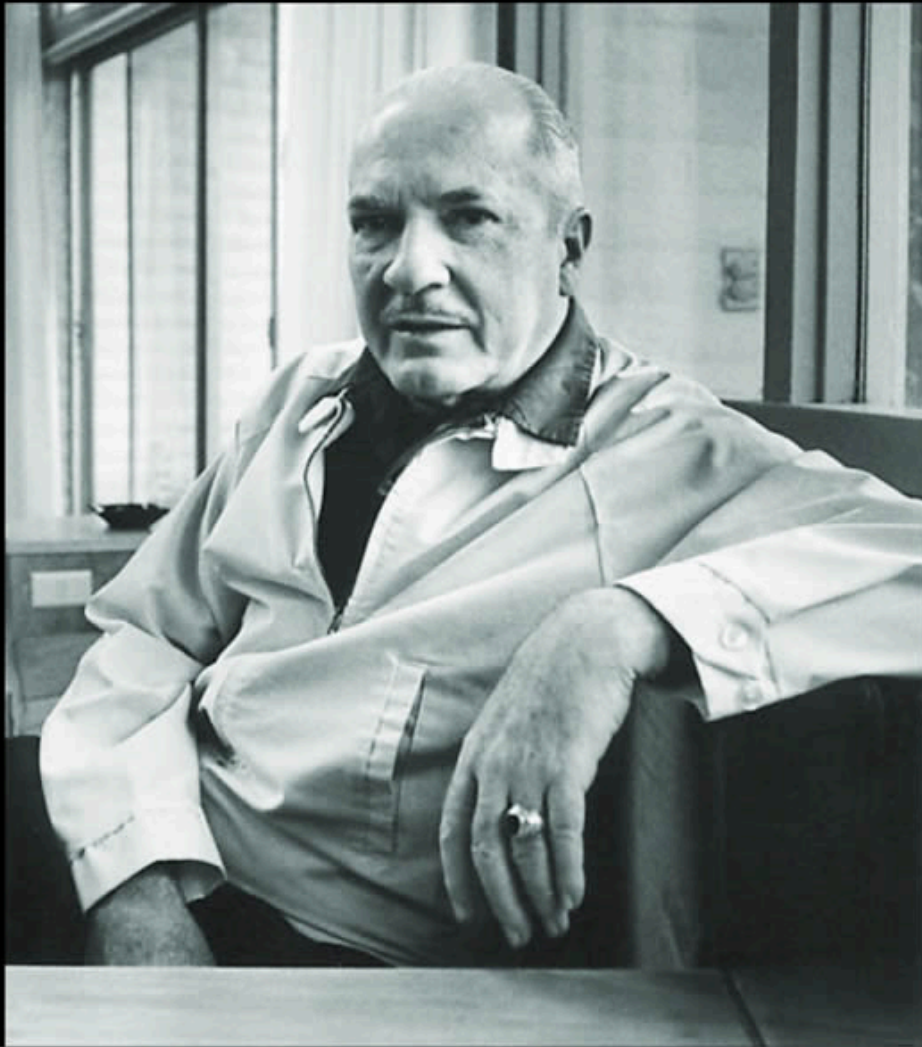


July 2021

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



*Happy 114th Birthday
Robert A. Heinlein - Born 7/7/1907*



The Heinlein Society on Social Media

For several years THS has maintained a presence on Facebook and Twitter, but recently we have upped the

ante. Last April we started expanding our presence on Facebook by posting daily Heinlein quotes and sharing them with other Heinlein and SF related sites. This showed us a positive return and our followers began to grow. Beginning around December of last year we decided to expand again by posting SF/F related humor, posts about reading, libraries and book stores, science articles, and of course Heinlein quotes along with anything about cats, redheads, etcetera. Our growth has been phenomenal! We went from roughly 2,500 followers to over 40,000 followers in fourteen months. Our posts have reached over 40M people in the past thirty days. More importantly, we discovered many new Heinlein fans that have decided to join our mission to “Pay It Forward”! Welcome to all our new members and an additional thank you to all our faithful long-term members!

Click the icon(s) for your social media of choice below to follow us!



Hello Heinlein Society members. Are you experienced with Facebook? Have you been a page or group admin? Are you able to be politically neutral? Can you deal with a diverse group of people and remain polite? If you fit the bill, we need your help! Please contact Ken Walters at ken@heinleinsociety.org.

Important Announcements

Annual Membership Meeting Announcement

As required by Article IV, Section 1, of the Bylaws of The Heinlein Society (PDF file at <http://www.heinleinsociety.org/bylaws/>), the Annual Meeting of the General Membership of The Heinlein Society will convene on Sunday, 12 September 2021, beginning at 1:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time. If you are in a different time zone, you are encouraged to make use of the “World Clock” internet sites to double-check (including the use of Daylight Savings Time) the start time in your area. You will receive further communications from us before September 12th with the details how to attend online. The email distribution and website posting of this Notice satisfy the requirement of timely notification in Article IV, Section 4.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ John Tilden

President, The Heinlein Society

Voting Opens August

As required by Article VI, Section 2, of the Bylaws of The Heinlein Society (<http://www.heinleinsociety.org/bylaws/>), and ratified by the Board of Directors on 14 April 2014, electronic voting of the General Membership of The Heinlein Society for the Board of Directors will be done using the [simplyvoting.com](https://www.simplyvoting.com) website. The poll will open on Sunday, 8 Aug 2021, at Midnight Pacific Daylight Time and close on Sunday 22 Aug 2021 at 1159 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

Voting instructions will be sent to the General Membership with specific instruction to the website, passwords and other general instructions, before the ballot opens.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/Betsey Wilcox

Chair, Nominations Committee

The Heinlein Society

Nominations for THS Board of Directors

The nominating period for Board members for the 2021 election will begin 11 July 2021 and close 25 July 2021. The Board has three (3) seats up for election with three sitting Board members, Herb Gilliland, Betsey Wilcox and Mike Sheffield agreeing to be nominated for re-election.

You may nominate any THS member in good standing or nominate yourself to fill any of these seats on the Board. The Nominating Committee will verify membership status and willingness to serve with each nominee. Because I am on this ballot this year, Will Hamilton will oversee the formal voting processes to prevent any conflict of interest.

Please watch your email for the official announcement soliciting nominations.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Betsey Wilcox

Chair, Nominating Committee

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Heinlein Journal Needs YOU!

The Heinlein Journal is seeking authors!

Do you have a neat Heinlein-related idea you thought you might write up in an academic manner some day? As a wise person once advised, put the seat of your pants in the chair in front of your keyboard and start! (If you have some doubts about it, you can query first and we'll talk about it! If you are unsure about the format, do not worry; we can clear that up too.)

Reach out to:

Herb Gilliland, Editor, The Heinlein Journal

editor@heinleinsociety.org



Congratulations Scholarship Winners!

Surprisingly (despite the pandemic) we received even more applications than last year, setting a new record of 383! This impressive total included a record 23 international applicants. The international applicants hailed from eleven countries: Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Germany, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia and Nigeria. There were many very fine essays, and it was particularly difficult to select only three from among our ten finalists.

Without further ado, allow me to present our Scholarship Winners::

Alexandra Ouimet - This year's winner of the Dr. Jerry Pournelle Scholarship, Alexandra is majoring in Marine Science at the University of Maine, entering her junior year in the fall. She took a couple of years off between high school and college to do volunteer work with Americorps NCCC and Utah Conservation Corps, among others. During one of her volunteer stints in Hawaii she became a certified scuba diver.

LeAnn Rhodes - LeAnn is the Dr. Yoji Kondo Scholarship winner. LeAnn will be attending Virginia Tech as a junior in the fall, majoring in Industrial and Systems Engineering. Having previously pursued a path in Political Science, she discovered that Engineering suited her better and changed her career path, though she plans to apply her knowledge and experience in the law to her new vocation.

Mandisa Keswa - Mandisa wins this year's Virginia Heinlein Scholarship - the "Ginny." Mandisa is entering her senior year at Pomona College, majoring in Neuroscience. Her family is originally from South Africa, and her life experience has helped her to develop a keen interest in health policy and providing better access to underserved communities. She has participated in genetic engineering and hippocampal research projects and plans to continue doing research after obtaining her degree.

Our other top ten finalists are:

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

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.



After some serious COVID-19 delays, our last year's Virginia Edition winner, Dr. John Howells, finally received his VE. I'm sure part of the issue was international shipping since Dr. Howells lives in the United Kingdom. Congrats to Dr. Howells!

We will be giving away another VE to a lucky Heinlein Society member in September. Will you be next? Learn more about the rules at: <https://www.heinleinsociety.org/.../were-giving-away.../>



2022 Chicago Worldcon Reminder

By Keith G. Kato

For those of you contemplating attending the 80th Worldcon in Chicago (i.e. "Chicon 8"), 1-5 September 2022, we remind you that their Attending membership rates of \$170 (\$110 for "First Worldcon" attendees) will increase after 31 July 2021. The "First Worldcon" rate is for those physically attending a Worldcon for the very first time (attending CoNZealand in 2020 or DisCon III in 2021 virtually does not "count") and is quite a deal! The Chicon committee also offers extended payments over time as well. For further information, see [Memberships - Chicon 8](#).

Blood Drive Update

by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair

Your favorite Conventions are going live this Summer!!!! Those with Heinlein Society blood drives will be expecting your donation again. Please sign up early so the coordinators can plan for enough resources to accommodate all of you.

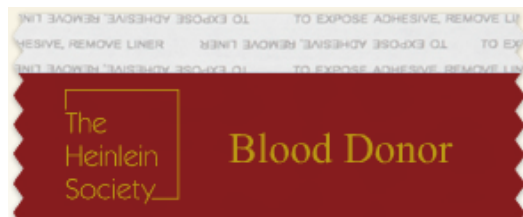
We have two new coordinators in training! Many thanks to Nicole Wiese and John Fockler for choosing to Pay it Forward as drive coordinators. Say hello to Nicole at a con in Phoenix, and John at MarCon in Ohio.

If your favorite Con does not have a blood drive please contact BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org for help in setting one up. Coordinating a drive is easy, the Blood Center does most of the work. It mainly involves networking at the Con to encourage donations. With a few friends to help at the sign up table you will have plenty of time to enjoy the Con.

We are encouraging frequent THS donors to inspire others to Pay It Forward with a blood donation by publishing a profile on the [Heinlein Society Blood Drives Facebook Page](#). Or just send a profile and a donation selfie to BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org for posting.

THS Donors will be recognized with an SF pinned Thank You card and ribbon on the [Donor Wall](#). Send a donor selfie and USPS address to BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org for recognition swag. You can credit a Con (or not) and any THS member is eligible! Help us beef up the wall! First time donors will be featured.

HELP WANTED! A Facebook user to engage with new likes on the Blood Drive Page to get them more involved with the Society and Paying It Forward through donating and recruiting donors. Email BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org to learn more!



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



Finding yourself shopping online more this year? Help us Pay It Forward by shopping at smile.amazon.com. Designate The Heinlein Society as your [recipient organization](#) and we will get a donation for each purchase, cost-free to you. Last year, THS received \$196.00 in donations through Amazon Smile!

What I am Reading 3.0

First let me apologize for falling off the face of this planet for the past six months. Life on Earth was a little rough and I had to take a break, but I am back but in a different city. I miss my friends in San Antonio but am working hard to make a new life surrounded by water where I spent the first 30 years of my life. I have retired for a second time and am looking forward to doing what I want, when I want and reading more because I can. I am still unpacking, but my Virginia Edition is unpacked & in a bookcase. With that, let me also thank the generous volunteers who contributed articles in my absence.

Some of these are going to look familiar. Three of the four writers I have covered before which means I liked their previous stuff.

Faith Hunter- "Junkyard Bargain: Shining Smith, Book 2" Audible Original

"Junkyard Bargain" is the second book in the "Shining Smith" series and is still most definitely science fiction and includes the unusual cats, self-repairing and self-replicating nanobots, warbots, motorcycle gangs, and enhanced humans. I again got soul sucked into this world, which is post-apocalyptic but not yet dystopian. The complexity of this universe keeps me interested and I again give this giant thumbs up!

Andy Weir- "Project Hail Mary" Signed Hardcover

This is the third novel by Andy Weir and is a fascinating look at multiple "first contacts". I enjoyed it as much if not more than The Martian. I got so involved in the "away teams" problems and problem-solving solutions that I did not want that part of the story to end. All in all, it was a satisfying read and one that I will probably read again just for the satisfaction.

Dean Koontz- "The Other Emily" Audible

Yep, another Dean Koontz novel. This one took me a while to get into as I could not decide if this was a horror novel or science fiction novel. Turns out it was a little of both. The "A" story is about love, betrayal, loss and redemption. The "B" story is the creepy story of a serial killer with the how and why he killed. How the two stories intertwine is what makes this a good book. I can give this book a thumbs up also!

Lois McMaster Bujold - "The Assassins of Thasalon" (Penric & Desdemona) Kindle

This is the tenth novella in this wonderful series set in Lois McMaster Bujold's World of the Five Gods. This is an on the road story with Des & Penric. It was fun and welcoming, and I just

never know what or where I am going to get or where I will be when I visit with Penric & Des. This story starts with an unusual assassination attempt on a character from one of Penric's earlier stories. It continues with a kidnapped child, demon assassins, a lazy Saint and a serious mission directly from the white God. There are the usual twists and turns and some happy endings. I cannot say enough good things about my visits to the World of the Five Gods. This too I hope will be forthcoming from Subterranean Press in a limited edition.

Betsey Wilcox

This fiscal year, we've made 269 shipments already, totaling 3,977 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 32,807 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.

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You can send us books at:
Heinlein for Heroes
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Bellingham, WA 98229

Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information!

It's not an easy topic, but if you are an SF fan and you don't know who in your family would appreciate or understand the value of a signed book or significant collection when you are gone--the Heinlein Society will be here.

As a U.S. 501(c)3 charitable organization your estate could realize tax savings...plus your items or money will go to a cause you cared about in your lifetime as a member. If you are interested to know more about this topic, check out <https://www.heinleinsociety.org/planned-giving/>.

H4H Thank Yous



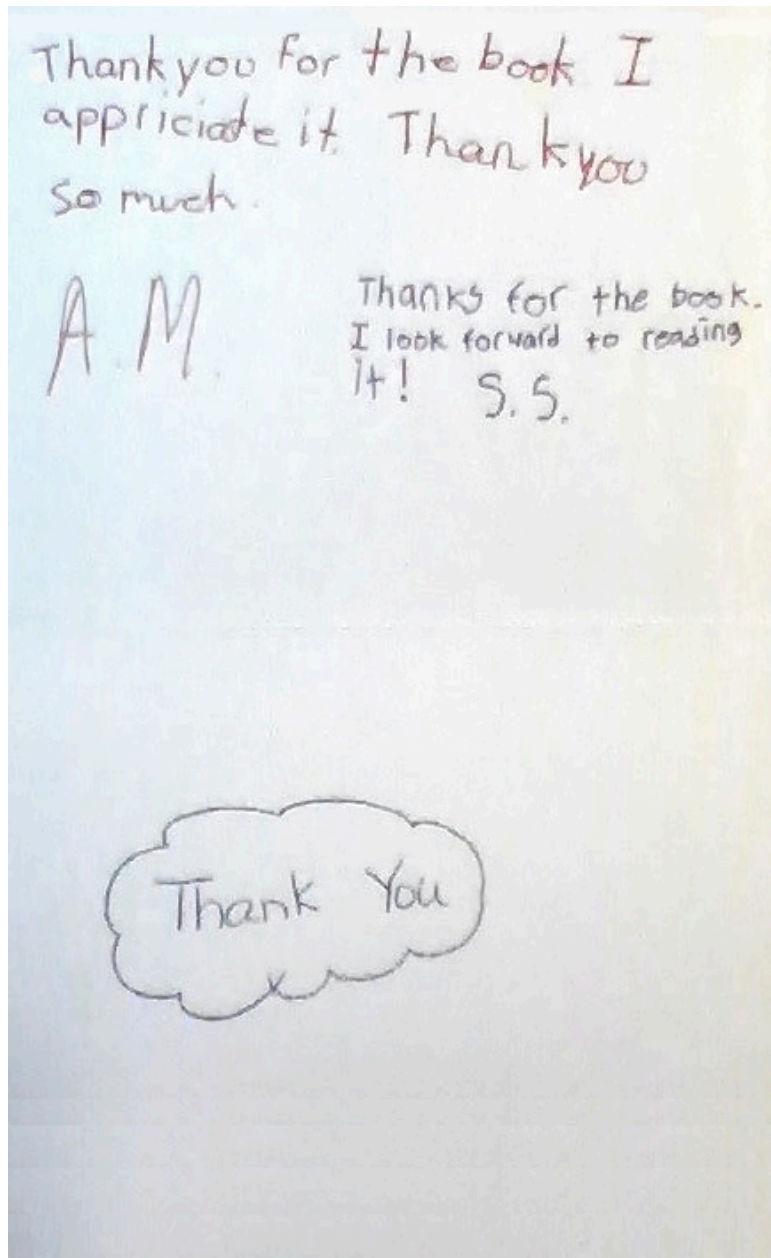
Many, many heartfelt thanks to John Goodwin, president of Galaxy Press, for his incredibly generous donation of two pallets (Two! Pallets!) of science fiction. This is the largest donation received by H4H to date. We're so grateful for the gift and can't wait to Pay It Forward!

(John Seltzer, H4H Chair, pictured above with both pallets)

This was signed with initials from two of the three 5th grade recipients identified by their teacher as precocious future scientists or engineers. Both were for the "Have Spacesuit Will Travel" (HSWT) books sent to San Antonio elementary school (one of the two Albuquerque Public School STEM magnet schools I contacted). The third book went to a 5th grade teacher at the other STEM magnet school (Inez Elementary) who also identified a student; I got a thank you for that one from the teacher.

I note that there were only about a month of in-person classes before the end of the school year, so these were for their summer reading. HSWT was, for me, a terrific inspiration—not only reinforcing my proclivity for “running the numbers” on problems (e.g., Cliff taking time out while being taken to Pluto to figure out how long it would take to get there at one gee, and how fast they’d be going when they started to decelerate), but also getting me started—at age 10 or 11-- thinking and talking about going to MIT, which I ended up doing at age 17. I was a science nerd in those days—this is paying it forward to the other science nerds that will contribute to our future.

Joel S. Davis, THS Board of Directors





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