

**Oct. 1, 2021**

**To Our Fellow Members of the BeeSpeckled Band-**

Hard to believe, but the BeeSpeckled Band has just completed reading and discussing all 56 stories in the Sherlock Holmes *Canon*. That took us a decade!

We've decided to devote 2022 to examining the Sherlock Holmes novels in chronological order, beginning with *A Study in Scarlet* on Jan. 4.

However, before we get to the novels, how about a little celebrating? Our next meeting, Tuesday, November 2, 6:30-7:45 pm, live at the Highwood Public Library, will be a look-back at the short stories. A time to reflect and a time to enjoy. We plan to offer toasts, sweets and savories, sparkling juices de Tantalus, play some fun quizzes, and share our opinions regarding favorite and least favorite Canonical stories.

In order for this to work, we need everyone to make at least one contribution. Please sign-up for at least one of the activities below (more is fine).

Toasts – Will you give a toast to one of the following –

- \_\_\_ Sherlock Holmes
- \_\_\_ Dr. Watson
- \_\_\_ Irene Adler
- \_\_\_ Professor Moriarty
- \_\_\_ Another character you particularly like

What's your personal favorite story? Why do you like it?

Let's have 4 or 5 people volunteer to share. Again, this is just a personal opinion.

In your opinion, what's the worst story in the *Canon*? Why?

Let's have 3 or 4 people volunteer to share.

Who's the worst villain in the *Canon*?

Let's have 3 or 4 people volunteer to share.

Who's your favorite woman in the *Canon*?

Let's have 3 or people volunteer to share.

Please email Brenda to let her know. You may wish to "Reply All," so that people know who's doing what. Of course, at our meeting, feel free to jump in. At this point, we plan to meet live at the Highwood Public Library. If COVID changes the situation, we may need to change our plans as well.

***Best – Brenda and Ron***

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