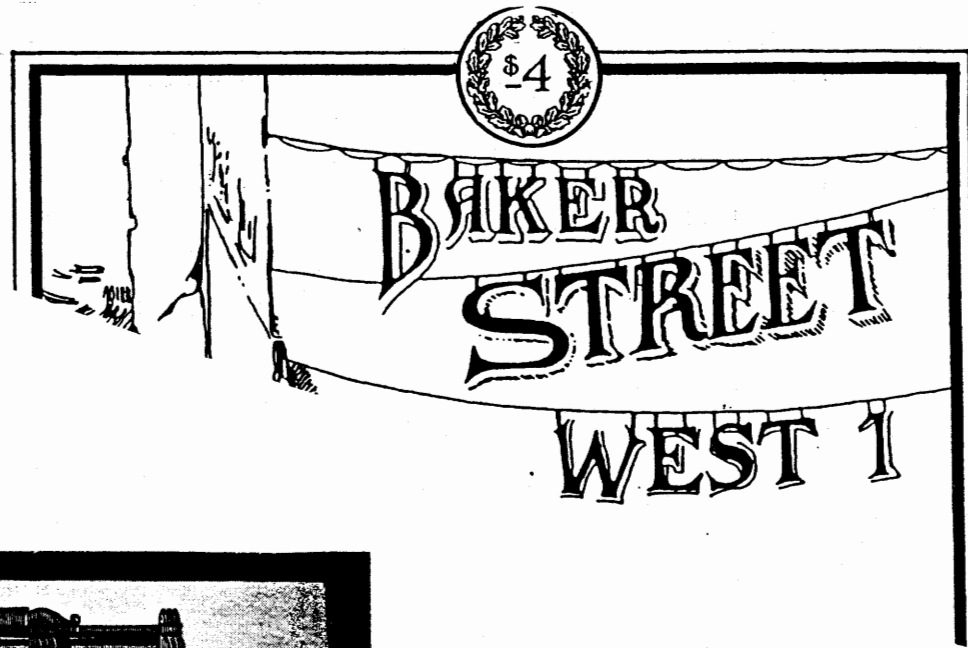
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Special Dinner/Membership/Collectable Information Section

MEDICAL BOARD & DINNER VOLUNTEERS TO

MEDICAL BOARD & DINNER VOLUNTEERS TO MEET JANUARY 9TH, 10 A.M. AT THE WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL

The Medical Board and dinner volunteers will meet Saturday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. We will initially meet in the first floor lounge before viewing the top floor banquet room. If you wish to volunteer to help with the dinner, but are unable to attend this meeting, call Dennis at 303-466-4017.

DINNER RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE BY NOON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

To make your reservations for the Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Banquet, renew annual subscription or to order collectibles; please use the form provided in this publication for your convenience. If you have any questions about the dinner, call Dennis or Fran Hogarth at 303-466-4017. We must receive your dinner reservations by noon on Wednesday, January 13th. DWNP must give the Wyndham Garden Hotel our final dinner count on Wednesday, January 13th at 5:30 p.m. If you mail in your check or reservation form on Monday January 11th or later, call Dennis or Fran to confirm your order.

Phone reservations cannot be accepted after Wednesday evening January 13th. If you place a phone reservation, you do so with the understanding that you are obligated to pay for the dinners ordered, even if you are unable to attend for any reason. Please remember the DWNP must pay for all dinners ordered on your behalf.

OUTSTANDING COLLECTIBLES DONATED FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Bring your checkbook or cash to bid on Sherlock Holmes books, memorabilia or mystery items on sale at the 5th Annual Silent Auction. This year's items are:

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, A. Conan Doyle (Schocken Books 1976), donated by Sally Kurtzman and Bernie Kelly

Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes, A. Conan Doyle (Schocken Books 1976), donated by Sally Kurtzman and Bernie Kelly

Sherlock Holmes: A Little Brown Notebook, Illustrated by Debra Thompson (Sterling / Indigo Press), donated by Nina & Ron Else

221b Baker St. The Master Detective Game, University Games, (Board Game still in its shrink wrap) donated by John Stephenson

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Irene's Last Waltz, Carole-Nelson Douglas (Forge 1994) (pristine, like-new condition) donated by John Stephenson

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Pewter Sherlock Holmes & Watson pipe tobacco tampers Donated by Ed and Mary Ann Rochette.

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Scottish Shortbread made and donated by Dame Beryl Sykes Windsor

The proceeds of the Silent Auction will go to the Christmas Goose Fund, which is used exclusively for the Annual Dinner.

**1999 ANNUAL FEES
DUE ON OR BEFORE THE ANNUAL DINNER**

The annual fees are primarily used for the printing and mailing of both DWNP's publications and could be called a subscription to both publications. However, our bylaws refer to these yearly charges as "annual fees." In the past these fees have been incorrectly called dues. From now on these yearly charges will be referred to as either annual fees or subscription fees. This is just a reminder that your 1999 annual fees are due on or before the Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Banquet. To renew your annual subscription, just use the "Sherlock Holmes Birthday Banquet Reservation, Subscription & Collectible Form" in this Update, even if you are unable to attend the Annual Dinner. A single yearly subscription is \$10.00 or \$15.00 for two household subscribers. Subscribers not paying their annual fees on or before March 31st will no longer receive either the Medical Bulletin or the Medical Board Update.

**1999 COLLECTIBLE IS DWNP'S
OWN SHERLOCK HOLMES HANDBOOK**

The Medical Board is proud to announce that the First Edition of the DWNP Handbook is done!!! The Handbook for the Neglected Patient is a Sherlock Holmes Handbook designed specifically by members of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients for the members of Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients. The First Edition of 172 pages will debut on January 16th at the Sherlock Holmes Birthday Banquet celebrating the 145 birthday of the Master Detective and the 25th Anniversary of DWNP. The early publication of the handbook was made possible thanks to the efforts of Editor-in-Chief John Price. Nine DWNP members authored various portions of the book, including honorary member and well-known Sherlockian Peter Blau, who sent us his computer index of Sherlock Holmes Societies from around the U.S. and the World.

The handbook is being published in a three-ring binder to keep the cost affordable and to allow the handbook to be periodically up-dated and expanded. The 1st edition has 8 different tabs for 8 separate sections containing the following information:

- I - GENERAL INFORMATION
(Contains introductory information to Sherlock Holmes and DWNP)
- II - HISTORY
(History of DWNP, Council of Four & Chronology of events for the 1st 25 years of DWNP)

- III - SHERLOCKIANA
(Articles concerning Sherlock Holmes and forensic science, philosophy, disguises, heraldry, etc. Section also includes a glossary of Sherlockian terms, chronology of the stories and an index to the plots, locations and characters in all 60 stories.)
- IV- MEDIA
(Information about Sherlock Holmes movies, television shows, radio shows and other audio or video recordings)
- V- QUIZZES AND PUZZLES
(Quizzes and Puzzles to be added at a later date.)
- VI- OTHER SHERLOCKIAN SOCIETIES
(Sherlockian societies in the United States, Professional and other societies)
- VII- APPENDIX
(DWNP Bylaws, Complete inventory of the DWNP library, the other writings of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, past Medical Boards, past DWNP Award Winners, Past Guest Speakers, etc.)
- VIII- NOTES/SEMINAR/HANDOUTS
(For any and all Sherlock Holmes notes and handouts provided by DWNP.)

Since Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients (DWNP) is a true non-profit educational and literary society whose primary purpose is to educate members and the general public about Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and related matters, this handbook is to further that primary goal. The handbook is designed for use by both the Sherlockian expert and the novice.

The Medical Board, spent six years planning and drafting the initial handbook. At first, the Board considered a printed and bound handbook which would be very professional in appearance. However, the initial cost of a bound handbook was expensive and a bound handbook cannot be up-dated and expanded without the time and expense of reprinting and rebinding.

The Board decided upon the loose-leaf notebook format for a number of reasons. DWNP could keep the cost affordable to the society and the membership. The handbooks could be easily printed as the orders are received without jeopardizing the society's limited cash reserves. Pages of up-dated information could easily be added. New information could be added to existing sections simply by including additional pages. Even whole new topic sections and tabs could be easily inserted in the notebook. As new pages are added to the notebook, an up-dated table of contents and index pages would be provided to keep the handbook current as a viable reference guide.

The improvement of home computer technology allowed the Medical Board to input and to format the work already drafted and, with the help of dedicated volunteers, to research and write the missing portions which the Board considered mandatory for any good handbook. This handbook represents hundreds of hours of work to provide the membership and the public with a unique Sherlock Holmes reference guide. In the future other Medical Boards and volunteers will continue that hard work by expanding and keeping this handbook current with up-dated replacement pages and new information and sections. Portions of DWNP's huge wealth of written archival material will be edited and added to this handbook in the future, along with newly drafted information.

This handbook represents the unique concept of the "never completed, always being up-dated and ever growing Sherlock Holmes reference guide." A special tab has even been included just for handouts from the Sherlock Holmes Seminars and lectures. The Medical Board hopes you are as excited with this handbook as we are.

**BILL DORN TO TEACH
SHERLOCK HOLMES CLASS**

Bill Dorn will teach a Sherlock Holmes class for the VIVA Program. The class will meet every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. starting January 19th for 8 weeks at the Central Christian Church, 3690 Cherry Creek Drive South (between University Blvd and Colorado Blvd). The cost of the class is \$100. For more information or to register for the class, call the VIVA Program at 303-871-3090. The following syllabus gives a more complete description of the class contents and schedule. This class is sponsored by the VIVA Program and is not associated with D.W.N.P. The information about the class is provided for those who may be interested in learning more about Sherlock Holmes.

Syllabus for "Sherlock Holmes"

Each week several of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories about the world's most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, will be discussed and analyzed. Participants should read the assigned stories before attending the seminar meeting. They also should read through the class notes that will be distributed at the previous week's seminar meeting. (There are no notes for the first class meeting.)

Among other things, participants will be asked to use the logic of Sherlock Holmes to determine the dates on which each adventure took place. They also will discuss some of the Victorian phrases and words that appear in the stories. Finally, there are several paradoxes raised by the stories, and participants will attempt to resolve those paradoxes again using Mr. Holmes's logic.

The weekly reading schedule is:

- January 19 How It All Started
"A Study in Scarlet" and "A Scandal in Bohemia"
- January 26 The Colour Problems
"The Red-headed League", "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle", and
"The Five Orange Pips"
- February 2 The Sporting Life and the Speckled Life
"Silver Blaze", "The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter", and "The
Adventure of the Speckled Band"
- February 9 Sherlock Holmes's Brother and Military Intrigue
"The Greek Interpreter", "The Bruce-Partington Plans", and "The Naval
Treaty"
- February 16 Betrayals
"A Case of Identity", "The Crooked Man", and "The Adventure of the
Beryl Coronet"
- February 23 The Death and Resurrection of Sherlock Holmes
"The Final Problem" and "The Adventure of the Empty House"
- March 2 The Gothic Novel
"The Hound of the Baskervilles"
- March 9 The First and Last Cases
"The **Gloria Scott**", "The Musgrave Ritual", and "His Last Bow"

**BILL DORN'S 1999 SHERLOCK HOLMES
CALENDAR AVAILABLE**

Bill Dorn has completed his 1999 Sherlock Holmes Calendar. Each month features a

photograph of a Sherlockian location or a famous Sherlock Holmes illustration. The calendar is available for \$9.95 postpaid or \$8.95 if you pick one up directly from Bill. To order a calendar write to Bill Dorn at 2045 S. Monroe Street, Denver, CO 80210-3734.

**"SHERLOCKIAN TRIVIA ANYONE?"
1999 BRICK AWARD CLUE**

William Dorn, winner of last year's Brick Award trivia contest, will be providing the questions at the 1999 Annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner. Bill's strongly suggested that the membership re-read "The Bruce-Partington Plans."

The Brick Award is the Annual Dinner's Sherlockian trivia contest, where the previous year's winner reads a question based on the Canon. The member who first supplies the correct solution wins symbolic custody of a brick, once a part of a structure at 221B Baker Street, London, and must supply the question at the next Annual Dinner.

COLLECTIBLES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
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HANDBOOK FOR THE NEGLECTED PATIENT: FIRST EDITION of DWNP's own Sherlock Holmes Handbook (172 pages in 3-ring notebook for periodic updates and additions). \$15.00 donation by DWNP subscriber or \$20.00 donation by non-DWNP subscriber. There is a \$5.00 shipping charge for each handbook.

1999 SHERLOCK HOLMES CALENDAR: Bill Dorn's recent creation. \$9.95 postpaid or \$8.95 if picked up at the dinner. We will turn over the money to Bill.

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REDUCED PRICES ON DWNP T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS: DWNP T-shirts and Sweatshirts with the silhouette of Sherlock Holmes and the name "Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients." One T-shirt is a \$10.00 donation (S, M, L, XL); one XXL T-shirt is a \$12.00 donation and a \$20.00 donation for the Sweatshirts (XXL) (white only). There is a \$3.00 shipping charge for 1 or 2 T-shirts and \$4.00 for 1 or 2 Sweatshirts. To avoid shipping charges, purchase a T-shirt or sweatshirt at a DWNP event from Fran Hogarth. (Design located over heart, Design size 3 1/4" x 4 1/2")

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**SHERLOCK HOLMES BIRTHDAY BANQUET
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