

March 2017 Newsletter

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

HOW TO GET YOUR SCURVY HOOK ON THE ENSIGN'S PRIZE BOOKS



These books were gifted to The Heinlein Society by Virginia Heinlein, widow of author Robert A. Heinlein, after her successful prosecution of copyright infringement by the publisher. The settlement included all remaining copies of the pirated books in the infringer's possession. This initially included only seven hardbound books, but an eighth book was found later and added to what would become the Ensign's Prize. (Read the whole story [HERE](#).)

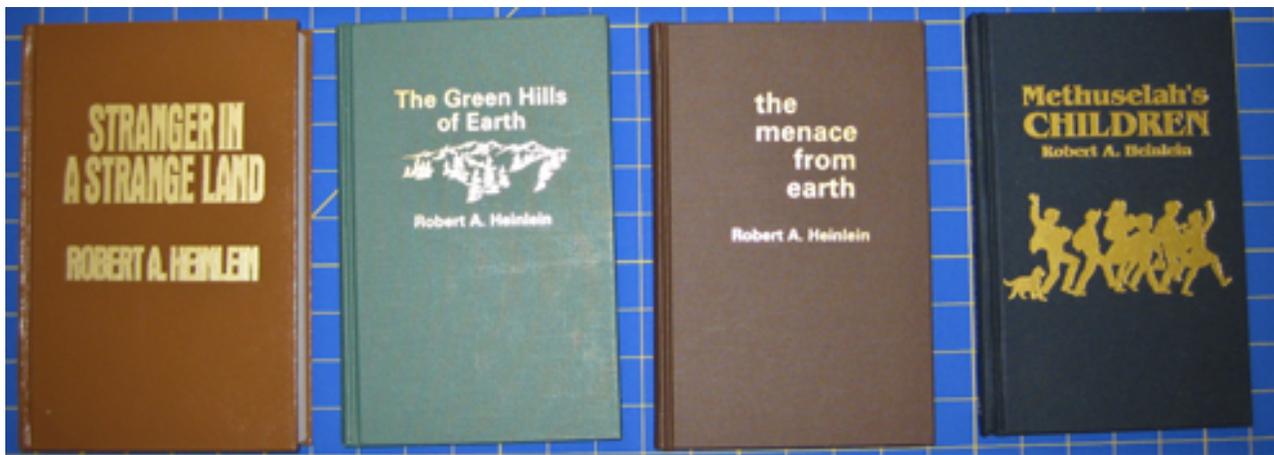
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Over 11,500



The Ensign's Prize books will be initially offered to members of The Heinlein Society only. There will be 25 of 26 sets for sale. THS has reserved set 1 for the society. Each set will contain a copy of Methuselah's Children; Stranger In A Strange Land; Life Line; Ordeal in Space; Sixth Column; The Green Hills of Earth; The Menace From Earth and The Notebooks of Lazarus Long which is the only hardcover ever published of Notebooks. Several of these books are "limited" according to the publisher. A set of eight hardcover books will cost \$425. We plan to link this through PayPal with shipping and insurance added which will cost about \$15 more in US. Overseas shipping will be determined at time of sale. The books have been put together into 26 complete sets with the remaining copies to be sold individually. Sets are numbered 1 through 26. Numbering on individual copies of books will begin with number 27 and will indicate how many copies of that particular book there are (e.g., 27 of 33 or 27 of 83). Proceeds from the sale of these books/sets will be used as a fundraiser to support projects and programs of The Heinlein Society such as the scholarship program and Heinlein 4 Heroes.

The numbers of individual copies vary by book with no individual copies of Methuselah's Children available and only a handful of copies of SIASL available. All individual copies will sell for \$60 each except for The Notebooks of Lazarus Long which is priced at \$75 each with shipping & insurance on single books TBD.

Books Sent!

The Heinlein For Heroes program has sent more than 11,500 books to troops, veterans, and military families.

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

heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ has all the information you need on how you can help.



Blood Drives

Keep up with Blood Drives news at

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



A small caveat regarding the condition of the books: these were pirated copies of Heinlein's work and as we started putting sets together we realized that a few copies had minor condition issues. These issues include bent corners on the covers/spines, fugitive ink (most noticeable on Notebooks) and a few with a broken hinge but intact crash that we are looking to have repaired. When the books go up for sale we will note any condition issues we are aware of and may offer a discount if you are willing to live with slight damage. Currently it looks like two sets may have slightly damaged copies of Methuselah's Children and/or SIASL.

Watch for a message from THS when the books will be available for ordering!

THS ANNOUNCES 6TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS WITH INCREASED AWARDS

THS is very pleased to announce our sixth annual scholarship essay contest for the 2017-2018 academic year. Three \$1,250 scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students of accredited 4-year colleges and universities. The "Virginia Heinlein Memorial Scholarship" (first awarded in 2016) is dedicated to a female candidate majoring in engineering, physical or biological sciences, or math. The other two scholarships may be awarded to either a male or female, and add "Science Fiction as literature" as an eligible field of study. Applicants will need to submit a 500-1,000 word essay on one of several available topics. We will begin taking applications in early March with a May 15th deadline to apply. Winners will be announced on July 7, 2017.

This year's awards amount have increased by 25% over last year, and continues an unbroken tradition of annual increases in the total amount of the program, as funded by THS member's dues and contributions from "Heinlein's children" in support of this effort.

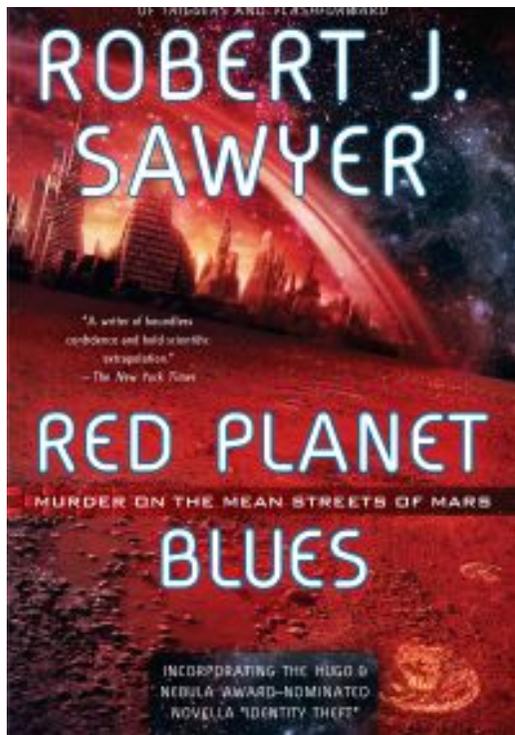
Check back later this month for the application form, and spread the word!



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

ROBERT J. SAWYER NAMED 2017 HEINLEIN

HUGO AND NEBULA AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR



AWARD WINNER

Robert J. Sawyer has been announced as the 2017 winner of the Heinlein Award, which in recent years has been handed out at Balticon over Memorial Day weekend, run by the Baltimore Science Fiction Society (BSFS). Last year's winner was Kim Stanley Robinson, and previous winners include Ginny Heinlein as the inaugural winner in 2003.

The Heinlein Award is supported by contributions from BSFS, the Kondo family, and The Heinlein Society, with BSFS being the ultimate guaranteeing administrator. It is awarded "For outstanding published works in science fiction and technical writings to inspire the human exploration of space." Winners are chosen by an independent committee initially set up by

Virginia Heinlein and Yoji Kondo, and currently chaired by Michael F. Flynn. THS congratulates Mr. Sawyer for this recognition.

CONTINUING SUCCESS GETTING HEINLEIN INTO THE HANDS OF HEROES

The Heinlein for Heroes (H4H) program (which ships books only to recipients—individuals or locations like veterans' hospitals—who have explicitly requested science fiction books) started receiving book donations in 2015, and our first outgoing shipment was in November, 2013. We shipped 946 books in 202 shipments that month! That pace wasn't sustainable over the long term and as we've gained experience, we've settled down the more workable routine we follow today: 10 books per shipment, 25 shipments per month, 300 shipments per year and 3,000 books shipped per year. While we still receive some donated books, we mostly buy from book suppliers and eBay, trying to buy in 500 book lots. This operation has taken over ½ of a 2-car garage, and H4H Co-Chair John Seltzer has gotten to know his Postal Carrier really well. (He

approves of our program.)



Over-all stats to date are 13,141 books shipped—impressive numbers for a small organization. We get shipping addresses from OPERATION PAPERBACK and after 3 ¼ years, we have a very good relationship with them. **This year they sent us a flag (previously flown at a US Army base) as recognition for our contribution. The flag will be added to the THS collection of Heinlein awards for display.**

Want to join in this important and exciting effort? Send books or \$ donations to H4H. Contact us at H4H@heinleinsociety.org, and we'll walk you through the different things you can do to assist. We love our volunteers!!

THANKING H4H...

Here are just two from the *many* we have received; the first from a female soldier at Fort Campbell:

"I have received this book and many others from Operation Paperback. I just want to also give you guys a huge shout-out for all of your hard work and dedication. Thank you so much for all that you do, we love the books that we receive! Especially my daughter, she has a crazy love for books! Again, thank you, keep up the great work!"

"Team Heinlein, Thank you for your support. We have been in country just a few days and have already received our first shipment of books. Your support to your service members is exceptional. Thanks again from the "FEAR NOT" Team."

BLIND ITEM

Which famous game designer just sent us a \$1,000 donation for Heinlein 4 Heroes?

We can't tell you, but feel free to emulate his or her example! Also, we upped our Scholarships program by \$750 this year, as you read above, so feel free to donate to that program too!

CALL FOR PAPERS

T H E HEINLEIN JOURNAL

As you may recall from previous newsletters, The Heinlein Journal has been rejuvenated! The

Journal went on hiatus when its editor, William H. Patterson, Jr., was writing the Heinlein biography. The new editor, Marie Guthrie, PhD. is author of the first dissertation on Robert A. Heinlein and has focused her academic research on Heinlein studies.

- The Heinlein Journal will be published twice each year, in Fall and Spring editions. Papers addressing any area of Heinlein studies are welcome. The Spring edition will include special tributes and analyses of William H. Patterson's contributions to Heinlein studies.
- Please format submissions as a Word document (.docx) or a Rich Text Format (.rtf) file. Documentation should conform to the MLA Handbook, 8th edition. For questions of style not covered in the MLA, please refer to the latest edition of the Chicago Manual of Style.
- Please send submission and subscription queries to marieguthriephd@gmail.com.

RAH SIGHTINGS



If you're travelling through the San Diego International Airport, check out Intergalactic Dreaming, an impressive exhibit which spreads out throughout the airport. In Terminal 2 West Gate 33, Upper Level (post-security), individual collector Edward Marsh has lent diverse objects from his extraordinary collection of science fiction texts, original artwork, memorabilia, film paraphernalia, and photographs. Marsh has amassed rare editions from the preeminent authors of the golden age of science fiction including Robert A. Heinlein as well as George Orwell, Ray Bradbury, and L. Ron Hubbard.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES: THS NEEDS YOU!

Convention regulars! THS is putting a call out for people willing to coordinate blood drives: all over the US, but one location in particular is the San Francisco Bay Area. We can do most of the work to set you up, getting the blood centers lined up, but we need



“boots on the ground” setting up the tables and coordinating volunteers to cover and liaise with the blood center staff on site. Please contact BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org to find out more.



We need your help at the following Cons:

- [Fanime](#) is by fans, for fans, and runs May 26-29 at the San Jose Convention Center
- BayCon <http://baycon.org/bcwp/>, a fan-run Science Fiction Convention also Memorial Day Weekend in San Mateo.
- [Kublacon](#) is the West Coast's largest gaming convention, with over 72 hours of non-stop gaming, May 26-29 at the SFO Hyatt Regency.
- [WonderCon](#) in Anaheim Convention Center, March 31 through April 2.
- [Anime Boston](#), from March 31 - April 1, 2017 at the Boston Sheraton.
- [Lunacon](#) at the Westchester Marriott April 7-9, 2017. The 59th Annual Convention of the New York Science Fiction Society, celebrating SF&F, Anime, Gaming, Cosplay, Filk, and Fandom.

FINALLY...

Please consider a [donation](#) to The Heinlein Society. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, and 100% of your donation will go to our program operations; no one in the Society is paid a salary, nor are travel and other expenses usually compensated unless extraordinary in the service of the Society. You can designate your donation to our general operating fund, or specifically to a program of special interest to you, such as Blood Drives, Education, the Heinlein Award (in partnership with Baltimore Science Fiction Society), our annual Scholarships (recently expanded to three!), or Heinlein For Heroes among others.

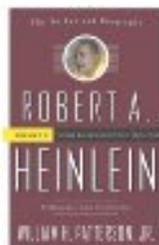
While we appreciate all of our members paying their dues (and wouldn't be here without you!),

the simple math of the matter is we cannot maintain the level of services and programs we do on an annual basis with ONLY membership dues. In any given year, only approximately one half of our total income to support all these great programs comes from membership dues.

This means—every year—we need to find an additional \$9,000 or so in non-membership dues income every year to keep great programs like this going at current levels. Many of you have met that challenge in the past with donations above and beyond your annual dues –[we hope you will continue to do so.](#)

Of course, since last year we've also added the Life Membership category. So, if you are inclined, you could “two-fer” your giving with also never receiving another dues notice from us. Or make that gift membership to a special someone something they won't have to see a dues notice for in the future.

Finally, if you are doing any estate planning the Society would be honored to be included in those plans. [MORE INFORMATION >>>](#)



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