

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

REMEMBERING DR JERRY POURNELLE (1933-2017)



With deep sadness we report that science fiction icon and Director of The Heinlein Society's Board of Directors, Dr. Jerry Pournelle, passed away Friday, 8 September 2017, during a mid-afternoon nap. He and Larry Niven had just returned from DragonCon in Atlanta GA, and in his final blog entry he complained of cold and flu symptoms,

attributing it to "con crud." Jerry had served continuously on THS's Board from 2005-2017, and had won re-election in our 2017 elections (by the highest vote total of any candidate) for another three-year term before he passed. Despite his multiple professional commitments and obligations, he maintained his presence with the Society because, "I promised Ginny I would." With the passing of SF Grandmaster Frederik Pohl in 2013, Jerry was one of Robert Heinlein's last remaining long-term friends. [FULL ARTICLE AND "JERRY STORIES" HERE >>](#)

THS ELECTIONS AFFECTED BY UNEXPECTED DEATH OF JERRY POURNELLE


Results of The Heinlein Society's Board of Directors elections were announced at its Annual Meeting, a phone-in teleconference held September 10. On the line were the 2017-2020 class of three seats on its nine-seat Board of Directors. An impressive 66.5% of eligible voters participated in an online election via the SimplyVoting.com website. The three incumbent Directors standing for re-election, Dr. Jerry Pournelle, John Seltzer, and John Tilden, all won re-election, which was certified by Simply Voting on 28 August 2017.

The passing of Dr. Jerry Pournelle on September 8, after the election and certification of results, has led to the Society's remaining Board to invoke [Article II, Section 5D of its Bylaws](#) to fill this vacancy. At the Society's September 11 Board Meeting, Walter Boyes, an Illinois SF writer, technologist, futurist, and fan, was selected to fill the open seat. As a Board appointment, Walt is required to stand for a ratification vote in the 2018 Society elections.

At the same September 11 Board Meeting, Society officers Dr. Keith Kato of California, Geo Rule of Minnesota, and John Tilden of Maryland, were retained as President, Vice President-Secretary, and Treasurer

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respectively. Keith Kato stated this would be his last year in office. The remainder of the new Board, by seniority, is Joe Haldeman, John Seltzer, Elizabeth Wilcox, Dr. C. Herbert Gilliland, Dr. Beatrice Kondo, and Walter Boyes. (As reported over at [File 770](#).)

VIRGINIA EDITION RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED!

We are pleased to announce Libby Sharpe (*not related to Hilda Mae "Sharpie" Corners-Burroughs, nor Libby Long. As far as we know...*) as the winner of our first 'Virginia Edition' raffle giveaway! Libby was announced at the end of our 2017 Annual Meeting held September 10, 2017. The contest was open to all Regular and Lifetime Members. Members who had joined for the first time within our last fiscal year were given two chances to win.

The 'Virginia Edition' set is described as:

"Containing authoritative texts for all of Robert Heinlein's published fiction and non-fiction, with text taken from the last volume in which Heinlein had a hand in the preparation, or those works restored to their intended state in publications directly overseen by Virginia Heinlein after her husband's passing. Also included are 450,000 words of newly selected correspondence, most never before published. Each volume is introduced by the late Heinlein scholar and biography author, William H. Patterson, Jr., detailing the circumstances under which the work was written. Each Virginia Edition set is bound in leather and printed on buffered, acid-free paper that meets all US archival standards. Only 2,000 sets were produced and each volume of the set is hand-numbered. Virginia Edition owners also receive unlimited access to the online Heinlein Archives which offers all of Heinlein's documents, manuscripts, correspondence, photographs, and personal materials in digital form."

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

August's WorldCon, held this year in Helsinki, Finland, attracted 7,323 people and was purportedly the second-largest turnout in WorldCon history; plenty to keep the intrepid souls representing The Heinlein Society busy. The Heinlein Society held a reception Thursday evening at the Rauhanasema Peace Federation House (apparently a former train station). The traditional Chili Cook-off attracted a healthy crowd. New member Andrew Hindle's wife Janica was the savior of the party because, firstly, she was able to provide a large stainless steel cooking pot, and secondly she graciously helped with last-minute shopping on Wednesday evening after Keith Kato realized that he couldn't read Finnish grocery labels!

Thanks to sous chefs Alan Petrillo, Lester Gibo, Mike and Sharon Sheffield, with an honorable mention to G. David Nordley for finding reindeer meat, though unfortunately not in time for the meat to make it into the chili! Notable guests included Guest of Honor John-Henri Holmberg (Sweden), SFWA Grandmaster Robert Silverberg and Karen Haber Silverberg, Hugo winner Ellen Datlow, and Pat Cadigan. New members Lester Gibo and Heidi Lyshol brought moose and elk sausages, as well as local cookies and candies, to round out the meal.



THS's fan table was open for business all five days of the convention, with the assistance of the Sheffields, Will Hamilton, Gerry Nordley, Brad Lyau, and Keith Kato. Faithful booth-staffers secured donations for 77 assorted ribbons, and 20 donations going toward Heinlein for Heroes.

THE ENSIGN'S PRIZE



The Heinlein Society is offering sets and individual copies of some of Robert A. Heinlein's better-known novels and short story collections to the general public.

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. Read the whole story [HERE >>](#)

The Ensign's Prize books were initially offered to members of The Heinlein Society only. There are only 8 sets remaining. THS has reserved the first set 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 known hardcover ever published of Notebooks. A set of eight hardcover books is offered for a suggested donation of \$425 plus \$15.00 shipping & handling. Overseas shipping costs will be determined at time of donation.

There are some rare editions here to add to your collection. A prime example is the only known hardcover edition of The Notebooks of Lazarus Long with lettering by D.F. Vassallo.



The numbers of available individual copies varies by book; there are no individual copies of Methuselah's Children. Only a handful of individual copies of Stranger in a Strange Land (5) are available. All individual copies will be offered for a suggested donation of \$60 each except for The Notebooks of Lazarus Long, which is offered for a suggested donation of \$75 each with shipping & insurance on single books at \$6.00 in the US. Overseas shipping costs will be determined at time of donation.

These books/sets are used as a fundraiser to support projects and programs of The Heinlein Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to Paying It Forward. Proceeds from these books/sets will be used to support projects and programs of The Heinlein Society such as the scholarship program and Heinlein For Heroes.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read a description of the books being offered and then click the "Details" link at the bottom of the page to be directed to the ordering site.

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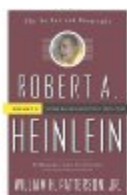
The Heinlein Blood Drive at GenCon secured 131 donations, and 13 of those donors were "double-reds", donors who donated two units at the same drive.



DragonCon's drive was equally successful; 3214 donors of all types. They've come quite a long way since the beginning of The Heinlein Society Blood Drive there (which boasted 92 donors); they just celebrated their 25,000 donor!

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting for the 17th time, and fourth time in the "online era", THS held its Annual Meeting on September 10th. More than 20 members attended, making for the largest attendance since the move to the online format (in-person Worldcon-based Annual Meetings were usually smaller than that). A fine time was had by all, and a lucky member ended the afternoon as the proud owner of a *Virginia Edition* of RAH's collected works. The [presentation slides can be found here](#), and tell a story of increased membership and strengthened financials for the future,



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