

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

**19th ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP**

REPORT MATERIALS

13 SEPTEMBER 2020

1:00 p.m. PDT /

4:00 p.m. EDT



Tllden

In Memoriam

We ask a moment of silence and remembrance for
members of the Heinlein community who have
recently passed away.

Roberta Pournelle

Widow of Dr. Jerry Pournelle

June 14, 1935 –

Aug. 2, 2020



Agenda

- Call to Order
- In Memoriam
- Meet The Heinlein Society Board, Officers, Committee Members, Board of Advisors
- Timely Notice of Mailing
- Business Items: Roll Call, Quorum, Parliamentary
- 2019 Minutes
- Reports of Treasurer, Vice President- Secretary, President
- Committee Reports
- Election Results
- Good of the Society
- Q&A Open Mic
- Mother Thing Raffle
- Virginia Edition Raffle
- Adjourn



Board of Directors

John Tilden
President



Herb Gilliland
VP-Secretary



Beatrice Kondo
Treasurer



Ken Walters



Betsey Wilcox



Walt Boyes
(Board of Advisors Liaison)



John Seltzer



Mike Sheffield



THS Committees



Heinlein For Heroes
John Seltzer



Archives/Operations
Deb Houdek Rule



Membership
Ken Walters



***Balticon RAH Award
Academic/THJ***
Dr. Herb Gilliland



Blood Drives
Carlin Black



Webmaster
Rob Hays



Scholarships
Mike Sheffield



Newsletter
Caroline Lynch



Education
Geo Rule



Social/Worldcon
Keith Kato



***Electoral/
Ensign's Prize***
**Betsey Wilcox
Will Hamilton**



Social Media
**Arwen Grune
Roger Christenson**



Timely Notice of Meeting

OFFICIAL Notice of Annual Meeting sent via newsletter notice on 07 July 2020, to comply with 30 days notice required by Bylaws (Article IV, Section 4)

Subsequent Reminder Notices sent via email, Twitter, website postings

Business Items

- Roll Call (Walters)
- Certification of Quorum (Gilliland & Walters)
- Walt Boyes is acting as the
Sergeant-at- Arms and Parliamentarian
- 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes Ratified

Treasurer's Report

Useful Statistics:

End of FY Balances (08/31/2020):

- Checking: \$33,657.32
- PayPal: \$11,225.31
- Savings: \$29,375.87 ("Lifetime Reserved" Account)

Unreserved Capital Balance: \$44,882.63

2019 Capital Balance: \$31,908.38

2018 Capital Balance: \$30,549.61

2017 Capital Balance: \$20,435.89

2016 Capital Balance: \$20,596.95

2015 Capital Balance: \$7,571.74

Selected 2020 Income and Expense Lines

Total Membership Dues \$27,484.27

Total Donations \$8,075.22

Total Income \$40,004.63 (includes Amazon Smile commissions, grants, etc.)

Total Heinlein For Heroes Program \$7,839.92

Scholarship \$7,500

Blood Drives \$4,012.14

Total Conventions \$227.34

Rent \$1,068.00

Total Expenses \$20,781.69

Kondo



Treasurer's Report (cont.)

This past year, around **93% of our outlay** related to our “big three” programs—**Scholarships**, **Heinlein for Heroes**, and **Blood Drive** support. Most of our income comes from **Membership Dues** and **Donations**.

We spend your money where it counts!

By most non-profit measurements we remain a very efficient organization. We have several key members that donate operating expenses each year which don't show up on charts because of accounting rules.

More detailed transaction reporting or the complete "budget vs. actual report" available by emailing treasurer@heinleinsociety.org



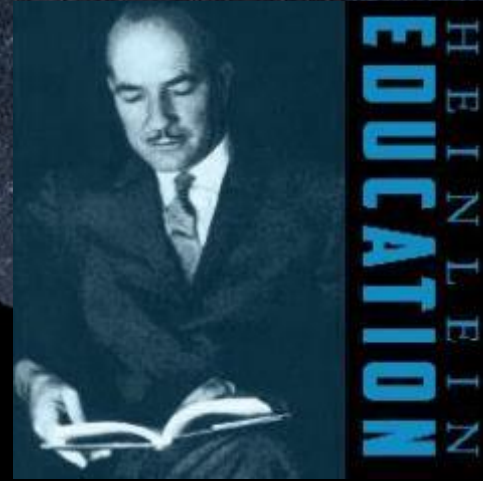
Vice President/Secretary

- Transcribed Board Meeting minutes monthly
- Edited Summer 2020 issue of The Heinlein Journal
- H4H. Retrieved one vanload of books from Alexandria and packed and shipped them to John Seltzer. Shipped another vanload retrieved earlier.
- Was member of selection committee for Heinlein Award given annually at Balticon.
- Attended Virtual WorldCon; served on panel at the Kato/Heinlein Society/Bradbury Center Chili Party.



President

- Happy 20th Birthday THS!!
- Trying to keep pace with technology—moved to Google for Non-Profits services
- Had joint Trustee/Board Meeting with Heinlein Prize Trust
- Getting better at the “business” of doing good works!
- We can always use those with Project Management skills—you don’t need to be on the board or running a committee!



Tilden

THE HEINLEIN JOURNAL

and Academic

- Dr. Phillip Owenby papers donated to THS
- Volume 2, Issue 2 now available!
- Downloads of all issues in PDF available
- Bill Patterson's posthumous final issue, #24, offered free to all as well as Vol. 2 Issue 1.b
- Regular Members get a code for new issues.
- Coupons for free back issues for Life Members
- Coupons for \$3/ back issue discounts to Regular Members
- \$5/issue for non-members



Archives

- THS image and graphic assets in online repository for downloads as needed
- Assembling inventories of physical and digital assets
- Files uploaded to Society Google Drive

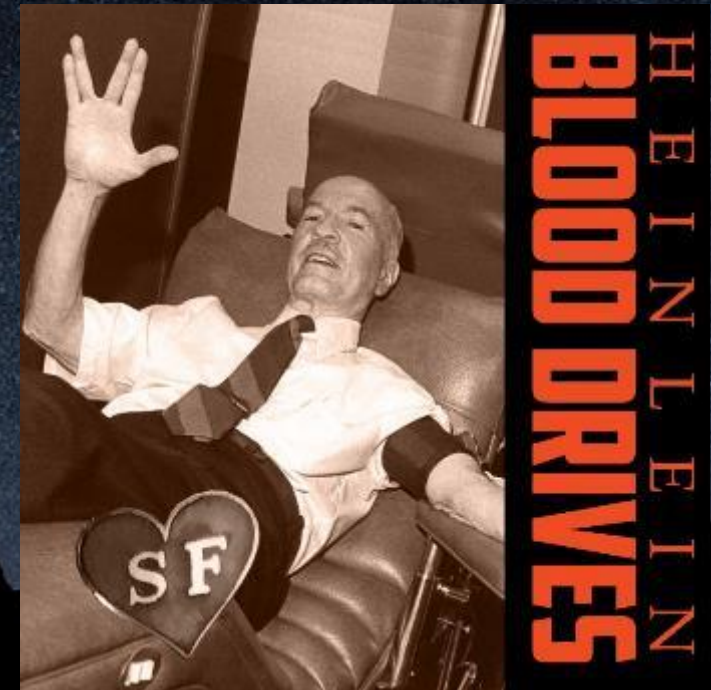


Operations

- Deb Houdek Rule, Chair; John Tilden; John Seltzer; Rob Hays; Ken Walters
- First year for committee for operations of The Heinlein Journal website, publication and order fulfillment
- Expanded Operations include:
 - Seeking grants for paid help or more skilled volunteers to support Operations
 - Coordinating physical asset needs (such as tradeshow banners and ribbons, H4H needs)

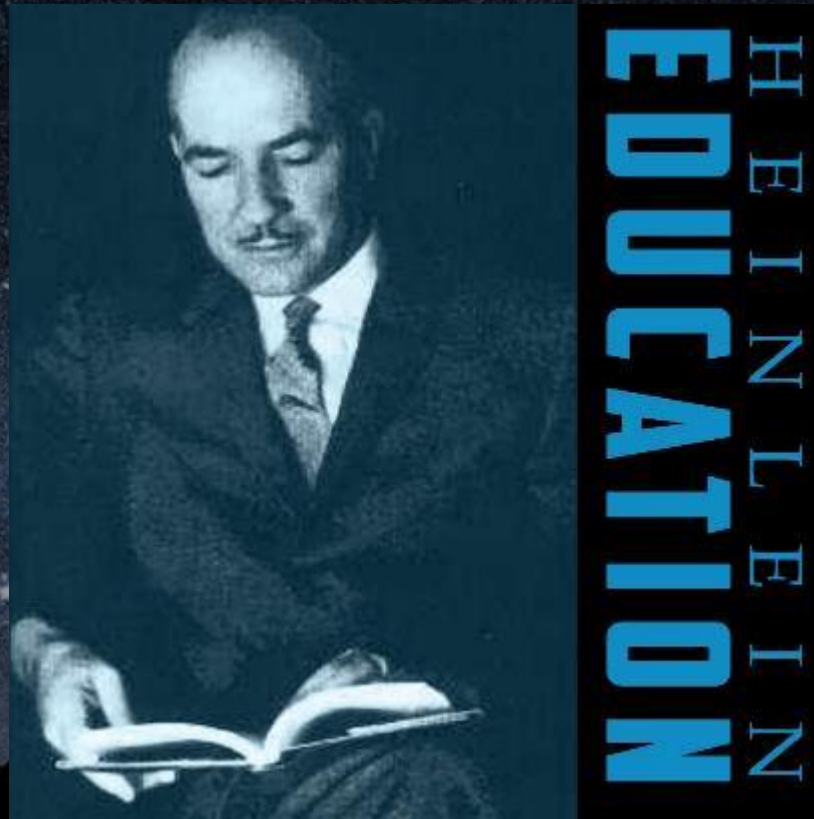
Blood Drives

- Carlin Black, Chair
- Core mission of THS—Started by RAH
 - FY 2019-20—**3,283** donors with 2019 Dragon Con
 - End of FY 2019-20—**43,383** donors coordinated by THS since the first THS drive at PhilCon 11/2000
 - **Double Reds count as 2 Units = 44,110 units donated!**
- Covid-19 safety regulations cancelled most drives including Dragon Con.
- THS has instituted a Donor Wall page online for THS Members (<https://www.heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/donor-wall/>)
- Send a selfie when you donate to **BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org** !



Education

- Geo Rule, Chair
- Updated to Digital Online Distribution of education “download” materials



Ensign's Prize Program

- **Betsey Wilcox, Chair**
- **Ensign's Prize books—Pirated hardcover books recovered by Ginny Heinlein in settlement**
- **Available in a set of 8 books or 7 individual books**
- **Initially opened to THS Members only**
 - **Opened to all last year—remains open via website/PayPal sales**
- **Income to date \$5,000+**

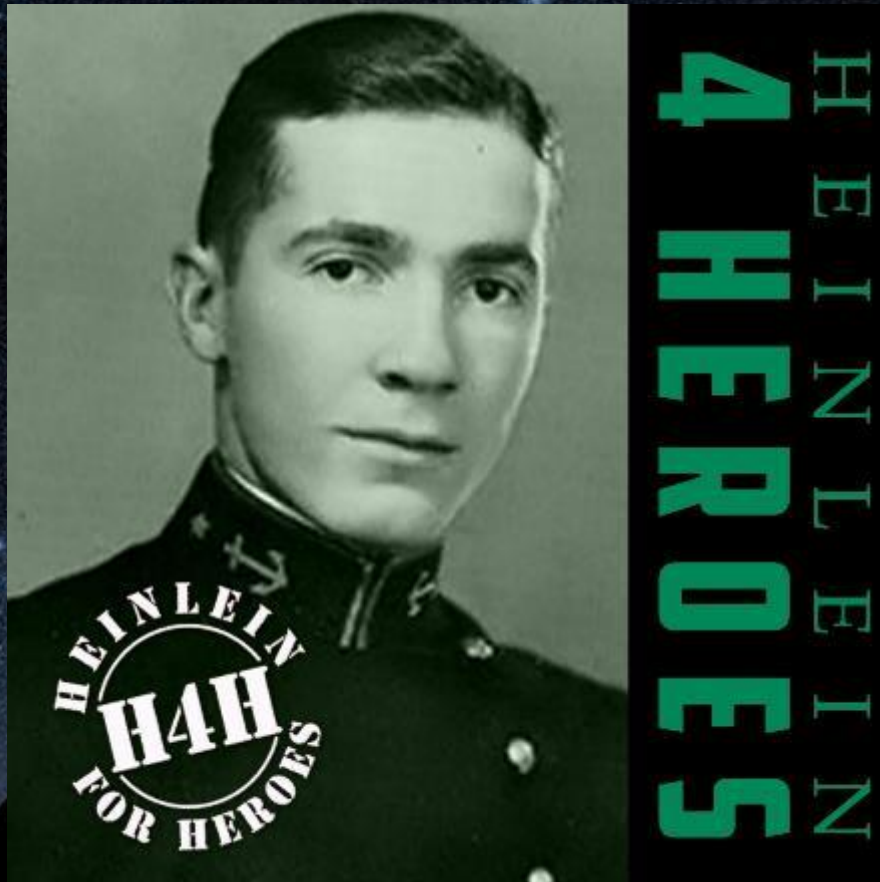


<https://www.heinleinsociety.org/the-ensigns-prize/>

Wilcox

Heinlein For Heroes

- John Seltzer, Chair
- FY 2019-20: H4H shipped **4,980 books** in **350** shipments
 - Total since beginning shipping (Nov. 2013): about **28,830 books**

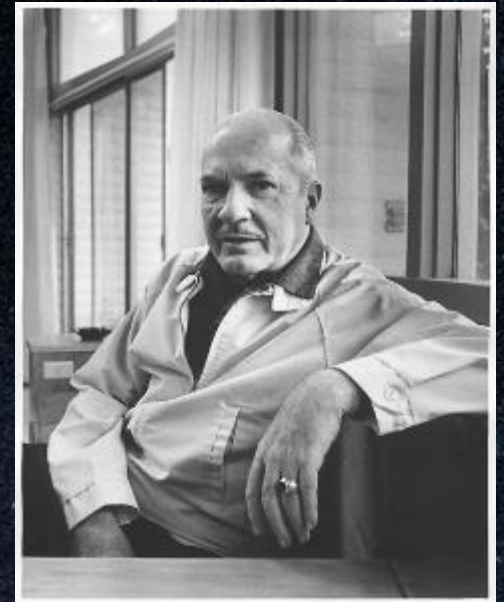


- \$7199.14 in expenses
 - \$2393.44 for books purchased
 - \$4805.70 for shipping
- Future: Expect to send ~ 3,000 books per year with THS providing books and HPT granting for shipping expenses
- Books mostly cash purchases; donations of cash help!

Seltzer

Membership Services

- Ken Walters, Chair
- End FY 2019/20 **518** Active Members
 - 18% increase over previous FY (+80)
 - Highest membership in Society history
- End FY 2019/20 **47** Lifetime Members
 - 34% increase over previous FY (+12)
- Engaged in Social Media outreach through Facebook and Instagram



**MEMBERS NEED TO KEEP EMAIL &
POSTAL ADDRESSES UPDATED**

Walters

Newsletter

- Caroline Lynch, Chair; Walt Boyes, Publication Assistant
- Attempting to maintain every other (odd) month publication schedule

 The Heinlein Society Newsletter 



Keep email addresses updated and add us to your safe-sender list!

Lynch/Boyes

Scholarships

- Mike Sheffield, Chair
- 365 Applicants – A new record
 - 20 international applicants - most ever
 - From Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Greece, Ghana, Haiti, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Morocco, India
 - 80% of applicants were female
- Selection Committee
 - Mr. Carlin Black, Mr. Walt Boyes, Dr. Keith Kato, Mr. Geo Rule, Mrs. Susan Seltzer, Mr. Mike Sheffield, Rev. Sharon Sheffield, Ms. Betsey Wilcox

Scholarships

- 2020 Recipients (\$2,500 each)
 - **Charles Hanson– Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship**
University of Alberta; Senior; Mathematics major, but also studying biology, meteorology, and physics; Also won in 2016 and was a finalist in 2017
 - **Tulla Bee Picardi – Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship**
Stanford University; Freshman; Neuroscience and Human Biology major, on a Pre-Med track; Multiple honor societies (math, English, history) and lifetime Mensa member
 - **Samantha Townsend – Virginia Heinlein Scholarship**
UNC Chapel Hill; Freshman; Applied Mathematics and Statistics major with minor in Software Development; Her Instagram account - on which she posts mathematical memes - has over 60,000 followers



Scholarships (cont.)

Our other top ten finalists in alphabetical order

- Catherine Anderson
- Kasandra Aulenbach
- Emily Black
- Rachel Hetzler
- Samuel Koblensky
- Hannah Reilly
- Erin Yuan



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships (cont.)

- Certificates sent to winners and finalists



Scholarships (cont.)

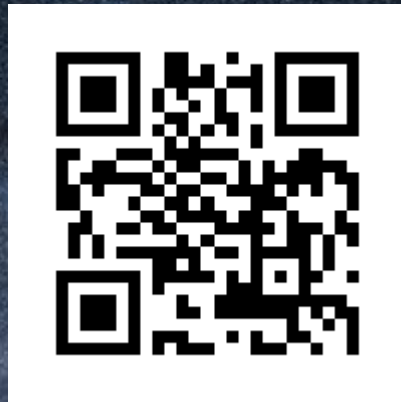
Scholarships criteria

- **Virginia Heinlein Scholarship** (The “Ginny”)
 - Female undergraduate students majoring in STEM fields
- **Dr. Jerry Pournelle and Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarships**
 - Undergraduate students of any gender majoring in STEM fields or Science Fiction as Literature
- **All Scholarships**
 - Must be attending 4-year college
 - No age limit
 - International
 - Not needs based
 - Evaluated on 500 – 1,000 word essay
 - Community service



Website

- Rob Hays, Webmaster.
- Renewed the domain registrations for the .com, .us, .info, and .net .
- WordPress™ updates including security enhancements.



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Hays / Tilden

Website

- Deb Houdek Rule, web designer.
- THJ Operations—a lot of learning this year
- Future—merge THS and THJ accounts?



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Houdek Rule

Social: 2020 Wellington NZ Worldcon

- Virtual Worldcon operation on Discord, Zoom
- Tilden/Sheffield/Kato on THS Fan Table
- “Meet THS,” “Celebrating the Greats” panels
- Independent virtual party by RBC/THS/KK; guests from 19 time zones
 - “Exoplanet Habitability” Dr. Julie Nováková
 - PSA: “Middleton [PA] Public Library SF Interviews” John Grayshaw
 - “What Is Wrong With STEM Education?” Dr. Estelle Blanquet, Larry Cohan, Dr. Beatrice Kondo, Dr. Brian Matsumoto, Dr. Keith Kato (M)
 - “Bradbury & Heinlein In Academia” Dr. Jason Aukerman, Dr. Jon Eller, Dr. Herb Gilliland, Dr. Marie Guthrie, [Dr. Farah Mendlesohn], Alec Nevala-Lee (M)
 - “21st Century Starships” Dr. Jim Benford
 - “Interview With The Spierig Brothers” Michael Spierig, Peter Spierig, Steve Barnes (I), Dr. Keith Kato (I)
 - “Big Smart Objects” Dr. Greg Benford, Larry Niven
 - Other guests—Anouk Arnal, Amy Baxter, Ugo Bellagamba, David Brin, Cecilia Dart-Thornton, Juan-Miguel de la Torre Quesada, Sheila Finch, Andrew & Janica Hindle, Mari Kotani, Heidi Lyshol, Gerry Nordley, Yaroslav Orša, John Picacio, Eric Picholle, Kathryn Ross, Robert Silverberg, Rick Sternbach, Takayuki Tatsumi, Catherine Walker
 - Video of talks TBD

Online Electoral Processes

- **Betsey Wilcox, Chair**
- **Administrator: Will Hamilton (“Elections Commissioner” —heavy lifting)**
- **5 Nominees—Joel S. Davis, Adam Gaffen; Incumbents Walt Boyes, John H. Seltzer, John Tilden**
- **443 eligible voters**
- **213 members voted (48.1%)**
- **Largest numerical vote in Society history**



DIRECTORS 2020-23 CLASS ARE....

Wilcox / Hamilton

Online Electoral Processes

- Re-elected Walt Boyes, John H. Seltzer, John Tilden
- Newly elected **Joel S. Davis**
- **(initial two-year term)**



- Special thanks to **Adam Gaffen**



Ahead in 2021, 2022, 2023...

- 2021: Baltimore, MD, USA, Balticon 55
May 28-31, 2021 (<https://www.balticon.org/wp55/>)
- 2021: Chattanooga, TN, USA, LibertyCon 33
June 25-27, 2021 (<https://libertycon.org/>)
- 2021: Washington, DC, USA, DisCon III (79th Worldcon) Aug. 25-29, 2021 (<https://discon3.org/>)
- 2022: Chicago, IL, USA, Chicon 8 (80th Worldcon)
Sept. 1-5, 2022 (<https://registration.chicon.org/>) NB:
\$170 attending membership rate to 4/30/21
- 2023: Chengdu, China & Memphis TN Worldcon bids
- 2024: Glasgow, Scotland Worldcon bid
- 2025: Seattle WA & Brisbane, Australia Worldcon bids

Just For Fun

- 46th Annual Keith Kato Chili Party– “Virtual Food for Thought” was a success!
- THS also had a panel at Virtual Balticon discussing *The Pursuit of the Pankera*.

 <p>The Heinlein Society</p> <p>PAY IT FORWARD</p>	 <p>Center for Ray Bradbury Studies</p> <p>IUPUI SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS</p>	<p>Dr. Keith G. Kato</p>
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Virtual CoNZealand DEAD DOG Party

[VIRTUAL] FOOD FOR THOUGHT

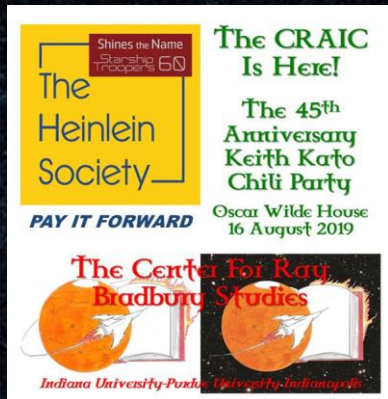
Good of the Society

- Work to diversify our membership
- Fundraising—always:
 - Direct donations
 - Estates
 - Grant proposals
- We always need Volunteers to work on committees, at conventions and LEAD by example
- Open Q&A— Wave, or announce yourself, or ask in the Chat Window. We'll make sure you're unmuted, then you can make any statements or ask any questions!



2019 Dublin Worldcon

- Fan Table operation; no THS programming
- RBC/THS/KK Party at Oscar Wilde House on ACD



Tilden/Kato

2019 Dublin Worldcon



Hugo nominee Alec Nevala-Lee and
Elections Chair Will Hamilton



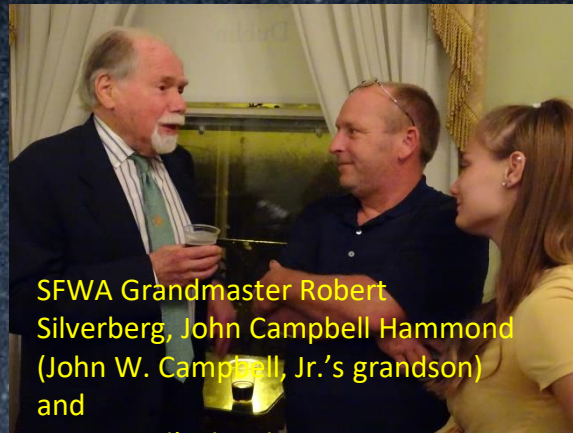
Life Member Dr. Brad
Lyau,
Charlene Piper



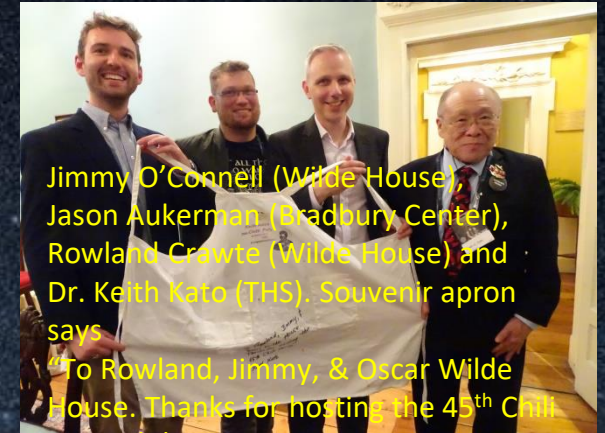
Member and 2018 Worldcon
Guest of Honor
Spider Robinson



SFWA Grandmaster/Director Joe
Haldeman, Dr. Keith Kato, and Gay
Haldeman



SFWA Grandmaster Robert
Silverberg, John Campbell Hammond
(John W. Campbell, Jr.'s grandson)
and
Hammond's daughter.



Jimmy O'Connell (Wilde House),
Jason Aukerman (Bradbury Center),
Rowland Crawte (Wilde House) and
Dr. Keith Kato (THS). Souvenir apron
says
"To Rowland, Jimmy, & Oscar Wilde
House. Thanks for hosting the 45th Chili
Party. /s/ Keith Kato"



Raffles

- All Regular and Lifetime Members who joined up by 08/31/2020 eligible except
 - Board of Directors and spouses
 - Members who removed themselves
- Those 1st joined 1 Sept 2019-31 Aug 2020 assigned **TWO** drawing tickets
- PDF sheet of eligible names held by 3 Proctors
- Certified random number generator site <https://random.org> to be set for min, max numbers (= EXCEL line numbers) and run live, real time