



Heinlein Society members Elizabeth Youmans, RN, Centennial Committee Secretary, and Jane Silver, Membership Services Chair, at MisCon in Missoula, Montana, on Memorial Day, "manning" fan table.

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MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Spring is the time for cleaning up and discarding all that trash accumulated over the long dark winter -- a time to implement plans made during those cold nights, dreaming of beautiful landscapes. The creative juices flow; putting those plans into action requires patience for refinement of those plans.

Most of you will have received my letter sent to you on April 28, 2003 introducing myself and letting you know that we all, The Heinlein Society Membership, are in a very creative and energized mode. There are all kinds of exciting and potentially rewarding endeavors afoot. Cons are sprouting up all over and I, myself, plan to be at the MisCon in Missoula, Montana over Memorial Day Weekend to help; however I may, Elizabeth Youmans man (woman/people?) the Heinlein Society table and give the Blood Drive a hand or a pint.

In my letter I invited you to contact me and let

me know your interests and areas of involvement desired within the Society. I am gratified to say that a number of members have responded very positively with exciting ideas of their own. I have forwarded a number of these letters to the Board and Committee Chairs. As I said in my letter, we want the membership involved actively and are inviting you to be involved in a very exciting future within the Society.

This column will be a recurring Newsletter forum soliciting feedback and queries; suggestions and complaints and, I feel, could be for general commentary from the membership.

Write to me, by e-mail to "membershipservices@heinleinsociety.org" or by postal mail c/o The Heinlein Society, PO Box 1254, Venice, CA 90294.

Here's a typical general information question I received and answer I made, in italics, recently as an example, with identifying information removed to ensure the member's privacy: