

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY



The Heinlein Society Invites Members To
A Dinner in Honor of John Scalzi
The 2023 Heinlein Award Winner
At Balticon 57



SATURDAY, 27 May 2023 at 6:30pm

Blackwall Hitch Baltimore
700 E Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21202

3 Course meal with choice of 4 Entrees, non-alcoholic drinks*, tip, tax and surcharge, private room \$90.00 per person

Attendance Limited to 20 guests with payment by 16 May 2023

Menu choices to be posted in April

*Alcoholic beverages are available on a separate per person check

RSVP to

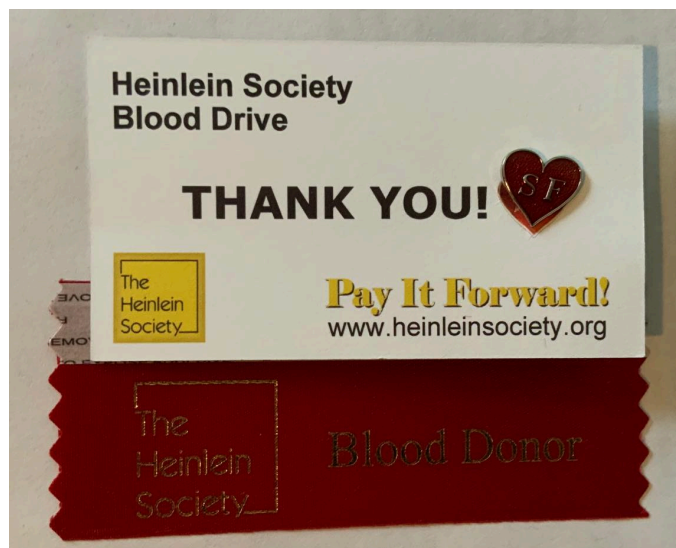
RSVP@heinleinsociety.org

Once RSVP is accepted, an invoice will be sent to you via PayPal and prepayment must be made as soon as possible. You can pay invoice by credit or debit cards, PayPal, or PayPal Credit. Please indicate food allergies, or other dietary restrictions on return invoice or by email to secretary

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/>.

Blood Drive Update

by Carlin Black, Blood Drive Chair



Significant changes in Blood Donor eligibility in effect or in progress!!!

Veterans who served in Europe are now able to donate.

Men who have had sex with other men will soon have non-gender related rules.

All people are now able to donate subject only to medically related rules.

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 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 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.

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 for more information.

Until next month,

Carlin Black

Blood Drive Chair

Thank You from Wondercon

Our thanks and congratulations to you and to all in the Robert A. Heinlein Society for so faithfully presenting the

blood drive at Wondercon. This year's blood drives were successful in that the goal was exceeded all three days.

We can imagine how much it can grow from here in future years!

More importantly, 129 units were collected, a substantial example of the "Pay It Forward" outlook that was so important to Heinlein. At least that many patients may be impacted by these donations. Also, one-third of the donations came from first-time donors! This bodes well, not only for your blood drives in coming years, but for extending the effects of your efforts far into the future.

Thank you as well for providing the shirts and brownies and for arranging the show badges for our staff to use on their breaks.

Please see the attached summary for sharing in the society and beyond.

We are so glad to have this lifesaving partnership with you and we look forward to our future opportunities to support your blood drives.

Craig A. Repp

Account Manager

American Red Cross Blood Services

This fiscal year, we've made 190 shipments already, totaling 3,773 books distributed. Since the program's inception, we've sent 41,783 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

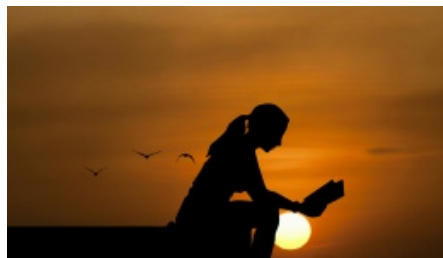
Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information!



Here's Heinlein Society member and member of Denver Hudgens VFW Post 5409 Auxiliary John Bean (on left) presenting 6 copies of 'Starship Troopers' to Post Commander Shane Draper, an Afghanistan War veteran, Wed.

Nov. 4th. Included in each book was info on H4H. Member Bean briefly and enthusiastically discussed Mr.

Heinlein's military and science fiction career with the joint Auxiliary/Post meeting held before the regular meetings of each org. Commander Draper has seen the movie and heard how good the book is from military friends and is looking forward to reading it.



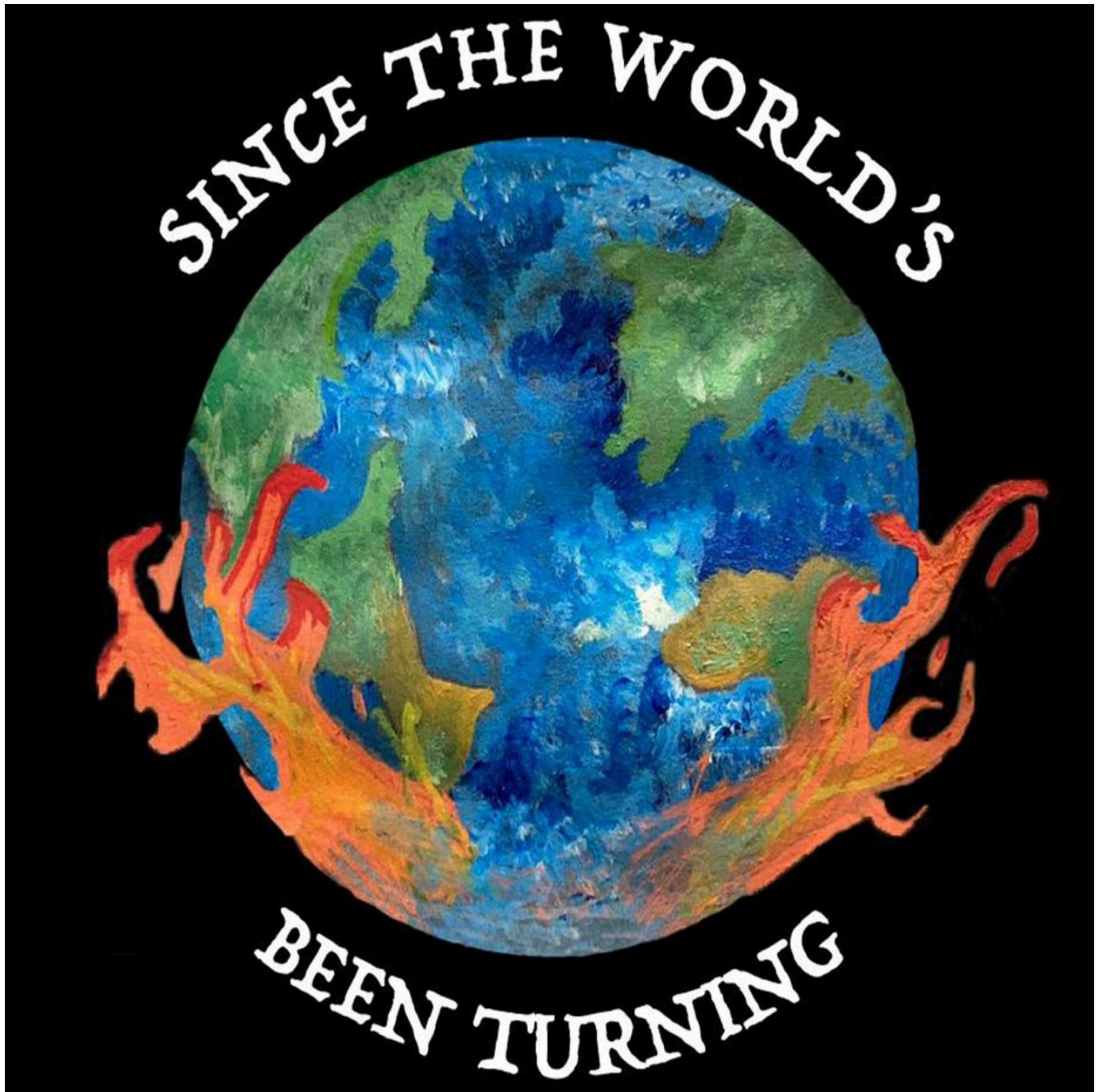
What I am Reading 12.0 by Betsey Wilcox

Heads up: The next **"The Thursday Murder Club"** book from Richard Osman, and **"Starter Villain"** by John Scalzi, are scheduled for publication Sep 19, 2023.

John Scalzi - "The Android's Dream"; Narrated by Wil Wheaton, Audible, HC, PB, Kindle

Yes, I have read this before, but I didn't have a clear memory of what the book was about...

[Read the full reviews here!](#)



THS VP ON HEINLEIN RELATED PODCAST

Society Vice President Ken Walters was recently featured on episode 81 of *Since The World's Been Turning*. The podcast that discusses the points mentioned in Billy Joel's song, We Didn't Start The Fire. While the topic of discussion was nominally the book *Stranger in a Strange Land*, the podcast touches on most of Heinlein's biography.

[Read the full article here!](#)



Questions about your membership or automatic renewal? Please contact Ken Walters at membershiprenewal@heinleinsociety.org.



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.

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:

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