

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

**21st ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP**

11 SEPTEMBER 2022

1:00 p.m. PDT /

4:00 p.m. EDT



Tllden

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Meet The Heinlein Society Board, Officers, Committee Members, Board of Advisors
- Timely Notice of Meeting
- Initial Business Items: Roll Call, Quorum, Parliamentarian
- 2021 Minutes Acceptance
- Reports of Treasurer, Secretary, President
- Committee Reports
- Election Results
- Announcing Our Scholarship Fund
- Good of the Society/Q&A Open Mic
- Mother Thing Raffle
- Virginia Edition Raffle
- Adjourn



Board of Directors

John Tilden
President



Herb Gilliland
Secretary



Beatrice Kondo
Treasurer



Ken Walters
Vice President



Joel S. Davis



Betsey Wilcox



Walt Boyes
(Board of Advisors Liaison)



John Seltzer



Mike Sheffield



THS Committees



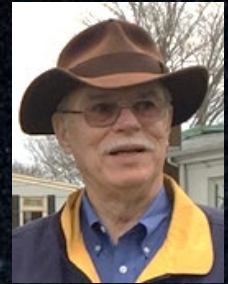
Heinlein For Heroes
John Seltzer



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



Social Media
Teresa Robinson



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



Board of Advisors

- Joe Haldeman
- Dr. Charles E. Gannon
- Eric Gignac
- David Gerrold
- G. David Nordley
- Howard Rosenblatt
- Walt Boyes, Board Liaison

The purpose of the Board of Advisors is to advocate for The Heinlein Society through in-person and social media opportunities, and to advise the THS Board of Directors on major issues that are before the Board, including mission, vision, and individual objectives or programs.

The Board of Advisors is re-confirmed annually.



Timely Notice of Meeting

Official Notice of Annual Meeting sent via newsletter notice on 12 August 2022, 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
- 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Ratified

Treasurer's Report

Useful Statistics:

End of FY Balances (08/31/2022):

- Checking: \$32,628.37
- PayPal: \$31,002.27
- Savings: \$37,901.61 ("Lifetime Reserved" Account)
- Fidelity: \$40,132.55 (Scholarship Account)

Unreserved Capital Balance: \$63,630.64

2021 Capital Balance: 71,767.28

2020 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 2022 Income and Expense Lines

Total Membership Dues \$23,420.20

Total Donations \$18,612.75

Total Heinlein For Heroes Program \$7,888.36

Scholarships Awarded \$16,000 .00



Kondo

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

This past year, *most of our outlay* related to our two “big three” programs—*Scholarships* and *Heinlein for Heroes*, with *Blood Drive* support starting to come back after Covid-19. 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



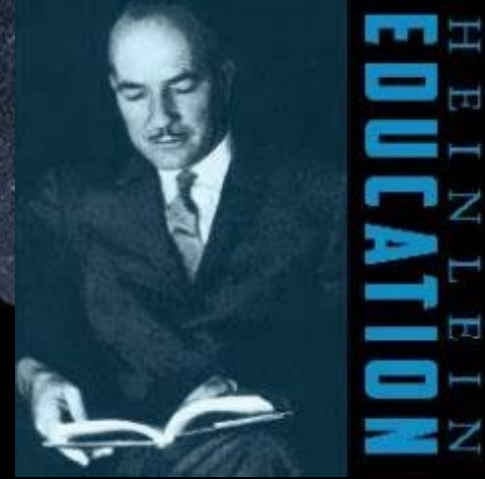
Kondo

Secretary

- Transcribed Board Meeting minutes monthly and 2021 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

- Grateful to our key volunteers who made the successes you will hear about from the last year possible!
- Represented THS at the Prometheus Award Ceremony when *Citizen of the Galaxy* was inducted into the Libertarian Futurist Society's Hall of Fame.
- Made the Heinlein Prize Trust aware of several works not available as ebook and they are now working on publishing those.
- Lobbied for heinleinarchives.net to be restored to working order.
- 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 6 soon available!
- Downloads of all issues in PDF available
- Dr. Gilliland and Mark Bult produced two issues in the last twelve months.
- Answered various queries about Heinlein scholarship.
- Continually seeking good new Heinlein scholarship

Archives

- Inventories of Bill Patterson's digital assets are complete
- Files uploaded to the Society Google Drive
- Organization is complete
- Answered scholarly queries to the Society

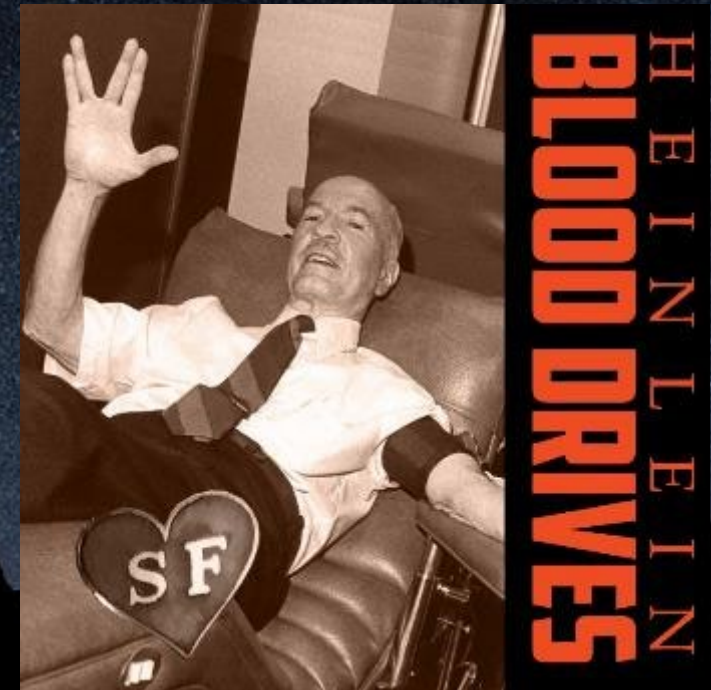


Operations

- Rob Hays; John Tilden, John Seltzer; Ken Walters
- We balanced the year in keeping member info and the website safe and making the site easier to use. The majority of users have no issues
- We are looking to automate our membership database and reporting to synch more easily with our accounting software in 2023

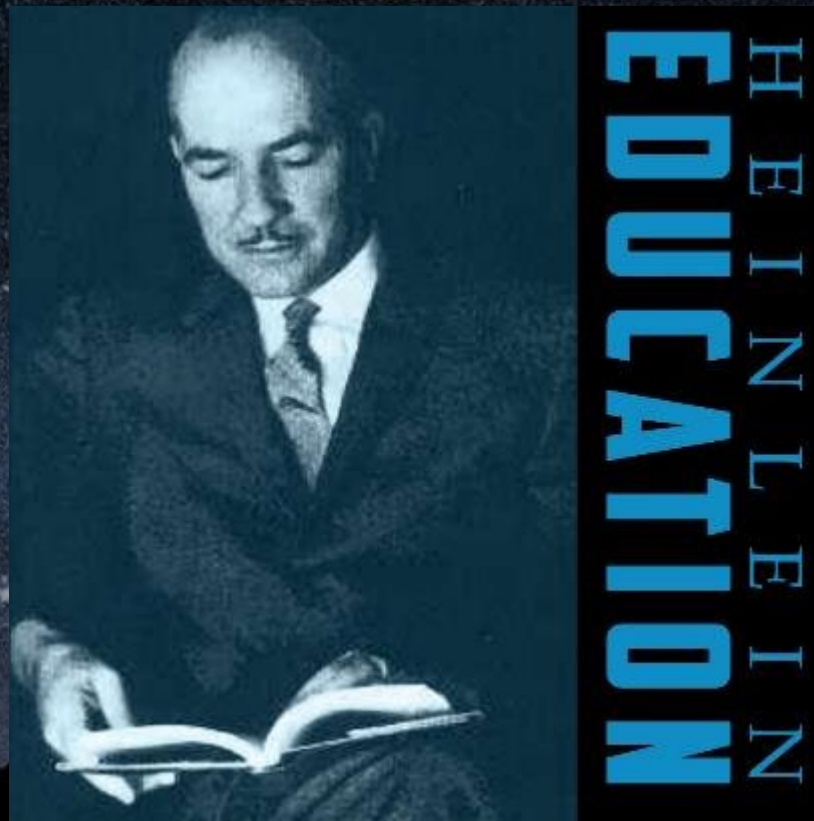
Blood Drives

- Carlin Black, Chair
- Core mission of THS—Started by RAH
 - FY 2022—**388** donors; (+Double Reds=455)
 - DragonCon2022—2,996 (+DR=3,485 units)
 - End of FY 2022—**47,412** donors coordinated by THS since the first THS drive at PhilCon 11/2000
 - **Double Reds counting as 2 Units = 50,897 units donated as of 9/10/2022**
- Covid-19 safety regulations and Blood Center staffing issues impacted donations
- 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** !



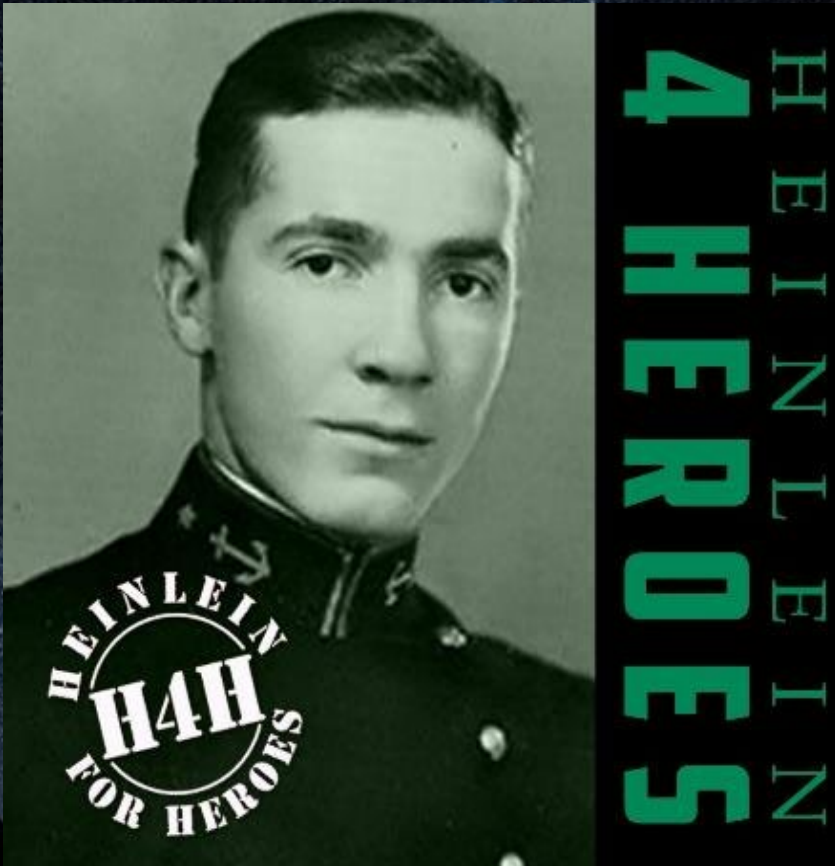
Education

- Geo Rule, Chair
- Maintained Digital Online Distribution of education “download” materials
- Downloaded 16 times in the past year



Heinlein For Heroes

- John Seltzer, Chair
- FY 2022: H4H shipped **5,247 books** in **327** shipments
 - Total since beginning shipping (Nov. 2013): about **38,010 books**



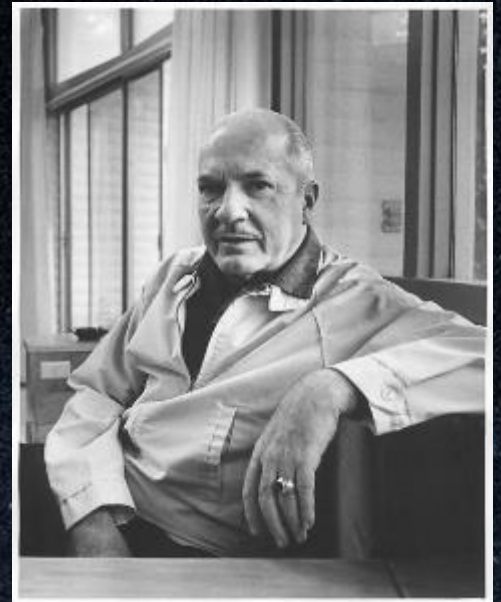
- Future: Expect to maintain at least 6,000 books per year with THS providing books and HPT granting for shipping expenses
- Books (especially Heinlein) mostly cash purchases; donations of cash help!

Seltzer

Membership Services

- Ken Walters, Chair


- End FY 2022 **1,080** Active Members
 - 29% increase over previous FY (+245)
 - Highest membership in Society history
- End FY 2022 **73** Lifetime Members
 - 16% increase over previous FY (+10)
- Engaged in successful Social Media outreach through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Currently over 218,000 followers on FB.



Walters

Newsletter

- Caroline Lynch, Editor; Walt Boyes, Publication Assistant
- Attempting to maintain every other month publication schedule—we're on an "even" month schedule at the moment.

 The Heinlein Society Newsletter 



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

Lynch/Boyes

Scholarships

- 567 Applicants – Up from 383 last year
- 53 international applicants - most ever
 - From 29 different countries; 15 multiple citizenship
- Ages range from 16 to 39
- Gender
 - Female – 440; Male – 63; Non-binary – 4; Declined to state – 1;
No selection made – 59
- Ethnicity
 - Asian – 57; Black – 46; Caribbean – 2; Hispanic – 47;
Native American – 2; North African/Middle Eastern – 5;
White – 304; Multi-racial – 22; No Entry Made – 38

Scholarships (cont.)

Scholarships criteria

- **Undergraduate students majoring in STEM fields**
 - Virginia “Ginny” Heinlein award – female only
 - Robert A. Heinlein, Dr. Yoji Kondo, Dr. Jerry Pournelle awards – any gender
- **All Scholarships**
 - Must be attending 4-year college
 - No age limit
 - International
 - Cannot have previously received a 4-year degree in any subject
 - Not needs based
 - Evaluated on 500 – 1,000 word essay
 - Community service

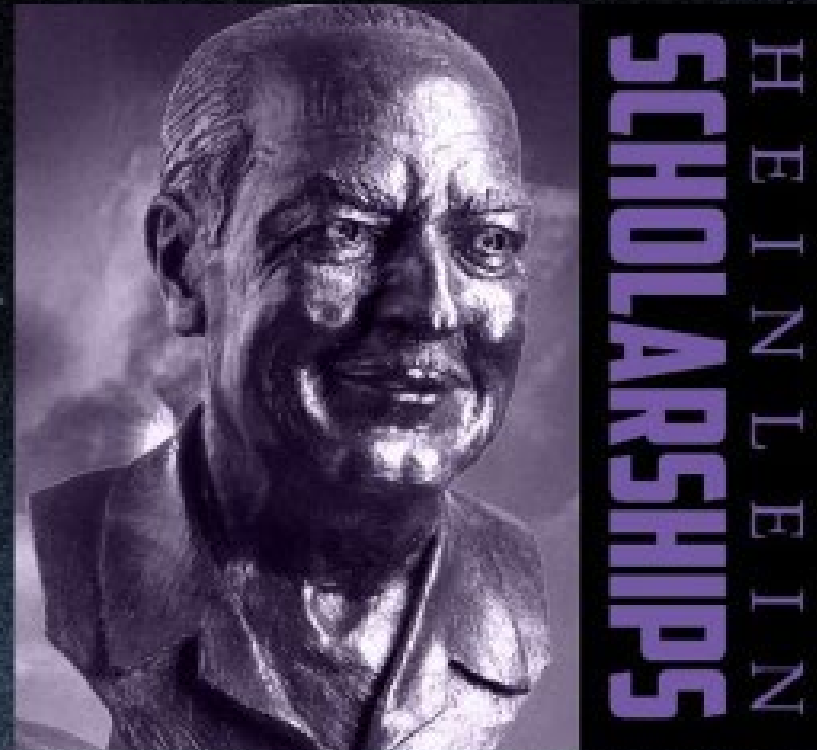
Scholarships

- 2022 Recipients (\$4,000 each)
 - **Sera McCarty – Virginia Heinlein Scholarship**
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor; Freshman; Biomedical Engineering major
 - **Anna Mei Moulene – Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship**
Bard College; Senior; Chemistry major
 - **Jillian Soulvie – Robert A Heinlein Scholarship**
University of Arizona; Freshman; Biology major
 - **Oliver Tan – Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship**
University of Texas - Austin; Freshman; Mathematics major

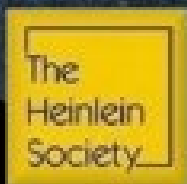
Scholarships (cont.)

Our other top ten finalists in alphabetical order

- **Gabriel Black**
- **Thor Gabrielson**
- **Ember Jones**
- **Kaitlin Long**
- **Danielle Santoro**
- **Sarah Sasinowska**



- **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, Ms. Betsey Wilcox



Sheffield

Scholarships (cont.)

- Certificates sent to winners and finalists



Online Electoral Processes

- Betsey Wilcox, Chair
- Administrator: Will Hamilton (“Elections Commissioner”—heavy lifting)
- 4 Nominees—Mike Shaw; Incumbents Beatrice Kondo, Ken Walters, Joel S. Davis
- **940** eligible voters
- **343** members voted (**36.5%**)
- **Largest numerical vote in Society history (again)**
 - 15 “bad emails” some because “Simply Voting” was blocked by recipient
 - We are looking into other voting vendors



DIRECTORS 2022-25 CLASS ARE....

Wilcox / Hamilton

Election Results

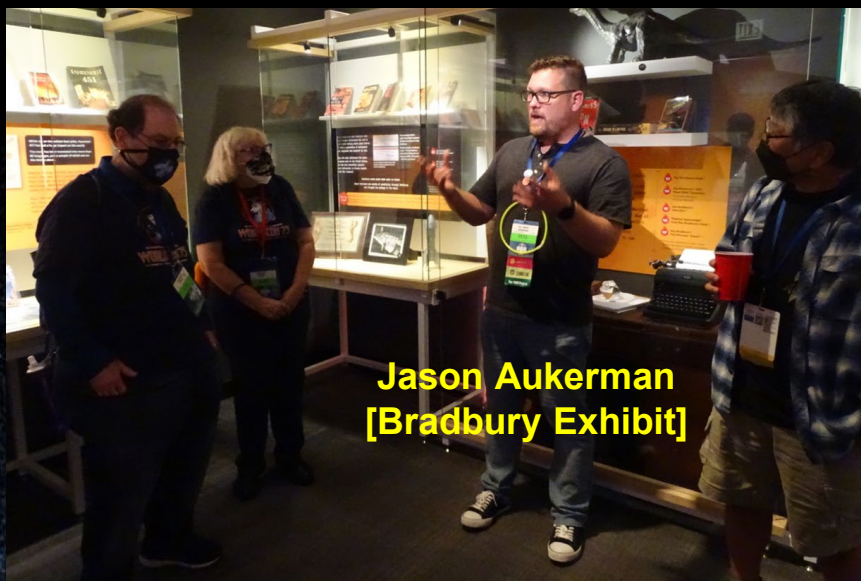
- Re-elected Dr. Beatrice Kondo, Joel S. Davis, Ken Walters
- Special thanks to: Mark Shaw



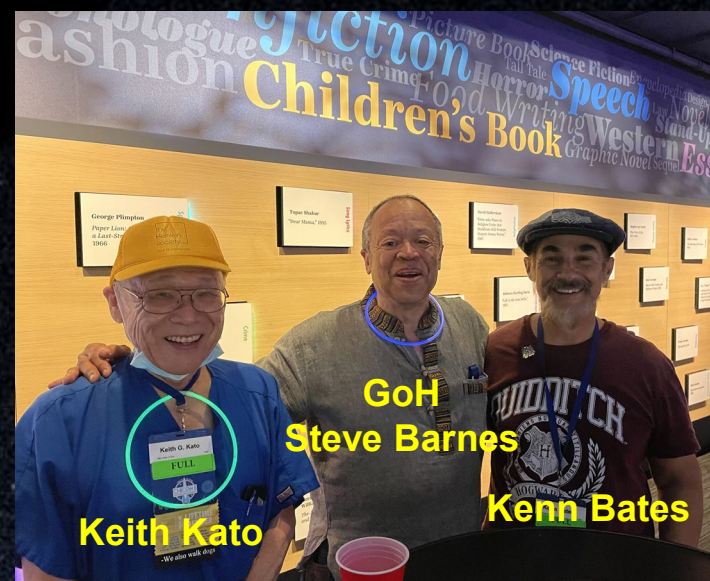
Chicon 8 Party

- Joint party hosted by THS, Center For Ray Bradbury Studies, & Keith Kato
- @ American Writers Museum, Chicago
- Chili, cake, veggie & cheese platters, wine, beer, soft drinks, water served
- Party guests admitted free to wander exhibits
- Bradbury Exhibit in residence until 9/5





Jason Aukerman
[Bradbury Exhibit]



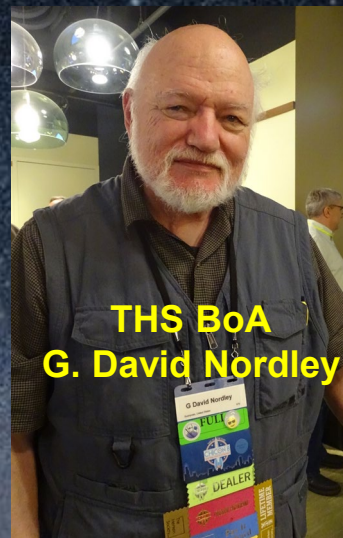
Keith Kato
GoH Steve Barnes
Kenn Bates



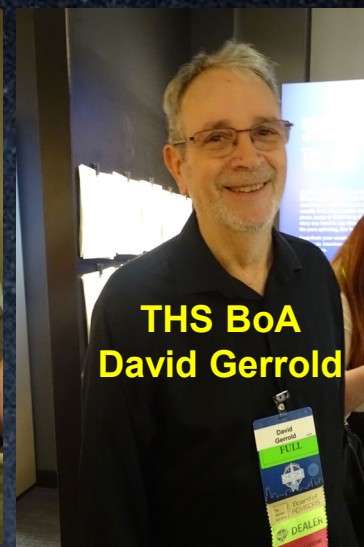
Mike Sheffield

Sharon Sheffield

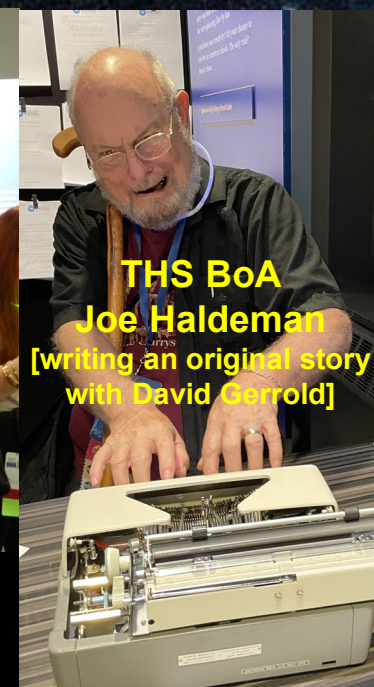
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THS BoA G. David Nordley



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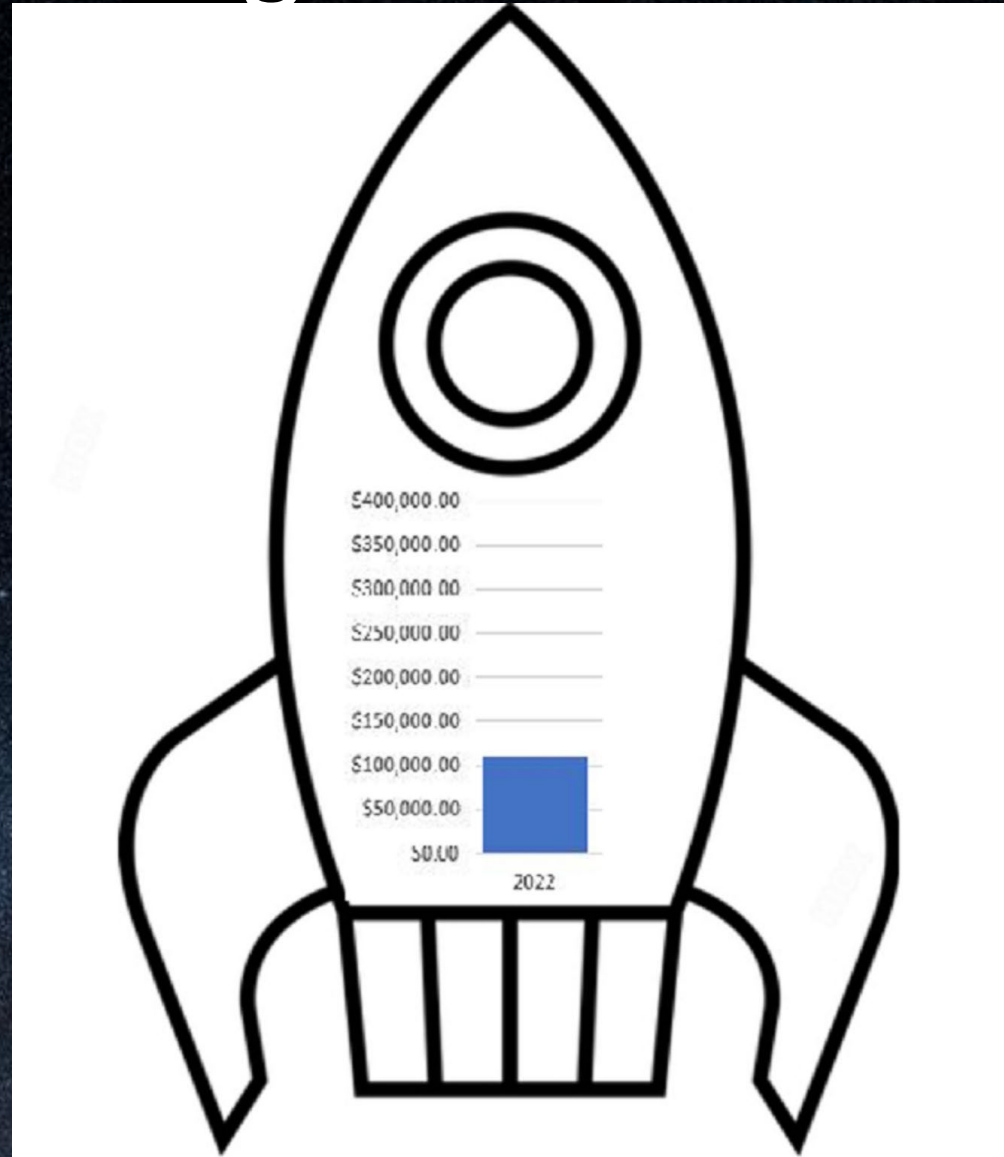


THS BoA Joe Haldeman
[writing an original story with David Gerrold]

Ahead in 2023, 2024...

- 7/20-23/2023: Winnipeg, Canada NASFiC
<https://main.winnipeg2023.ca>
- 8/16-20/2023: Chengdu, China Worldcon
www.worldconinchina.com/kh/memberShipE.html
- NB: 8/7-11/2024 Rotterdam, Netherlands Eurocon
www.erasmuscon.nl
- 8/8-12/2024: Glasgow, Scotland Worldcon
www.glasgow2024.org
- 2024: Buffalo NY NASFiC bid (TBD 2023)
- 2025: Seattle WA Worldcon bid (TBD 2023)

Announcing our Scholarship Fund



Good of the Society

- Mike Sheffield represented the Society on a Videocast recently



- 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 08/31/2022 eligible except
 - Board of Directors and spouses
 - Members who removed themselves
- Those 1st joined 1 Sept 2021-31 Aug 2022 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

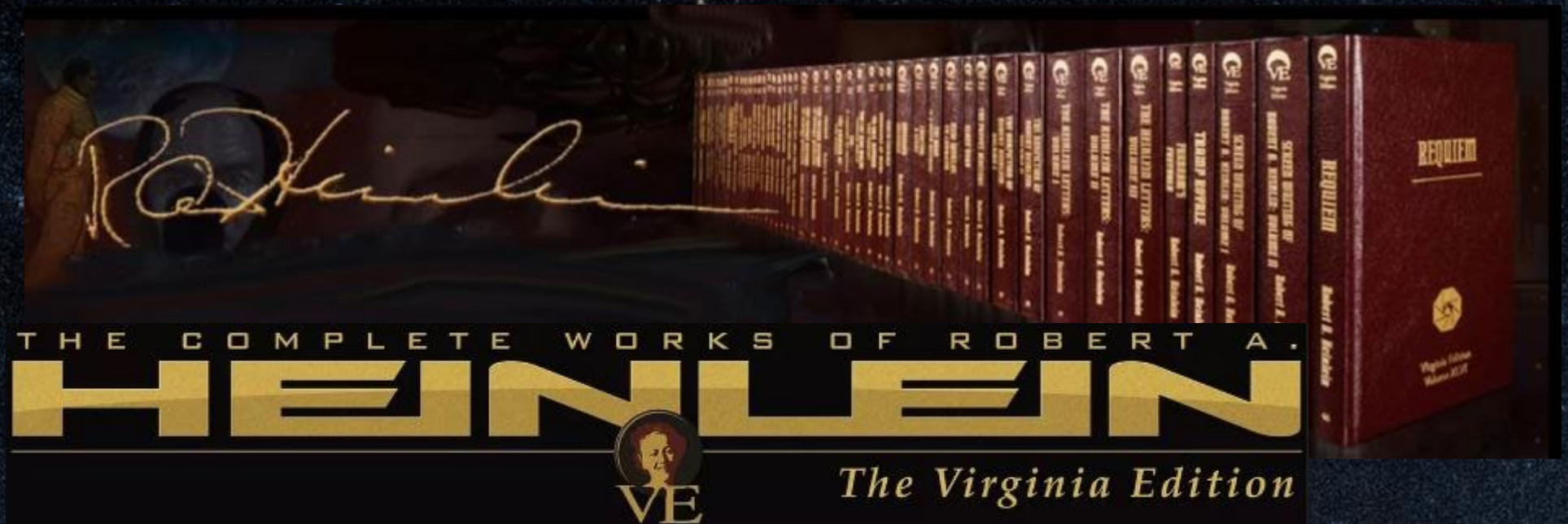
Mother Thing
plushie from the
*Have Space Suit –
Will Travel*
graphic novel



**AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS...963, Terrence
Somerville**



Virginia Edition Raffle



AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS...788
Frank Jenkins (pending acceptance 9/11/22)

Tilden