

*"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

The Not-So-Quarterly Newsletter (In our world, being irregular is a virtue)  
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## From the Desk of the Headlight

*As previously reported on our Website, Susan Diamond lost her battle with cancer on April 25th.*

*A Memorial Service was held for Susan on August 18th at the Bensenville Library in Illinois.*

*The Beacon Society was represented by Beacon Society Committee members Francine & Richard Kitts and Greg Ruby.*



*In Susan's memory and in recognition of her contributions to the Library, the Bensenville Library named a meeting room after Susan - The Diamond Meeting Room.*

*Susan will be missed by many.*

## *BEACON SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING*

Mark your calendar and plan to attend The Beacon Society's annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, January 18th at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.

The time and room will be announced in the next newsletter and on the Website.

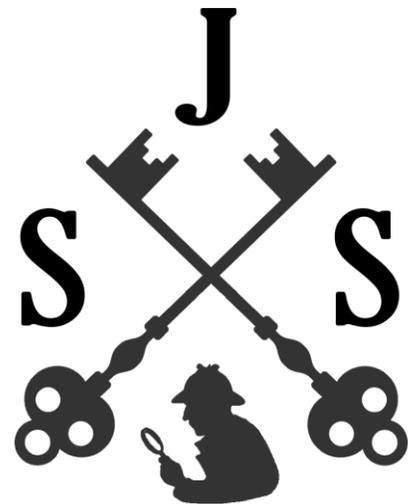


## *The Junior Sherlockian Society is a Success !!*

The Junior Sherlockian Society celebrated their 2nd anniversary on August 9th, the 221st day of the year.

The efforts of Shannon Carlisle continue to bring hundreds of youths into the world of Sherlock Holmes.

Encourage your young ones to check out [www.juniorsherlockian.com](http://www.juniorsherlockian.com)



## **R. JOEL SENTER SR. PRIZE**



I am happy to report that our committee consisting of Bill Mason (past Headlight), Art Renkwitz (Awards Committee Chair), Dan Andriacco (personal friend of the Senter's) and myself are in the process of putting the finishing touches on the essay competition booklets for the R. Joel Senter Sr. Prize.

As you recall, Carolyn Senter 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 raised over \$6,000 to fund the Program.

We are on target for an October 1st launch of the program.

All Beacon members will be notified by e-mail of the Competition details and will be encouraged to spread the word.



# THE 2019 JAN STAUBER GRANTS

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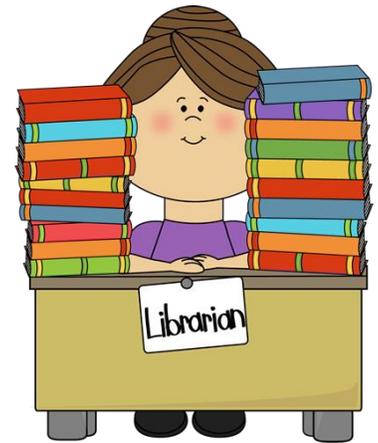
The Grants Committee received and approved **FIVE** Grant Applications for a total of \$2200.

Although the number of applications received this was disappointing, the programs that were approved were of high quality and all of them shall serve to promote the Society's objective of introducing Sherlock Holmes to our youth.

Getting the word out to school administrations, libraries and youth associations of all types is not the issue with the low number of applications.

Our Communications Committee does a fantastic job of reaching out.

Some of the feedback that we get regarding the low number of applications points to a rigid curriculum imposed by many school districts.



Many teachers are just not allowed to be creative in their classrooms. However, we as Beacon members, could step-up in our local communities to promote our program.

The Grant Committee is exploring another approach to encourage reading Sherlock Holmes among our youth, and the Society is always receptive to receiving suggestions from our members.

The Grantees of the 2019 Jan Stauber Grant program can be found at our Website [www.beaconsociety.com](http://www.beaconsociety.com).

# THE SUSAN Z. DIAMOND BEACON AWARD

Each year the Susan Z. Diamond Beacon Award is given to an individual, scion society, or organization that has made a significant contribution to exposing young people to the study of Sherlock Holmes stories.



Nominees may be of any profession, but they must have made a significant contribution to exposing young people to the stories of Sherlock Holmes.

An applicant may either be nominated by another person or may apply himself/herself.

A group or scion society may be nominated.

A project(s) must be completed before applying for the Beacon Award.



Susan Z. Diamond Beacon Award nominations may be submitted all year.

Go to our Website for the application form and additional details.  
[www.beaconsociety.com](http://www.beaconsociety.com).

## *YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT*

The Beacon Society continues to receive generous donation from the Sherlockian Community.

- We received a donation of nearly \$1,600 from Brian and Derrick Belanger on behalf of Belanger Books LLC. These funds were generated from Belanger Books recent Kickstarter campaigns and book sales for their anthologies *The Irregular Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* and *The New Adventures of Solar Pons*. Both of these projects were specifically created as a way of raising funds for the Beacon Society. These titles and others are available at [www.belangerbooks.com](http://www.belangerbooks.com).



- Our most generous donor for many years, 221B CON, came through again this year with a \$3000 donation.
- The Society received many donations in memory of Susan Diamond.



**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 ([dendobry@ptd.net](mailto:dendobry@ptd.net))**

