

# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



**May 2020**

The Heinlein Society hopes you are well! Besides staring at our cat, washing our hands, staying inside, social distancing, and picking up obscure hobbies, here's what we've been up to!

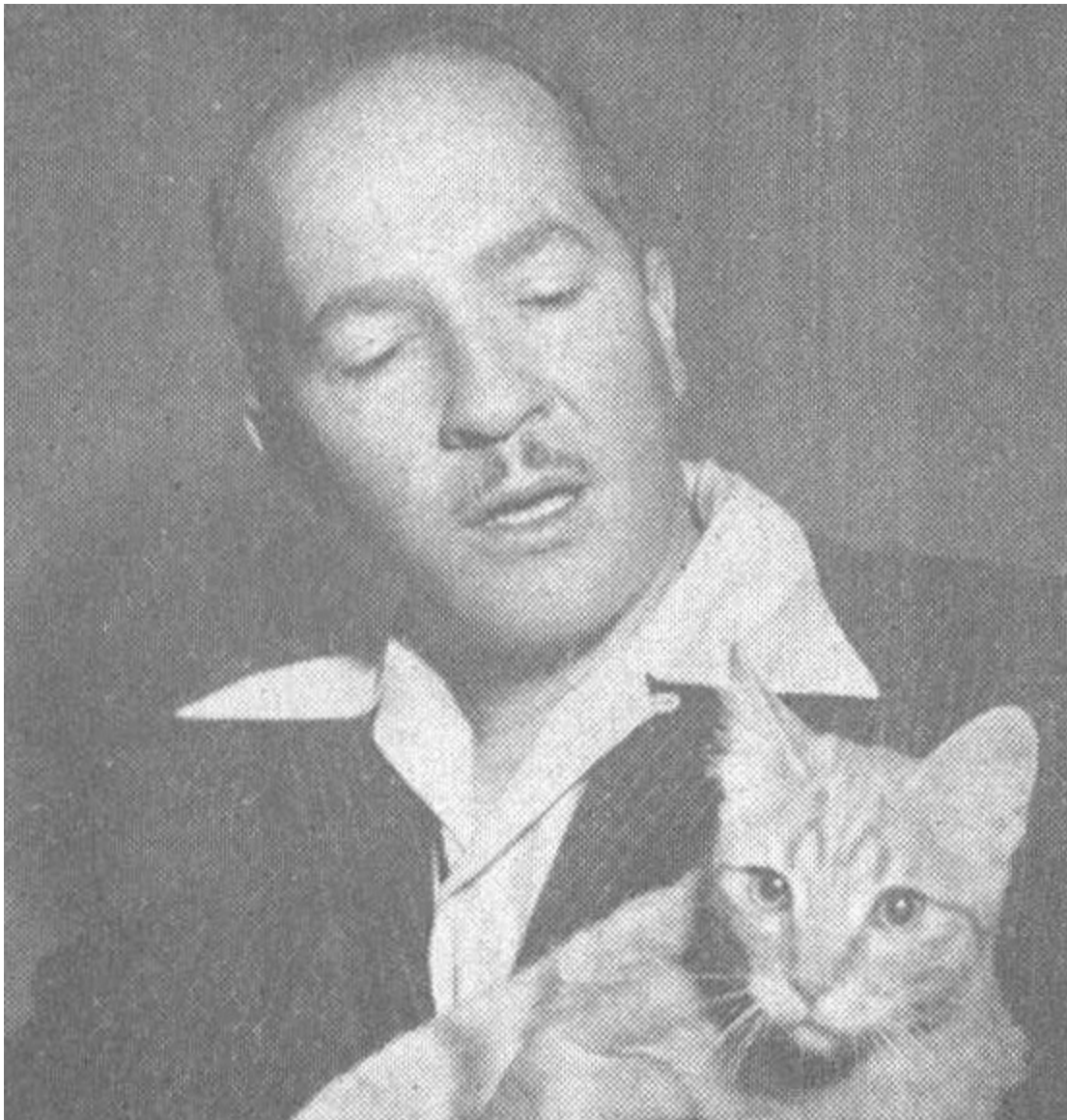


Photo courtesy of [Wikipedia](#)



### Thank you from the President

2020 has been a challenging year with a worldwide pandemic. Your committees have still been hard at work, with over 3,300 books shipped this year so far within the Heinlein For Heroes program. We have hit new highs in membership with 458 active members as I write this. The Scholarship committee is hard at work winnowing down the hundreds of applicants for our three scholarships. Our Blood drive outreach has been hardest hit but we have pivoted to recognize donors giving in their communities instead of primarily at conventions. We had a successful "virtual panel" at Balticon the Sunday of U.S. Memorial Day weekend. Watch our social media accounts for link information. You can all be proud of the efforts of our Society! Please stay safe and well.

All the best,  
John Tilden

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### Scholarship Update

by Mike Sheffield

Scholarship applications for the 2020 - 2021 academic year closed on April 1st. This year we received a record 365 applications, including more international applicants than last year. Our scholarship committee is busy reviewing and evaluating the applications. Winners and finalists will be announced on Heinlein's birthday (July 7).

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### Worldcon 2020 and 2021

By Keith G. Kato



As most of you know, CoNZealand, the 78th World Science Fiction Convention ("Worldcon") scheduled in Wellington, New Zealand from July 29 - August 2, 2020, has changed to a virtual convention thanks to COVID-19 messing up the entire world. Those of us who had planned to attend in person can no longer do so. However, now that the transportation and housing costs related to CoNZealand are gone, more of us can now participate from the comfort of our own couches!

For The Bad News, The Good News, what THS has in the works, and more, [read the full article here...](#)

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## Blood Drive Update

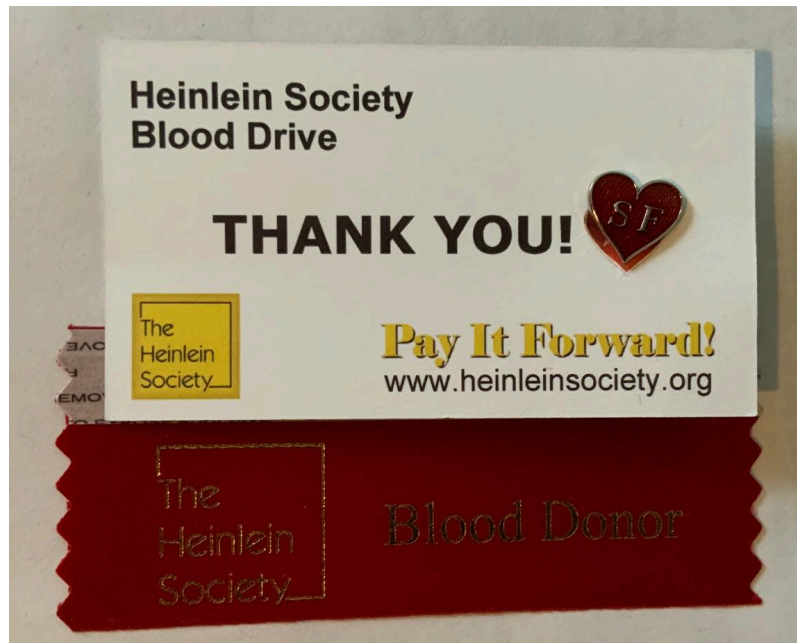
*by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair*

Virtual Con Blood Drives are up and running! Check out [The Heinlein Society Blood Drives](#) Facebook page for the latest and instructions for how to participate. You can also find instructions on the [THS Blood Drives](#) page.

A new member who donates blood regularly but doesn't attend conventions asked us to open up recognition for THS members who donate at non-THS blood drives or local blood centers. Thank you, Vondi Forrester, for kicking off this new recognition program! Vondi kicked off the program with a platelet donation and is the first person on our new [Donor Wall](#) (and we sent Vondi some cool THS virtual con donor swag, too!).

Members who donate locally and want to participate in our THS Member Virtual Blood Drive will get the SF pin (and other swag) and will also be recognized on our Donor Wall. During your next donation take a selfie (Vulcan salute optional!), or after donation take a selfie with your "I Gave Blood Today" sticker. Email the selfie to [BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org) with your name and a

USPS mailing address. If you prefer to remain anonymous and don't want your selfie on the [Donor Wall](#), please put ANON in the subject line.



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

**This fiscal year, we've made 257 shipments already, totaling 3,343 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 27,197 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/](http://heinleinsociety.org/h4h/) for information!

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Thank you so much for the  
books! I love the comic books  
and they have been greatly  
shared!

Thank  
you  
Hawkins C! ♥

Feb 19, 2020

John,

We'd like to thank you for your kind donation. As soon as we opened the package, we were already trying to decide what to read first.

The guys in the picture with me are my direct Marines. We're all electronics technicians. Nerds, essentially. There are about 60 of us in the entire platoon though.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and again, thank you so much. It really means a lot to us.

Take care,

Sgt Retherfael, Kimber







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