

## Centennial committee

# RAH's 100th birthday approaches

The Heinlein Centennial Project is looking for a few good people ... make that a *lot* of good people. We're accumulating fantastic ideas (Heinlein on a US stamp — terrific suggestion, thanks!), and we need people to carry them out (if you play golf with the Postmaster General, now's the time to speak up).

We've acquired the domains heinlein100.com, heinlein100.net, and heinlein100.org, all of which

will point to our web server. We'll shortly be holding regular committee meetings on line and populating the content of that web server, which will serve as the rallying point for all our efforts.

We need organizers — people who can take on a task, recruit a hierarchy of helpers and delegate work to them, then feed the results back up to the committee. We need to build "spheres of

influence." Please let us know any special responsibilities you have that might be useful, as well as any important or influential people whose ear you have.

For now, you can reach me at Centennial@psdt.com. Thank you. Heinlein 2007 - Pay it forward for the next hundred years.

*Peter Scott  
Centennial committee chair*

## Message

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with the general public — and they will become the leading edge of our efforts to find the money to carry all the other projects forward, as well.

Your annual dues are calculated to pay the operating expenses of the Society and perhaps provide small amounts of seed capital for small, pilot projects. All the money needed to carry the several projects we have laid out forward must be raised from charitable donations. Large grants from public sources will help some — and we will look at those sources, too. But "pay it forward" is a very individual thing, a matter of each person, not limited to Heinlein's many readers. The collection of blood donations is, of necessity, a very individual matter — and anyone who comes to donate blood is already demonstrating our kind — Heinlein's kind — of social responsibility. It only makes sense that these are the people we should start with.

This gives each of us some action points:

\* If you have not paid your dues, please do so — early and

often! The annual dues provide the lifeblood that makes everything else possible, and our collections have historically been less than 50 percent — not compatible with a group of people committed to paying it forward!

\* Start making a list and gathering information: Who in your city handles the blood collection? What blood bank system are your local people associated with? When do they hold their major seasonal blood drives? Find out what charitable and social organizations are already helping out with blood drives — and which are not. What colleges and universities are in your area? Collecting this information is something you need to be doing, because you are the Heinlein Society where you are. Find out what your local resources are and e-mail the information to Mike Sheffield at [blood@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:blood@heinleinsociety.org)

\* Start another list, and put on it every person you know, however casually. Who do you know that should be donating blood? Who do you know who can't donate — for whatever reason — but could help out with a blood drive (some of the best recruiters

Heinlein ever found couldn't give blood themselves — but they could round up others and see that they made it to the collection point, and they could help people fill out the forms, and they could help in other ways— you get the picture). Now, who do you know who has money? Maybe you know someone who give for a special purpose. Maybe you don't know anyone directly who has lots of money — but maybe you know somebody who knows somebody. Charitable donations are tax deductible, and come in all sizes. And every bit helps.

\* Do it now. Consider it a New Year's resolution, if that helps. Only you can make the difference that so desperately needs to be made.

Paying It Forward starts and ends with what you do now. This is the best way we have found to mobilize as a group effort resources we might not be able to mobilize individually.

That's why the Heinlein Society exists.

*Bill Patterson  
Chair, The Heinlein Society*