

# *Meeting Notes*

*September 14, 2019*



## **Reported by Carla Coupe**

Almost 40 enthusiastic attendees were welcomed by the friendly staff at Alfio's La Trattoria in Friendship Heights on Saturday, September 14th. The afternoon began with drinks, chat, and covetous perusal of the many donated books that Denny Dobry brought for sale, the proceeds of which go to the BSI Trust. We were also pleased to see a familiar face from New York: Ira Matetsky, Werowance of the Wolfe Pack, the official Nero Wolfe society.

The conversations continued during a delicious lunch that finished with. . .Is that spumoni? No, we all harkened back to our childhood with a tasty, but unexpected, ice cream sandwich. The management promises to have their signature spumoni ready for us the next time we visit Alfio's.

We were looking forward to Bill Hyder's presentation: "Playing Tricks with the Law of England." Unfortunately, Bill suffered from a sore throat and his voice wasn't up to giving the entire lecture, so instead he led us all in Out of Context, a delightful game of canonical quotes that he had first presented to a meeting of the Six Napoleons of Baltimore. Bill distributed 19 Sherlockian quotes, which attendees read out, and we tried to identify the adventures they were from. Then Bill read out a question, supposedly from Dr. Watson, which the quote then answered—to hilarious results. Despite our disappointment that we didn't hear Bill's lecture, everyone enjoyed the game. Bill assures us that he'll be back to tell us all about tricks with the law at a future meeting. He allows that the talk is "pretty good," and we believe him!

Peter began the announcements with a request for suggestions about restaurants where we could hold our December meeting. This would be on a Friday evening. If you have a place to recommend, please contact Peter.

For a calendar of more events, consult the Red Circle website. We're looking forward to seeing old and new friends at the upcoming December meeting.