

"Light-houses, my boy! Beacons of the future! Capsules with hundreds of bright little seeds in each, out of which will spring the wiser, better England of the future."

THE BEACON SOCIETY

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From the Desk of the Headlight

I was hoping by now to ask everyone if they were enjoying Spring, but for much of the country, the weather has been anything but Spring-like.

The work of the Beacon Society continues despite the weather.



R. Joel Senter Sr. Prize

Our committee, consisting of Bill Mason (past Headlight), Art Renkwitz (Awards Committee Chair), Dan Andriacco (personal friend of the Senter's) and Denny Dobry, continue to work on establishing the essay competition with awards for students in the fourth to twelfth grades.

As you recall, Carolyn Senter has reached out to the Beacon Society to help her establish a tribute/memorial to her husband, Joel, so that his contributions to the Sherlockian world will be remembered.

Carolyn has already raised over \$6,000 to fund the Program.

We have created a draft Program Document and continue to work on the details. We envision the program will be launched in the Fall of this year. We will report on the committee's progress in the next newsletter.



Courtesy of Phil Cornell

I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere

Our 2018 Susan Z. Diamond Beacon Award winner, Michael W. McClure of Chester, IL, was recently interviewed on the *I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere* Website hosted by Scott Monty and Burt Wolder.

Mike has been promoting Sherlock Holmes to our youth since the late '80's when he started a five-issues per year journal - "*Holmes for the Holidays*" that enticed youth with games, puzzles and stories to engage in the Sherlockian world.



Check out Mike's interview, Episode 164, at <http://www.ihearofsherlock.com>.

You can appreciate Mike's enthusiasm by visiting his website at <http://www.baskervilleproductions.com/sherlock>.

The Awards Committee certainly made a wise choice in selecting Mike as our 2018 Susan Z. Diamond Beacon Award winner.

Keeping Green the Memory of the Master at 221b in Reading, PA

For a fourth year, Dave Fake brought his English class from Tulpehocken High School for a visit to the 221b Baker Street Sitting Room in Reading, PA.

The students were assigned to read *STUD*, *REDH*, *DANC*, *SPEC* and *SILV* and performed superbly on a quiz based on the stories that they had read.

All of the students were given a Junior Sherlockian Wooden Nickel so I'm confident that we'll see some new budding Sherlockians from this group.



ANOTHER MEANS OF KEEPING GREEN THE MEMORY OF THE MASTER

After our last newsletter was posted on our Website, Steve Mason, our Communications Chair, received an e-mail from one of our Beaconites.

The mention of the Susan Z. Diamond Award caught his attention and reminded him how he was encouraged to pursue his Sherlockian interest.

Like many of us when we first started to edge our way into the Sherlockian world, this individual was concerned that he wouldn't 'fit in'.

He had a particular interest in writing and defending the reputation the "THE Woman," and had written a paper in that vein.

He reluctantly submitted his work to Susan Diamond for potential publication in the *Serpentine Muse*.

To his pleasant surprise, Susan (not surprisingly to those who know her) took him under her wing, readily encouraging the writer and suggesting some edits to his composition.



The writer immediately found himself feeling "fitting in."

We should take Susan's actions to heart and not only encourage our youth to pursue the Master, but to also reach out to others that we encounter in our daily lives.

Personally, in the last few months, I have had the opportunity to elevate the interest in Holmes in a number of individuals with whom I crossed paths.

In many cases, I'm sure, our efforts in this way will ultimately reach youths in the lives of these individuals.

Don't let any opportunity slip by to 'Keep Green the Memory'!

THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

There are only 2-weeks left for applicants to submit their Jan Stauber Grant Applications.

If you know of anyone who is working on an application, please remind them of the upcoming deadline.

Also if you know any ambitious, fast workers, you may want to encourage them to put a program together for this year.

Grants are now for \$600 and details for submitting a proposal can be found on our Website www.beaconsociety.com.

I've heard rumors that the Grant Committee is developing another project to encourage reading Sherlock Holmes among our youth.

Looking forward to report from them.

By-Law Revisions

The By-Laws Revision proposed in the last Newsletter have been approved by the Board of Directors and General Membership and are now in effect.

The By-Laws are posted on the Website www.beaconsociety.com.



A Sherlockian Book Fair

For those of you who can find their way to the mid-Atlantic States area at the end of April, the BSI Press and Trust are holding a Book Fair.

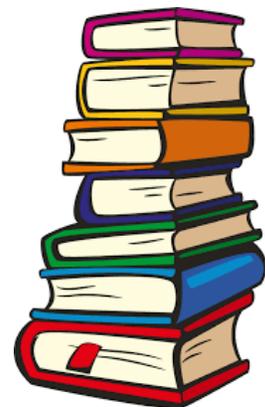
Here is the official announcement:

The Baker Street Irregulars Press and the Baker Street Irregulars Trust will be holding a Book Fair on Saturday, April 27th at the Chatham-Summit Quaker Friends Meeting House at 158 Southern Blvd, Chatham, NJ, from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM.

The BSI Press will be offering books from their various publication series, and the BSI Trust will be selling used books & other Sherlockian paraphernalia that have been donated 'For the sake of the Trust.'

There will be lots of great bargains available. Light refreshments will be available.

By prior arrangement, shuttle service to the Book Fair will be provided from the NJ Transit - Chatham Station on the Morristown Line, for passengers traveling from New York Penn Station and points in between.



NOTE: Only cash and checks can be accepted. SORRY, No Credit Cards.

Contact Denny Dobry at dendobry@ptd.net for additional details.

If you can't make the sale, contact me with your "Want List" or request a Sales list.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support the Beacon Society!

Keeping green the memory of the Master,

I remain,
Denny Dobry, BSI
Headlight

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me
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