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ANNOUNCING...a secret kidnapping of Mr. Melas (our beloved Dr. Yates) following the events recorded in "The Adventure of the Greek Interpreter."

Donald Yates has served with dedication, distinction and devotion the memory of Sherlock Holmes for over 20 years. We are planning a special tribute and surprise meeting for Don on June 5, 1978. That evening we'll be acting out a SECRET KIDNAPPING (i.e. Don knows NOTHING of this) and later have a G.I. meeting at the Pretzel Bell, 1020 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing, phone: 351-0200.

Text for Study: "The Adventure of the Greek Interpreter"

Open Tantalus: 6:30 pm

Dinner and Program: 7:30-10:00 pm (approx.)

Menu: (Buffet) Appetizers

Large Tossed Salad
Farm Fresh Relish Tray
Country Cole Slaw
Assorted Cheese Platter
Au Gratin Potatoes
Marinated Cucumbers
Three Bean Salad
Macaroni Salad
Corn Relish

Main Courses

Beef Stroganoff with noodles
Fried Chicken
Baked Ham

With

Coffee or Tea
Hot Rolls and Butter
Dessert: a specially decorated cake!

The dinner (including tax and gratuity) is \$7.50 per person. (Please see attached form below.)

With regard to the KIDNAPPING: We will whisk Don away from his home around 5:30pm in the Olds' van. If you would like to join the caravan, park near 2691 Rockwood Drive (which is off of Park Lake Road) shortly before 5:30. To keep him from suspecting anything, please stay in your car until the victim has been abducted by Ralph Turner! The caravan will be taking a circuitous route to the Pretzel Bell, arriving about 6:30. (Although the Sacred Canon states that the trip took almost two hours, our more modern horse-powered "carriages" will be able to accomplish the evil deed within an hour!)

At the meeting we will present Don with a special gift from the Greek Interpreters as a token of our appreciation for what he has done over the years for Sherlockians. Since Don is a devout collector of rare books--especially mysteries--a search is being conducted for an English first edition of The Hound of the Baskervilles. We hope you would like to join in on both the gift and the meeting--we thought that a \$4.00 contribution would cover the cost of this special edition. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to help out with the Hound, we will also be giving Don a card with everyone's signatures. If you would like any further information about this end of the festivities, call either Warren Tryloff at 332-8724 or Erik Beckman at 349-3680. (See form below.)

Finally, if anyone wishes to participate in the program with any commentaries, slides, presentations and the like, please let us know as soon as possible... we'll appreciate any and all help. For more details about the kidnapping, dinner and program call either Vicki Kingsbury at 353-2941 (office) or 351-3222 (home), or Joyce Olds at 355-3019.

****UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU CONTACT DR. YATES!** He is thinking about another G.I. dinner-meeting at the end of June, so should he solicit your advice about that later meeting, please don't let on about this surprise meeting. **THANKS!**

Please make cheques payable to Erik Beckman, 4420 Elmwood Drive, Okemos, MI 48864 (phone: 349-3680) and mail with this coupon to the same address.

I wish to make reservations for _____ people at
\$7.50 per person for dinner at 7:30 on June 5th
at the Pretzel Bell.

\$ _____

I wish to contribute toward the present for
Don Yates.

\$ _____

Total amount:

\$ _____

Please note: In order to make the proper arrangements with the Pretzel Bell, we **MUST** have your reservations **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.**