

July 2016 Newsletter

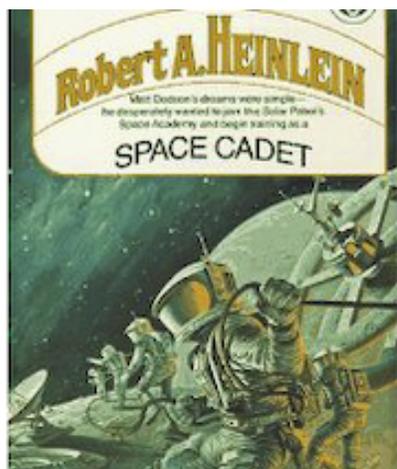
THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

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HOT JETS AND CLEAR SKIES FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



It was another year of exceptional growth. We received a total of 163 scholarship applications, almost doubling last year's record number, though we had fewer international entries. The wealth of excellent candidates continues to astonish and delight us. Our scholarship committee truly had our work cut out for us to narrow it down to three. Here are this year's winners:



Over 14,000 Books Sent!

The Heinlein For Heroes program (H4H) sends free books to troops, veterans,



Alec Jobbins – Alec is attending U.C. Berkeley in California as a sophomore, majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Biomedical Engineering.

In addition to his numerous academic honors, Alec is also a four-time Junior Olympian and state champion in slalom ski racing. He hopes “... to develop new technologies such as biocompatible prostheses and micro-implants that will improve the lives of patients.”

- **Lydia Pscholka** – Lydia is this year’s winner of the “Virginia Heinlein Memorial Scholarship.” She will be attending the University of Colorado Boulder as a sophomore, majoring in Aerospace Engineering. She has been very active with various community service organizations. Among her career goals, she wants to “... make jet fuels and rocket fuels more environmentally safe.”
- **Emma Riedi** – Emma is enrolled at Bemidji State University in Minnesota as a freshman. Her major is Environmental Studies with an Emphasis in Environmental Health and Toxicology. She credits a PBS special for inspiring her towards a career choice that will allow her to combine her love of the outdoors with her desire to make a positive impact on the world.

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WELCOME TO THE NEW COBBERS!

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the addition of the following members as volunteers to several committees:

and military families. We send only to individuals or units that have requested SF material. Clearly many of our military men and women WANT to read good science fiction, including Heinlein. To meet that demand, our shipments go around the globe, as well as to veterans’ hospitals here at home.

Contributions keep coming in, but your help is still needed. We need gently used paperbacks—and especially Heinleins, as we include Heinlein books in every shipment.

Money contributions are used to buy books wherever we find them (book dealers, eBay) at the right price. But free is even better than cheap. Is an SF friend or neighbor downsizing? You can help them and help us!

Go to

heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for



Please welcome member **Caroline Seals**, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, who has volunteered her expertise in social media and editing to work with Lisbet Weir on the newsletter, and with Marie Guthrie on the newly reincarnated Heinlein Journal.



Life Member **Ken Walters** will be working with John Seltzer on the membership committee.



Finally, we welcome Life Member **Will Hamilton**, who will become Chairperson of the Archive Committee. He will be responsible for gathering, sorting, and indexing the veritable mountains of minutes, documents, and website articles generated by THS. He will also be working with Betsey Wilcox on the Election Committee beginning with the 2017 election.

A huge thanks and welcome to those who have come one step further into our water brotherhood! Don't want to get left in one of the outer circles? [Email us!](#)

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information on where to send books or money.



Blood Drives

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.

Not current on your membership? Have a Heinleiner friend who has been resisting joining THS and regretting they can't afford to buy a Virginia Edition of their own? All active THS members as of Aug 31st will be eligible for a raffle drawing held live at the online Annual Meeting. If you can get that hold-out friend of yours to join THS for the first time, s/he will get TWO entries in the raffle. But hurry up, time is running out!



New membership cards images above. They will start being distributed in August and all currently active members should have theirs within the next few months.

ELECTION 2017!

As required by Article VI, Section 2, of the [Bylaws of The Heinlein Society](#), electronic voting of the General Membership of The Heinlein Society for the Board of Directors will be done using the simplyvoting.com website. The poll will open on Sunday, 13 Aug 2017, at Midnight Pacific Daylight Time and close on Sunday 28 Aug 2017 at 1159 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

Voting instructions will be sent to the General Membership with specific instruction to the website, passwords and other general instructions, before the ballot opens.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING 2017

As required by Article IV, Section 1, of the [Bylaws of The Heinlein Society](#), the Annual Meeting of the General Membership of The Heinlein Society will convene on Sunday, 10 September 2017, beginning at 1:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time. If you are in a different time zone, you are encouraged to make use of the “World Clock” internet sites to double-check (including the use of Daylight Savings Time) the start time in your area. You will receive further communications from us before September 10th with the details how to attend online. Email distribution and website posting of this Notice satisfy the requirement of timely notification in Article IV, Section 4.

BALTICON 51 REPORT (By John Tilden)

The Heinlein Society has had a presence at [Balticon](#) for just about its entire existence. This year we were lucky to have Director Betsey Wilcox and Lifetime

Member Will Hamilton visiting and helping out through the entire convention, supplementing the efforts of Directors Herb Gilliland, Beatrice Kondo, and John Tilden.



Since last year's move to a new hotel, our blood drive has seen lower attendance than we'd like. Scheduling changes meant that the only available day for us to host the blood drive was, unfortunately, the last day of the Con. Undaunted, we still were able to collect 21 units. We gifted audio books to

everyone who showed up, fruits of our continued partnership with the Heinlein for Heroes (H4H) program – audio books don't ship well overseas, so we were happy to share them with those who shared their blood with our drive. Our most recent H4H drive collected 39 books (eight by Heinlein!), which allows us to fulfill between one and two shipments.

In "Heinlein, Clarke, and Asimov – Are the Big Three Still Relevant?", one of the panels we hosted, the crowd was lively despite being packed standing-room-only; our other panel, "Estate Planning for Fans" was also well-received. Howard Rosenblatt, a lawyer and newly appointed to the THS Board of Advisors, was instrumental in to that panel's success

The 2017 Heinlein Award was presented via video link to Robert J. Sawyer. Director Beatrice Kondo and her mother, Mrs. Ursula Kondo, made the presentation at the convention's opening ceremonies as they had a personal connection to Sawyer.



We spoke to a lot of wonderful fans and even signed up a few new members as a result of our outreach. If the above sounds like fun and you'd like to do one or more of the above at your local convention please [reach out!](#) We have a kit that can teach you how to do all of the above. (Well, the Heinlein Award is a BSFS/Balticon-only thing—but you knew that!)

THIS "BOARD OF ADVISORS" FORMED

In October 2016 the Directors voted to create a special advisory committee to the Directors called the "Board of Advisors". These advisors are staffed to help promote the Heinlein Society and also to give advice in their respective areas of experience. We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Charles**

E. Gannon, G. David Nordley, Eric Gignac, and Howard Rosenblatt as the inaugural members with this special role. Dr. Gannon and Mr. Nordley are SF authors while Mr. Rosenblatt is an attorney with experience in estate planning along with other areas of law. Mr. Gignac is the graphic artist responsible for the *Citizen of the Galaxy* and *Have Space Suit Will Travel* graphic novels.

We welcome the three of them as Advisors and thank them for their willingness to “Pay it Forward!”

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES

- [Balticon](#) this year had 21 donors. Thanks to John Tilden for coordinating.
- [Kublacon](#) brought in 23 donors. Thanks to Carlin Black for coordinating, and to Christine Mahalas and Blood Centers of the Pacific for providing the Coach and Staff.
- [InConJunction](#) is back in business as an official THS drive, and just brought in another 23 donors! Many thanks to Brandon Spratt for managing the drive for the convention at the last minute. Thanks also to Kendra Henderson and Indiana Blood Center for the staff and the bloodmobile. Incidentally InConJunction has added over 200 units to our running total in past years.
- [Westercon](#) (in a truncated drive) scored 8 wonderful donations. By 11:00 it was 111 degrees in Tempe and the coach AC couldn't keep the temp inside down to FDA Specifications and the drive had to shut down with 1.5 hours left to go. Thanks to Gary Swaty for taking on the inside coordinator responsibility, to Dee and Hal Astell Co-chairs of WesterCon for early coordination, and to Janet Hopkins of United Blood Centers for providing staff and the bus.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

- [Gen Con Aug 17-19](#) – 3 days, 4 Bloodmobiles! Thanks, Joe Smiddie-Brush and Indiana Blood Centers.
- [Dragon Con Sept 1-5](#) – Thanks, Alan Koslow and Galen Unhold of Life South for this huge drive.

From our Blood Drive Chair, Carlin Black:

I am ready to help anybody at any con set up a blood drive. I do all the coordinating with blood agencies. 6 month lead time is ideal; 3 months may be possible. The Con coordinator works with the Con Admins to set up space for the table and the drive, either bus parking or 1500 sq. feet in almost any convenient space: a curtained off unused end of the concourse, an unused admin room, or a free meeting room would all work. The coordinator also needs to find volunteers to draw a crowd to the table: cosplayers, buskers, popular attendees holding meetups, etc. All the volunteers need to know is where the bus is, and that Paying it Forward by a donation is a good thing. [Contact Carlin](#) to get a drive started or inquire about volunteering!

THE HEINLEIN CENTENNIAL—10 YEARS LATER (By Keith G. Kato)

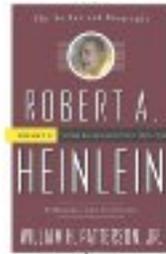
Robert A. Heinlein was born on 7 July 1907 (7-7-07, which he said made him very lucky at craps). One hundred years later, 7 July 2007, was a Saturday, and in anticipation of this weekend date, a small group of intrepid/crazy Heinleiners decided to create and run the Heinlein Centennial in Kansas City, Missouri, officially Friday 6 July 2007 through Sunday 8 July 2007. [READ MORE OF THIS PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE >>](#)

WORLDCON ACTIVITIES: 2017, 2018, AND 2019

2017: The 2017 World Science Fiction Convention (“Worldcon”) will convene from 9-13 August 2017 at the Messukeskus Exposition & Convention Centre in Helsinki, Finland. Details can be found at the [Worldcon website](#). Should you get the urge (and have the funds handy) to attend at the last minute, please be aware there is no central hotel, but about a dozen smaller hotels spread throughout the city.



2018: The 2018 Worldcon will convene from 16-20 August 2018 at the McEnery Convention Center in San Jose, California. Details and membership information can be found at the [2018 Worldcon website](#). The principal hotels in San Jose will be the San Jose Marriott and the Hilton San Jose, and we anticipate a fair representation of Society people to attend. There are no Heinlein-related program items (that we know of), but Keith Kato will conduct his “Shotokan Karate Workshop” on Thursday, from 11:00-12:30. [MORE DETAILS HERE >>](#)



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