

Reported by Peter E. Blau

More than 40 Sherlockians assembled at Alfio's La Trattoria in Chevy Chase, Maryland for our first meeting of the year Alfio's offered their traditional Italian menu, and the luncheon ended with their even more traditional spumoni.

Peter Blau introduced our guest speaker, Glen Miranker, who talked about "Why (Does Glen Miranker) Collect Books" and explained why it is important to "read the whole book," telling stories about five of the more interesting items in his collection. Glen ended his presentation with a spectacular show-and-tell: the manuscript of "The Greek Interpreter," which he owns. This was the first chance for many of our members to make a close inspection of a Sherlock Holmes manuscript. Matt Hall kindly recorded Glen's presentation, which will be available at our website soon.

The Adventure of the quele Interpreter During my long and internate acquaintance with 9. Sheelock Holmes I had never heard him refer to his relations , and hardly ever to his own early life. This retreence upon his gast had encreased the some what inhuman effect which he groduced upon me, until sometimes I found myself regarding him as an involated phenomenone, a brain

Peter returned to the lectern to welcome the Red Circle's youngest member, Leo Miranker Vitale, the threeyear-old grandson of our guest speaker, and presented Leo with a Sesame Street "Sherlock Hemlock" book as a token of membership.

Alan Rettig unveiled his latest project: a handsome Red Circle coffee mug, which was and will be sold only at our meetings. The meeting concluded with the usual interim announcements, and a raffle for door prizes.

