

Meeting Notes

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The night was seasonably cold, but spirits were high (encouraged by the accommodating bar staff) and greetings warm as The Red Circle assembled at the newlyrenovated Hyatt Regency in downtown Bethesda to hear Nea Dodson speak on “Two Fandoms: Both Alike in Dignity,” a bookend to Bill Hyder’s presentation at the September meeting.

After the usual meet-n-greet, where friends and acquaintances have time to catch up since the last Red Circle meeting, we enjoyed a tasty buffet dinner. Peter Blau’s round of announcements highlighted the variety and breadth of interests of Sherlock devotees, from traditional scions (a local one just announced its inclusion of fans of all genders) to plays to conferences to books. . .all grist to our Holmesian mill.

Which happily led to Nea’s delightful talk, [the text of which is available here](#) and via our Writings section. It’s worth a read or two, although you’ll miss her spirited presentation and dry sense of humor. Her main point, however—that there is no one way to be a fan—resonated with the attendees, if the applause level was anything to go by.

The evening finished with a diabolical quiz by Dana Richards on “A Scandal in Bohemia” that had many participants scratching their heads and others groaning. Definitely another of Dana’s successful attempts to confound us all.

We’re all looking forward to seeing old and new friends at the Birthday weekend in New York, and at the next Red Circle meeting in the spring—the date to be announced

