

"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

Greetings to all the friends of the Beacon Society,

I have been somewhat remiss in issuing a timely newsletter.

Besides a very successful fund-raising effort by our Fund-Raising Committee, our Board members have been busy working on some exciting new projects.

• Fund-Raising

Our Fund-Raising Committee, led by Crystal Noll and assisted by the Communications Committee, have had a stupendous year.

Donations for the year to date are \$13,161 from 45 donors compared to \$8,444 from 22 donors in 2017.

Congratulations to Crystal and her crew for their fine work.



• International Outreach

In late May, Jan Stauber Grant Chair Susan Diamond received an enquiry from a school administrator in Japan asking if the Beacon Society would accept grant applications from Japanese schools and teachers.



The Board of Directors voted in favor of the concept of accepting applications from foreign countries (with stipulations), but our Bylaws were not clear if this practice would be permissible.

Just to be safe, the Board proceeded to pass a tentative By-law change to ensure compliance.

To be sure that this By-law change would not affect our Non-Profit status, the change was submitted to the Attorney General of Minnesota, where the Society registered for our Federal Non-Profit status.

Just recently, it was confirmed that our Non-Profit status remains valid even with the revised provision.

My thanks to Pj Doyle for following through with our correspondence with the Attorney General.

The revisions still need to be voted on by the Society's general membership to be valid.

I delayed issuing a newsletter until we received the Attorney General's confirmation.

• Annual Meeting

We will be holding our Beacon Society Annual General Meeting at 9:30AM on January 12th, 2019, in the York Suite in the Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th Street, New York City. All are welcome to attend, and we hope to see you there.



The General meeting will follow a Closed Board meeting starting at 8:30 AM in the same room.

- **Remembering a Sherlockian Icon**

Recently Joel Senter passed beyond the Reichenbach.

For decades Joel and his wife Carolyn have been influential members of our Sherlockian world.



Through their Classic Specialties catalog, they made unique Sherlockian items available to collectors as well as providing insights of events and happenings in our world.

After they discontinued the business, they continued to issue their monthly on-line newsletter, the Sherlockian E-Times and Bulletin, which included not only event information, but many contributions from Sherlockians around the world.



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.

Bill Mason (past Headlight), Art Renkowitz (Awards Committee Chair) and Dan Andriacco (personal friend of the Senter's) have volunteered to serve on a special committee to assist Carolyn in achieving her goal.

The progress of the special committee will be reported at the annual meeting in New York on January 12th, if not sooner.

Thanks to "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" for the photos

- **Our Heartfelt Thanks and Gratitude**

Susan Diamond, our Jan Stauber Grant Chairperson for the past four years, has submitted her resignation from that post.

Susan relates that because of personal health issues, she would not be able to give the position the full effort required to maintain the high level of efficiency and competence that she has established for the committee over the years.

Susan has been with the Beacon Society since its conception in 2003, serving initially on the Communications Committee.



She then served as Percy Phelps (the Secretary) for 7 years while concurrently taking part in the Programming and Awards Committees.

Her dedication and leadership as Grant Committee Chair is reflected in the tremendous success achieved in the Beacon Society's primary program in keeping green the memory of the Master with our youth.

As Headlight, it is my responsibility to find Susan's replacement.

Susan will be sorely missed in her leadership role, and our love and prayers go out to her and her family.

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)