

November 2015 Newsletter

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY

THE HEINLEIN SOCIETY OFFERS LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP


For the first time in its 15 year history, the Board of THS has authorized a "Lifetime Membership", available immediately. It will be priced at \$750, which at current annual membership rates works out (for the bookies amongst you) to a bet of 21 years and change to break even on your investment, assuming no future rate increases. Our lifetime



or yours, either way, if you accept the odds you'll never get a membership bill from us again (we will, of course, continue to pester you to support special projects like Heinlein For Heroes, Blood Drives, and whatnot). This is an entirely voluntary program, and our annual regular members have all the same rights as anyone who becomes a Lifetime Member with the singular exception of being pestered for annual dues. To, maybe, make the increase a bit more palatable, the Board also approved allowing anyone who wants to add years to their current membership at the current \$35 annual rate may do so until 3/31/2016. In other words, if you want to run out to Paypal right now and send us, say, \$175 for the next five years @ \$35/year, we will accept that until 3/31/2016 and credit your membership extension at the current rate. (Hint: Sending more than \$750 in annual pre-pays is probably not your best use of your money; but that's on you, cobber.) [MORE INFO HERE >>](#)

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3000+ Books Sent

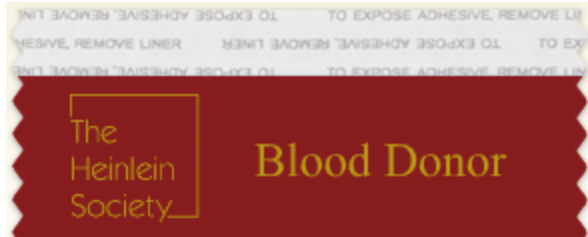
The Heinlein For Heroes program has passed 3000 books sent to troops, veterans, and military families.

Contributions keep coming in, and your help is still needed.

Go to heinleinsociety.org/h4h/ for information on how you can help.

THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE

To all members who attend anime, comic, gaming, s-f (science fiction), or sort of related conventions (we did well at a Steampunk festival): If your convention does NOT have a blood drive on its 2016 website and you would like to help THS sponsor one please contact blooddrivechair@heinleinsociety.org to organize it with the con and a local blood center. We do all the hard preliminary work!



All you will need to do is set up a recruiting table and organize other convention goers to help greet their friends at the table and ask for donations and/or recruiting by putting flyers in their booths or on their tables. I even have a scheduling tool for your friends to use to sign up to help. I will try and usually succeed in getting table space in a prime location at the con, and will supply pins, ribbons and thank you cards which can be used as a scheduling tool. Flyers are usually provided by the blood center, but if not THS can supply them. Three months is a decent lead time for scheduling with the blood center, but more is better!

Don't worry about numbers. Small drives get bigger and they all add up. Most of our established drives are 15 to 25 donors per day of the drive. All together the smaller drives added up to 778 donors. Add that to the huge and long established drive at Dragon Con in Atlanta (2678 donors) and THS paid forward 3456 donations which translates to well over 10,000 lives saved or improved by our Paying It Forward. (P.S. If you live in the San Francisco Bay Area I need help with tabling. I have potential drives I cannot work due to not being able to be two places at the same time.)

Thanks for any help you can give to PAY IT FORWARD on blood drives.

H4H SUCCESS STORIES



Blood Drives

Keep up with Blood Drives news at

heinleinsociety.org/pay-it-forward/blood-drives/



Our newsletter co-editor and his cannon, with which he plans to fight city hall.

Board member and H4H chair Herb Gilliland teaches English at the U.S. Naval Academy. Sometimes he teaches S-F, but more often is called upon to fill other English Department requirements, which this semester include a survey course on Western literature from Homer to Chaucer. Coming to the class early one day, he noted a midshipman immersed in a pretty fat book which was *not* a course text. Always interested in what students read voluntarily, he asked what it was. It was Frank Herbert's *Dune*, so what followed was a brief discussion of that book and its author, and S-F in general. "By the way," Herb said, gesturing at the large poster on the back wall, "one of our grads was the top SF writer of the last century, Robert Heinlein. Have you read anything by him?" The answer was no. The next class meeting, the midshipman was surprised and seemed very pleased when his professor handed him a copy of *Requiem: Collected Works* by Robert A. Heinlein, saying, "This is yours. You might like it."

The H4H program is approved for the 2016 fiscal year and shipping began in September; H4H has already delivered 958 books in 75 shipments to our military. The new all-time total is over 8,500.

One shipment to a deployed sailor went aboard a ship.

A soldier deployed in Afghanistan sent an email thanking us for the wonderful science fiction books and asking us to send a box of science fiction books to her soldier husband who is at home stateside. Naturally, we sent him books too.

Do you have extra books that you can send us? Please ship them to: Heinlein 4 Heroes, c/o John Seltzer, 2906 Alvarado Dr, Bellingham, WA, 98229. We take cash donations too via this website. Please look on the home page for PayPal buttons.

[WE HAVE MORE THANK YOU LETTERS TO SHARE HERE >>](#)

WHO SAYS SITH LORDS ARE ALWAYS EVIL?

In a bit of SFnal universes mash-up, Star Wars came to the succor of the Worlds of RAH recently, when a Friend of THS designated us as the charitable beneficiary should

her entry in a pumpkin carving contest win one of the prizes. Well, it did, and Middlesex Savings Bank of Massachusetts has donated \$1,000 to THS



as a result. Her winning entry, based on the famous Star Wars "Death Star", is pictured to the right.

Thank you kindly to Cheryl Wallace for thinking of us, and Middlesex Savings Bank for sponsoring the contest. The Board of THS recently voted to grant Ms. Wallace a multi-year membership for her thoughtfulness.

[SEE THIS ARTICLE ON THE WEBSITE >>](#)

BUST IS COMPLETE



The clay model of the bust of Robert A. Heinlein that will be used to make the final bronze bust to be on permanent display in the Missouri House of Representatives Hall of Famous Missourians has been completed by the artist.

The Board of THS had decided on targeting the early 1970s as the "Age of RAH" we wished to represent --the man who had recently been on CBS' Apollo 11 coverage with Walter Cronkite and Arthur C. Clarke, and who in a few years would be named the first Grand Master of SFWA. We think the artist successfully captured the sample pictures we sent him from that period (courtesy of the Heinlein Prize Trust and UC Santa Cruz Heinlein Archives) from various angles, which were selected by the Board of Directors and sent to the sculptor, E. Spencer Schubert, an admitted long-time Heinlein reader and fan. [WATCH VIDEO AND READ MORE ON THE SITE >>](#)

ROCK ON AT RAHcon

As you all know, The Heinlein Society is procuring the Robert A. Heinlein exhibit for the Missouri House of Representatives' Hall of Famous Missourians. It is the Society's plan to coordinate with the 2016 Worldcon, MidAmeriCon II in Kansas City (www.MidAmeriCon2.org) to unveil the Heinlein Exhibit at their Worldcon.

For those of you who either attended our recent September 12 Annual Meeting or have downloaded the briefing package, on page 36 you see the final bullet referring to a post-MidAmeriCon II "relaxacon" which we are tentatively calling "RAHcon" for "Robert Anson Heinlein convention" but also because we pronounce it "Rock On." At the moment, this effort is thought to be simply a small group of Heinleiners travelling to Jefferson City, the Missouri capitol, to attend the Induction Ceremony for the Heinlein Exhibit in the Hall of Famous Missourians.

The purpose of this is to see if there is sufficient interest among our members, and others who will attend MidAmeriCon II, to warrant further inquiries into some tour-like cost packages for transportation, lodging, and sight-seeing. [GO HERE TO GET ALL THE DETAILS >>](#)

If interested, you can [email Keith Kato directly](#) for information.

MEET YOUR CHAIRS!

Have you wondered about the people behind The Heinlein Society? Check out our updated Directors Chairs page on the site! [CHECK US ALL OUT HERE >>](#)

And a very warm welcome to our Social Media Chair, Marie Guthrie!



Marie was awarded her doctorate in English from the University of KY, where she wrote the first dissertation on science fiction author Robert A. Heinlein (with Virginia Heinlein's gracious assistance and blessings). Dr. Guthrie is a

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Moldova, 2003-2005) whose travels have taken her to 24 countries, 45 US states, and 2 US territories (so far). She was active in Bowling Green, Kentucky's local theatre scene as an actor and stage manager until she moved to the USVI last August. An avid SCUBA diver, she regularly dives The Wall at Cane Bay in St. Croix.

And Marie has a message for YOU! If you have links to articles or other information that The Heinlein Society should post on Twitter, just send a Tweet to [@TheHeinleinSociety!](https://twitter.com/TheHeinleinSociety) We love member participation!

NOTES FROM THE TWITTERVERSE

Happy Century Day (Dec. 7th) to Leigh Brackett: Heinlein's friend & a model for Heinlein heroines everywhen.
<https://t.co/P0II1ByIYP>

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety)
[December 8, 2015](#)

"As God and Robert Heinlein intended."
<https://t.co/t6zysMiyUw>

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety)
[November 24, 2015](#)

You might recognize the author referenced in this blog post by Jim Wright. Thank you to all our veterans. <https://t.co/6KzzStsOsQ>

— Heinlein Society (@HeinleinSociety)
[November 12, 2015](#)

ANNUAL HOLIDAY APPEAL

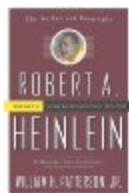
Do you have too much cash at the end of the year? Please consider an end-of-year donation to The Heinlein Society. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, and 100% of your donation will go to our program operations; no one in the Society is paid a salary, nor are travel and other

expenses compensated. You can designate your donation to our general operating fund, or specifically to a program of special interest to you, such as Blood Drives, Education, the Heinlein Award (in partnership with Baltimore Science Fiction Society), our annual Scholarships (recently expanded to three!), or Heinlein For Heroes among others.

While we appreciate all of our members paying their dues (and wouldn't be here without you!), the simple math of the matter is we cannot maintain the level of services and programs we do on an annual basis with **ONLY** membership dues. In any given year, only approximately one half of our total income to support all these great programs comes from membership dues. This means—every year—we need to find an additional \$9,000 or so in non-membership dues income every year to keep great programs like this going at current levels. Many of you have met that challenge in the past with donations above and beyond your annual dues –we hope you will continue to do so.

And so, we ask you in this holiday season of being thankful for all the great things in all of our lives, to please consider providing extra support to THS as well so we can continue to add to the legacy of Robert and Virginia Heinlein.

Our tax ID number is 76-0660576. Thank you for all you do to “Pay It Forward.”



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