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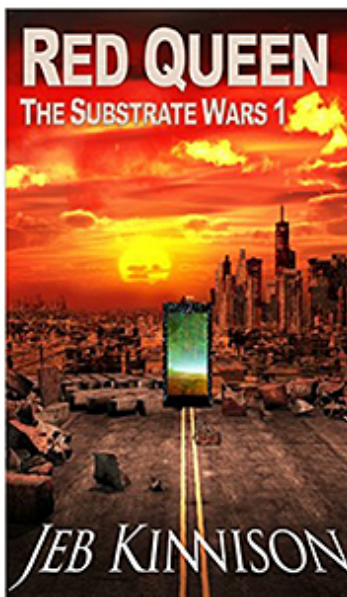
March 2015 Newsletter

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

RAH BUST FUNDED, THANKS TO HEINLEIN'S CHILDREN

By now most of you probably know that the fundraising for the new Robert A. Heinlein bust to be displayed in the Missouri state capitol's "Hall of Famous Missourians" was an uplifting success, due not only to [The Heinlein Prize Trust](#) (who pledged to match dollar-for-dollar contributions made by "Heinlein's Children") but also to author Jeb Kinnison. ([JebKinnison.com](#) & [SubstrateWars.com](#)) In Jeb's own words: "I

noticed their fundraising update showed they were still short, and realized I should contribute the rest. I owe Robert A. Heinlein an enormous debt — I grew up fatherless in Kansas City, his hometown, and his novels for young readers taught me more about being a good person, and a good man, than any other person or author. His work (and other science fiction) aimed me toward becoming a scientist, which inspired me to work to get into MIT. I've retired after a series of careers (rather like Heinlein himself) to write science fiction and fact, and I want his example to continue to inspire young people." Now that THS has completed fundraising for the bust of Robert A. Heinlein to be included in the Missouri State Capitol's "Hall of Famous Missourians", the next step is to decide on the wording that will appear on the accompanying plaque. [FIND OUT MORE HERE>>>](#)



NOMINATIONS FOR THS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, POLLS OPEN AUG 13 2015

The following members have been nominated to run for THS Board of Directors: Keith Kato, Betsey Wilcox, Herb Gilliland. All three are currently sitting on the BOD, one in an elected position and the other in board vacancy appointed positions. This year we will again be using a web-based voting system. The polls will open on 13 August 2015 and close on 29 August 2015. **Instructions and a URL link will be sent to all members eligible to vote before the poll opens.** [READ MORE>>>](#)

THS ANNOUNCES 2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS

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3000+ Books Sent

The Heinlein For Heroes program has passed 3000 books sent to troops, veterans, and military families.

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

Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information on how you can help.



Blood Drives

Keep up with Blood Drives news at heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-

We're very pleased to announce the winners of this year's scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. This year we received a total of 16 applications.

The winners are:

- Elias Anderson – Elias will be attending St. Vincent college in Pennsylvania as a freshman, majoring in Engineering and Mathematics. He hopes to pursue a career in the space industry.
- Timothy Brown – Timothy is enrolled at the University of Alabama as a Sophomore, seeking a Bachelors in Chemical Engineering. He will also be working as an intern with an engineering company to gain first hand experience to help decide his career path after graduation.

We wish our winners, and indeed all of the applicants, great success in their academic pursuits and in their future careers.

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



WESTERCON 2015

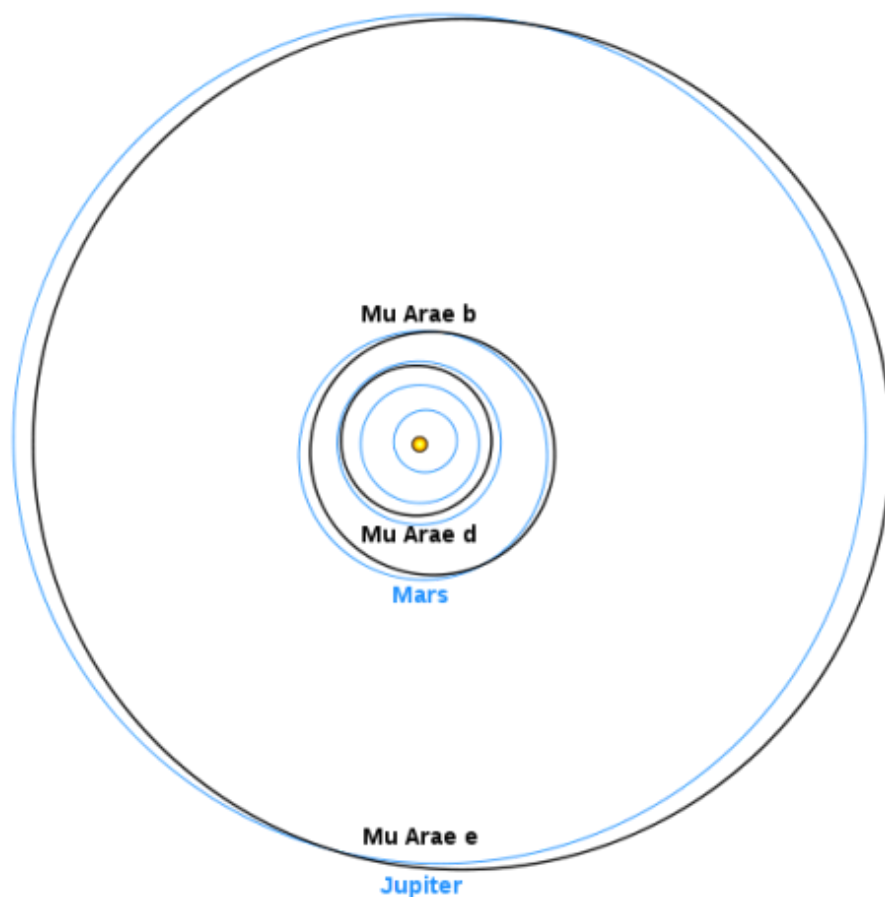
Representatives of The Heinlein Society attended [Westercon 68](#), the traditional 4th of July weekend western regional SF convention, held on July 2-5, 2015 at San Diego, CA's Town and Country Resort Hotel. Westercon's Guests of Honor were author Spider Robinson (in absentia), artist John Picacio, fan Seanan

McGuire, additional guest Mira Grant, and special guest William F. Nolan. THS's immediate past president, Mike Sheffield, his wife, the Reverend Sharon Sheffield, current president, Keith Kato, and member Bradford Lyau rotated at the Society's information table. Information was shared about Heinlein (many of the younger fans did not know who he was), the Society, and the Society's various activities. Convention attendees were able to partake in the SF fan practice of ribbonology on their name badges. Society ribbons "I Grok Heinlein," "TANSTAAFL," "Glory Road: Are YOU A Coward?," and "Pay It Forward" were available generally, and specialty ribbons designating "Board of Directors," "Influential Member," and "Donor: Heinlein's 'Hall of Famous Missourians' Statue" were also available to those who qualified. Mike supervised the Heinlein Blood Drive at Westercon from 10:00 AM to 3:15 PM in a bloodmobile parked directly outside the convention facility. Mike reports 24 total donors, despite having no mention of the Blood Drive in either the Program Book or the Programming Grid. [READ MORE>>>](#)



THS NAMEXOWORLDS CONTEST SUBMISSION COMPLETED

The [NameExoWorlds contest](#), organized by the IAU and Zooniverse, recently accepted naming proposals from registered clubs and non-profit organizations. The Heinlein Society selected the *Mu Arae* system to name. We proposed naming the *Mu Arae* star *RobertHeinlein* in honor of the writer Robert A. Heinlein (1907-1988). We chose this system, which is about 50 light years away, to mirror the length of Heinlein's writing career. *Podkayne* is the lead female character in the book *Podkayne of Mars* and was chosen for *Mu Arae b* because this planet has a Mars-like orbit. Robert Heinlein was known for his personal love of cats as well as his fictional use of cats. *Mu Arae c* is named for the cat *Pixel* made famous in the novel *The Cat Who Walks Through Walls*. Its close orbit to the star is reminiscent of a cat trying to find a warm lap to sit on. Pixel has an inexplicable tendency to be wherever the narrator in the novel happens to be, like Schrödinger's cat.... [MORE PLANETS & DETAILS HERE>>>](#)



NOTES FROM THE TWITTERVERSE

If you're on Twitter, please [follow us](#) -- and drop us a note, because we'd love to follow you!

TMTYR Episode #27: Interview with The Heinlein Society's Keith Kato... <http://t.co/71vdYrGbuU>

— TakeMeToYourReader (@pavementpodcast) [August 6, 2015](#)

For those who can, it's traditional to celebrate RAH's birthday (07/07) by donating blood. Schedule it today!
pic.twitter.com/IYftt1LsNG

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [July 7, 2015](#)

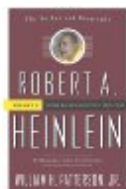
[#4thofJuly](#) Today is always a good day to listen to Robert Heinlein reading "This I Believe". <http://t.co/Av7ivnD6ec>
pic.twitter.com/hyLuqsFObR

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety) [July 4, 2015](#)

A final note from Keith Kato:

You all remember Willem's crest in [Double Star](#), "I Maintain." It seems to me the Board must grapple with an assortment of programs on our plate, and the means to pay for them. The Society has limited financial resources, so the Board must navigate how to expand outreach, membership, financial support, and our volunteer corps within those resources. As of now, THS's programs include: Heinlein Blood Drives (over 18,000 units collected to date); free Educational CD resources to middle- and high-school teachers and librarians; two small undergraduate scholarships in STEM subjects; the Bill Patterson cash prize for best Heinlein-related academic paper; financial support for the Heinlein Award medallions given each year by Balticon; continued publication (once Bill Patterson's estate is settled) of The Heinlein Journal; and "Heinlein For Heroes" to send Golden Age SF books to hospitals and deployed troops in theater. Just recently a new program appeared: Collecting funds for a Heinlein bust and plaque. Missouri's House of Representatives selected native son Robert Heinlein to join the Hall of Famous Missourians. By state law, state funds for the bust and plaque for the Induction Ceremony cannot be used; private funds only. THS's Board has decided to accept the role of financial point of contact, and while THS is not obligated to export funds until a financial threshold is reached, that threshold looks to be north of \$25,000. This amount is at least 4-5 times greater than any single dedicated fund-raising activity THS has assumed.

So you can see, we need YOUR help. Begin and keep renewing a THS membership. Donate funds beyond a simple membership if you can — as a 501(c)(3) organization, 100% of membership and donations to THS are tax-deductible. Consider us in your estate planning. Talk us up to your friends. Link to us on your blogs or websites. Volunteer for our committees. If you have some skill in writing grant proposals, [contact us](#). Please join us in our efforts to "Pay It Forward" as Robert A. Heinlein's writings and legacy. [JOIN US!](#)



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