

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

23rd ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

10 SEPTEMBER 2023

1:00 p.m. PDT /

4:00 p.m. EDT



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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**
- **2022 Minutes Acceptance**
- **Reports of Treasurer, Secretary**
- **Committee Reports**
- **President's Comments**
- **Election Results**
- **Good of the Society/Q&A Open Mic**
- **Foreign Edition Raffle**
- **Virginia Edition Raffle**
- **Adjourn**



John Tilden
President



Ken Walters
Vice President



Betsey Wilcox
Secretary



Dr. Beatrice Kondo
Treasurer



Joel S. Davis



Herb Gilliland



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



Scholarships
Mike Sheffield



Social Media
Teresa Robinson



Education
Asst. Treasurer
Geo Rule



Social/Worldcon
Keith Kato



Newsletter
Jim Dutton

Will Hamilton
Elections



Business Items

- Roll Call (Tilden)
- Certification of Quorum (Boyes & Walters)
- Walt Boyes is acting as the Sergeant-at-Arms /Parliamentarian
- ❖ 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes Ratified

Treasurer's Report

The Heinlein Society

Balances

As of August 31, 2023

Reserved Accounts:

Scholarship Fund	\$144,453.80
Savings	\$36,569.94

Unreserved Accounts:

Checking	\$16,561.82
Paypal	\$28,406.63
Total Bank Accounts:	\$44,980.45

Rule/Kondo

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Income		
Commissions		10.80
Donations		3,060.52
AmazonSmile		587.79
Blood Drive		1,000.00
Ensign's Prize Books		506.00
Heinlein For Heroes		315.00
Prize Trust Matching		
Scholarships		61,775.00
Total Donations	\$	67,244.31
Grant		4,300.00
Heinlein Journal Individual Issues		66.00
Interest		42.65
Membership Dues		12,208.47
Lifetime Membership		9,000.00
Renewal		
Supporting		479.57
Total Membership Dues	\$	21,688.04
PayPal Sales		24,663.55
Refund		11.10
Uncategorized Income		1,831.05
Total Income	\$	119,857.50

Rule/Kondo

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Expenses		
Accounts Payable		10,773.37
Bank Fees		60.00
Blood drives		3,977.00
Blood Drive Ribbons		1,770.05
Cloisonne Pins		
Total Blood drives	\$	5,747.05
Business Expenses		3,250.00
Dues & Publications		
Facilities and Equipment		
Rent		3,165.00
Total Facilities and Equipment	\$	3,165.00
Fund Raising		
Conventions		180.00
Bookmarks -General		38.14
Ribbons		
Total Conventions	\$	218.14
International Funding		
Meetings		
VE Giveaway		
Total Fund Raising	\$	218.14
Heinlein Award		
Heinlein For Heroes Program		1,876.71
Books		5,589.13
Shipping		4,138.34
Thank you cards		0.03
Total Heinlein For Heroes Program	\$	11,604.21

Operations		
Accounting Services		
Art Insurance		
Books, Subscriptions, Reference		100.00
Collaboration Software/Online Storage		131.57
Electronic Voting		99.00
Facebook Advertising		27.69
Internet		
Domain Name Registration		117.67
Total Internet	\$	117.67
Membership Cards		527.14
New Member Mailings		1,020.22
Postage, Mailing Service		65.89
Ensign's Prize Shipping		
Total Postage, Mailing Service	\$	65.89
Printing and Copying		
QuickBooks		75.00
Strategic Websites Support Services		8,250.00
Supplies		30.74
UPS Store Mailbox Rental		396.00
Webhosting		
WooCommerce		476.00
Total Operations	\$	11,316.92
PayPal Fees		1,418.61
Scholarship		20,000.00
Travel and Meetings		
Conference, Convention, Meeting		147.83
Total Travel and Meetings	\$	147.83
Uncategorized Expense		679.44
WHPJ Merit Prize for RAH Paper		
Total Expenses	\$	68,380.57

Secretary

- Formatted new agenda and minutes for improved record keeping
- Formatted and Submitted Written Annual Report 2023 in keeping with new format

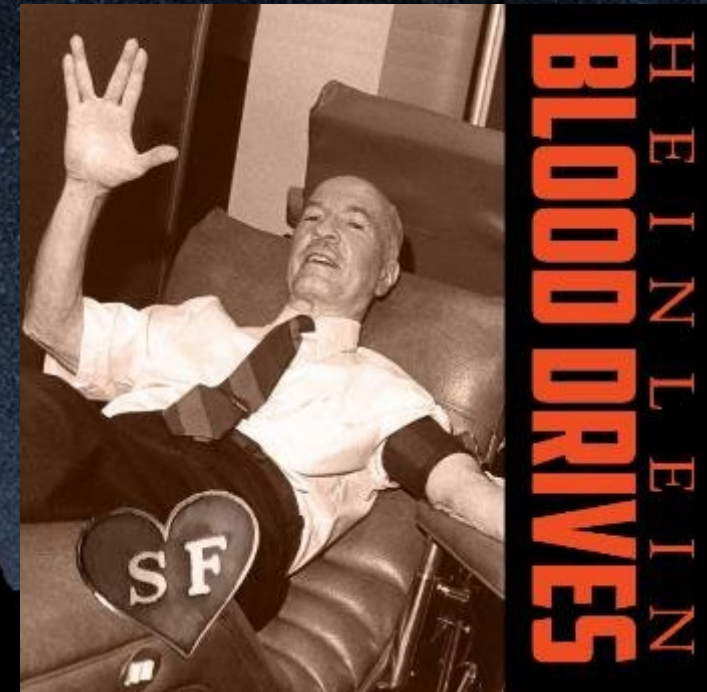
THE HEINLEIN JOURNAL

and Academic

- Purpose is to publish academically sound material related to Heinlein's work and life
- Planned 2 issues per year, published electronically
- Free to Society members
- Winter 2023 issue in process now
- Welcomes material or ideas by new or experienced authors

Blood Drives

- Carlin Black, Chair
- Core mission of THS—Started by RAH
 - FY 2023—663 donors 910 units (without DragonCon)
 - End of FY 2023—49,935 donors **52,044** units coordinated by THS since the first THS drive at PhilCon 11/2000
- Many donation restrictions lifted in 2023
- 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



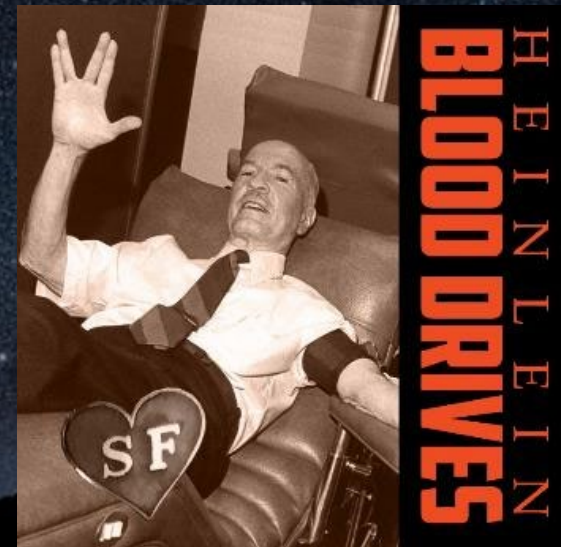
Blood Drives

Coordinating a blood drive is easy and except for the day of the drive, not time consuming.

A few friends help make it fun.

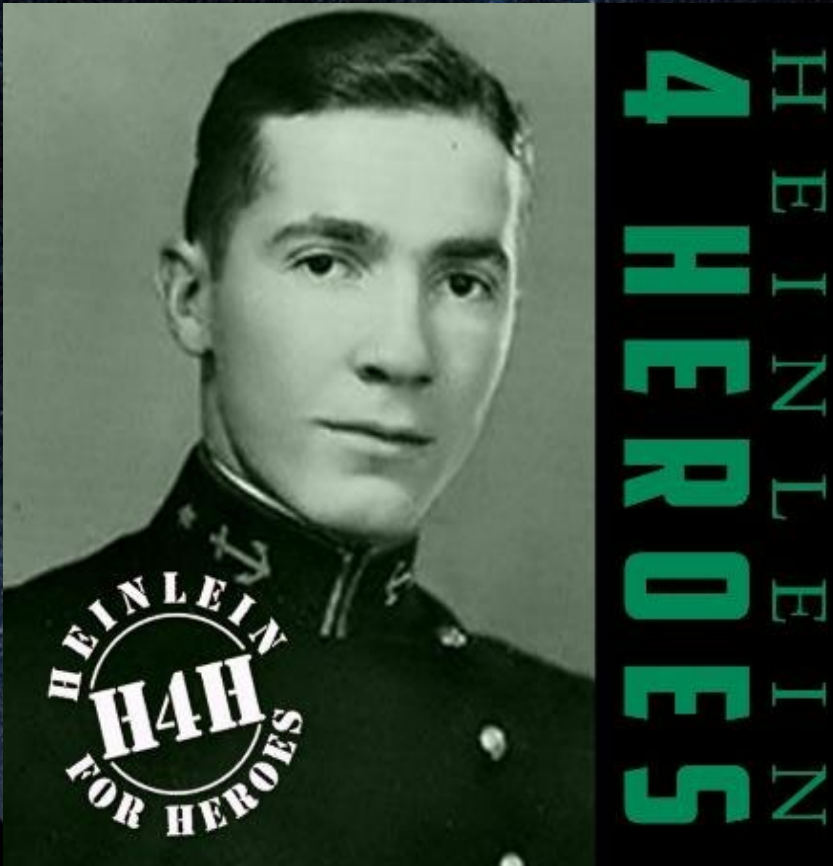
You will get lots of help and SWAG from the Blood Drive Chair. There may be a new Library program for drives in your home town in 2024

Critical needs exist for new coordinators in Boston and SF metro areas.



Heinlein For Heroes

- John Seltzer, Chair
- FY 2023: H4H shipped **6275 books** in **322** shipments
 - Total since beginning shipping (Nov. 2013): about **44,294 books**

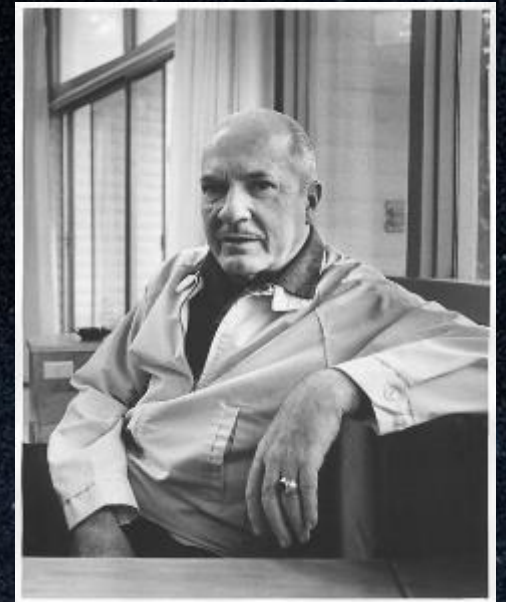


- Future: Expect to maintain at least 6,000 books per year with THS providing books and HPT granting for shipping expenses
- Books (especially Heinlein) mostly cash purchases; donations of cash help!
- See written report to be posted on website for donor names

Seltzer/Tilden

Membership Services

- Ken Walters, Chair
- End FY 2023 **850** Active Members
 - Artificial decrease over previous FY (-231) due to new renewal process
 - No longer giving 3 month grace period
- End FY 2023 **89** Lifetime Members
 - Increase over previous FY (+16)
- Engaged in successful Social Media outreach through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Currently over 305,000 followers on FB.



Scholarships

- Mike Sheffield, Chair
- **744** Applicants – Another new record
Up from 567
 - 84 international applicants - most ever
 - 15 dual citizenship and 28 different countries
 - Gender
 - Female – 522
 - Male – 131
 - Non-binary – 4
 - No selection made – 55
- Selection Committee
 - Dr. Jason Aukerman, Ms. Nancy Berkoff, Mr. Carlin Black, Mr. Walt Boyes, Mr. Graham Middleton, Ms. Rebecca Roberts, Mr. Geo Rule, Ms. Betsey Wilcox, Mr. Mike Sheffield, Rev. Sharon Sheffield, Ms. Julie Wilusz



Scholarships (cont.)

Scholarships criteria

- **Virginia Heinlein Scholarship (The “Ginny”)**
 - Female undergraduate students majoring in STEM fields
- **Dr. Jerry Pournelle, Robert A. Heinlein 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

- 2023 Recipients (\$4,000 each)

Rhiannon Red Bird – Rhiannon is the winner of this year’s Robert A. Heinlein Scholarship. In the fall she will begin her senior year at California Polytechnic State University–Humboldt. She is majoring in Cellular and Molecular Biology with a Chemistry Minor. After completing her undergraduate degree, Rhiannon hopes to spend time in a research lab and eventually pursue a postgraduate degree in Veterinary or Human Medicine.

Nine Reed-Mera – Nine is this year’s Virginia “Ginny” Heinlein Scholarship recipient. She has a double major of Biological Sciences and Written Arts, entering her Senior year at Bard College. Nine began college at age 16 and has maintained a 4.0 GPA. She has received numerous scholastic awards, including a National Silver Medal. She was awarded a Mellon Foundation grant to study extremophiles.

Kenji Sakaie – Kenji is the Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship winner. He is an incoming Freshman at Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Kenji is interested in working in the aerospace or naval architecture industries, working toward a goal of providing safe, affordable, and sustainable housing through the prefabricated building industry.

Victoria Woods – Victoria wins this year’s Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship. In the upcoming academic YEAR, she will be a Sophomore at Trinity College Dublin, majoring in Geography and Geoscience. Last summer, Victoria interned studying the detection limits of hyperspectral sensors and is doing ongoing research in gamma ray spectrometry. She is active in her college’s Environmental Society and International Students Club.

Scholarships (cont.)

Our other top ten finalists in alphabetical order

Elisabeth Hayduk,

Ayushi Kadakia,

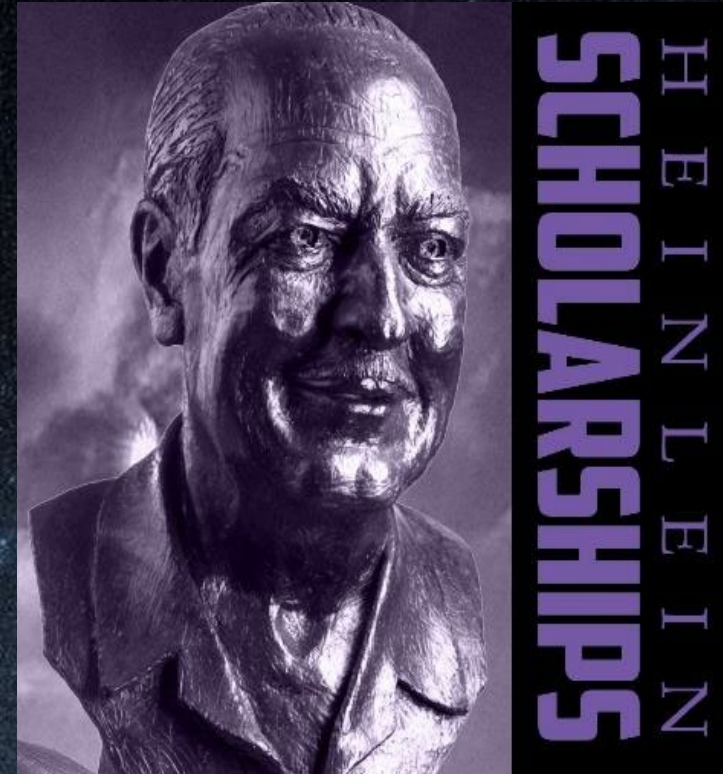
Liane Lee,

Anjara Mellman,

Leyat Besufekad Tesfaye,

Rachel Todromovich

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.



WorldCons Ahead in 2023, 2024...

- 2023: Chengdu, China Worldcon
- 2024: Glasgow, Scotland Worldcon
- 2025: Seattle WA & Brisbane, Australia Worldcon bids

President

- A few thoughts about my twelve years on the Board
- A Question for the membership

New Business Motions?

Motion passed to thank outgoing board members Gilliland and Tilden and Blood Drives Committee Chair Black and Newsletter editor Lynch for their service to the Society.

Online Electoral Processes

- **Will Hamilton -Administrator**
- **New “ElectionBuddy” voting system: more features; less cost**
- **4 Open Seats currently held by John Seltzer, John Tilden, Walt Boyes, and Herb Gilliland (retiring with 1 year remaining in his term)**
- **5 Nominees: Incumbents John Seltzer and Walt Boyes along with Barry Sherwood, Jim Dutton, and Geo Rule**
- **John Tilden did not stand for reelection**



DIRECTORS 2023-26 CLASS ARE.....

Hamilton

Election Results

- 3-year terms will be filled by Geo Rule, Jim Dutton, and John Seltzer (reelected)
- Walt Boyes (reelected) will fill remainder of Herb Gilliland's term (1 yr)
- Special thanks to: Barry Sherwood, who has generously agreed to use his talents to help on the Operations committee

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 or ask any questions!



Raffles

- All Regular and Lifetime Members who joined up by 08/31/2023 eligible except
 - Board of Directors and spouses
 - Members who removed themselves
- Those 1st joined 1 Sept 2022-31 Aug 2023 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

RAH Foreign Edition Raffle

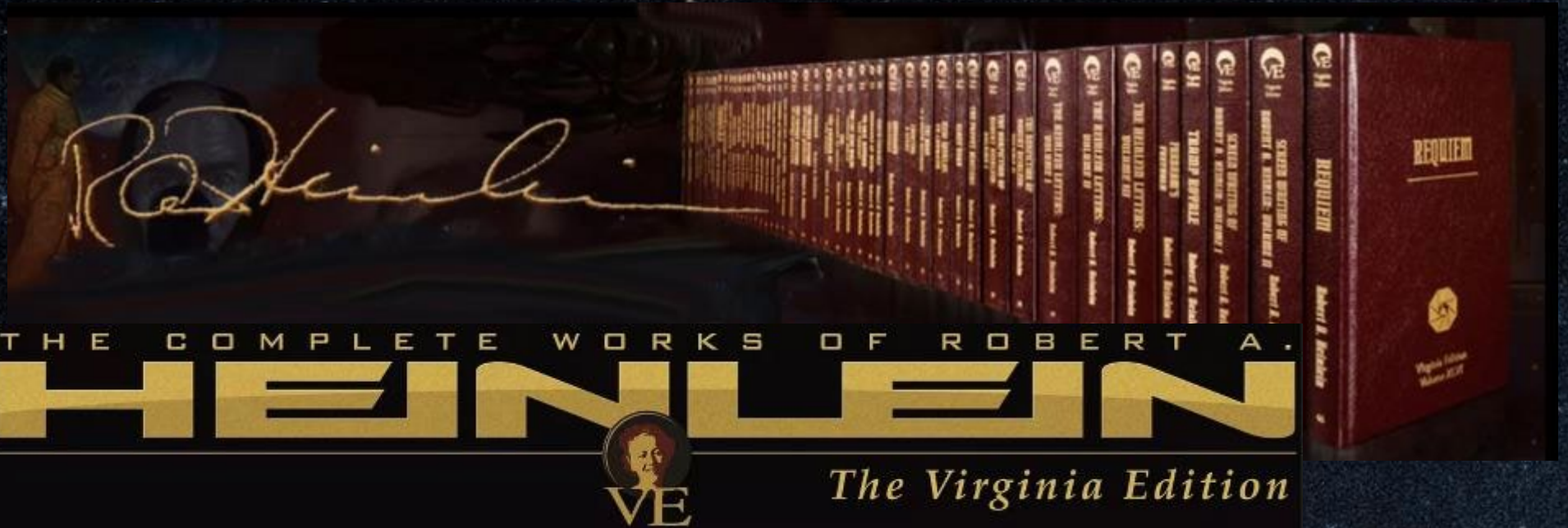
Selected by winner
from list of foreign
language by
Robert A. Heinlein



AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....



Virginia Edition Raffle



AND THE WINNING NUMBER IS....

Tilden

Move to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by:
Seconded by:

All In Favor
All Opposed

Meeting adjourned at:

