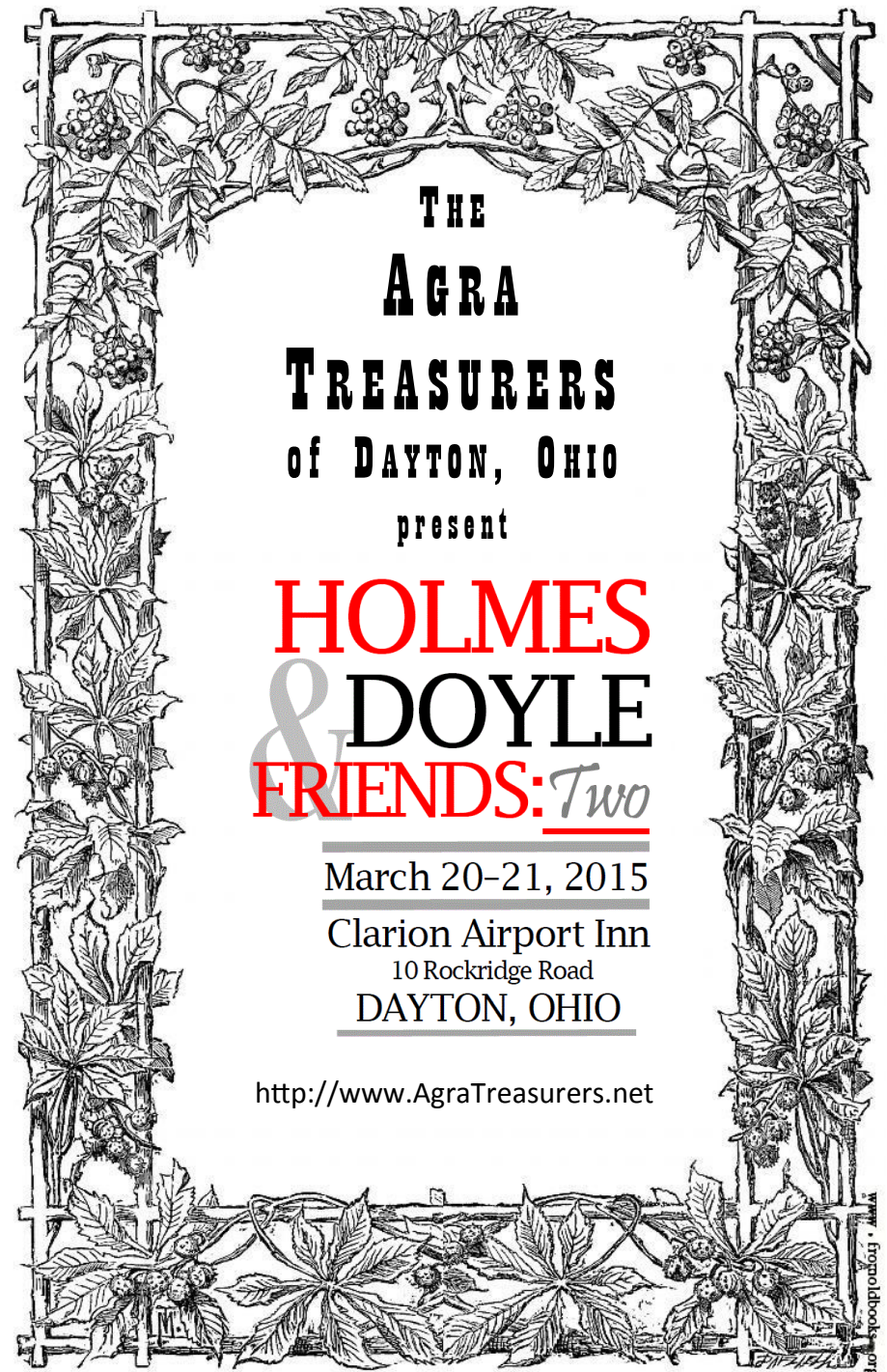


Holmesian activity in Dayton began at Wright State University in 1973, with the foundation of THE SHERLOCK HOLMES ENTHUSIASTIC READERS' LEAGUE ON CRIMINAL KNOWLEDGE, or SHERLOCK, at Wright State University, by Professors **Martin Arbagi** and **John Zamonski** of the History and English Departments, and **James Newton**, an undergraduate who is now Professor of Economics at Capitol University in Columbus. The three were soon joined by **Alvin Rodin, M.D.**, of the newly-created WSU School of Medicine, and **Ritchie Thomas**, Director of the University Library. The group's name was changed to the more canonical DARLINGTON SUBSTITUTES. In the late 1970s, a companion Holmesian Club, THE RETIRED COL-OURMEN, formed at the University of Dayton.

It was Al Rodin who first proposed the "Holmes/Doyle Symposium," a conference on both Sherlock Holmes and Arthur Conan Doyle, M.D. Himself a medical doctor, Al had a longstanding interest in physicians who were also writers, for example, Anton Chekov, Somerset Maugham, or Walker Percy (not to mention John Watson). The first Symposium was held in November 1981 under the joint sponsorship of Wright State and nearby Central State Universities, and it became an annual event. After Al's retirement and death, the Symposium was directed by **Cathy Gill** and **Greg Sullivan**, and eventually, by Cathy Gill alone.

Like most schools, both UD and WSU understandably restricted membership in campus clubs to students, faculty, staff, and alumnae or alumni. Thus, there was no Holmesian club for the general public in the Dayton Metropolitan Area. Accordingly, THE AGRA TREASURERS was formed in the fall of 1992 by **Don** and **Chris Robertson**. Contrary to popular belief, the Treasurers had nothing to do with the Symposium, except to host the traditional Friday evening Welcome Receptions through the decades.

In 2013, Cathy retired due to poor health. There was no Symposium that year, but in 2014, rebranded "Holmes, Doyle, & Friends," the conference has revived, now at last under the sponsorship of The Agra Treasurers.



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The Conference ...

Friday

- ◆ *Welcome Reception for all Registrants (at the nearby Hampton Inn—free shuttle provided): Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, & Hors d’Œuvres: 6:30 —10:00 P.M.*

Saturday

- ◆ *Complementary Breakfast for Registrants at The Clarion*
- ◆ *Complementary Coffee & Tea Service for all Attendees, 9:00 A.M.—Noon*
- ◆ *Vendors’ Tables Open in the Oxford & Cambridge Rooms Throughout the Event—Please drop by!*
- ◆ *All Talks Also Held in the Oxford & Cambridge Rooms*
- ◆ *Conference Registration, 9:00 A.M.—Noon*

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

9:45 A.M.: Welcome—Lorraine REIBERT, Chief Constable;
“Housekeeping” details by Ann SIEFKER, Chancellor of
the Exchequer, *The Agra Treasurers*

10:00–10:45, Session 1:

The Illusion of Holmes

Philip JONES

10:45–11:05, Break

11:05–11:50, Session 2:

Poison Control: Anna Coram and the Vile Phial

Jacquelynn MORRIS, ASH, BSI

The Brend Code and the Second Stain

Bill COCHRAN, BSI

11:50 A.M.–1:15 P.M., Lunch at Humpty’s, the Inn’s restaurant

1:15–2:00, Session 3:

Snakes Alive

David MILNER

The Victorian Hangman

Vincent WRIGHT

2:00–2:20, Break

2:20–3:05, Session 4:

What is the Blue Carbuncle?

Lorraine REIBERT

Looking to Latin America: Canonical Notions from

South of the Border

Bill MASON, BSI

5:30 P.M. *Cocktails & Hors d’Œuvres*

(*Miami–Englewood Room—Cash Bar Available to 7:30*)

6:30 P.M.

THE BANQUET (& ITS CURIOUS AFTERMATH)

- ◆ *Memorials to Tom McElfresh (an early member of The Agra Treasurers & designer of the HD&F “logo”), Johanna “Jo” Columbro (our original Web-mistress), & Stuart Gill, (who initiated the Friday Welcome Receptions)*

- ◆ *Canonical Toasts*

- ◆ *Other Activities, Comprising a “Brain Buster,” a Painting by Vernet & a Readers’ Theatre*

