

May 2017 Newsletter

# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

## “BALTICON – COME GET SOME!”

Come see us at Balticon this Memorial Day weekend. We'll have a fan table for an H4H book drive drop-off and signups for the Monday blood



drive. New this year is a selection of Heinlein Society T-shirts available with a donation. Check your program booklet for several Heinlein-themed panels throughout the weekend. Also, you can be the first con-goers to see this year's new convention ribbons! (See bottom of Newsletter for more.)


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## 11,167 Books Sent!

The Heinlein For Heroes program has sent 11,167 books to troops, veterans, and military families.

## ENSIGN'S PRIZE:

Monitor your email for an exciting members-only limited time offer coming soon!

## THS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DOUBLES ENTRIES FOR 2017:

Scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 academic year closed on 5/15/2017. THS received 163 applications, almost doubling last year's total.

The three winners will be announced on July 7, 2017, and an additional seven finalists will receive a certificate noting that they were amongst the top 10 in this year's competition.

## ARE YOU ONE OF HEINLEIN'S CHILDREN, WITH A LITTLE TIME TO SPARE...?

We always have more work than we have volunteers to do it. Right now we could particularly use a volunteer to transition our Membership Services to a new volunteer. Responsibilities would include working with the Treasurer to keep the Membership Roster current, writing reminder emails (we can provide you with a Society email account) to members who have lapsed to tickle them into renewing (if they'd like to renew and it just escaped their attention),

and military families.

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

Go to [heinleinsociety.org/h4h/](http://heinleinsociety.org/h4h/) for information on how you can help.



## Blood Drives

Keep up with Blood Drives news at

[heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/blood-drives/](http://heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/blood-drives/)



and informing the Board of members who have been recently dropped from the active rolls in case the Board has any personal relationships with these folks they may wish you to engage. Also providing the active roster emails to the Newsletter folks for their use.

Most of our members are on automated renewals with Paypal, so it's not a high-volume thing in general. You'd also have the current Membership Services chair to work with to help you transition into the job instead of being pitched in the deep end on your own. The current Chair does a fine job, but we've already got him wearing so many other hats that it's simply not fair to ask him to continue wearing this one as well if we can find someone else who is willing to help out. The kind of volunteer we're looking for would have strong organizational skills, good social skills, familiarity with and access to Microsoft Excel to maintain the membership Roster, and of course a love of Heinlein and a desire to Pay it Forward. Some basic bookkeeping kind of experience somewhere in your past is desirable but not necessarily mandatory. If this describes you, please contact us at [membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org) to discuss.

## **SOCIETY OFFERS FLEXIBILITY FOR LIFETIME**



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

## **DUES:**

We've heard from some of our members that they'd like to take advantage of our Lifetime Membership, but can't afford to pay \$750 all at once. Accordingly, our Benevolent Treasurer has determined that it is administratively within the spirit of the Board's direction that prospective Lifetime Members be allowed to complete their Lifetime dues payment within one calendar year of starting it. Contact [membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org) if you are interested in setting up such a one year payment plan to pay your Lifetime Membership dues.

## **VIRGINIA EDITION RAFFLE DEADLINE APPROACHES:**

As previously announced, all members in good standing as of this year's upcoming Annual Meeting will be entered into a raffle. New members will receive two entries. The deadline will be here in a few months, so don't forget to tell your friends that have yet to join the Society that *now* would be a great time....

## **SOCIETY OFFERS NEW 2017 CONVENTION SEASON RIBBONS!**

Join us this summer at one of the conventions we attend and get yours! And, yes, we're being a bit naughty with

one of them....



## JUST A REMINDER....

Are you looking for a good way to Pay It Back? Please consider an [donation](#) to The Heinlein Society. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, and 100% of your donation will go to our program operations; no one in the Society is

paid a salary, nor are travel and other expenses usually compensated unless extraordinary in the service of the Society. You can designate your donation to our general operating fund, or specifically to a program of special interest to you, such as Blood Drives, Education, the Heinlein Award (in partnership with Baltimore Science Fiction Society), our annual Scholarships (recently expanded to three!), or Heinlein For Heroes among others.

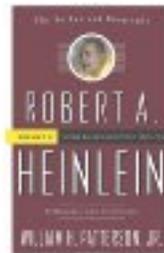
While we appreciate all of our members paying their dues (and wouldn't be here without you!), the simple math of the matter is we cannot maintain the level of services and programs we do on an annual basis with ONLY membership dues. In any given year, only approximately one half of our total income to support all these great programs comes from membership dues.

This means—every year—we need to find an additional \$9,000 or so in non-membership dues income every year to keep great programs like this going at current levels. Many of you have met that challenge in the past with donations above and beyond your annual dues —[we hope you will continue to do so.](#)

Of course, since we've also added the Life Membership category. So, if you are inclined, you could “two-fer” your giving with also never receiving another dues notice from

us. Or make that gift membership to a special someone something they won't have to see a dues notice for in the future.

Finally, if you are doing any estate planning the Society would be honored to be included in those plans. [MORE INFORMATION >>>](#)



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