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Bootmaker News and Events



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Bootmakers of Toronto invited to have “Lunch With Lady Eaton”

We will munch on Waldorf Salad and Red Velvet Cupcakes as guest speaker and author **Carol Anderson** tells us what it was like to have “Lunch With Lady Eaton” in the Eaton’s stores of old.



Save the Date: Saturday, October 25, 2014

Time	Place	Cost
11:30 for 12:00 Lunch will be served	Heliconian Hall 35 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto	\$15 per person

New Reporters for Bootmakers' Diary

Long-time Bootmaker's Diary reporter Donny Zaldin will be retiring from the column at the end of the year. Donny set a very high standard and it was not easy to find someone to take over. Meyers is happy to announce that Dave Sanders and Bruce Aikin will be the new writers of this column as of January 1st, so that the activities of the Society will continue to be documented.



A Study in Scarlet

The Sign of the Four

A Scandal in Bohemia

The Redheaded League

A CASE OF IDENTITY

Stories for 2015

Some Bootmakers have been asking about the stories for 2015, so they can get a head start on papers for next year. Last year, the Baring Gould cycle of stories ended. After some debate, the Bootmaker Executive has decided to follow The Complete Sherlock Holmes order. The stories for next year will be: *A Study in Scarlet*, *The Sign of the Four*, *A Scandal in Bohemia*, *The Redheaded League*, and *A Case of Identity*.

Social Media

Just a reminder that The Bootmakers of Toronto are now on social media! You can find us on Twitter: @BootmakersTO

And on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/bootmakers/

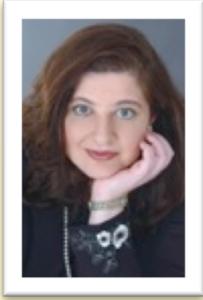
And don't forget to keep checking the website for upcoming events:

<http://www.torontobootmakers.com>

We are looking for volunteers to be Mrs. Hudson for every meeting next year. This is a great way to get involved and help out! If you would like to volunteer, please send a message to Meyers at <mailto:meyerstoronto@yahoo.ca>



Message From Meyers



So far, 2014 has been a very productive year for The Bootmakers of Toronto. We have had three regular story meetings in February, March and September, as well as three event meetings in January, May and July. The attendance for all meetings has been steadily increasing and I have been very gratified to see widespread participation and interest among new and veteran members alike! Indeed, our membership has been growing and the Society's journal, *Canadian Holmes*, continues to be one of the most respected and widely read Sherlockian journals in the world.

There have also been many changes which have resulted in better outreach for the Sherlockian world and more convenience for us. With the website overhaul, members are now able to reserve and pay for meetings, access meeting notices and newsletters, and read *Canadian Holmes* online. Our highly successful Twitter program has attracted over 400 followers, and our Facebook page already has 57 members.

In keeping with the progress toward new technology and electronic communication, the Bootmaker Executive has voted to make some changes to the membership categories so that they more accurately reflect our costs and how we do things today. To this end, it was decided to change the membership year to a calendar year (January 1 – December 31) instead of the current membership year (October 1 – September 30). Some of you have been asking about renewals, and these will be sent out in due course (or you may access the form through the website). All current members will receive three months of membership (October –

December 2014) and one issue of *Canadian Holmes* free of charge. This will ensure a smooth transition to the New Year.

Secondly, there will be two membership categories in 2015. The Regular Membership will be all e-based. Almost everyone now receives meeting notices via email and soon, if you choose this category, you will access *Canadian Holmes* through a Members Only section of the website. This will include archived copies as well as the current one. The cost will decrease to \$30 for both individual and joint accounts. Those who would like to download CH to their e-reader or who have space limitations would choose this option.

There will also be a Premier Membership category which will include all of the above plus a PRINT copy of *Canadian Holmes*. The cost will be \$40. Those who wish to keep receiving a print copy or those without internet access should choose this option.

Finally, at the last Executive meeting, it was decided that I would continue as Meyers for a second term in 2015. Over the next year, I will be asking for volunteers to serve as functionaries or on the Bootmaker Executive, some of whom will go on to lead the Society as Meyers in the future. It is very important for the future of The Bootmakers that we recruit new people who are energetic, imaginative, organized and committed to lead the next generation of Sherlockians. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm I have seen and I am confident that The Bootmakers of Toronto will continue for many years to come!

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