



Table talk: Left row, front to back: Robert James, Bill Patterson, Andrea Silver and Brad Lyau. Right row, front to back: Geo Rule, Deb Rule, Marilyn Niven, Larry Niven.

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had a special reception celebrating her many years of attending WorldCons, and was graciousness in itself.

Monday morning we Killed the Lawyers, in a panel I moderated, discussing Robert Heinlein's take on the role of the law and lawyers. Art Dula and Herb Gilliland were the other panelists. Another volunteer panelist, L.N. Collier, a lawyer from Missouri right down the road from where Heinlein was born, got tangled up in emergent litigation and was unable, sadly, to catch the plane but sends his best wishes to us all. Next year I'll be able to ask him far enough in advance for him to block out that spot on his calendar; and we'll all be able to enjoy his wit and intelligence in

person, rather than on the Internet only. There's a report on that panel in the archives section on the website. See, the post David Wright reproduced after it was made on alt.fan.heinlein.

Then Bill, Alan and I retired to the hotel, discussed the future budget for 2003, next year's plans and, when it was appropriate for me to do so, I made sure all the half-emptied bottles were properly prepared for transportation out of town. And then we went home.

Remember your dues

Speaking of budget and plans, membership dues for 2003 are payable on Jan. 1. Please, "Don't make me come find you. You won't like it."

I'd like to thank everyone who participated, but especially Peter Scott, who despite a back strain and quite a bit of

pain limped on and did absolutely essential work to help make everything work out. And, of course, my long-suffering, and very tolerant and patient wife of thirty-six loving years, Andrea, for all that she did to make sure all of us were at the proper place, at the proper time, with the proper equipment and in the proper uniform ready to do our job throughout the Convention. And, of course, Ginny, always Ginny, without whose long years of inspiration and devotion very few of us would have considered starting this thing of ours and Robert's.

"The Lieutenant expects your names to shine!"

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