

# Our Monthly Letter

*We Are Fun, Friendship and Learning*

Charles Dickens in His Third Century

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**Our Annual Dickens Birthday Luncheon** at McGee's on February 11 radiated *Fun, Friendship and Learning*. Those who attended were **Marilyn Baranoski, Pam Bauder, Rob Clere, Charlotte Burrell, Jerry and Loretta Frohnhoefer, Bill Leighton, Lynn Manuell, Denise Orr, Kevin Quinn, Mike and Su Quinn, Susan Romanoff, Bob Sloan, Dorothy Smith, Rosa Smith, Ellen Spears, Mavis Thompson and Ken Wachtell.**

The delicious fare included roast loin of pork, chicken parmesan, glazed salmon, penne a la vodka all topped off with chocolate layer cake, coffee and tea.

Our speakers were **Bob Sloan, Kevin Quinn** and **Jerry Frohnhoefer**. Bob and Kevin delivered a peroration composed by our own **Herb Moskowitz**, who could not attend, that deftly summed up major events in the life and writings of "the Inimitable Boz."

**Jerry Frohnhoefer** spoke feelingly of his work with *Fiorello Homes for the Homeless*, an advocacy group that works to ameliorate the ongoing and insufficiently publicized scandal of homelessness in our city, state and nation, a situation that would have appealed to the heart of Charles Dickens.

We awarded a check in the amount of \$250.00 to **Lynn Manuell** to assist in her work of teaching theater arts to school children in Harlem.

**Dorothy Smith** rounded out our afternoon's festivities with a Toast to the Immortal Memory of Boz the Inimitable.

**We bless that Immortal Memory** and assert Charles Dickens's work to be unfinished as long as there are stories to be told, songs to be sung, wrongs to be righted, villains to be punished and sad hearts to be made happy.

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## Our Monthly Quote

Herman Melville

Aug 1, 1819 – Sept 28, 1891  
American Novelist and Poet



"Talk not to me of blasphemy, man; I'd strike the sun if it insulted me."

*Moby Dick or The Whale*  
(1851)

## Our March Meeting

Saturday, March 4, 2017 1:00pm-4:00pm  
NYPL Epiphany Branch  
228 E. 23 Street, New York, NY 10010

Program: *Great Expectations*  
Chapters 31 - 37  
Moderator: Rob Clere



A radiant Lynn Manuell, flanked by Mike Quinn and Jerry Frohnhoefer, shows off the \$250.00 check awarded to her for her wonderful work teaching Theater Arts to School Children. At our March meeting Jerry will also be acknowledged for his ongoing work with Fiorello Homes for the Homeless.

### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

As we begin to wind down our 2016-2017 season, let's all think about what Dickens novel to take on for 2017-2018.

Speaking for myself, and only for myself, I'd like us take on *Barnaby Rudge*.

What do you think, members?

Please think about this and bring your suggestions to our March, April and May meetings. If you don't usually attend meetings please send us a letter or an email.

We wish everyone *Fun, Friendship and Learning*.

