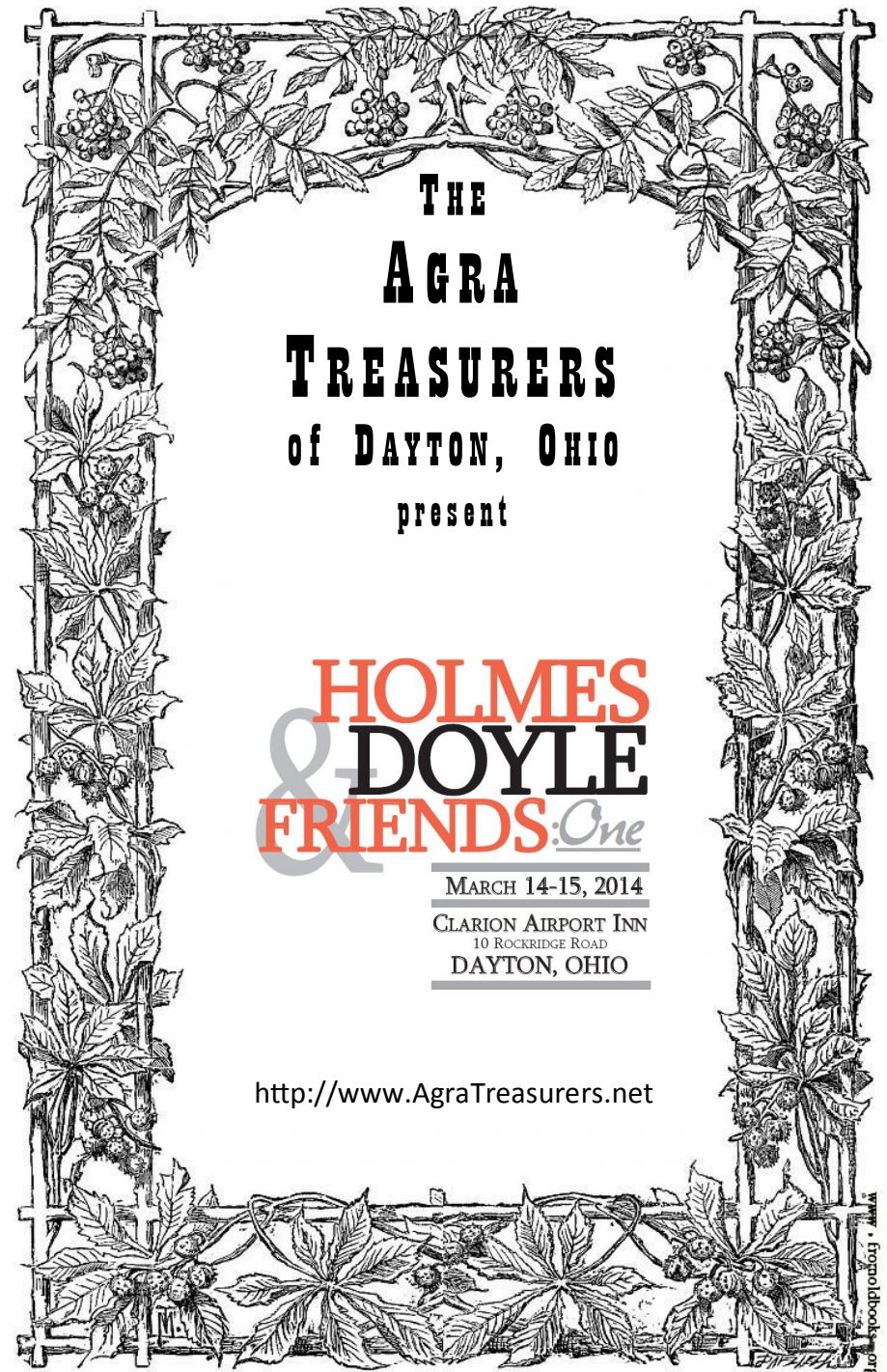


Holmesian activity in Dayton began at Wright State University in 1973, with the foundation of THE SHERLOCK HOLMES ENTHUSIASTIC READERS' LEAGUE ON CRIMINAL KNOWLEDGE, or SHERLOCK, at Wright State University, by Professors **Martin Arbagi** and **John Zamonski** of the History and English Departments, 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 COLLEAGUES, formed at the University of Dayton.

Like most schools, both UD and WSU understandably restricted membership in campus clubs to students, faculty, staff, and alumni or alumnæ. Thus, there was no Holmesian outlet for the general public in the Dayton Metropolitan Area. Accordingly, THE AGRA TREASURERS was formed.

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, Zane Grey, Somerset Maugham, or Walker Percy. The initial Symposium was held in 1983 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 **Greg Sullivan** and **Cathy Gill**, and eventually, by Cathy Gill alone.

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



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# The Conference ...

## Saturday

- ◆ *Complementary Breakfast for those registered at The Clarion Inn.*
- ◆ *Complementary Coffee & Tea Service for all attendees, 8 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*

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

9:45 A.M.:

Welcome — Lorraine REIBERT, Chief Constable, *The Agra Treasurers*

A Few Words About Organizational Details — Ann SIEFKER, Chancellor of the Exchequer, *The Agra Treasurers*

Session 1 (10:00–10:45 A.M.):

*The Current State of the Undershaw  
Restoration*

George VANDERBURGH

*Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle, and the  
Irish*

Dan ANDRIACCO

Break (10:45–11:05), Session 2 (11:05–11:50):

*Holmes in the Land of Od*

Dana RICHARDS

*The Coptic Monasteries of Syria & Egypt*

Martin ARBAGI

Lunch (11:50 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.): On your own. Advance orders for lunch at Humpty's, the Inn's restaurant, will be taken at 10:45 A.M.

Session 3 (1:15–2:00 P.M.):

*Three Trite Problems*

Vincent WRIGHT

*Holmes's Refusal of a Knighthood*

Lorraine REIBERT

Break (2:00–2:20), Session 4 (2:20–3:05):

*A Real Life "Silver Blaze"*

Kay DAWSON

*I BELIEVE in Sherlock Holmes*

Bill COCHRAN

5:30 P.M. *Cocktails & Hors d'œuvres*

*(Miami–Englewood Room — A Cash Bar Will be Available to  
the End of the Banquet)*

6:30 P.M.

**THE BANQUET (& ITS CURIOUS AFTERMATH)**

- ◆ *Canonical Toasts*
- ◆ *Readers' Theatre: "The Case of the Hungry Swine," by George VANDERBURGH*
- ◆ *Other Activities*