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WORLDCON76 ISSUE

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The 76th World Science Fiction Convention was held Aug. 16-20, 2018 in San José, CA.

Guests of Honor included authors Chelsea Quinn Yarbro and Spider Robinson; artist John Picacio; musician Frank Hayes; and fans Pierre and Sandy Pettinger.

Unofficial reports indicated that there were a total (n) of 7,864 members (5,440 on-site attendees and 1,771 supporting members).

First Fandom was there, exhibiting our historic display and presenting our awards.

First Fandom had support during our awards ceremony from two good friends: John Hertz (presenter) and Bob Konigsberg (acceptor).

And, even though the First Fandom Awards and Big Heart Award had been presented earlier in the weekend, the Convention invited us to prepare short biographies with photographs to be included in the booklet published for the Hugo Awards Ceremony.

Popular convention activities: masquerade, panel discussions, art show, dealer's room, film festivals, musical performances, autographs, exhibitions, charity auction, blood drive, fanzine lounge, and a lot of parties.

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FIRST FANDOM AWARDS, 2018

The annual First Fandom Awards and Big Heart Award were presented on August 16 during Opening Ceremonies at Worldcon76.

Master of Ceremonies: **Steve Francis**

Hall of Fame Award: **Robert Silverberg**

Posthumous Hall: **Len & June Moffatt**

Sam Moskowitz Archive Award: **Hal W. Hall**

Big Heart Award recipient: **Mike Glycer**



**Hall of Fame Award (Robert Silverberg)
E.M. Korshak, Silverberg, Steve Francis
(Photograph taken by and © Andrew Porter)
(Provided by Stephen D. Korshak)**

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Great photos of Worldcon76 were made by Scott Edleman, Stephen D. Korshak, Sally G. Pasion and Andrew Porter. Thank you!

IN MEMORIAM: RUSSELL HEATH, JR.**(SEPTEMBER 29, 1926 – AUGUST 23, 2018)**

“American artist best known for his comic book work, particularly his DC Comics war stories and his 1960s art for *Playboy* magazine's "Little Annie Fanny" feature. Awards: Inkpot (1997), Will Eisner Hall of Fame (2009), Inkwell (2018).” **(From Wikipedia).**

IN MEMORIAM: MARIE SEVERIN**(AUGUST 21, 1929 – AUGUST 29, 2018)**

“American comics artist (pencil and ink) and colorist known for her work for Marvel Comics and 1950s' EC Comics. Shazam Award (1974), Inkpot Award (1988), Will Eisner Comics Hall of Fame (2001). Work included in Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art exhibition (2006).” **(From Wikipedia).**

APOLOGIES

After my P/C crashed (Dec. 2017), I had to rebuild old files and lists. Unfortunately, I forgot to include **Amy L. Thomson** (a recent associate member – see article in STF #54) in the newsletter distribution, so she didn't hear from us for a while. After recently learning of this error, I sent Amy a personal note of explanation and (3) back issues of SCIENTIFUNCTION. I also wrote a \$15 check to Keith W. Stokes for Amy's annual dues.

We've added Amy back to all of our lists and **welcome** her once again to First Fandom!

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Soon, we will be sending printed copies of the latest directory to all associate members who are current in their dues payments. A PDF will be sent to those on our e-mail list.

Co-editor **Jon D. Swartz** has kindly offered to pay for the cost of printing and mailing.

Please send any updates to the forthcoming directory ASAP to jlcocker3@bellsouth.net.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Please welcome our four latest associate members, all long-time science fiction fans.

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FIRST FANDOM CALENDAR

January 15: Mail 4Q newsletter (STF #58), nominations form, membership directory.

March 1: Return completed First Fandom awards nominations to John L. Coker III.

April 15: Send 1Q newsletter (STF #59).

May 15: Return completed awards ballots.

July 1: Members to send their annual dues checks (made payable to Keith W. Stokes).

July 15: Send 2Q newsletter (STF #60).

August 15 - 19: Worldcon (Dublin, Ireland).

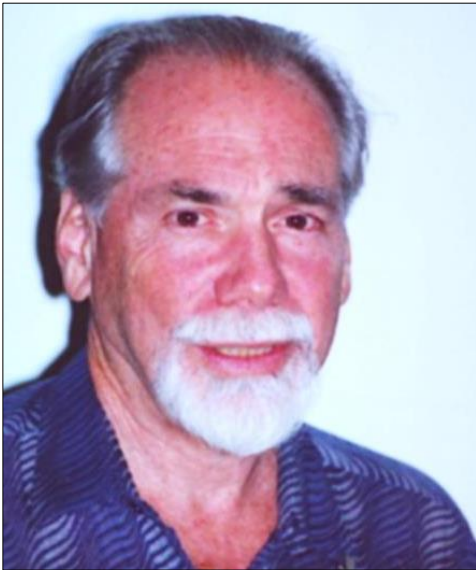
October 15: Send 3Q newsletter (STF #61).

FIRST FANDOM HALL OF FAME AWARD

Distinguished FF member **Erle M. Korshak** presented the Hall of Fame Award to recipient **Robert Silverberg** on August 16th.

In a June 10th letter, Bob wrote that he was delighted to learn he was being inducted into the First Fandom Hall of Fame for 2018.

Following the Convention, he sent a note in which he reported that it had been a lovely ceremony, and that he was very pleased to have been honored by First Fandom.



Robert Silverberg
(First Fandom Hall of Fame, 2018)

Robert Silverberg has been a professional writer since 1955, the year before he graduated from Columbia University, and has published more than a hundred books and close to a thousand short stories.

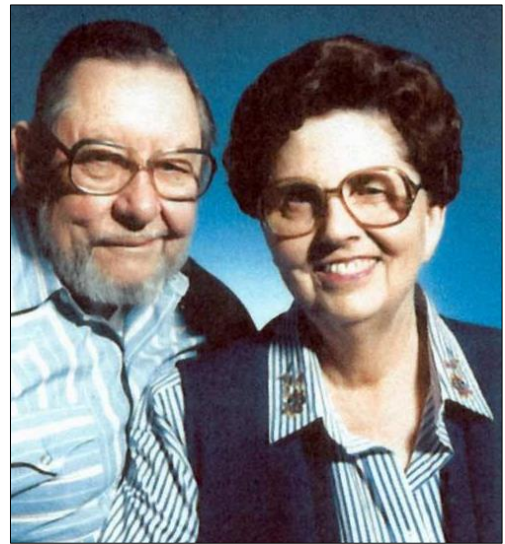
He is a many-time winner of the Hugo and Nebula awards, was GoH at the Worldcon in Heidelberg, Germany in 1970, was named to the Science Fiction Hall of Fame in 1999, and in 2004 was named a Grand Master by the SFWA, of which he is a past president.

Silverberg was born in New York City, but he and his wife Karen and an assortment of cats have lived for many years in the San Francisco Bay Area.

POSTHUMOUS HALL OF FAME AWARD

Earlier this year, First Fandom voted to induct Len J. Moffatt into the Posthumous Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, June passed away in late-May, so after discussions with friends and family we decided to honor both Len and June as a couple for their decades of important contributions to SF fandom.

John Hertz inducted **Len and June Moffatt** into the First Fandom Posthumous Hall of Fame, and the Award was accepted on their behalf by June's son, **Bob Konigsberg**.



Len and June Moffatt
(Posthumous Hall of Fame, 2018)

Len and June Moffatt were long-time SF and Mystery fans, authors, fanzine publishers, editors, correspondents, con organizers and associate members of First Fandom.

They joined LASFS in the later-1940s. They published the FAPazine Moonshine, published in APA-L, and were founding members of CAPA (est. 1961).

Len was one of the organizers of the 1958 Worldcon. Len and June were co-founders of the Bouchercon, and were the 1973 TAFF Delegates. They were Fan GoH at Loscon 8 (1981) and BoucherCon (1985), and recipients of the Evans-Freehafer Trophy (1994) and the Anthony Award (1999).

SAM MOSKOWITZ ARCHIVE AWARD

First Fandom recognizes the scholarly work done by **Hal W. Hall** while he was curator of the SF and Fantasy Research Collection of Cushing Library at Texas A&M University.



Hal W. Hall

(Sam Moskowitz Archive Award, 2018)

Hal W. Hall collected the works of Chad Oliver, building an almost complete collection of Oliver's works, and publishing a bibliography of his works. That collection is now in the Texas A&M University Library.

In 1970, Hall started indexing SF and Fantasy book reviews, ending that effort 25 years later with a bibliography of some 79,000 citations. To see that material, visit <http://www.philsp.com/homeville/sfbri/0start.htm>.

In the late-1970s, he started collecting citations to articles and books about SF and fantasy, first in book form and then online. That material resides in the SF and Fantasy Research Database, now approaching 115,000 items. To see that material, visit <http://sffrd.library.tamu.edu/site/>,

In 2017, Hall published the ambitious and impressive *Sam Moskowitz: A Bibliography and Guide* (221 pages, listing 1,489 items).

We are very proud to present the 2018 Sam Moskowitz Archive Award to **Hal W. Hall**.

THE BIG HEART AWARD

Since 1959, the Big Heart Award has been widely considered to be SF fandom's highest service award. This year, the Big Heart Award was presented to **Mike Glyer**.



Mike Glyer

Mike is well-known as editor / publisher of the long-running SF fan newszine *File 770*. His fan activity spans six decades. He also chaired the 1996 Worldcon and has won the Hugo Award eleven times in two categories.

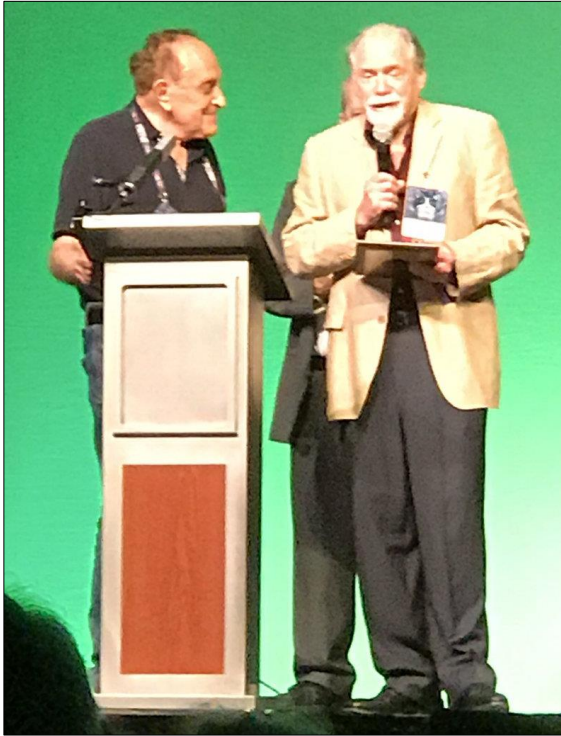


L-R: Sue Francis (presenter) and John Hertz (accepting Big Heart Award for Mike Glyer)
(Photograph by and © Andrew Porter)

John Hertz accepted the Big Heart Award on behalf of his long-time friend, Mike Glyer.

Steve Francis announced the award's new name: the **David A. Kyle Big Heart Award**.

WORLDCON76 PHOTO GALLERY



**Presentation of the Hall of Fame Award
L-R: Erle M. Korshak, Robert Silverberg
(Photograph by Sally G. Pasion)**



**L-R: George R.R. Martin, Erle M. Korshak,
Scott Edleman (Worldcon76 - August 16)
(Photograph courtesy of Scott Edleman)**

FIRST FANDOM DISPLAY

The historic First Fandom exhibit displayed annually at the Worldcon is a direct descendant of the one originally designed decades ago by SF pioneer **David A. Kyle**.

This year, we prepared 6 illustrated posters:

The Noble and Illustrious Order of St. Fantony; The Big Heart Award; A History of First Fandom; The First Fandom Awards; Faces of First Fandom; and, In Memoriam.



**Erle and Steve Korshak
First Fandom Display and Fan Tables
(Photograph by Stephen D. Korshak)**

Worldcon76 arranged for this year's exhibits to be curated by **Rebecca Hewett**, a SF fan who has experience working with museums.

We mailed a package of our material to her address in Albuquerque, NM and she kindly transported it in her automobile to San José.

Rebecca kindly assembled our display in a prominent area of the Exhibition Hall so it could attract the attention of conventioners.

In keeping with the theme of the Retro Hugo Awards (1943), we also prepared a photo display of well-known SF fans in their U.S. military uniforms serving in World War Two.

First Fandom membership applications and copies of our newsletter were also available.

2018 HUGO AWARDS

2018 Associated Awards (not Hugos)

John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer: Rebecca Roanhorse

The World SF Society (WSFS) Award for Best Young Adult Book: *Akata Warrior*, by Nnedi Okorafor (Viking)

2018 Hugo Awards

Best Fan Artist: Geneva Benton

Best Fan Writer: Sarah Gailey

Best Fancast: *Ditch Diggers*, presented by Mur Lafferty and Matt Wallace

Best Fanzine: *File 770*, ed. by Mike Glycer

Best Semiprozine: *Uncanny Magazine*, edited by Lynne M. Thomas & Michael Damian Thomas, Michi Trota, and Julia Rios; podcast produced by Erika Ensign & Steven Schapansky

Best Professional Artist: Sana Takeda

Best Editor, Short Form: Lynne M. Thomas & Michael Damian Thomas

Best Editor – Long Form: Sheila E. Gilbert

Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form: *The Good Place*: “The Trolley Problem,” written by Josh Siegal and Dylan Morgan, directed by Dean Holland (Fremulon / 3 Arts Entertainment / Universal Television)

Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form: *Wonder Woman*, screenplay by Allan Heinberg, story by Zack Snyder & Allan Heinberg and Jason Fuchs, directed by Patty Jenkins (DC Films / Warner Brothers)

Best Graphic Story: *Monstress, Volume 2: The Blood*, written by Marjorie M. Liu, illustrated by Sana Takeda (Image Comics)

Best Related Work: *No Time to Spare: Thinking About What Matters*, by Ursula K. Le Guin (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Best Series: *World of the Five Gods*, by Lois McMaster Bujold (Harper Voyager / Spectrum Literary Agency)

Best Short Story: “Welcome to Your Authentic Indian Experience™,” by Rebecca Roanhorse (*Apex*, August 2017)

Best Novelette: “The Secret Life of Bots,” by Suzanne Palmer (*Clarkesworld*, September 2017)

Best Novella: *All Systems Red*, by Martha Wells (Tor.com Publishing)

Best Novel: *The Stone Sky*, by N.K. Jemisin (Orbit)

1943 RETRO HUGO AWARDS

Best Novel: *Beyond This Horizon*, by Anson MacDonald (Robert A. Heinlein) (*Astounding Science-Fiction*, April & May 1942)

Best Novella: “Waldo,” by Anson MacDonald (Heinlein) (*Astounding Science-Fiction*, August 1942)

Best Novelette: “Foundation,” by Isaac Asimov (*Astounding Science-Fiction*, May 1942)

Best Short Story: “The Twonky,” by C.L. Moore and Henry Kuttner (*Astounding Science-Fiction*, September 1942)

Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form: *Bambi*, written by Perce Pearce, Larry Morey, et al., directed by David D. Hand, et al. (Walt Disney Productions)

Best Editor, Short Form: John W. Campbell, Jr.

Best Professional Artist: Virgil Finlay

Best Fanzine: *Le Zombie*, edited by Wilson (Bob) Tucker

Best Fan Writer: Forrest J Ackerman

(Reported by Mike Glycer - File770, Aug. 19, 2018)

NEWS UPDATES

DUBLIN 2019 – AN IRISH WORLDCON (AUGUST 15-19)



“Guests of Honour include YA author Diane Duane, screenwriter and Hugo winner Ian McDonald, game designer Steve Jackson and editor Ginjer Buchanan. Science Guest of Honour will be Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell. Fan Guests of Honour: Bill and Mary Burns.”

For more info, visit <https://dublin2019.com>.

FORRY AWARD 2018

“The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society has voted **Steven Barnes** its Forry Award for service to science fiction. He joins the ranks of 53 others who have been honored by the LASFS since 1966. The award will be publicly presented at Loscon over the Thanksgiving weekend.”

(Reported by Mike Glyer, File 770 – Sept 16, 2018)

PULPFEST 2019



(Thursday, Aug. 15 – Sunday, Aug. 18)

Fans will gather at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh – Cranberry, just north of Pennsylvania’s “Steel City.” This 48th PulpFest will be joined by FarmerCon. Joe R. Lansdale will be the Guest of Honor. For more information, visit: www.pulpfest.com.

N3F AWARDS 2018

“The National Fantasy Fan Federation (N3F) announced several awards and honors in the latest issue of the organization’s newsletter Tightbeam.”

N3F Speculative Fiction (NEFFY) Awards

Best Novel - Princess Holy Aura by Ryk Spoor

Best Shorter Work - “And Then There Were (N-One)” by Sarah Pinsker

Best Book Editor - Toni Weisskopf

Best Film - Thor: Ragnarok

Best Fanzine - Tightbeam

Best Blog - Mad Genius Club

Best TV Show - Supergirl

Best Anime - The Ancient Magus Bride

Best Graphic Art Publication - Jean Grey

2018 KAYMAR AWARD

Cedar Sanderson

“The Kaymar Award is given for work for the benefit of the club and its members. The recipient is decided by a vote of prior winners. The award, which may only be won once, is a memorial to long-time Neffer K. Martin Carlson (1904-1986) who originated, maintained, and financed it for 25 years.”

LIFE MEMBER

Jon D. Swartz

“By vote of the Directorate, N3F Historian Jon D. Swartz has been elected as a Life Member of the N3F.”

The N3F has granted Life Member status to only six people since its founding in 1941:

Forrest J Ackerman, David H. Keller, M.D., Jacqueline Lichtenberg (2012), Jack Robins, Ph.D. (2012), E.E. (Doc) Smith, Ph.D., and Jon D. Swartz, Ph.D. (2018).”

(Reported by Mike Glyer in File 770, July 17, 2018)

BIRTHDAYS

(From a list originally compiled by Andrew Porter)

October

- 1 – J. Allen St. John, Martha Beck,
Donald. A. Wollheim, Mike Ashley
- 2 – Alex Raymond, Willy Ley
- 3 – Ray Faraday Nelson
- 4 – Earl Binder, Al Ashley
- 9 – Harry Bates
- 11 – Gay Haldeman
- 15 – James H. Schmitz, E.C. Tubb
- 20 – Erle M. Korshak
- 21 – Ed Hamilton, Ursula K. Le Guin
- 23 – Roy Lavender
- 28 – Fredric Brown
- 30 – Walt Willis
- 31 – Art Saha

November

- 1 – Gordon R. Dickson
- 2 – Sue Francis, Carol Resnick
- 5 – H. Warner Munn
- 6 – Catherine Crook de Camp
- 8 – Bram Stoker, Ben Bova
- 9 – Alfred Coppel, Larry Shaw
- 17 – Raymond F. Jones, John Trimble
- 20 – Len J. Moffatt
- 23 – Nelson Bond, Wilson (Bob) Tucker
- 24 – Forrest J Ackerman, Earl Kemp
- 25 – Poül Anderson
- 26 – Frederik Pohl
- 27 – L. Sprague de Camp
- 30 – E. Everett Evans, Milton A. Rothman

December

- 2 – Jerry Sohl
- 7 – Leigh Brackett
- 9 – Margaret Brundage
- 16 – Sir Arthur C. Clarke, Philip K. Dick
- 18 – Alfred Bester, Walter J. Daugherty
- 19 – Harry Warner, Jr.
- 23 – David H. Keller
- 24 – Fritz Leiber, Ray Beam
- 28 – Jon D. Swartz, Stan Lee

CORRESPONDENCE**A LETTER FROM HAL W. HALL**

“Thank you kindly for your letter about the Sam Moskowitz Archive Award. To define it as a surprise would be a gross understatement. It is an honor to be listed with the other recipients, most of whom I know by reputation. I have also had the privilege of meeting or communicating with about six of the previous recipients.

The incomparable courtesy, helpfulness, and friendship of SF fans and professionals while working in science fiction has been a joy for me all these years. This award adds to that joy. Thanks for the award.”

A LETTER FROM FROM LES & ES COLE

“We’ve enjoyed the publications and good wishes from First Fandom, especially the articles and colorful ideas springing from the intelligent and fun-loving pages of our enjoyable newsletter. Congrats to the editor and long may his fingers last on the computer keys.

Our writing group -- the one that lasted almost 30 years -- produced a number of published writers -- including -- ahem, Les Cole (Try Spithead, an alternative universe tale) and “Neighborhood Watch” by Esther Cole and Carin Wofford, a light mystery set in Mar Vista, California, based on an actual murder and involving the entire street (Meier Street, that is) before murderer is revealed.

Are you all glued to your chairs? I’m starting my new novel that ties *The Donald* to Russian Spies, based on my real job during the Russian Resettlement Program in the early 70's.

Les is currently in rehab and sends his regards. The dogs are at my side to bark at every adverb that sneaks through.

All good things to all you good guys.”

FIRST FANDOM ANNUAL, 2018

Our latest issue has just been published:

Remembering Jack Robins (1919-2015)

90-page limited edition (50 copies)
Laser printed on good quality paper
B&W photos and interior illustrations
Gloss cover, 8½ x 11, saddle-stitched

(Edited by **John L. Coker III** and **Jon D. Swartz**)

Issued to coincide with Lottie Robins' 103rd birthday, we sent copies to her family members and a presentation copy to Lottie.

This periodical showcases new articles and photos, as well as a new interview with Jack Robins recalling the good old days, an article by Lottie about her family, and two of Jack's SF-themed plays: "The Ivory Tower" and "Trials and Tribulations of Publishing."



Jack Robins

Here are unpublished first-hand accounts of some early SF adventures of Don Wollheim, John B. Michel, Frederik Pohl, David A. Kyle, Cyril Kornbluth, Robert W. Lowndes, Isaac Asimov, Damon Knight, and others.

Also included are a nice selection of Jack's poetry and some of his historic photographs. We're pleased to feature a new bibliography of Jack Robins by Christopher M. O'Brien.

This publication will soon be out-of-print, so order your copy by sending a check for **\$30 payable to John L. Coker III** (includes all packing, postage and insurance) to John at 4813 Lighthouse Road, Orlando, FL 32808.

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