

"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."

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From the Desk of the Headlight

Greetings to all the friends of the Beacon Society,

- Jan Stauber Grants



I am happy to report that the focus program of the Beacon Society, the Jan Stauber Grant Program, is in full swing. The due-date of May 1st for application filing has passed, and Grant

Committee Chair Susan Diamond reports that she has received 15 quality Grant applications.

All of the applications have been distributed to the members Grant Committee and the apps are currently under review. The Grant Committee will be sending their recommendations to the Beacon Society Board of Directors for approval of the Grants.

- 221BCon

The 6th annual installment of the 221BCon Sherlockian gathering in Atlanta, Georgia has concluded with another successful and fun event. The Beacon Society's Secretary, Heather Holloway and our Fundraising Chair, Crystal Noll, are co-founders of the event.

The 221BCon committee has generously named the Beacon Society as their charity of choice and has donated \$3500 to the Society in 2018, equaling last year's contribution.

221BCon remains our largest contributor, year after year. Congratulations to all the committee members of the 221BCon on another successful event and thank you all so much for your continued support of the Beacon Society.



- The Fortescue Scholarship Honours Program

The Fortescue Scholarship Honours Program was designed by the late Robert W. Hahn, BSI, for the edification and delight of those Sherlockians who have a scholarly interest in the Canon. The program is jointly administered by The Watsonians, a Chicago based scion of the Baker Street Irregulars and the Beacon Society.

The Honours Program is a three-part endeavor, beginning with the Elementary Tripos.

Successful completion of this exam earns the applicant the B.S.S. degree—Baccalaureatus Scientia in Sherlockiana.

The B.S.S. degree holder may then apply for the Advanced Tripos Exam.

Successful completion of this exam results in the A.M.S. degree—Artium Magister in Sherlockiana.

A.M.S. degree holders may either prepare a paper on any aspect of the Sacred Writings or complete a third exam.

Upon approval of the paper by the Scholarship Board or successful completion of the exam, the applicant is granted their Doctorate in Sherlockiana—the Sh.D. degree.

In each instance, the successful candidate receives a handsome certificate attesting to their right to use the initials for the degree granted.

Program Administrator, Steve Mason, reports that since January 2018, twenty-three academically inclined Sherlockians have entered into the Program. Are you up for the challenge? Check out the details on the Beacon Society Website: www.beaconsociety.com



- **Fundraising**

To date in 2018, the Society has received donations from 21 individual sources compared to 23 sources in all of 2017.



Fundraising Chair, Crystal Noll, initiated the 2018 fundraising efforts with inserts into the various packages during the BSI weekend in New York this past January.

We look forward to the support of all friends of the Beacon Society as we continue our quest to introduce our youth to the literature of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sherlock Holmes.

- **In Closing**

There are many Sherlockians, if asked: "What is important to you as a Sherlockian?" would answer - "Keeping Green the Memory of the Master!"

THAT IS WHAT THE BEACON SOCIETY DOES!

- by bringing the Canon to students and young adults through our schools, libraries and other institutions.

So spread the word to your fellow Sherlockians to sign-up to our mailing list through the Website and ask them to consider a financial donation within their means to the Society.

www.beaconsociety.com

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)