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## *Special Madison Sesquicentennial Edition*



**MADISON AND CANARY-TRAINERS CELEBRATE APRIL BIRTHDAYS.** While our host City of Madison this month is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, the Notorious Canary-Trainers also are observing the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the group's founding in April, 1969. A mutual birthday party of sorts will be held Sunday, April 9, at Monona Terrace when the Notorious Canary-Trainers join dozens of other non-profit organizations with a booth at the official City birthday party at Monona Terrace.

Whether you make the party or not, you can help observe our organization's birthday by reading our history found at our Web site at <http://communities.madison.com/canary> And as we wish Happy Birthday to us, we also salute all of those members who helped to establish us and keep us active!



**MEMBERS NOW CHOOSING PERSONAL CANONICAL NAMES.** The Notorious Canary-Trainers are nearing the announcement of Canonical names for those members of the group interested in participating. So far, about a dozen members have indicated such an interest.

Assigning Canonical names is a feature common to many Sherlockian groups. Members choose or are assigned names based on contents of the 60 case studies of the exploits of Sherlock Holmes.

Canonical names are chosen from characters, places or events in the cases. In our case, members were first advised in early January at our annual birthday party for Sherlock Holmes of our plans for collecting their name preferences. We began accepting them shortly thereafter and now expect to announce the first group in mid-April. Participants then will be asked to share with us why they chose the names they did and at their leisure to create a profile of or report on the individual, location or event. They'll be encouraged to make educated guesses to help add detail to the profile.

Those who don't pick a name in this first selection process may do it at any time thereafter, choosing any names not already assigned. We'll announce the Canonical names and other details in an upcoming Tweet Sheet.



**APRIL'S CASE STUDY: THE STOCKBROKER'S CLERK (STOC).** Our case study for this month is "The Stockbroker's Clerk," which we'll consider Sunday, April 23, when we gather at 3 p.m. It's a week later than our normal pattern of the third Sunday or the month and will be at our alternate location of **Booked for Murder**, 2701 University Ave., because of our desire not to conflict with Easter or another event scheduled at Barnes & Noble West.

Here's the rest of the list for study for the first half or so of 2006: "The Naval Treaty," May 21; "The Cardboard Box," June 18; and "The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb," July 16. Unless otherwise announced, these meetings will be from 3-4:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 7433 Mineral Point Rd., Madison, Wisconsin (behind West Towne Shopping Center). There's no charge to attend and our meetings are open to the public.

*"Come at once if convenient. If inconvenient, come all the same." (Sherlock Holmes in a message to Dr. John H. Watson, in "The Creeping Man")*



**SHERLOCK HOLMES PLAY APRIL 12-MAY 14 IN MILWAUKEE.** We had consensus at our March 19 monthly meeting that we wouldn't try to schedule a group trip to Milwaukee for the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's production of "Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure," running April 12-May 14. It seemed to be too difficult to pick one date that all could make.

However, we selected an alternative we thought might work -- anyone going on any date of his or her choosing who had room for passengers from the Notorious Canary-Trainers was encouraged to let the rest of us know via email through our Yahoo Group or at our April meeting.

If you're interested in attending the play during its run and either can provide rides or need a ride, you can reach those in our group with an email addressed to [nct1969@yahoogroups.com](mailto:nct1969@yahoogroups.com). Shows are at 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays (7 p.m. only April 23 and May 14), (dark Mondays), 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays (6:30 p.m. May 2), 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (also 1:30 p.m. April 19 and May 10), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, and 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Here's the link to the theater so you can order tickets, get prices and show dates and times, etc.: <http://milwaukeeep.com> or call 414/224-9490.



**NEXT "MASTER'S DINNER" IS SET FOR JAN. 6, 2007.** Our seventh annual Master's Dinner celebrating Sherlock Holmes has just been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at J. T. Whitney's on S. Whitney Way in Madison.

That date was picked, as most of you already realize, because Jan. 6 is commonly accepted as Sherlock Holmes' birthday. It will be an early evening function again. If you want to be sure you don't miss it, note the date on your calendar now. More details will follow as we near the date. If you have any suggestions for the kind of program you'd like, by all means offer them to Thom Boykoff or Mike McCoy anytime.



**MARCH MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE ON THE WEB.** Minutes of our March 19 meeting, when we considered the case of the "Boscombe Valley Mystery," have been prepared by meeting scribe Christian Neuhaus and are available at our Web site. Starting with the March minutes, copies also are being posted in Word format in the Library section of the Web site, where they will be kept as an archive. We'll also have a few printed copies available at the following meeting, for those without easy Web access. And thanks to Christian for serving as scribe.



**OUR MEETING HISTORY FROM JANUARY 1992 PUBLISHED.** A month-by-month record of our meeting dates, locations, case studies and other Canary-Trainers events since January 1992 through April 2006 now is available on our Web site in the Library section. Some data, particularly for events early in the meeting series, is missing and will be entered if and as we are able to confirm those details.



**A SALUTE TO SUSAN FLAHERTY.** With this issue Susan Flaherty becomes Editor Emeritus of the *Tweet Sheet*, after many years of writing, editing, producing and distributing this publication. She's also served as an informal historian for the group through the continuing newsletter documentation of activities. We've asked Susan, when she has the time, to let us have some of her reflections about the newsletter so we can print them in a future issue for the edification of the readership. Meantime, we extend our deepest thanks to Susan for this vital role she has played with the Notorious Canary-Trainers for so long. Her successor as Editor is Michael H. McCoy.

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