

guest of honor in 2004; and her novels may tie in nicely to Heinlein themes.

Read closely the remaining reports, please. It's not difficult to prepare a program for the local science fiction and related conventions in your area. You can "Pay It Forward" yourself, as Mrs. Youmans, Messrs. Johnson and Tilden, and all the others who participated in three Cons this weekend have done. All you have to do is start planning now. Contact any of us for helpful suggestions and hints. One of our members drove over one thousand miles, one way, to help with a Con, this Memorial weekend. How about you?

Heinlein Award Design Approved

Dr. Yoji Kondo, one of our Society's directors, formed a panel of judges last summer at one of Ginny Heinlein's last requests to award, periodically, but not necessarily annually, should appropriately excellent works be written, The Heinlein Award. The judges are noted writers, educators, and scientists: Greg Bear, Joe Haldeman, Yoji Kondo (who writes science fiction under the name Eric Kotani), Elizabeth Moon, Larry Niven, Jerry Pournelle, Spider Robinson, Stanley Schmidt, Herb Gilliland, and John Hill. A noted artist, Arlin Robins, was commissioned to design the solid sil-



Heinlein Award Medallion

Rendition property and courtesy of artist Arlin Robins

ver medallion that will be presented when, and if, the Award is made. An artist's preliminary sketch of the medallion appears in the left column.

The panel of judges will make their writing selection on Robert Heinlein's birthday, July 7th, if any are found worthy to receive an award this year. In anticipation of a selection or selections, a dinner has been scheduled by The Heinlein Society, for Friday, August 29, at Torcon3, the 61st Annual World Science Fiction Convention, in Toronto, Canada. You'll hear and see more about that dinner elsewhere, in this issue, and before the event. There is an advertisement running for it, in Locus Magazine, and here; and that advertisement will be placed elsewhere. Please send your reservations in if you can possibly attend Torcon3 this year as soon as possible. It's going to be a gala event you won't want to say you missed!

Torcon3 Dinner and Attendance

We've already received a good response to invitations for the August 29th dinner we extended to the authors, scientists and educators who comprise the judge's panel for the inaugural presentation of The Heinlein Award. It's crucial and urgent that we ourselves have a good attendance. There is plenty of room. I urge you, if at all possible, to attend Torcon3, this year's World Science Fiction Convention, if only for that one evening, and our Memorial Dinner. It will be an historic event you'll be sorry to have missed if you don't.

Dues

WHAT else am I ALWAYS required to write to you about? If you haven't paid them, please do as soon as possible. We are five months into the dues year. Your dues enable all of us to Pay It Forward; and it would be nice if "Maureen" didn't have to waste time and postage to send Letter No. 2. She will if she has to; and no one really wants to read Letter No. 3, which will come from me. I don't want to have to write any, so, as they said in *Friday*, please, "Don't make me come find you."

"The Lieutenant Expects Your Names to Shine!"
David M. Silver
Secretary-Treasurer