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# THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

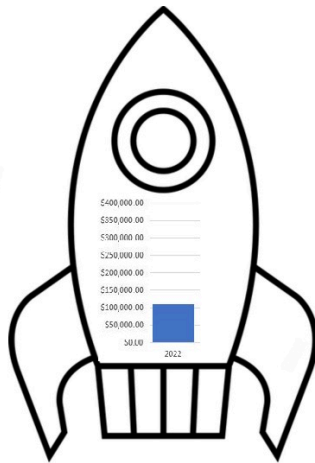


As we close out the year, we're grateful for all the places you, as members, have taken us - and are looking forward to all the places we've yet to go!

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Not so fast! The New Year isn't here yet, so there's plenty of time to look back at one of the Heinleins' more memorable Christmases - in fact, Robert and Ginny's first together! [Travel with me back to 1947 to hear more.](#)

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The Society is proud to kick off our scholarship fund drive to our membership! We are pleased to announce we have already raised \$110,000 through initial fundraising efforts towards our ultimate goal of self-propagating scholarships each year. We still need membership support, and we have some nice donation premiums with a Heinlein connection for donations with this drive. Read more about it on our website

(<https://www.heinleinsociety.org/announcing-our-scholarship-fund-drive/>) and if you have any questions, contact [chairman@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:chairman@heinleinsociety.org).

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## What I am Reading 10.0

By Betsey Wilcox

I am starting this with two Heinlein related books that I stumbled across. Then some books to fill in gaps of my reading knowledge.

**Robert A. Heinlein – *The Notebooks of Lazarus Long* reprint 2004 Baen**

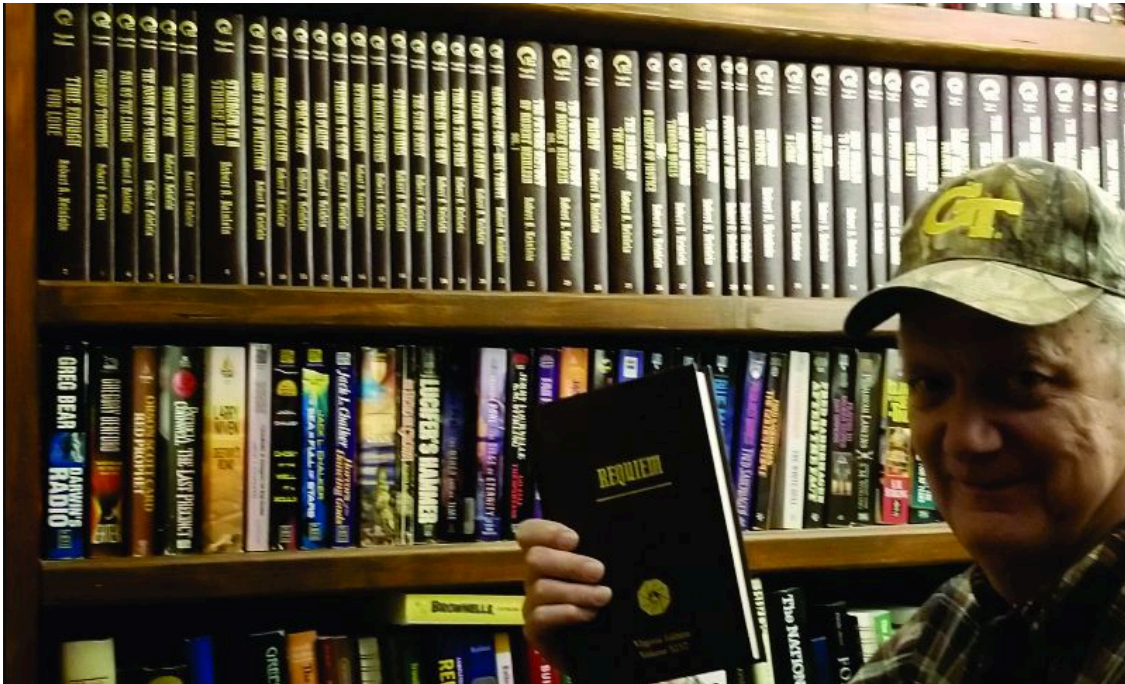
Yes, if you missed the 1973, beautifully illuminated “Notebooks” then this is your chance to at least own a copy with all of the aphorisms from “Time Enough for Love”. [Read the full reviews here!](#)

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## Social Media Moderators Wanted!

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](mailto:ken@heinleinsociety.org).



This years winner of the Virginia Edition, Frank Jenkins, unpacks his new VE. Congratulations to Frank!

We will be giving away another VE next September. Will you be next? For rules of the drawing go to

<https://www.heinleinsociety.org/were-giving-away-another-virginia-edition/>

## **The Heinlein Journal Needs YOU!**

The Heinlein Journal is seeking authors.

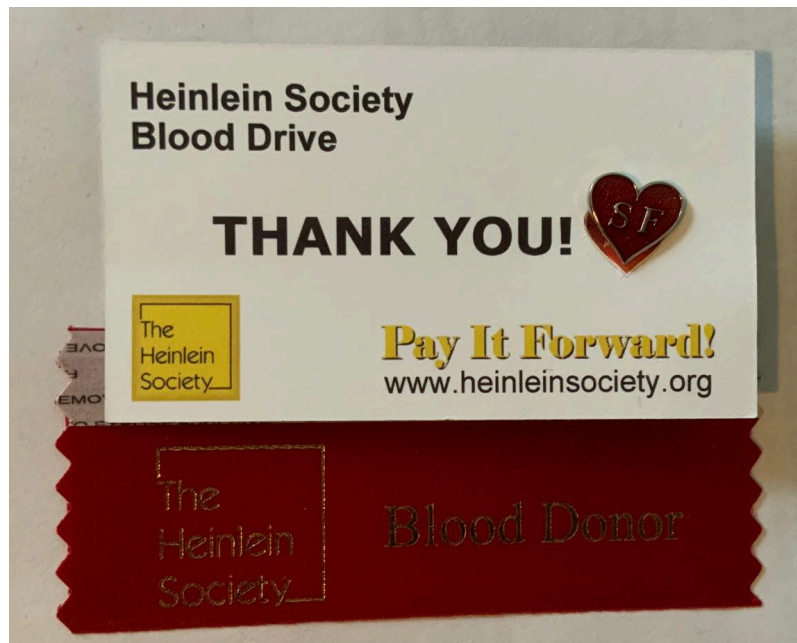
Do you have a neat Heinlein-related idea you thought you might write up in an academic manner some day? As a wise person once advised, put the seat of your pants in the chair in front of your keyboard and start! (If you have some doubts about it, you can query first and we'll talk about it! If you are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

Reach out to:

Herb Gilliland, Editor, The Heinlein Journal

## Blood Drive Update

*by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair*



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](mailto:BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org) for posting.

THS Donors will be recognized with an SF pin, Thank You card, and ribbons and a donation selfie on the [Donor Wall](#). Send a donor selfie and USPS address to [BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org](mailto: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.

Most of the month has been spent planning and preparing for the first Heinlein Society Library Blood Drive. The Library is excited about it and will have a feature table in the library with Heinlein and other Science Fiction authors. Target date is Jan 19th. Stay tuned!

Since The Heinlein Society started Paying it Forward with convention blood drives we have documented 49,266 donations and at least 50,913 units of life saving blood. Since each unit is separated into several components given to different patients, each unit of blood can potentially save three lives.



Watch this space for a new way for any member of the society to save lives in their own home town. We are piloting a Library Blood Drive program where a member can, with the help of their local blood center and a few friends, coordinate a blood drive at a local library. As you know, we are all readers and probably got started at a library. You can now Pay it Forward at your favorite library with a Heinlein Society blood drive with pins, ribbons, and other swag. Contact [BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org) for more information.

Until next month,

Carlin Black

Blood Drive Chair

**This fiscal year, we've made 78 shipments already, totaling 39,586 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 38,555 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 especially to the following donors! Your support helps us put a welcome escape in the hands of active military, veterans, and military families.

**Baltimore Science Fiction Society**

**Rob Evon**

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Thank you for helping us Pay It Forward.

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**Here are some of the thank-you notes we've received since the last newsletter.**

**From:** TRAVIS FISHER HOUSE

Hello,

We have been receiving your shipment of books.

Thank you so much for the continued support to our organization. The guests that come here love having so many choices and enjoy picking out new books each time.

We do offer books to the active duty and reservists members that come volunteer here since we get so many. We will continue to spread the word about your wonderful organization.

Thank you again for support and making sure we are never in need of a good read.

Sincerely,

Travis Fisher House Team

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**From:** STRATTON BRIDGIT AMC HSC5

**Subject:** Book

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!! We really appreciate all the books! They are plenty for us to go around and donate some to the library! Again, thank you for having this program and allowing us to stay in books that do not have to deal with maintenance! Everyone in the shop (and shops around me) are happy to have received so many!

Thank you for having this program and thinking of us!

Very Respectfully,  
AMC Stratton, Bridgit

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To Whom It May Concern,

My Marines and I have received your package of books and would like to extend our deepest appreciation. Morale was lifted and there were smiles on the face of my Marines that are avid readers. The generous donation you have gifted us has a last impact on how we conduct and accomplish our mission on a level that can scarcely be put into words. From all of us out here in Djibouti, Africa, we thank you. I hope this finds you well. Have a great day and Semper Fidelis.

Respectfully,

GySgt Shipkowski, Anthony J.

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Good Morning, Hoping this email finds you all in good spirits!(sp)

Just wanted to send everyone apart of your team and HUGE Thank You! Everyone loves the books. We have received three boxes thus far. We really appreciate everything that you do for us in making our day to day a little less stressful with the ability to get lost in a book or two! Again thank you all so much. =)

Very Respectfully,

OS1(EXW/SW/AW) Edwards, Monet

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Getting ahead or catching up on your holiday shopping? Help us Pay It Forward by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://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!

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/>.

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Questions about your membership or automatic renewal? Please contact Ken Walters at [membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org](mailto:membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org).

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