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THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



Robert Anson Heinlein was born 113 years ago today. Happy Birthday, RAH!



Annual Meeting Announcement

The 19th Annual Meeting of The Heinlein Society will be held on Sunday, 13 September 2020, at a time to be determined. Watch your emails in August for full details.

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"The only constant in life is change" - Heraclitus

Our longest-serving Director, Heinlein-Award winning writer Joe Haldeman, has resigned from our Board of Directors. Joe has been willing to lend his name and face to our cause from the beginning of the Heinlein Society. With his business and personal commitments he didn't have a lot of time to devote to any Society projects or governance. We accepted his resignation at our June board meeting.

The wonderful news for all of us is that also at our June board meeting he was immediately appointed to our Board of Advisors and has accepted that role! He also remains a dues-paid member.

Joe, thank you very much for your years of service on the Board and your continued support of the Society!

- John Tilden, President

2020 THS Board Nominations

Dear THS Member,

The nominating period for Board members for the 2020 election is now open. The Board has three (3) seats up for election with three sitting Board members, John Tilden, John Seltzer, and Walt Boyes agreeing to be nominated for re-election.

In addition, Joe Haldeman has stepped down from the Board of Directors and has moved to the Board of Advisors. We are accepting nominees to fill his board slot as well for his remaining term (2 years). Our top three vote-getters will fill the three-year terms and the fourth will serve for two years before standing for re-election.

You may nominate any THS member in good standing or nominate yourself to fill any of these seats on the Board. The Nominating Committee will verify membership status and willingness to serve with each nominee. Nominations will be open 1 July to 18 July 2020 at 11:59pm PDT.

Please supply a short bio to include what you hope to do or will continue to do for THS if elected and a photograph suitable for inclusion on the ballot.

Voting will be done electronically, and members will be sent an email with instructions and a link to the host website when voting opens. Voting begins 7 Aug & will close 22 Aug in accordance with the bylaws.

Watch your email for official notification, and instructions on the voting process. In the meantime, if you would like to nominate a member of The Heinlein Society for the Board of Directors (including self-nomination), please send replies to nominations@heinleinsociety.org:

Name of Nominee _____

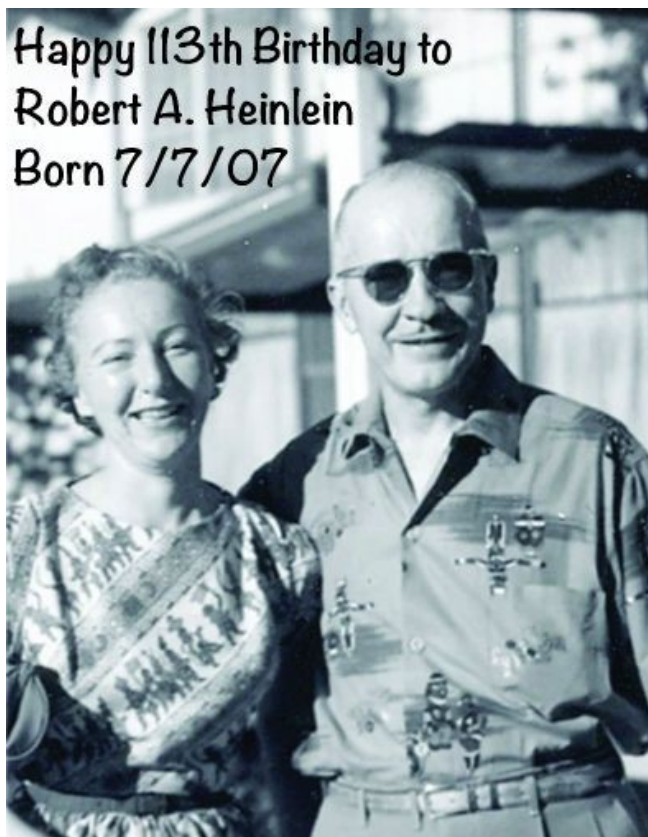
Your Name _____

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Betsey Wilcox

Chair, Nominating Committee

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Scholarship Winners

by Mike Sheffield

This year, as expected, we received a record number of scholarship applications - 365. Among these we had 20 international applicants, more than in any previous year. They came from all around the globe: Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Greece, Ghana, Haiti, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Morocco and India. We also note that about 80% of those who applied identify as female. There were many very fine essays, and it was particularly difficult to select only three from among our ten finalists. They are:

Charles Hanson - This year's winner of the Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship, Charles was also our first non-U.S. winner in 2016 (from Canada), and was a finalist again in 2017. Completion of his undergraduate degree was delayed by circumstances beyond his control, so he will be attending the University of Alberta this year as a senior. His major is Mathematics, but he has studied a range of sciences including biology, meteorology and mathematical physics. When not studying, he teaches piano and physics and volunteers at a local observatory. His goal is to pursue entry into medical school or a graduate degree in mathematical medicine.

Tulla Bee Picardi - Tulla Bee is the Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship winner. In the fall she will begin her freshman year at Stanford University. Her major is Neuroscience and Human Biology, on a Pre-Med track. She is active in the National Math Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa History Honor Society, and the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society (among

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spent four summers participating in Duke University's talent identification program, taking three week intensive college courses in subjects such as Anatomy, Physiology and Medical Ethics. Her long term goal is to become a neuro-oncologist.

Samantha Townsend - Samantha wins this year's Virginia Heinlein Scholarship - the "Ginny." She will be attending UNC Chapel Hill in North Carolina as a freshman in the Fall, majoring in Applied Mathematics and Statistics with a minor in Software Development. While attending high school, she began taking courses at Wake Technical Community College, and was able to complete their entire Calculus sequence. After obtaining her Bachelor's Degree, she plans to pursue both a Master's and PhD, and ultimately to start her own business in Data Analytics. Samantha's Instagram account (@stem357), on which she posts mathematical memes, has over 60,000 followers.

Our other top ten finalists are:

Catherine Anderson

Kasandra Aulenbach

Emily Black

Rachel Hetzler

Samuel Koblenky

Hannah Reilly

Erin Yuan

We wish our winners, and indeed all of the applicants, great success in their academic pursuits and in their future careers. We have no doubt that they will use their knowledge as a springboard to Pay It Forward.

UPDATED WorldCon 2020 Activities: Final Notice before *Der Tag*

By Keith G. Kato



As discussed in the May Newsletter, here are the procedures to join the 2020 Worldcon "in" Wellington, New Zealand, and be able to participate virtually in programming and other Worldcon activities.

As of this notice, updates on the following items' status:

- **[Virtual] Fan Table.** We will have a Fan Table on CoNZealand's Discord platform, accessible on a link within CoNZealand's website (www.conzealand.nz). A representative from THS will "sit" at the Table for live interactions and to answer previous questions in the Chat stream during "Band 2" every convention day; that is 3:00-6:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time. We plan to show a looping PowerPoint briefing on THS. PDF versions of THS's flyer, and perhaps other literature, is available for download.
- **[Virtual] Panels.** The following panels are tentatively scheduled, and will be available for direct viewing or later retrieval and viewing:

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Tilden, and Keith Kato (Moderator).

- SATURDAY 1 August 2020, 6:00-7:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (in CONUS).
"Celebrating The Greats" with John Tilden, and Jason Aukerman (Moderator).

CHECK WITH CONZEALAND'S PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES, INCLUDING NEW PANELS.

- **[Virtual] Dead Dog Party.** The Party is ON! The Heinlein Society, The Center For Ray Bradbury Studies, and Keith Kato will co-host a Virtual ConZealand Dead Dog Party on Saturday 1 August 2020, beginning 11:00 AM and ending 7:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time (in CONUS; note the day, date, and times in your area). If you are a *bona fide* Supporting, Regular, Lifetime, or Honorary Member in good standing (that means you've paid your Dues—we have records), see [here](#) for the Invitation and RSVP Instructions. We open for business at 11:00 AM PDT for check-in and early gathering. Beginning 11:30 AM PDT, and every 90 minutes thereafter, we will present 45 minutes' worth of some very interesting speakers on science, space, academic SF, and other topics. The schedule of speakers and topics will be sent out with Final Instructions, about a week before the party, to those who have RSVPed. Other private meeting rooms will be available during the entire party if you wish to separate and talk amongst yourselves.

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The 79th Worldcon in 2021, DisCon III (<https://discon3.org/>), is scheduled for Washington DC, 25-29 August 2021. Be aware of this situation involving the main hotel, the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel: <http://file770.com/discon-iii-hotel-waits-to-learn-fate/>. We're closely monitoring this situation and will keep you updated.

Blood Drive Update

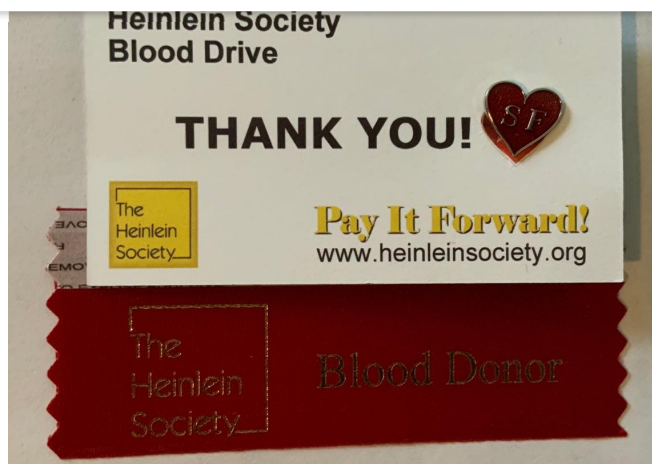
by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair

With Convention contributions to the blood supply on hold, Paying It Forward with individual local donations as often as you can is more important than ever.

Please donate if you are eligible, and encourage others to donate if you are not.

We are encouraging frequent ThS donors to inspire others to Pay It Forward with a blood donation by publishing a profile on the [Heinlein Society Blood Drives Facebook Page](#).

THS Donors will be recognized with an SF pinned Thank You card and ribbon on the [Donor Wall](#). Send a donor selfie and USPS address to BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org for recognition swag. You can credit a Con (or not) and any THS member is eligible!

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Watch [The Heinlein Society Blood Drive Page on Facebook](#) for more details!

Material Needed for Heinlein Journal

The new editors of The Heinlein Journal wish to build on the foundation laid by its founder Bill Patterson. With the goal of producing two issues per year of a credible academic publication, we particularly seek analytic, scholarly articles on anything relevant to Heinlein: his work, life, and influence. We can also consider less formal essays involving, for example, personal experience with Heinlein. We need material!

Contact Herb Gilliland, baywatchcrawdad@aol.com with material or queries.



A comparison between Pursuit of the Pankera and Number of the Beast
By Jim Dutton

There has been a lot of negative response to "Pursuit of the Pankera" (as well as praise), which caused me to delay experiencing the book myself.

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This fiscal year, we've made 303 shipments already, totaling 4,068 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 27,922 total books to our heroes.



The Heinlein For Heroes program (H4H) sends free books to troops, veterans, and military families. We send only to individuals or units that have requested SF material. Clearly many of our military men and women WANT to read good science fiction, including Heinlein. To meet that demand, our shipments go around the globe, as well as to veterans' hospitals here at home.

Contributions keep coming in, but your help is still needed. We need gently used paperbacks—and especially Heinleins, as we include Heinlein books in every shipment.

Money contributions are used to buy books wherever we find them (book dealers, eBay) at the right price. But free is even better than cheap. Is an SF friend or neighbor downsizing? You can help them and help us!

You can send us books at:
Heinlein for Heroes
c/o John Seltzer
2906 Alvarado Dr.
Bellingham, WA 98229

Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information!

To the Heinlein Society,


The other day a package arrived from you and I wanted to say thank you for all of the books we have received through the Operation Paperback program! Our unit is a small explosive ordnance disposal flight and we are always looking for things to keep our minds busy out here in the desert. We received a great selection of science fiction books from you and I can assure you they'll be put

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enough for your thoughtful donation.



Respectfully,

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June 19th, 2020

John Seltzer for
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Greetings!

Thanks to you, the Veterans at the Shepherd's House have new many new science fiction novels!

The Shepherd's House, Inc. is a long-term, residential/transitional housing center for homeless Veterans who struggle with substance abuse disorder and PTSD. The Shepherd's House believes that the bondage of addiction – whether alcohol, drugs, gambling, etc. – can and will be broken by the power of Jesus Christ. The *mission* of The Shepherd's House is to rebuild the lives of those who society views as hopeless into sober and productive assets to the community. Our *vision* is to return Veterans self-sufficient, employed, and empowered with a sober vision of hope for the future.

Again, thank you for all you do for our Veterans. You are an integral part of their healing and recovery!

All for His Glory,



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Good Afternoon,

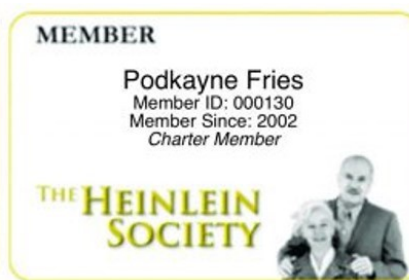
On behalf of the soldiers on board the United States Army Logistic Support Vessel *Charles P. Gross (LSV-5)*, I would like to sincerely thank you for your

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As Army mariners, we embark on frequent voyages to accomplish our given tasks and missions. While underway the other soldiers and myself have been reading non-stop while on our watch. It's very common to see everyone trading books they've read and encourage others to start reading. This emerging culture of reading is not only good for morale but expanding the vocabulary and knowledge of our soldiers. Personally, the reading I've done here has reignited the passion I had for medieval fantasy books I held when I was younger. The books are an escape into a different world full of adventure and thrills. I wanted to thank each of the contributors to this wonderful program for taking the time out of their lives to provide these books. We have so many options to choose from now it's amazing! I have spoken with several of the soldiers about contributing to this program in the future so that we may also help our brothers and sisters deployed. Thank you for your support!

respectfully,

Kyle



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