

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

October 2024 Newsletter



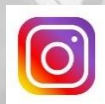
Cover: THS President Ken Walters believes the photo come from a hunting trip Heinlein took with his agent, Luther Blassingame, in 1952. Heinlein did not hunt, but Blassingame took advantage of his trip out west from NYC. The trip is documented in Bill Patterson’s two-volume Heinlein bio.

Editor: Jim Dutton

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Letter from the Editor

As the August newsletter went out a few days early, this October issue comes a few days late, and I apologize. Very busy times early this month for both business and my writing.

The biggest news between issues was the Society's Annual Meeting. We had three Board positions open for election, and the three Board members holding those spots were the only candidates for the election. Thus they achieved re-election. At the immediately following Board meeting, each of your Board members agreed to continue in their previous roles, and the motion passed by acclamation.

The video of the Annual Meeting is [HERE](#).

Former THS President hosted his last Worldcon Chili party in August at the Scotland Worldcon. Despite some hiccups with organizing it along the way, everything came off smoothly in the end. Keith emphasized that although it was his last officially hosted chili party, the party will go on. It has been co-sponsored by The Bradbury Center, and they will continue the tradition.

Following, we have some nice reports and the announcement of the VE winner at the Annual Meeting. 😊

Jim Dutton – October 10, 2024

Worldcon 2024

From Keith Kato:

The consensus seems to be that our party was very lively and enjoyable by attendees. The word apparently got out fast this was my last one, so people kept coming up to the Table asking for invitations, and hardly anyone left the party early. There was an especially raucous group of Polish fans, many of whom were at the 2017 Helsinki Worldcon. Those in attendance might remember the Poles and their infamous visit to the sauna during the party; the ringleader of that sauna expedition was at Glasgow and outed herself.

Jason Aukerman publicly committed at the party, and subsequently in a Bradbury Center communique, that the Bradbury Center will take the lead in sponsoring chili parties in the future, co-hosting with THS. I don't think Jason quite understands how much work this involves (even with two minions/grad students tagging along), separate from any Table, Programming, or con activities. For 2025 he plans to do what he did in Chicago 2022, i.e. cook at home, freeze everything, and ***drive*** from Indianapolis to Seattle.

One other aspect from Glasgow. Many of you might remember Arwen Grune from Amsterdam, who was THS's Social Media person for a while. Arwen and her sister Ilana Galadriel now have a YouTube channel called "Two People's Opinions" where they largely do reactions to older movies. The most recent posting is here ([Shitty book, great movie or excellent book, crappy film? A Starship Troopers \(1959-2017\) review](#)) where Arwen talks about Starship Troopers at the post-Glasgow Eurocon in Rotterdam. What makes this interesting is many of you recall our Zoom "Dead Dog Party" in 2020 during the virtual New Zealand Worldcon. Arwen has volunteered to tackle taking the original video file, cutting it up, adding disclaimers, title cards, ***and requests for funding***, to get these talks up on YouTube.

What are Members Up To?

Life Member Austin Mardon reports:

“Hi, this life member and Canadian veteran just received the NASA DEIA medal.”



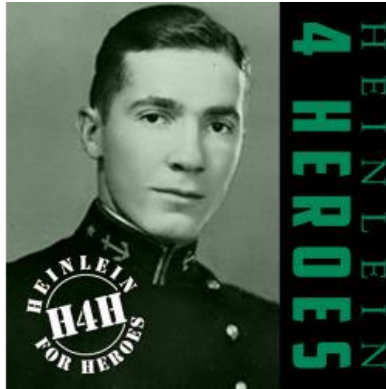
Hearty congratulation from all of us in the Society!

Send any Newsletter contributions to:

[News for the Heinlein Society Newsletter](#)

Heinlein for Heroes

Society Board member John Seltzer is the long-time face and muscle behind the H4H program. Board member Beatrice Kondo has recently joined the program.



August 2024 Report

<u>H4H Report for AUGUST 2024</u>	
<u>Donations</u>	
Betsy	\$50.00/monthly
<u>Books Donated in AUGUST</u>	
CD Kennedy	10 RAH +3 SF
Kenneth Sadeckas	16-RAH + 4-SF
Can't read name	11-RAH
<u>Books purchased in AUGUST</u>	
Seltzer – eBay	183-RAH-SF
Kondo - eBay	65-RAH-SF
<u>Shipped in AUGUST</u>	
33 boxes	700 books
<u>H4H activity for Fiscal Year 2024 (12 months)</u>	
390 boxes	7,529 books
<u>H4H Program Total Since Inception</u>	51,946 books

September 2024 Report

<u>H4H Report SEPTEMBER 2024</u>	
<u>Donations</u>	
Betsy JH Seltzer	\$50.00/monthly \$20.00/monthly
<u>Books Donated in SEPTEMBER</u>	
Dan Miller-Half-Price books Andrew Russell T A Chafin	225-SF 19-RAH - 31-SF 58 RAH
<u>Books purchased in SEPTEMBER</u>	
<u>Shipped in SEPTEMBER</u>	
35 boxes	715 books
<u>H4H activity for Fiscal Year 2025 (1 months)</u>	
35 boxes	715 books
<u>H4H Program Total Since Inception</u>	52,661 books

John's Assembly line for shipping H4H



Member News

New Life Members

As mentioned in my letter above, we have a new Lifetime Member to welcome. I welcome myself, Robert Maxwell, Jennifer Roberts, Asbury Troy, and Alix Militello to the Lifetime Member ranks!

Virginia Edition Drawing



This year's Virginia Edition Drawing winner is Sean Keogh, who reports:

“Well, I've finally managed to make room and the set is now on a shelf. It only just fits, with about a quarter of an inch to spare. I haven't taken the shrink-wrap off yet,

but will do once I finish moving things around. Here's a photo I just took, best I can do, as I am on my own here, holding the camera at arm's length.

Once again many thanks for giving me the honour of owning one of these fabulous collections.”

Congratulations, Sean!

Other Recent New Full Members

Welcome to the Society and thanks for your support!

Paul Raymond
Kevin McGillicuddy
Donald Soper
Richard Pearson
John Capasso Sr.
Troy Giersdorf
John Duff
Cory Hambley
Michael Lucas
Brad Gaylord
Theodore Kaufmann
Neil Simpson
Ted Vail
John Miller
James Sloan
Victoria Sandvig
Anthony Vickers
Gunther Carrle
Carl Piacitelli
Douglas Crawford
Roberto Orellana
Mark Version
Terry Mancour
Ron Keedy
John Rumpelein
Rich Blondin

Current Members

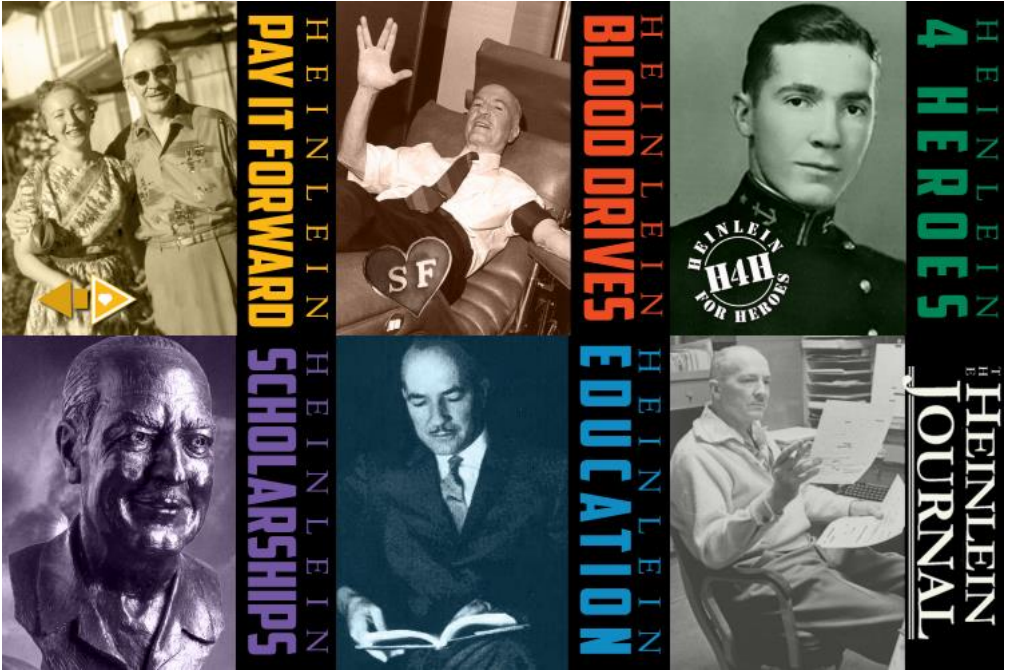
When your renewal comes up, [please renew!](#) The Heinlein Society does a lot of great work, and we need your support. Your annual membership supports blood drives and scholarships! Plus get **The Heinlein Journal** and a drawing for a free [Virginia Edition!](#)

David Sallume
Alice Duff
Alan Briley
Aaron Mclean
Charles Peterka
Kim Schoeffel
Lance Barron
Oral Caglar
David Shows
Anne Haumlkinen
Darrell Grizzle
Michael Clark
Paul Jopkins

Editor's Note: Our accounting systems sometimes show previous members as new orders if there was a gap in membership. So if you were already a member before and I have on you this list, I'm happy to type your name anyway!

What the Heinlein Society Does

Click the image to Join or Renew!!



And folks, membership in this great organization is slipping month by month. Please consider renewing your membership, getting your name in the Virginia Edition Drawing, and supporting all the initiatives above.

Heinlein Society Blood Drives

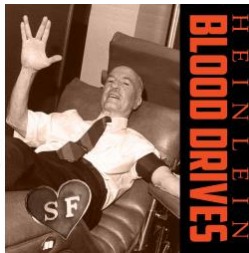
Blood Drive Chair report for fiscal 2024

In Fiscal Year 2024, THS Blood Drives collected 4669 units, at the end of this year, we've collected 56,713 units since the first THS drive in November 2000.

Joe Smiddie-Brush



If you know anyone who might be interested in coordinating a blood drive, have them contact BloodDriveChair@heinleinsociety.org.



We will do all the work with the Blood Center to make it happen.

And we have a [Donor Wall](#) page online.

The Heinlein Journal

THE HEINLEIN JOURNAL

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!

And if you have some ideas for the types of articles you'd like to see in the Journal, let us know! We'll try to fulfill some wish lists!

Reach out to:

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From the Archives – October 2003

'In the absence of The Senior'

Patterson retires as THS chairman to work on Heinlein biography

By BILL PATTERSON

The Heinlein Society has been a major part of my life for the last six years.

It was quite an effort to get the Society off the ground, even with the enthusiastic endorsement of the people who showed up for the formation meeting. We weren't quite lucky enough to parallel Heinlein's first guest of honor appearance fifty-six years earlier — the Sunday of Westercon that year was July 6, 1997, so we made do, one day off. It was frustrating — just more work than I could handle by myself.

Ginny Heinlein recruited our first secretary, Laurie A. MacDonald, to help with the work, and somehow, the three of us working together, the Society took off. Ginny also recruited her friend and longtime intellectual property lawyer, Art Dula, to handle our incorporation as a tax-exempt charitable and educational organization — Ginny could be very persuasive when she wanted to be!

When Laurie had done as much as she felt she was able, she resigned, and late in 1999 I asked David Silver to fill her size 6 pink pumps. David had launched the (then-AOL) Heinlein Readers' Group on almost the same day as the first organizational meeting of the Society, and he had spent years managing other charitable and educational organizations.

Under David's direction, the Society has grown pretty close to the magic number for self-sustaining size; the various technical pitfalls and organizational problems have been overcome, and we have taken a place of pride among other organizations promoting Heinlein's social legacy. I cannot pretend to be responsible for any major portion of these accomplishments: the Society as it currently exists is largely due to David's unremitting efforts, and it gratifies me to be able to turn over to his care the fruits of his own hard work. May his light, no less than his Talent of Silver, never be hid under a bushel as he takes up the Chair — "in the absence of The Senior ..."

On New Year's Day 2000, Ginny Heinlein called me — the first time we had spoken together on the telephone, though we had been conducting a brisk and voluminous correspondence by post and by internet for many months by that time. She had been a little mysterious about what it was she wanted



Bill Patterson working with Heinlein's sealed correspondence and wearing Heinlein's gardening hat.

Photo by Rita Bottoms, archivist (ret.)"

to talk about voice to voice, so I was surprised — and overwhelmed — when she asked me to write an official, formal biography of Robert Heinlein. She had reviewed and fact-checked and commented on the biographical sketch I wrote for *The Heinlein Journal* (No. 5, July 1999), and I guess she must have approved the way I worked with her comments. I visited Ginny in Florida early in February and collected the first of a series of taped interviews, then began work at the Archives at Special Collections of the University Library, University of California at Santa Cruz, in May.

The research for the library has involved reading and digesting perhaps as much as 75 million words of correspondence and secondary, historical materials over the last three years — essentially a ten year task condensed into two years. Mindful that this had to be the most complete and defensible biography possible, not a casual knock-off — but also that it was a project Ginny wanted to be able to oversee, I began the writing in August 2001, funneling each chapter to Ginny as I finished it. This method made the task extremely cumbersome, because each chapter had to

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Upcoming Cons

[This site](#) keeps track of most upcoming cons.

There are upcoming October and November cons in Lexington KY, Atlanta, Jekyll Island, Denver, Minneapolis, Tucson, Lombard IL, Dallas, and Green Bay.

Out west, you have Loscon in Los Angeles over the Thanksgiving weekend, and Anime Los Angeles in Long Beach In January.