

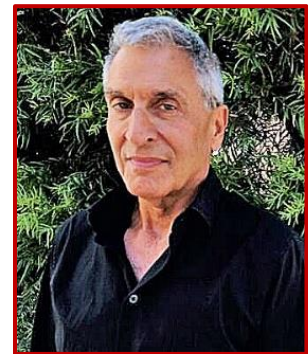
# Meeting Notes

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By Peter E. Blau

Local and more distant Sherlockians gathered via Zoom for our winter meeting, which featured Nicholas Meyer as our guest speaker. Nick's talk on "The Great Escape" dealt with how detective stories help us escape the trials and tribulations we encounter outside the printed page, and he had stories to tell about his new Sherlockian pastiche *The Return of the Pharaoh*, and about why he prefers to be known as a writer of novels rather than pastiches about Sherlock Holmes.



Alan Rettig reported on his own, more recent, discovery in Egypt, where a syntax error on a sign at a rest stop between Cairo and Alexandria brought a guffaw. On a much more serious note, Peter Blau paid tribute to the late Mike Whelan, long-time Wiggins of the Baker Street Irregulars, and talked about the more important upcoming events, from the Sherlockian birthday festivities in New York in January to the conference on "Sherlock Holmes and the British Empire" at the Bear Mountain Inn in July.

The meeting closed with a word from our sponsor, a Russian bank whose television commercial features Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin in Sherlockian costume.

And a reminder: Alan kindly has made video recordings of all of our virtual meetings available at our web-site; click on "Writings and Videos" in the Archives box.

