

# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

## Welcome

We'll begin shortly...

Is the name displayed in Zoom the same one you are known to THS by? It will make Roll Call easier.

You are not required to show video to participate but we hope you will show yourself at least from the Q&A portion of the meeting!

If you are “on the phone only” we will ask for you to announce yourself during the Roll Call a little later...of course, you're not seeing this slide, are you? ;)



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**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP**

**12 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**1:00 p.m. PDT /**

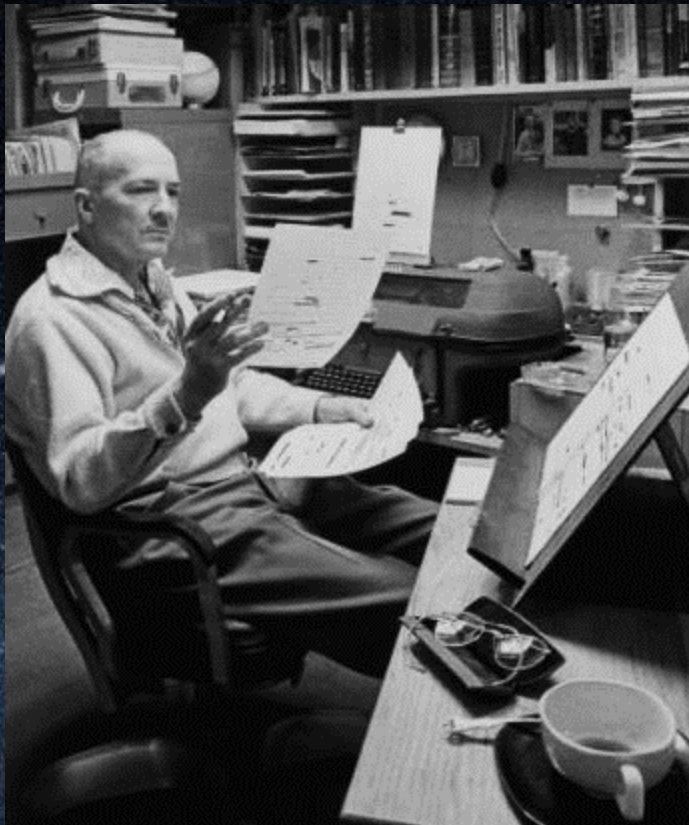
**4:00 p.m. EDT**



Tllden

# Call to Order

## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



is hereby

***CALLED TO ORDER***

# Agenda

- Call to Order
- Meet The Heinlein Society Board, Officers, Committee Members, Board of Advisors
- Timely Notice of Mailing
- Initial Business Items: Roll Call, Quorum, Parliamentarian
- 2020 Minutes Acceptance
- Reports of Treasurer, Vice President- Secretary, President
- Committee Reports
- New Business: Bylaws Cleanup Motion
- Election Results
- Good of the Society/Q&A Open Mic
- Mother Thing Raffle
- Virgin Galactic Raffle
- Virginia Edition Raffle
- Adjourn



# Board of Directors

**John Tilden**  
President



**Herb Gilliland**  
VP-Secretary



**Beatrice Kondo**  
Treasurer



**Ken Walters**



**Joel S. Davis**



**Betsey Wilcox**



**Walt Boyes**  
(Board of Advisors Liaison)



**John Seltzer**



**Mike Sheffield**



# THS Committees



***Heinlein For Heroes***  
**John Seltzer**



***Business Continuity***  
**Deb Houdek Rule**



***Membership/PR***  
**Ken Walters**



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



***Blood Drives***  
**Carlin Black**



***Webmaster/Operations***  
**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***  
**Teresa Robinson**



# Timely Notice of Meeting

**Official Notice of Annual Meeting sent via newsletter notice on 08 July 2021, to comply with 30 days notice required by Bylaws (Article IV, Section 4)**

**Subsequent Reminder Notices sent via email, website postings**

# Business Items

- Roll Call (Tilden)
- Certification of Quorum (Gilliland & Walters)
- Walt Boyes is acting as the  
Sergeant-at- Arms and Parliamentarian
- 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes Ratified
- Bylaws Vote Results Announced

# Treasurer's Report

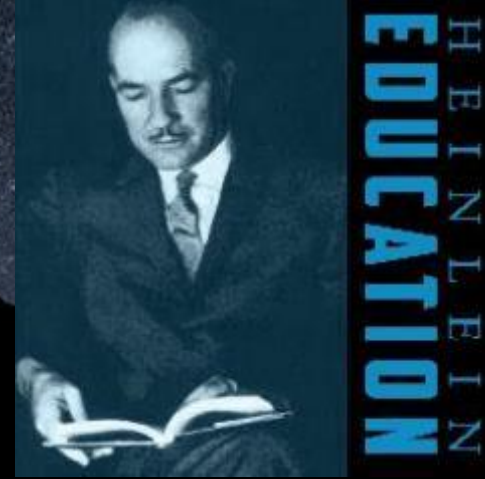
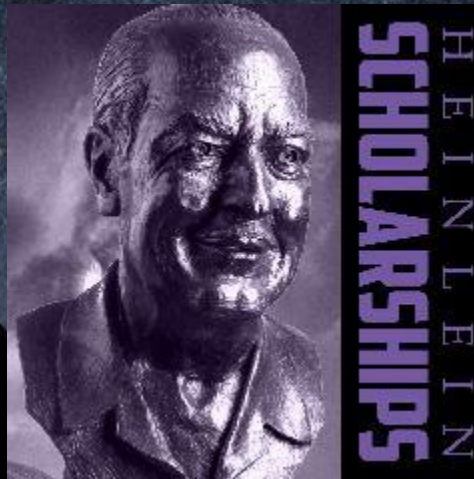
Will be given during the Annual Meeting and  
published thereafter....

# Vice President/Secretary

- Transcribed Board Meeting minutes monthly and 2020 Annual Meeting minutes.
- Boxed and Shipped donations from the Baltimore SF Society intended for the Heinlein for Heroes program.
- Member of selection committee for Heinlein Award given annually at Balticon.

# President

- Moved our website to work with a company that supports WordPress explicitly for us
- Merged *The Heinlein Journal* site into our main website
- Moved Bill Patterson content into our main website—thanks to Mark Bult for the bulk of the work.
- Good relations with Heinlein Prize Trust/VE/Archives
- Getting better at the “business” of doing good works thanks to our wonderfully supportive membership!
- 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

- Volume 2, Issue 4 now available!
- Downloads of all issues in PDF available
- Dr. Gilliland and Mark Bult produced two issues in the last twelve months.
- Advised on Gale Publishing's *Short Story Criticism Vol. 305*, with a 140 page section on Heinlein (published August 2021).
- Answered various queries about Heinlein scholarship.

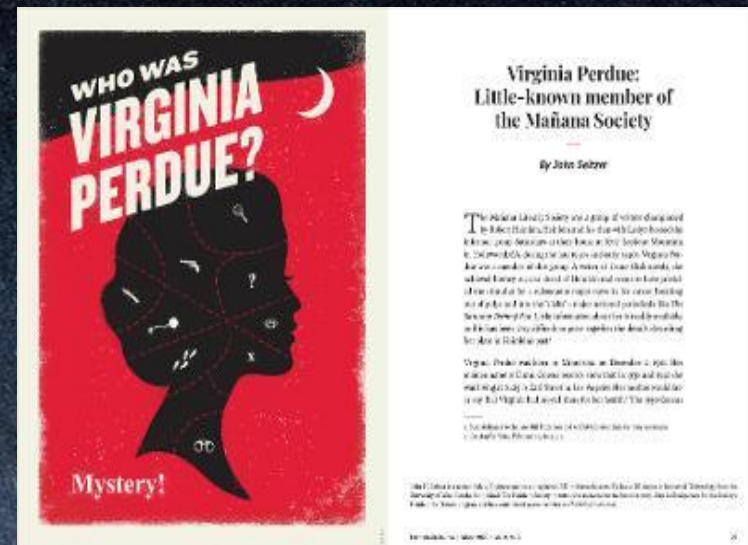


# THJ, (cont.)

A PRIZE-WINNING JOURNAL!



One of 6 winners in the Editorial category of *Communication Arts'* 62nd annual design competition, the most exclusive major design competition in the world.



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

Gilliland

# Archives

- Assembling inventories of physical and digital assets
- Files uploaded to Society Google Drive
- Lots of work on organizing the Bill Patterson files we inherited

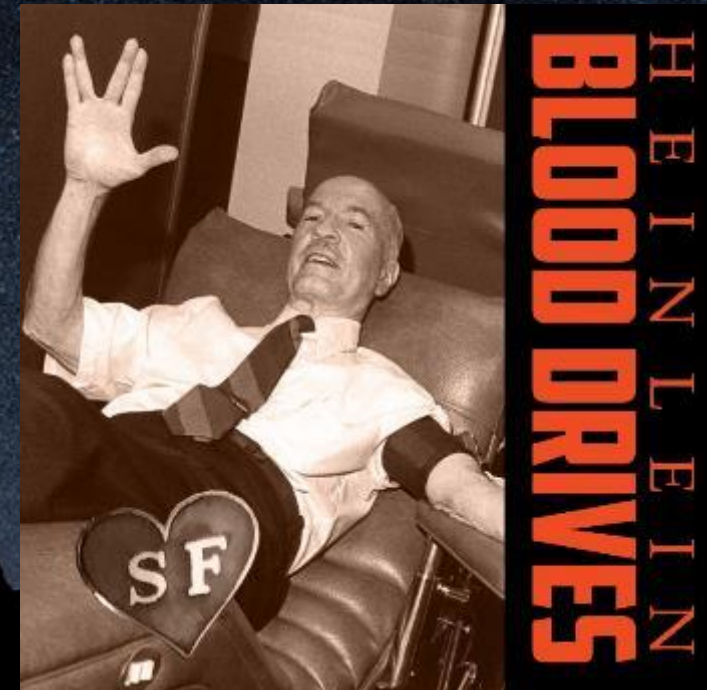


# Operations

- Rob Hays; John Tilden, John Seltzer; Ken Walters; Deb Houdek Rule
- Lots of “backend work” with website merger
- Fraud controls put in place
- Expanded Operations will eventually 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)

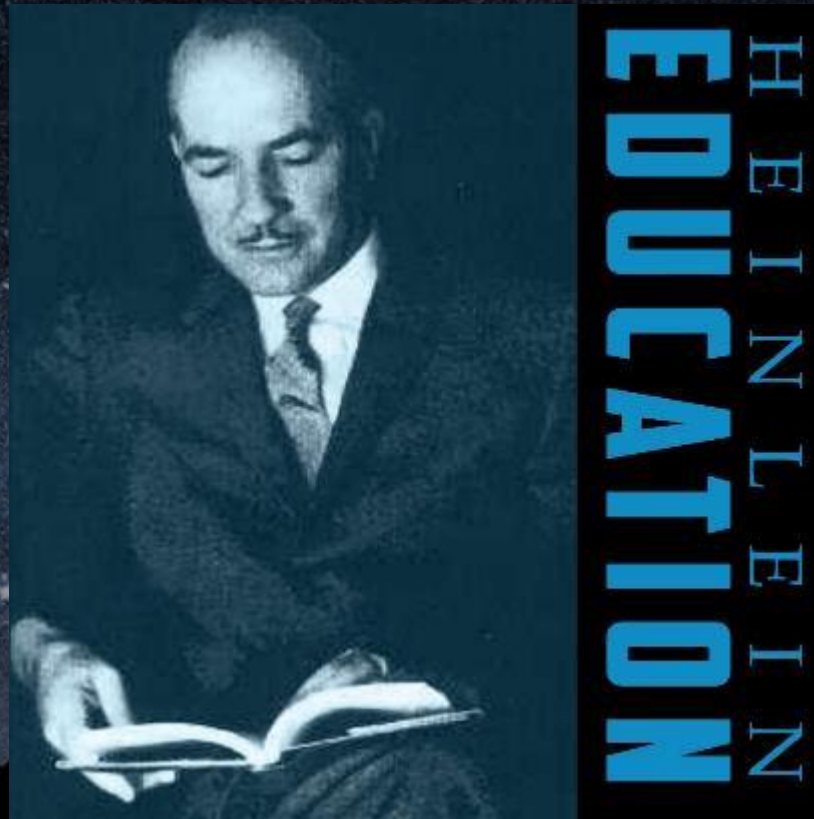
# Blood Drives

- Carlin Black, Chair
- Core mission of THS—Started by RAH
  - FY 2021—**206** donors
  - End of FY 2021—**43,431** donors coordinated by THS since the first THS drive at PhilCon 11/2000
  - **Double Reds count as 2 Units = 44,163 units donated!**
- Covid-19 safety regulations kept most drives cancelled including Dragon Con in 2020.
- THS still has a Donor Wall page online (<https://www.heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/donor-wall/>)
- Send a selfie when you donate to **BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org** !



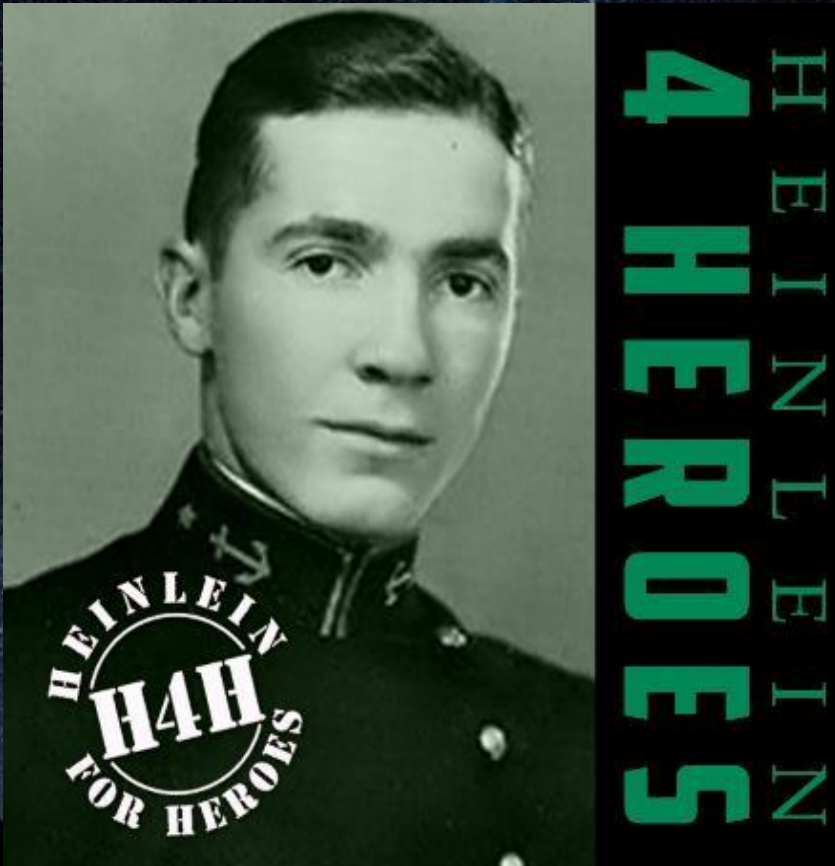
# Education

- Geo Rule, Chair
- Maintained Digital Online Distribution of education “download” materials
- Downloaded 27 times in the past year



# Heinlein For Heroes

- John Seltzer, Chair
- FY 2020-21: H4H shipped **4,879 books** in **326** shipments
  - Total since beginning shipping (Nov. 2013): about **33,709 books**

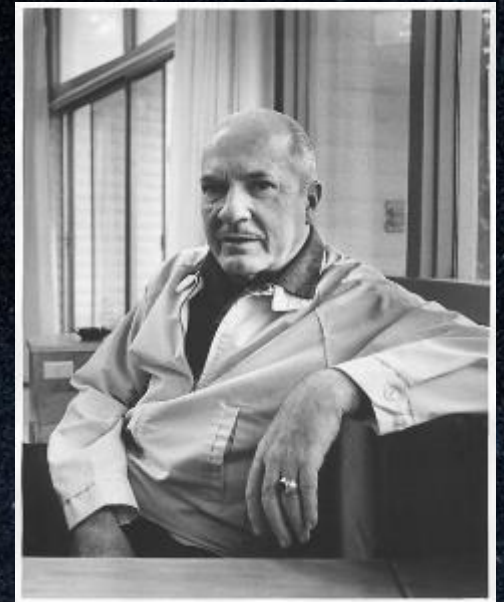


- Future: Expect to maintain at least 3,000 books per year with THS providing books and HPT granting for shipping expenses
- Books (especially Heinlein) mostly cash purchases; donations of cash help!

Seltzer/Tilden

# Membership Services

- Ken Walters, Chair
- End FY 2020/21 **835** Active Members
  - 62% increase over previous FY (+318)
  - Highest membership in Society history
- End FY 2020/21 **63** Lifetime Members
  - 34% increase over previous FY (+16)
- Engaged in successful Social Media outreach through Facebook and Instagram



# Newsletter

- Caroline Lynch, Editor; Walt Boyes, Publication Assistant
- Attempting to maintain every other month publication schedule—we're back to shooting for the "odd" months

 The Heinlein Society Newsletter 



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

Lynch/Boyes

# Scholarships

- Mike Sheffield, Chair
- 383 Applicants – Another new record
  - 22 international applicants - most ever
    - From Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Germany, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria
  - Gender
    - Female – 262
    - Male – 40
    - Other – 2
    - Declined to state – 1
    - No selection made – 78
- Selection Committee
  - Dr. Jason Aukerman, Mr. Carlin Black, Mr. Walt Boyes, Ms. Rebecca Roberts, Mr. Geo Rule, Mrs. Susan Seltzer, Mr. Mike Sheffield, Rev. Sharon Sheffield



# 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



# Scholarships

- 2021 Recipients (\$3,000 each)
  - **Mandisa Keswa – Virginia Heinlein Scholarship**  
Pomona College; Senior; Neuroscience Major; Her family is from South Africa; Keen interest in health policy and better access for underserved communities; Participated in genetic engineering and hippocampal research projects
  - **Alexandra Ouimet – Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship**  
University of Maine; Junior; Marine Biology major; Took a couple of years off between high school and college to do volunteer work with Americorps NCCC and Utah Conservation Corps; Became a certified scuba diver as part of a volunteer stint in Hawaii
  - **LeAnn Rhodes – Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship**  
Virginia Tech; Junior; Industrial and Systems Engineering major; Changed her career path from Political Science to Engineering after 10 years in business because it suits her better but plans to apply her knowledge and experience in the law to her new vocation



# Scholarships (cont.)

Our other top ten finalists in alphabetical order

- Casey Barbier
- Carver Freeburg
- Jane Hancock
- Alexis Kaiser
- Audrey Lacey
- Josephine Maier
- Nadège Oger



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SCHOLARSHIPS

# Scholarships (cont.)

- Certificates sent to winners and finalists



# New Business Motion

Article IX is written and formatted in a way that is inconsistent with the rest of the Society bylaws. I propose the following revision (replaced text):

Article IX: Membership And Dues

**Section 1: Regular Membership.** Any person may acquire membership in the Society by uniform application; however, an application for membership may be declined upon a showing of cause, by a majority vote of the Board at any regular business meeting.

**Section 2. Appeal of Declined Application.** Any decision to decline an application by the Board, if made, may be appealed to members present at any Annual or special meeting.

Article XI, Section 2, as currently written, can be construed as limiting the H4H program to ONLY distribute Heinlein's works, which is neither factual nor desirable. I propose the following revision (bold text):

-  
Section 2: Specific Objectives And Purposes. This corporation is a non-profit organization established with objectives to encourage formation of character and provoke critical and intelligent thinking among young individuals. For these purposes, we produce and distribute free educational materials based on the works and ideas of the Grand Master Science Fiction author, Robert Anson Heinlein; **provide support for blood drives across the world; donate copies of science fiction and fantasy works by respected authors to various military / veterans' organizations in the program known as Heinlein for Heroes (H4H).**

**Section 3: Limitations to Objectives and Purposes.** Nothing in this Article of the Bylaws shall be construed as a limitation on current or future charitable programs. The Board may, at its discretion, revise and expand any current or future charitable / educational endeavor.

# Online Electoral Processes

- Betsey Wilcox, Chair
- Administrator: Will Hamilton (“Elections Commissioner”—heavy lifting)
- 4 Nominees—Jim Dutton; Incumbents Herbert Gilliland, Mike Sheffield, Betsey Wilcox
- **692** eligible voters
- **293** members voted (**42.3%**)
- **Largest numerical vote in Society history (again)**



**DIRECTORS 2021-24 CLASS ARE....**

**Wilcox / Hamilton**

# Election Results

- **Will be announced during the Meeting**

# Ahead in 2021, 2022, 2023...

- 2021: Washington, DC, USA, DisCon III (79<sup>th</sup> Worldcon) Dec. 15-19, 2021 (<https://discon3.org/>)
- 2022: Chicago, IL, USA, Chicon 8 (80<sup>th</sup> Worldcon) Sept. 1-5, 2022 (<https://registration.chicon.org/>)
- 2023: Chengdu, China & Memphis TN Worldcon bids
- 2024: Glasgow, Scotland Worldcon bid
- 2025: Seattle WA & Brisbane, Australia Worldcon bids

# 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
- “Ensign’s Prize” Still Available via website
- Open Q&A— Wave, or announce yourself, or ask in the Chat Window. Wait to be recognized by the Chair; you will need to make sure you’re unmuted, then you can make any statements or ask any questions!



# Raffles

- All Regular and Lifetime Members who joined up by 08/31/2021 eligible except
  - Board of Directors and spouses
  - Members who removed themselves
- Those 1<sup>st</sup> joined 1 Sept 2020-31 Aug 2021 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

# Mother Thing Raffle

Mother Thing  
plushie from the  
*Have Space Suit –  
Will Travel*  
graphic novel



**AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....**



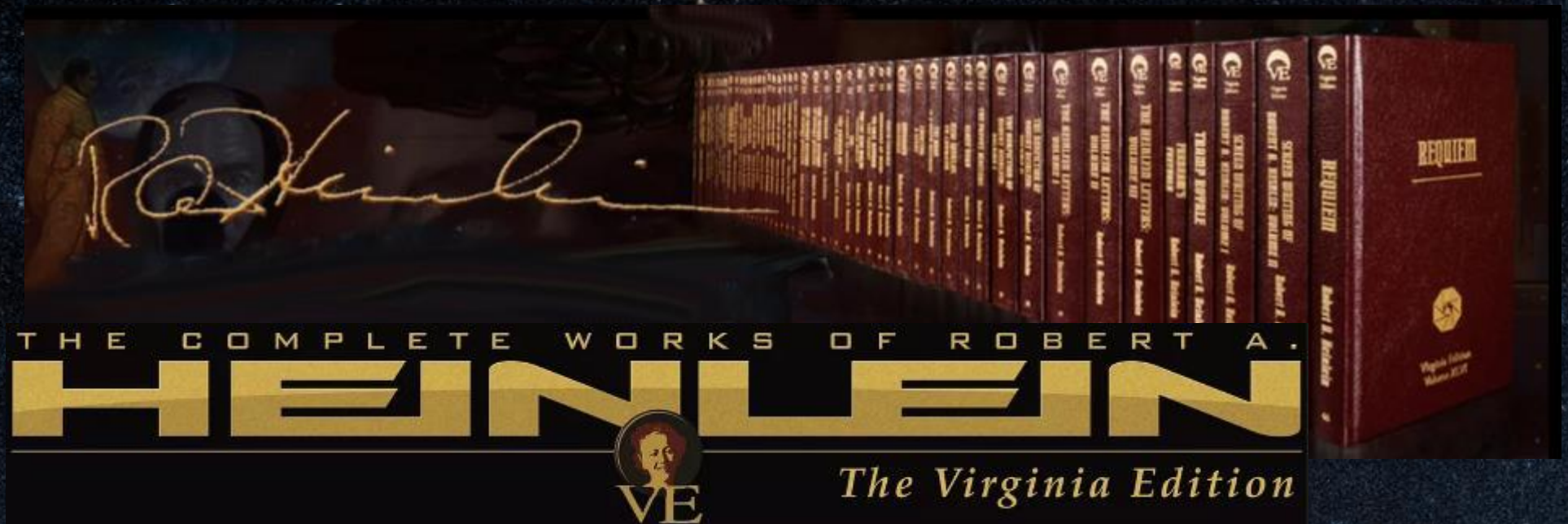
# Virgin Galactic Raffle

- The lucky winner will get 500 chances entered to win a suborbital flight on Virgin Galactic
- The sweepstakes is administered by Omaze
- Winner of actual sweepstakes announced around 29 September 2021
- The raffle was donated by Deb and Geo Rule



**AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....**

# Virginia Edition Raffle



AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....

Tilden

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*The Chair entertains a motion to adjourn....*



**HEINLEIN  
PAY IT FORWARD**



Tilden