

# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

## News and Announcements

### HEINLEIN SOCIETY ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

July 26, 2010— The Heinlein Society announced today that Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive Chair, **Mike Sheffield**, has been elected President/Chairman of the Society, replacing former president David M. Silver effective immediately. "The Board voted David our thanks for his long service, and I am honored that they have chosen me to succeed him to lead the Society forward", said the new president.

In explaining why the choice for Mr. Silver's successor fell to Mr. Sheffield, fellow board member Keith Kato reported, "Mike immediately seemed like the obvious choice. Everyone

inside and outside the Society respects his long service, and the leadership and community-building he has exhibited over the years in leading a great group of volunteers to collecting over 7,400 pints of blood as part of the Robert A. Heinlein Memorial Blood Drive." Added Mr. Kato, "Of course, any time you have a transition to new leadership, it creates the opportunity to re-examine your priorities and make adjustments in the way you operate going forward — I think you'll see more of that from The Heinlein Society in the



**Mike Sheffield**

months ahead."

Mike Sheffield, 50, works in the aerospace industry, and has been involved in every Worldcon blood drive since 2000, leading THS blood drive committee since 2001. Mr. Sheffield has served on the board of directors since June, 2006.

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### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Board has elected **Deb Houdek Rule** to the seat formerly held by Charles N. Brown (1937-2009), and appointed her as the Society's newsletter editor. Ms. Rule had been the Society's webmaster from 2003-2005,

recently has been a contributor in the development of Robert A. Heinlein's online archives.

**Michael Cassutt** was elected by the Board to an open seat expiring in 2012. He has contributed to The Heinlein Jour-

nal, and was a panelist at the Heinlein Centennial. He also teaches TV writing at USC's School of Cinematic Arts, and for ten years wrote a column about SF television for Scifi.com.



Michael Cassutt



Deb Houdek Rule

# IN THE WORLDS OF HEINLEIN...

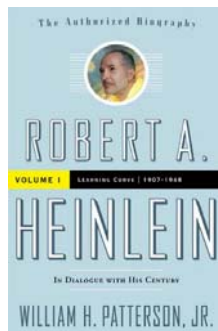


William H. Patterson, Jr.

September 13, 2010: Bill Patterson, past president of the Heinlein Society, has been named Chairman of the Heinlein Society Scholastic and Academic Committee

## HEINLEIN BIOGRAPHY RELEASED

August 17, 2010 was an exciting day for Heinlein fans with the long-awaited release of volume 1 of Heinlein Scholar William H. Patterson, Jr.'s opus biography of Robert A. Heinlein.



Robert A. Heinlein: In Dialogue with His Century: Volume 1 (1907-1948): Learning Curve is the title, of which author Patterson says, "As the title tries to cue (and believe me I had to fight for that title), it's a book about an exemplary cultural figure and

the times he lived in, and the struggle with the 20th century that we all engaged in."

Volume 1 covers Heinlein's life from his early years through his first two — yes, two — failed marriages, until the beginning of his third marriage, to Virginia Gerstenfeld — Ginny Heinlein — the founder of the Heinlein Society. The factors and history which went into shaping Heinlein into the author we know are explored in carefully-researched detail, yet with lively, interesting reading about

a person who was anything but dull.

Says Patterson, "I saw that his story was larger than the purely personal, and that Heinlein spent his life struggling to deal with the public affairs we all struggled to deal with and that his life was his times, his times his life."

Robert A. Heinlein: In Dialogue with His Century: Volume 1 is available from most booksellers and Amazon.com.

[www.whpattersonjr.com](http://www.whpattersonjr.com)

**"We believe that a figure such as Robert Heinlein deserves to be remembered in all facets by all those who benefit from his efforts."**

From the Heinlein Nexus Mission Statement

## HEINLEIN NEXUS

The Heinlein Nexus, the organization which put on the very successful Heinlein Centennial in Kansas City in 2007, has joined together with the Heinlein Society.

The Nexus forums have moved to the Heinlein Society's website, though they will retain their unique identity and topics of discussion.

David Wright, Sr., long-time Heinlein Society member and Heinlein Readers Group leader, will take over as Nexus Forum administrator.

Nexus founder, Jim Gifford, says, "I know every single person on the board now, and I can give each of them and the entire group my strongest personal vote of confidence... as well as what-

ever 'professional' or community vote I might be considered as having."



Users of the Heinlein Nexus forums may notice a day or so of interruption during the transition.

[www.heinleinsociety.org/thsnexus](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/thsnexus)



## PUBLISHING NEWS

The Virginia Edition of Robert Heinlein's work is newly typeset from Heinlein's versions or restored texts overseen by Virginia Heinlein. Each volume has a frontispiece of the Heinleins and an introduction detailing the circumstances under which



Virginia Edition

each work was written. Included is newly selected correspondence, most never before published.

Only 2,000 leather bound sets will be printed on 50-pound acid-free, buffered paper meeting U.S. archival standards.

31 of 46 volumes

have been printed. The remaining 15 are at various stages of the publishing process: ten are being edited, three are ready to be edited, and two screenplays are being laid out. We hope to finish printing before the end of 2010.

Leah Ott

[www.virginiaedition.com](http://www.virginiaedition.com)

## DAVID SILVER, PAST PRESIDENT



David Silver

David M. Silver, 68, a retired attorney, was a confidant of Virginia Heinlein's in the final years of her life, and spent many hours chatting with her on the internet about Robert A. Heinlein's works and legacy.

"When I was eleven in 1954," Mr. Silver said of his introduction to Heinlein's books, "bored tearless one smoggy summer with the books in the children's library in Los Angeles that I was 'allowed' to read, a librarian handed me a copy of Rocket Ship Galileo, classified as a 'juvenile,' for ages twelve and above, told me to take it home and ask permission from my parents before reading it. I did, and my dad gave me permission. I heard him tell my mother it was the first juvenile he'd ever looked at, or heard of, that had a Jewish boy as one of the principal characters. I read it, loved it all (and could have cared

less that one of the boys was Jewish — that was only normal I thought), and returned it to the librarian the next day. She issued me a 'juvenile' card with a pass to any adult science fiction as well, and I then proceeded to read every Heinlein, juvenile or not, in the library within a week or two.

"I've never stopped reading Heinlein since."

Mr. Silver became Secretary-Treasurer of THS in the early months of its existence, and along with Ginny Heinlein and founding president William H. Patterson, Jr., was one of those largely responsible for turning the new Society into a long-term viable entity dedicated to furthering the legacy of Robert A. Heinlein.

In 2001, at the "MilPhiCon" Philadelphia Worldcon, Mr. Silver accepted Robert Heinlein's "Retro-Hugo" for Best Novella, awarded to "The Man Who Sold the Moon". Mr. Silver succeeded Mr. Patterson as President/Chairman of THS in September of 2003.

"Any time a member of your founding generation retires, it is a milestone", said board member Geo Rule. "David and his wife Andrea gave generously of their time and resources from the earliest days of the Society, and we appreciate the role they've played in allowing the Society to celebrate its 10th anniversary this year."



## PAY IT FORWARD

### BLOOD DRIVES

Preliminary numbers for the Dragon Con blood drive are 3,100 donors registered with 2,900 successfully donated. This is up 27% from last year very close to the goal of 3,200. However, it is more than enough to bring our total units to over 10,000.

Scott Hann, who runs the blood drive at GenCon in Indianapolis, has set up a new blood drive at Pentacon (Fort Wayne, IN, Nov. 5-7), another gaming convention. Blood Center is already booked and the convention is enthusiastic.

The Society has been contacted by Bakuretsucon, an anime convention in Colchester, VT (Oct. 21-24) about doing a drive there. Some of their people were at Anime Boston and liked the idea of having the blood drive.

To pay forward, donate blood, whether at a Heinlein Society blood drive or not.



**10,000 units of blood have been donated through Heinlein Society Blood Drives!**

### HOW YOU CAN PAY IT FORWARD

Give Heinlein books to your local or hometown library. You never know who you might reach with such a donation, or what impact your gift may have on the future. Many people in space programs, in the US and around the world, came to their vocations through reading Heinlein, as have teachers, writers, and countless others. Heinlein books have been donated by Society members to libraries in Pine City, Minnesota, Grantsburg, Wisconsin, and Bentleyville, Pennsylvania. A full set of the Virginia Edition, and two copies of the new Heinlein biography were donated by members to Heinlein's hometown library of Butler, Missouri. From a few juvenile paperbacks up to the Virginia Edition, your gift may change someone's direction in life and introduce them to a wider world and brighter future. Contact the library first to be sure of donation procedures and acceptance (we've never had a library say "no"). If you buy from Amazon.com, please go through the Heinlein Society website links at [www.heinleinsociety.org](http://www.heinleinsociety.org). Amazon will ship the books directly to the library of your choice.

The banker reached into the folds of his gown, pulled out a single credit note. "But eat first — a full belly steadies the judgment. Do me the honor of accepting this as our welcome to the newcomer."

His pride said no; his stomach said YES! Don took it and said, "Uh, thanks! That's awfully kind of you. I'll pay it back, first chance."

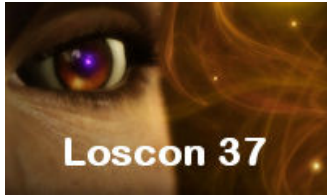
"Instead, pay it forward to some other brother who needs it."

*Between Planets*  
by Robert A. Heinlein

# HEINLEIN SOCIETY MEETING NOTICE

Our by-laws, adopted by the Board of Directors in 2002, and as amended, require that the board conduct an annual general membership meeting each year during the time and at the place of the annual World Science Fiction convention, when held in North America, and when not at a place in North America, at whatever place it shall determine.

This is written notice of that meeting, as required in our by-laws, to each member entitled or likely to be entitled to vote at the meeting. You will be entitled to vote only if you are registered as a regular



**Loscon 37**  
November 26-28th 2010  
at the LAX Marriott in  
Los Angeles

[www.loscon37.org](http://www.loscon37.org)

member and only if your dues are fully paid up through the current year of 2010 at the time of the meeting. An opportunity to make dues current will be afforded members prior to and at the beginning of the meeting. Supporting members are not entitled to vote, but, subject to ruling of the chair, may address the meeting.

This year's meeting will be our Society's tenth annual general meeting. The meeting will be held during Loscon 37, at Los Angeles, California, during the weekend of November 26-28, 2010; on a date, time and location to be announced; at the LAX Marriott, 5855 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90045, (Phone: 1-310-641-5700). Loscon 37 has not yet published its programming schedule, and notice of this meeting may not be in its program. Check the front desk at the Marriott for The Heinlein Society. You need not be a purchaser of Loscon 37 membership to attend the meeting. The LAX Marriott hotel is a public venue, open to non-Loscon 37 members. Visitors are encouraged to attend, subject to ruling

of the Chair.

The regular order of business specified in the by-laws to be observed is that customary for non-profit membership charitable corporations and will include election of three of the nine directors of The Society for three positions on the Board for a term of three years, as specified in the by-laws.

There are two incumbents whose terms expire this year: Joe Haldeman and Geo Rule. Either, or both, or neither, may stand for reelection, as each may announce at or before the time of the meeting. Mr. Haldeman was elected by the board in August 2003, and has subsequently been reelected twice by the membership in 2004 and 2007. Mr. Rule was first elected to the board in 2007. Other nominations may be made and accepted at the meeting. The third board position to be voted on is currently unoccupied since the resignation of Jane Ellen Silver in July.

Further business consistent with the by-laws will occur at the meeting.

You may vote at the meeting in

person, or by an assigned written proxy, if you are eligible to vote at the time of the meeting. All proxies must be written, signed, and notarized, or accompanied by a clear and legible photocopy of a government-issued photo identification containing a signature for comparison purposes, to be valid.

Further, the proxy must designate in writing the person to exercise the proxy; and must be received by the Secretary of the Society by postal mail or in person at or before the time of the meeting. If you mail your proxy to the Society's postal address in Long Beach, California, please note that an officer of the Society will finally check that post office box address on the morning of November 26, 2010, and it is solely your responsibility to ensure it arrives by that time. You may designate any natural person to attend the meeting and vote your proxy. The by-laws specify that failure of a non-attending member to designate a proxy shall constitute designation of the president as the holder of the proxy of the member not in attendance.

We all hope as many of the Society's members as possible do attend the meeting.

Renew your membership online at  
[www.heinleinsociety.org/join.html](http://www.heinleinsociety.org/join.html)

Detach here to mail:

Name:

E-Mail Address:

Street Address:

Home Telephone:

City:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

I wish to join and work on the following projects (check as many as you wish):

- Membership
- Library support
- Scholastics-Academics
- Blood Drives
- Fund-raising
- Education

**Annual Membership Dues Check**  
**(Please enclose check):**

Regular Membership \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Supporting Membership: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Supporting membership is available **only** to students enrolled for a degree or certificate, or retired on a limited income. It confers **no** eligibility to vote or hold Society office.

Other Projects I'd like to see  
The Heinlein Society work on:

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