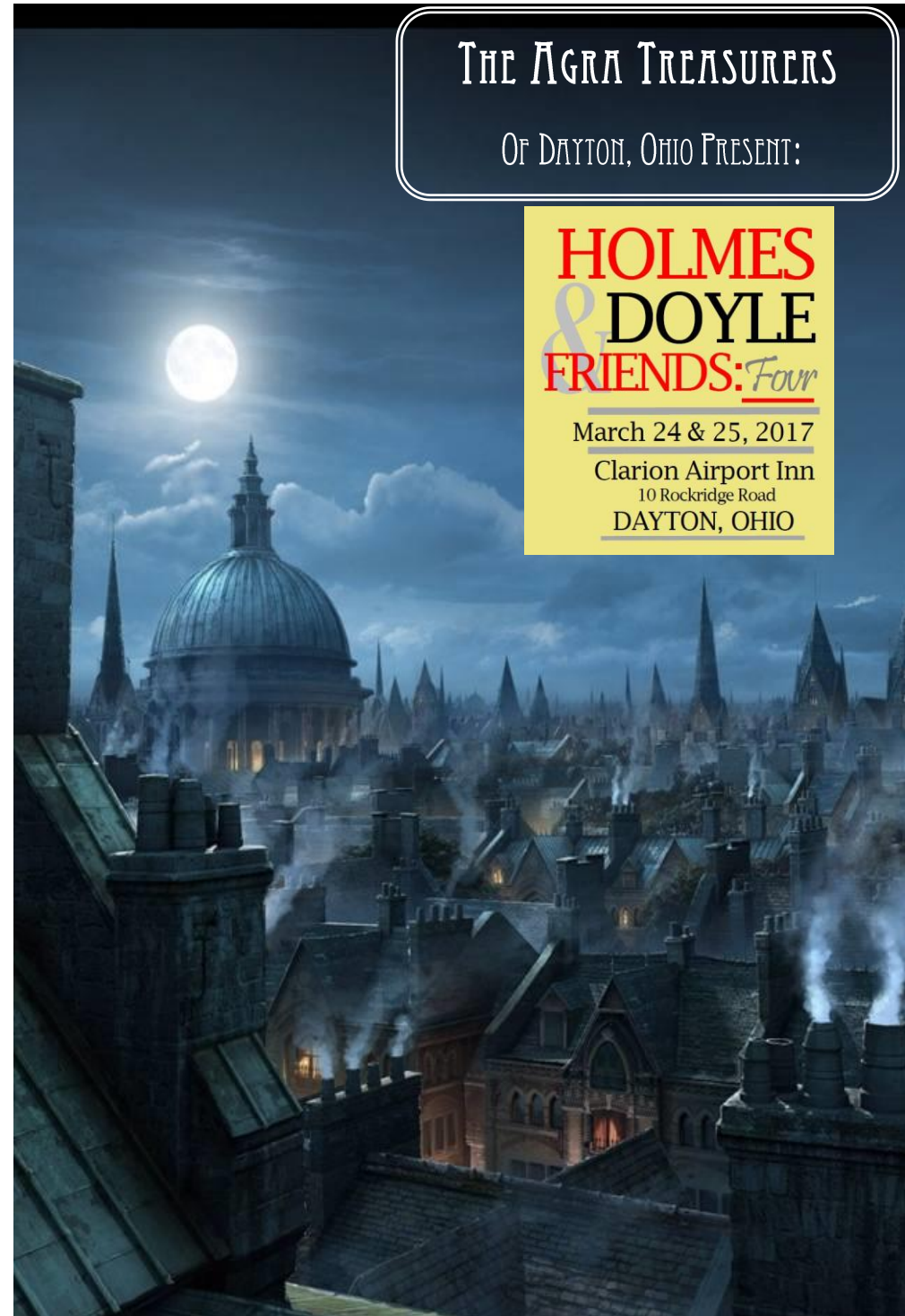


Holmesian activity in Dayton began at Wright State University in 1973, with the foundation of THE SHERLOCK HOLMES ENTHUSIASTIC READERS' LEAGUE ON CRIMINAL KNOWLEDGE, or SHERLOCK, at Wright State University, by Professors **Martin Arbagi** and **John Zamonski** of the History and English Departments, respectively, 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 1976, a companion Holmesian Club, THE RETIRED COLOURMEN, 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 alumnæ 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 as "Holmes, Doyle, & Friends," the conference has revived, now at last fully under the sponsorship of THE AGRA TREASURERS.



THE CONFERENCE ...

Friday ...

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

Saturday ...

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

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

9:45 A.M.: Welcome in the Oxford & Cambridge Rooms—Lorraine REIBERT, Chief Constable; ‘Housekeeping’ details by Ann SIEFKER, Chancellor of the Exchequer, THE AGRA TREASURERS

10:00–10:50, Keynote Address

***Regina vs. Moran, Central Criminal Court, London,
1st to 3rd October 1894, Upon a Charge of WILLFUL MURDER***
JOHN M. LINSENMEYER, BSI

10:50–11:00, Break—Patronize our Vendors

11:00–11:50, Session 2:

Recriminations, Providence, & the Crooked Men

Bill COCHRAN, BSI (*in honour of GORDON SPECK, BSI*)

Post Mortem

Vincent WRIGHT

11:50-1:00 P.M., LUNCHEON* at The Academy (formerly Humpty’s), the Inn’s Restaurant

* *Included in your registration fee.*

1:00–1:50, Session 3:

The Advent of Detective Fiction in English

Casey O’NEILL (*in honour of DAVID HENRY O’NEILL, JR.*)

Rex Stout: Sherlockian *Extraordinaire*

Dan ANDIRACCO

1:50–2:00, Break—Patronize our Vendors

2:00–2:50, Session 4:

‘He Needed Killin’’: Law *vs.* Justice in the Canon

Bill MASON, BSI

The Giant Rat of Sumatra

Lorraine REIBERT

2:00–2:50, Break—Patronize our Vendors

3:00–3:30, Session 3:

A Whimsical Look at the Black Pearl of the Borgias

David MILNER

6:00 P.M. *Cocktails*

(*Company 7 BBQ—Walk or use the Shuttle—Cash Bar*)

6:30 P.M. ...

THE BANQUET (& ITS CURIOUS AFTERMATH)

- ◆ *Toasts, both Canonical and in honour of the recently departed*
- ◆ *Canonical Crossword Puzzle*, by Karen MILNER, BSI (“*The Most Winning Woman*”)
- ◆ *Readers’ Theater**, by John Zamonski

* Contingent on time & the availability of volunteers

