Society (LASFS) found five boxes of these pins in their clubhouse (not left over from 1976, but a later production run) and supplied them to us to give to convention blood donors. Earlier this year, as this supply began to run out, we began producing them again and will continue to do so in Robert’s memory.

I heard a particularly moving story regarding these pins in Toronto. One young lady who donated blood at Torcon3 told me that the pin held special significance for her. Her father had donated blood at MidAmericon and gotten one of those pins. She didn’t know if he still had it, but he had spoken proudly of it and she was ecstatic about having one of her own to show him. People like this are the main reason I started running blood drives.

How about you? Have you considered donating blood? Is there a convention you attend that might be able to host a blood drive? Or perhaps your workplace or a local church or community center could host a drive. Are you willing to help make it happen? Our goal is no less than to have a blood drive at every SF con large enough to support one, and to move beyond that to having blood drives wherever and whenever possible. With your help we can save a great many lives and honor the legacy Robert Heinlein left us. Joining the Society is a great first step in paying it forward. We hope you will take the next step in helping one of our committees to work toward a brighter future.

Thank you.

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Enjoying dinner: Jerri Rivera and Education committee chair Robert James at the Heinlein Awards dinner. Dr. James discovered the lost manuscript of For Us, the Living.