

March 2015 Newsletter

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY


DUES CHANGE GOES INTO EFFECT



As we've previously communicated to you, the Society dues structure changed on 4/1/2016. Regular dues increased from \$35 to \$45 per year (Supporting dues did not change). Many of you took advantage of our offer to pre-pay at the old yearly rate of \$35 for as many years ahead as you like before the dues change took effect. Others of you took advantage of our new Lifetime Membership (\$750). Our members with Paypal recurring yearly payments had

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3000+ Books Sent

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

those cancelled by us with Paypal on 3/31, and should have been notified by Paypal this was the case. This means when your renewal next comes up, you'll need to reestablish your recurring with us or do a one-time. Our payment options on the website are configured to let you do either: [MORE INFO ON WEBSITE>>>](#)

THE HEINLEIN JOURNAL RETURNS!

The Heinlein world was shocked when RAH's biographer, William H. Patterson, Jr., passed away suddenly on April 21, 2014, just as the second volume of his epic biography of RAH was about to be published. We here at THS were more than shocked. Bill was not just a colleague in the Heinlein legacy vineyards, but a personal friend as well. He was the Founding President of the Society, and even after he became too busy to do that, in later years he was our Academic Chair, a position he still held at the time of his passing.

His role in the Heinlein world can never be replaced, and yet the responsibility of his friends and colleagues is to do our best to carry on his proud legacy of Heinlein scholarship. To that end, we contacted his family after his passing and inquired if it would be possible to receive his Heinlein-related research materials and papers, and to receive permission to continue to distribute existing issues of The Heinlein Journal (21 issues published, with another two issues partially completed at the time of his passing) and continue publication of future issues.

Recently we were informed by Bill's family that probate on his estate was complete, and that they

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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

Keep up with Blood Drives news at

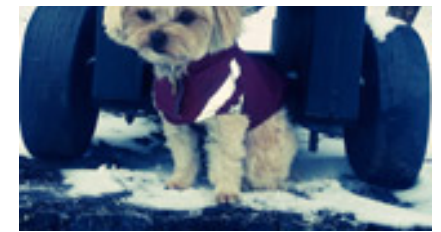
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were willing to donate Bill's Heinlein-related papers to THS, and grant us permission to continue to distribute and produce THJ. The Society will also be receiving the domains whpattersonjr.com and heinleinjournal.com from Deb Houdek Rule, who had maintained them on Bill's behalf. Which leads to other big news:

NEW HEINLEIN SOCIETY ACADEMIC CHAIR!

Now, we here at the Society will begin to ramp up. To that end, we have named Marie Guthrie, Ph.D. as our new Academic Chair. Dr. Guthrie completed the first known academic dissertation on Heinlein's works, was a personal friend of Ginny's, and Bill's, and many of us in the Heinlein legacy world. She's an excellent choice to lead the effort to make sense of what we've received from Bill's estate and formulate a plan to lead THJ forward. Society directors John Seltzer and Geo Rule will also serve on the initial committee with her. Robert James, Ph.D., who was Associate Editor of THJ has been consulted as well, and will continue to contribute as his many projects allow him time to do so. [MORE>>>](#)



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

A small historical curiosity has arisen – amongst Bill's papers are two packages with notes they were to be delivered to "Pires, NM". We presume NM is New Mexico, but no one we've consulted knows who Pires is. If anyone reading this does, please contact us at academicschair@heinleinsociety.org

MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR WORLDCON / MIDAMERICON II & RAHCON!



The 2016 Kansas City World Science Fiction



Convention is less than four months away! The Heinlein Society's planned activities are slowly firming up, with the 40th Anniversary Heinlein Blood Drive. The Heinlein Exhibit unveiled at MidAmeriCon II will be transported to the Missouri state Capitol in Jefferson City with the Induction Ceremony tentatively planned for Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at the House of Representatives' chambers, followed by a light reception (probably no longer than 60 minutes) afterwards hosted by THS. A handful of hardy Heinlein souls will take the opportunity to trek to Jefferson City to witness the Ceremony. We envision

this activity as a post-Worldcon "relaxacon" to decompress and be in the company of fellow Heinleiners, since the actual Ceremony will be quite short. We are working on a common hotel, group dinner the evening of August 22, post-dinner meeting area, and general travel logistics.

We are hoping to bring to Kansas City some artifacts from the 2007 Heinlein Centennial, as well as some Heinlein realia (typewriters, household paintings, household items), short videos, and even short audio programs such as RAH's 1941 Guest of Honor speech, "The Green Hills of Earth" and "Gentlemen, Be Seating" by Leonard Nimoy, and "The Man Who Travelled in Elephants" starring Harlan Ellison.

Note that the following RAH stories have been nominated in three categories of Retro-Hugos for stories first published in 1940:

- Best Short Story: "Requiem."
- Best Novelette: "Blowups Happen" and "The Roads Must Roll."
- Best Novella: "Coventry," "If This Goes On—" and "Magic, Inc."

The Retro-Hugo Ceremony will be Thursday, and the Hugo Award Ceremony will be Saturday.

There are lots more details to [READ HERE>>>](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO HS DIRECTOR DR. JERRY POURNELLE, RECIPIENT OF THE 2016 NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY'S RAH MEMORIAL AWARD

"The National Space Society takes great pleasure in announcing that its 2016 Robert A. Heinlein Memorial Award has been won by acclaimed science fiction author Dr. Jerry Pournelle. This prestigious award selected by an international vote of NSS members will be presented to Dr. Jerry Pournelle at the 2016 International Space Development Conference (ISDC). The public is welcome to attend the conference and see the award presentation at the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The ISDC will run from May 18-22, 2016.

"Jerry has consistently supported the vision of self-sustaining human settlements in space and on planetary surfaces, and as part of a free, space-faring civilization, which is at the very heart of the space movement. Jerry's work as a science fiction author, focusing on science fiction with realistic physics, has contributed to a better understanding of the limitations and the abilities of human space operations. Few have made such a rich contribution to these fields." [MORE HERE>>>](#)



JOIN THE HOWARD FAMILIES!

We've had a great response to the "lifetime membership" program supporting the Society.

There is another way to show your support for THS: "Planned Giving". Planned Giving is the accepted term for giving to a philanthropy not immediately but over time, and ultimately at a person's death. At its simplest form it is making a bequest of a certain amount of money to an organization through your will or other estate documents.

Since we were founded the Society has received two bequests after the death of members. Recently we found out that Charter Member and current THS Treasurer John Tilden has made a bequest to us in his estate planning and we asked John to tell us a little more about why he did it: "Besides my work with THS I'm also a proud member of Alpha Sigma Phi, one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the U.S. I have seen the lasting impact that bequests can have on the good works a charity can do. It's a hard thing to think about, but naming the Heinlein Society to receive some money when I'm gone gives some benefits. First, I can show my ongoing support for THS in that I believe it will be around and doing good work years from now. Second, I believe as one of the leaders of the organization that I can follow Mr. Heinlein's example to Pay it Forward! I hope reading this article will encourage others to follow my action by also considering the Society in their planning. Even a few hundred dollars makes an impact."

If you have any questions about planned giving please contact us at chairman@heinleinsociety.org.

BOOK DRIVE AT REGENERATION WHO 2

We collected 82 genre books for our Heinlein For Heroes program at the recent "ReGeneration Who 2" convention in Hunt Valley, Maryland. JT will also be collecting at Balticon over Memorial Day Weekend.



H4H has made 199 shipments so far this fiscal year. And that adds up to 2,320 books sent out to our serving women and men!

TWO THS BLOOD DRIVES COMING UP MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Silicon Valley Comic Con was a goat rodeo as expected, first year and all, but we still managed to collect 17 units including 4 double red. Nobody knew where we were in the back of the hall by the loading dock, but those who found us were happy we were there.

WonderCon was also first time in a new place so numbers are down a bit from last year. We have a new Table Front Blood Drive Banner. Watch for it at a Con near you! Next up:

- [Watch City Steampunk Festival](#), May 7 in Waltham Mass
- [Balticon](#), Memorial Weekend in Baltimore MD
- [Kublacon](#) in Burlingame CA (the West Coast's largest gaming convention)

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY ANNOUNCES OPENING OF 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS

Read about the details [HERE](#). Winners will be announced on July 7, 2016.

NOTES FROM THE TWITTERVERSE

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

Congratulations to the 1941 Retro [#HugoAwards](#) [#Novelette](#) Finalists! 310 ballots.
[#Retros41](#) [#MACII](#) pic.twitter.com/67sMBbx1a

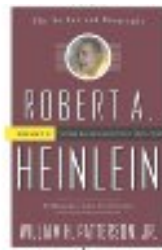
— MidAmeriCon II (@MidAmeriCon2) [April 26, 2016](#)

Best open? "Once upon a time there was a Martian named Valentine Michael Smith." But do you know the uncut version?

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [April 25, 2016](#)

Woody Woodpecker in Destination Moon (1950) [#Heinlein](#) [#Lantz](#) [#animation](#)
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— Roger Christenson (@lunamation) [April 27, 2016](#)



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