

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

EXCITING NEWS ON THE BUST FRONT!

No, sadly this is not notification that some of Robert Heinlein's nude photos are being published; but equally exciting news: the Heinlein Prize Trust has offered 1:1 matching for every dollar we raise for the bust of RAH for the Hall of Famous Missourians! We are still shooting for \$14K total, so if you have not



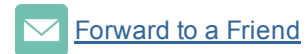
done so, now's the time to donate – let's make this happen, so we can get around to planning a group trip to visit it! [READ MORE>>>](#)

NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY

Last year, web based voting worked so well that we're using it again this year. The nominating period for Board members is coming next month; 18 May to 1 June. There are three Board openings that need to be filled. Present board members; Keith Kato, Betsey Wilcox and Herb Gilliland, whose current Board positions are completed have agreed to run for election. Want to get more involved in The Society? You can nominate yourself or others for these positions. Any regular member in good standing is eligible. Now's the time to step forward! [FIND OUT MORE>>>](#)

CITIZEN OF THE GALAXY COMICS OUT IN ALL FINE COMIC BOOK SHOPS

You all know that Citizen of the Galaxy was put out as a high quality graphic novel earlier this year, but for those who missed the Kickstarter campaign, it has now been picked up by IDW, (the third largest distributor of graphic novels) and is being distributed nationwide in three issues (\$3.99 per issue). From



3000+ Books Sent

The Heinlein For Heroes program has passed 3000 books sent to troops, veterans, and military families.

Contributions keep coming in, and your help is still needed.

Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information on how you can help.



Blood Drives

a review: “The artwork here is great, as well, vivid and colorful, bringing the world of the distant planet on which the story takes place to life and adding depth to the story. Between the two, I was hooked right from the beginning and was held in rapt attention all the way through. I can’t wait till the next issue. If you’re a fan of Heinlein, YA [science fiction], space travel, or just really cool and compelling stories, you’ll want to take a look at Citizen of the Galaxy.” [MORE>>>](#)



BSFS & HEINLEIN SOCIETY RAISING HEINLEIN AWARD TO 50%

The Robert A. Heinlein Award “for outstanding published works in science fiction and technical writings to inspire the human exploration of space” was started by Dr. Yoji Kondo. As a longtime member of the Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Dr. Kondo relied heavily on their membership for the logistics of what goes into making a successful award presentation. BSFS treats the Heinlein Award recipient as a “Guest of Honor” at their annual convention, Balticon with a full-fledged award presentation at the start of the convention.

Herb Gilliland, our newest Board member, is also a member of

Keep up with Blood Drives news at

heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/blood-drives/



Our newsletter co-editor and his cannon, with which he plans to fight city hall.

the selection committee for the award. The Heinlein Society has made it a part of its budget commitment to give at least \$1000 yearly towards the cost of presenting the award. This is approximately 50% of the costs associated with the award. We'd love to be able to fund costs completely in 2017 and let BSFS use their funds for other parts of Balticon, but to do that, we would like to know if supporting this award is important to our members. Please drop us a line and let us know.

Your continued donations and even just a prompt renewal of membership fees to the Heinlein Society help pay for this important award in the SF community. [MORE INFO>>>](#)

NEW HEINLEIN SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER, WELCOME DR. C. HERBERT GILLILAND!

It is with great sadness that we on the Board of Directors say goodbye to Michael Cassutt, who has served as a board member since October 2010. For those who have not read it, yet, or who might like to read it again, his "[Encounterings the Heinleins](#)" is a classic tale of the wonderful interactions which fans of RAH were able to have with the writer who inspired them.



We welcome Dr. C. Herbert Gilliland, who has been appointed to fill this Director's seat for the remainder of its term. Dr. Gilliland is professor of English at the United States Naval Academy, and a retired naval reserve captain. He currently teaches courses there on topics ranging from Renaissance literature to science fiction. He particularly enjoys teaching a special course on Robert Heinlein, a graduate of the Naval Academy and the author of Starship Troopers. (This is the first college course ever dedicated entirely to Heinlein.) [READ MORE>>>](#)

THS MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE!

As part of our ongoing effort to promote transparency and membership participation, starting with the February 2015 Minutes, the Society newsletter will now contain links to recent

Minutes of THS Board meetings with a two month delay (sadly, your Secretary is a slow worker). We're afraid they aren't terribly exciting once summarized and written down, but hey, if you want exciting, you can always volunteer for one of our committees and get into the sausage-making business right alongside us! [READ THE MINUTES HERE>>>](#)

TWO THS BLOOD DRIVES COMING UP MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

You can donate or otherwise help us out at [KublaCon](#) (in San Mateo at the SFO Hyatt Regency) and [BaltiCon](#) 49 (The Maryland Regional Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention).

If you know anyone who cannot donate but wants to help we can always use volunteers at the table. Early sign-ups are appreciated at the link below for planning purposes you can always change at the link in your email confirmation.

- [HELP OUT WITH KUBLACON](#)
- [HELP OUT WITH BALTICON](#)

Further out, THS will be holding blood drives at [WonderCon](#) (Anaheim, April 3-5, 2015) and the [22nd Patheacon](#) (San Jose, Feb 12 – 15, 2016). Make room in your social calendars!

SASQUAN UPDATE

The [Sasquan film festival](#), officially the "Tri-Cities International Fantastic Film Festival" (TCIF3) will include a fair number of THS and Board members who plan to attend. There will be a THS information table, and we are planning a party (tentatively Thursday night). There will also be a showing of everyone's favorite film adaptation of "'—All You Zombies—'", the Spierig brothers' Predestination! All of which is a great reason to be in Spokane, Washington, August 19-23, 2015!

FOURTH ANNUAL HEINLEIN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT ON JULY 7TH

The Heinlein Society fourth annual scholarship essay contest (for the 2015-2016 academic year) award will be announced on July 7th. Two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to

undergraduate students of accredited 4-year colleges and universities majoring in engineering, math, or physical sciences (e.g. physics, chemistry), or in Science Fiction as Literature. Applicants submitted a 500-1,000 word essay on one of several available topics. Check the site on that date to see the results!

NOTES FROM THE TWITTERVERSE

If you're on Twitter, please [follow us](#) -- and drop us a note, because we'd love to follow you!

For [#WorldBookDay](#) I'd like to share "time enough for love" by Robert Heinlein [@HeinleinSociety](#) (anything by him or Arthur to be honest.)

— Roy Alexander (@Roy_Astro) [March 5, 2015](#)

[#InternationalWomensDay](#) = EVERY DAY in the works of Robert A. Heinlein. Mama Maureen, Pody, Wyoh, Hazel, Deety, Hilda, Friday, Star, & etc!

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [March 8, 2015](#)

[@FanboyComix](#) Nice review! Just got the comic, I read the novel 3 times before -- [#Heinlein's](#) my favorite author. [@HeinleinSociety](#)

— Roger Christenson (@lunamation) [March 19, 2015](#)

"You live and learn or you don't live long."
Excerpted from the Notebooks of Lazarus Long, who knew a thing or two about long life!

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [March 26, 2015](#)

FIELD DEFECTS: MEMO FROM A CYBORG. A humorous view from Robert A Heinlein, which you probably haven't read: <http://t.co/REotMzWVqQ>

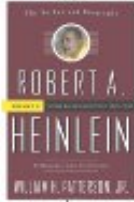
— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [May 1, 2015](#)

A final note from Keith Kato:

You all remember Willem's crest in Double Star, "I Maintain." It seems to me the Board must grapple with an assortment of programs on our plate, and the means to pay for them. The Society has limited financial resources, so the Board must navigate how to expand outreach, membership, financial support, and our volunteer corps within those resources. As of now, THS's programs include: Heinlein Blood Drives (over 18,000 units collected to date); free Educational CD resources to middle- and high-school teachers and librarians; two small undergraduate scholarships in STEM subjects; the Bill Patterson cash prize for best Heinlein-related academic paper; financial support for the Heinlein Award medallions given each year by Balticon; continued publication (once Bill Patterson's estate is settled) of The Heinlein Journal; and "Heinlein For Heroes" to send Golden Age SF books to hospitals and deployed troops in theater. Just recently a new program appeared: Collecting funds for a Heinlein bust and plaque. Missouri's House of Representatives selected native son Robert Heinlein to join the Hall of Famous Missourians. By state law, state funds for the bust and plaque for the Induction Ceremony cannot be used; private funds only. THS's Board has decided to accept the role of financial point of contact, and while THS is not obligated to export funds until a financial threshold is reached, that threshold looks to be north of \$25,000. This amount is at least 4-5 times greater than any single dedicated fund-raising activity THS has assumed.

So you can see, we need YOUR help. Begin and keep renewing a THS membership. Donate funds beyond a simple membership if you can — as a 501(c)(3) organization, 100% of membership and donations to THS are tax-deductible. Consider us in your estate planning. Talk us up to your friends. Link to us on your blogs or websites. Volunteer for our

committees. If you have some skill in writing grant proposals, [contact us](#). Please join us in our efforts to “Pay It Forward” as Robert A. Heinlein’s writings and legacy. [JOIN US!](#)



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