

# *The Baker Street Irregulars 2019 Birthday Weekend*

## GENERAL Summary of Events for January 10 - 12, 2019

(in chronological order)

**Birthday Weekend lodgings** are available at **The Roosevelt Hotel**, 45 E. 45th Street (one block from The Yale Club) at a cost of \$149.00/night (king or double room); see picture gallery at [www.theroosevelthotel.com](http://www.theroosevelthotel.com) (click on *Photo Gallery*). Breakfast is available, but not included in room rates; incidentals you may charge to your room (food, beverage, phone calls) must be paid for at check-out. If you book directly with the Roosevelt, you will not receive the BSI rates, and you will pay New York City and State taxes adding approximately 20% to your total hotel bill. Reservations with payment must be received by the BSI deadline of DECEMBER 3.

The **BSI 2019 Weekend** commences Thursday, January 10, with our 22<sup>nd</sup> annual **Distinguished Speaker Lecture** at the **YALE CLUB** (*Saybrook & Trumbull Rooms*). Our speaker will be Ken Ludwig, two-time Olivier Award-winning playwright whose work is performed throughout the world in more than 30 countries in over 20 languages. He's written 26 plays and musicals, with six Broadway productions and seven in London's West End. His three delightful Sherlockian plays (originally starring)—*The Game's Afoot* (Donald Sage Mackay), *Postmortem* (Patrick Horgan) and *Baskerville*—are perennial favorites among Sherlockians. The celebrated comic playwright's talk begins promptly at 6:15 p.m. Admission is by advance-purchase only--NO ticket sales at the door. The list of prepaid attendees will be at the door for check-in. Early booking is encouraged—this lecture sells out every year. Cost is \$11.00 per person. DECEMBER 3 deadline is firm.

The **William Gillette Luncheon** is Friday, January 11, at Noon, at Connolly's Pub & Restaurant, 121 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Entree choices are Stuffed Sole (\$45.00), Pasta Primavera (\$45.00), Chicken Marsala (\$45.00) or Strip Steak (\$55.00). Please send reservations to Susan Rice, 125 Washington Place #2-E, New York, NY 10014, or email inquiries to her at [susan221bee@gmail.com](mailto:susan221bee@gmail.com)

The **Gaslight Gala** on Friday, January 11, will be at The Smith Midtown, 956 Second Avenue (new location) starting at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$80.00; check to be made payable to Christopher Zordan and mail to him at 242 Rooney Court, East Brunswick, NJ 08816; or by PayPal (Friends & Family) to [cazordan@aim.com](mailto:cazordan@aim.com). Registration deadline is 12/31/18. For further information, contact [gaslightgal@gmail.com](mailto:gaslightgal@gmail.com) Event is open to all Sherlockians.

On Saturday, January 12, **Sherlockian Vendors** will set up shop in the **BSI Merchants Room** in the Vanderbilt Suite, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of **The Roosevelt Hotel**, 45 E. 45th Street, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Vendor table information is available from Ralph Hall, 2906 Wallingford Court, Louisville, KY 40218, by emailing him at [Bugmanhall@aol.com](mailto:Bugmanhall@aol.com) or by phone at 502.491.3148. Early booking is encouraged--tables sell out every year.

The **BSI Cocktail Reception**, open to all Sherlockians and friends, will take place on Saturday, January 12, from 12:30-4:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of The Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue. A cocktail party luncheon buffet and open bar of wine, beer, juice and soft drinks will be provided. Cost is \$75.00/person if booked by DECEMBER 3; or \$85.00/person after DECEMBER 3 including at the door, space permitting. Early booking is requested so that we may give the Club as accurate and early a headcount as possible, for food preparation. The bars will close at 3:30 p.m. as in 2018, but we'll have an extra 30 minutes to socialize.

The **BSI's Dr. John H. Watson Fund** offers financial assistance to Sherlockians otherwise unable to participate in BSI Weekend festivities; BSI membership is not required. A pseudonymous John H. Watson presides over the fund and welcomes contributions (check payable to John H. Watson Fund) and sent (with my Indianapolis address as return address on envelope) to Dr. John H. Watson, c/o The Baker Street Irregulars, 7938 Mill Stream Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Dr. Watson will acknowledge your generosity. Requests for assistance should be mailed immediately in the same way; to insure timely processing, the request for assistance deadline is DECEMBER 3.

**BSI Dinner mementos** are welcome and appreciated for inclusion in the dinner packets--they should be mailed, as follows: BSI Dinner (quantity of 170) to Nick Martorelli, c/o Penguin Random House, 1745 Broadway, New York, NY 10019; and for "The Woman" Dinner (quantity of 20) to Mary Ann Bradley, 7938 Mill Stream Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Please ship so as to be received by Nick and Mary Ann before DECEMBER 15.

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