



Pleasant Places of Florida

[Suggested in The Five Orange Pips]

A Corresponding Scion Society of The Baker Street Irregulars
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P.P. of F. Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

1. 17th ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING will be the special occasion to celebrate the **20th Anniversary** of the founding of Florida's oldest Scion of the Baker Street Irregulars. **Leslie Marshall, BSI**, with '**five original Pips**', started to publish and circulate "The Communication", in 1972, which was a round-robin format with each 'Pip' adding some Sherlockian news, then passing it on to another. Two early Gatherings were held in St. Pete in 1975 (at Leslie's Swedenborgian Church Hall). In 1976, the first Gathering was held in **HOLMES Beach**.

Our 20th Anniversary will be honored at a gala Luncheon at the River Wilderness C. C., Parrish, on **Saturday, May 2nd, at Noon**. A pre-paid Sign-Up Form is enclosed. The **Deadline** is **APRIL 24th**. Be sure to attend. A special program is planned.

2. Sadly, I report the death of **Sven Petersen, BSI**, ("The Mazarin Stone") who was a long-time member of the Pleasant Places. He attended several of our Gatherings, always gracing us with his wit and Holmesian perspicacity. By the by, Sven lived in **Altamonte Springs**, no less.

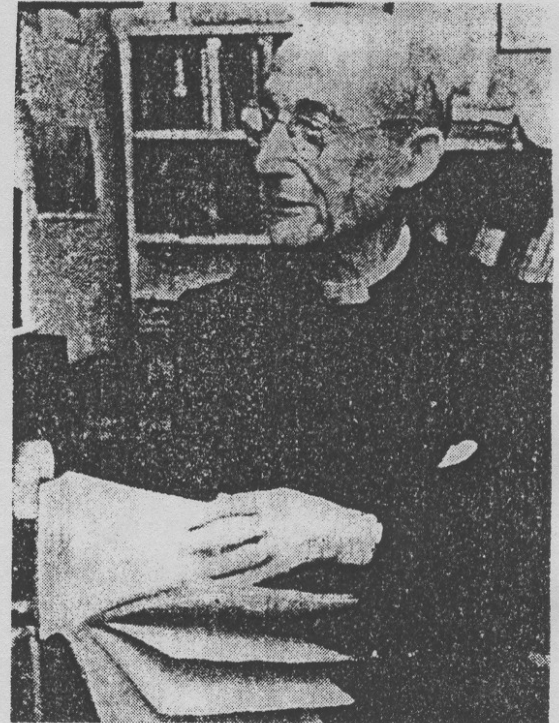
3. FLA. SCION UPDATE: According to **Peter Blau's** latest listing of Sherlockian Scions throughout the world (there are some 575, of which 343 are active), there are eight in the Sunshine State: 1) **P. P. of F.** (Tampa Bay area); 2) **The Tropical Deerstalkers** (Miami); 3) **The Mini-Tonga Society** (Palm Beach Gardens); 4) **The Musgrave Story Society** (Merritt Island); 5) **The Baker Street Bar Assoc.** (Wesley Chapel); 6) **Sherlock Holmes' Dumber Brothers** (N. Ft. Myers); 7) **The BSI South Fla. Chapter** (Pompano Beach); and **The Baker Street Constables** (St. Pete).

4. "GROANER" (Borrowed from "Plugs & Dottles": Holmes was discussing a smuggling case he had recently solved. "Yes, Watson," he said, "this was a clever bunch of smugglers. They came up with an ingenious scheme of employing a number of nursemaids as a cover for their operation. We finally apprehended the scoundrels, and recovered the contraband, which was not an easy task, by the by. I tell you, Watson, we virtually had to search every crook and nanny!" (Old Dr. Spooner would have loved this one.)

• Sherlock Holmes said it:
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 • "Come if convenient - if not convenient,
 • come all the same!"
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PPoF's Annual Spring Gathering - May 2nd

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