



*Live the Dream*

*September 2016 thru October 2016*

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka 91306. Group house- home of Terry, Marcus, Will, John, Rita and Lawrence. For all events: RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069

Please visit the Live the Dream website @ [www.livethedream.org](http://www.livethedream.org) to view current events, past articles, etc.

**Live the Dream** is an education and support group for those who, originally inspired by the writings of Robert Heinlein, Robert Rimmer, and Marion Zimmer Bradley, are now ready to LIVE such alternative lifestyles as cooperative living, open relationships, and group marriage. Many of our concepts on multiply committed relationships come from Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *Moon is a Harsh Mistress*. Live the Dream also sponsors a nest of Church of All Worlds, the real life, over fifty year old spiritual movement inspired by *Stranger in a Strange Land*.

Note: Terry Brussel is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Life Coach, and a 4th generation Matchmaker. We provide poly relationship counseling, hypnotic jealousy release, success coaching and other services. See [www.acesuccess.com](http://www.acesuccess.com) or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628) s.

## EVENTS

*All Live the Dream events are 11am-4pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified).*

Donation suggested: \$8 for non members \$5 for members.

**Saturday September 17 11 am to 4 pm**

### **Poly in Transition: Don't Miss Your Love Boat**

Robert Rimmer's Poly Philosophy: Couple Meets Couple, They Fall in Love, Get Married and Have Children... *Harrad Experiment, Proposition 31, Love Me Tomorrow* (a future with a presidential candidate forming a Group Marriage) and many more of his writings fueled the Open Relationship movement of the 70s. Family Synergy was inspired by his writings and even got its start from his mailing list. At one point, in the early 80s, it became clear that there were far more triads than quadrads. They were more stable. Some of these long lasting (even 25+ years!) triads actually started as quads. Someone left, a couple split, and a triad was born. Others happened when a couple added a "third". Today (2016) we have singles who consider themselves poly, 'friends with benefits' which means something different than it did back in the 60s and 70s—along with a wide variety of other choices including bisexuality and transgender options. Where is polyamory heading and how can YOU get the lovestyle you most desire?

1 pm Pot luck lunch Bring something delicious and healthy to share

2-4 pm socializing in the hot tub. Bring sandals and a towel.

6 pm on Pot luck dinner followed by FILK—(science fiction folk songs) from such serious ones as Ballad of Apollo 13 to the outrageously funny Star Trek filk Banned from Argo. We have some specifically poly ones, too, including those based on Heinlein's writings. Ask for your favorite topic or science fiction book and flikers will find or create it!

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## **Saturday October 16 11 am to 4 pm**

### **'MARK GROUP'**

Please be on time for this event as our Guest speaker starts at 11 am and the 'MARK GROUP' starts sharply at 11:45 am

In the 70 s, More House began as a series of group houses which offered sensuality/sexuality training under the name of More University. Guest on Skype David Friedman was involved with and led Mark groups with that organization in the 70s. He will share with us the background of More House and how it became one of the longest lasting cooperative housing experiments of the twentieth century. He will also discuss how it continues to function today—yes it's still out there! Today's activity is based on the groups used by More House to bring in new people for such houses and to the classes connected to them. Terry led similar groups at Elysium and such Poly Conferences as Loving More since the 70s as well as attending those conducted by David Friedman We will experience the kind of intimate verbal encounter which leads to a deeper understanding of each other and of ourselves as well as non verbal exercises for growing closer...

Location: Location: 8515 Penfield Avenue, Winnetka, CA 91306) Phone: (818) 886-0069, ex. 3.  
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## **Friday October 28**

### **ALL HALLOWS EVE with POT LUCK DINNER**

6:30 to 7:30 is pot luck dinner

Live the Dream supplies homemade chicken soup, breads, spreads and hot apple cider.

You bring a dish big enough for 10

A-F Your favorite Meat, cheese, nut, fish or other delicious protein dish

G-M Juices or fresh fruit

N-R Salads

S-Z Desserts and treats.

7:30-8:30 PM ALL HALLOWS EVE Samhain **ritual**, led by our High Priestess, Ealswythe. (Outside under the stars)... Bring something you want to let go of—a symbol or written note. It will be cleansed in the cauldron's flame.

This is the a time in the year when the veil between our world and the spirit world is the thinnest, and we can concentrate on contacting our loved ones who have passed away, and make

Magick happen in our lives! Ealswythe has studied the Tarot and Palmistry, and she has also led many people through visualizations of their past lives. A firm believer that by trying to understand the things out there, that cannot be seen by “normal” vision, we can enhance our lives, she has also sought an understanding of the Spirit World, and how to communicate and receive messages from them. Currently, she has been studying the Quantum Theory to understand Parallel Universes. She has written a play about a woman who accidentally falls into a parallel universe, and finds that she is married to a different husband!

### **HALLOWEEN PARTY** follows

Costume as ye will and/or be body painted in some beautiful and unusual way by a friend (body paint supplied by LTD).

9 on A dynamite performance by Ealswythe as Frank'n'Furter, performing “Sweet Transvestite”! You will think you’re watching “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” - LIVE!

You are welcome to do some sort of dramatic or funny presentation appropriate to your costume. Be creative! Must call LTD hotline to arrange for this.

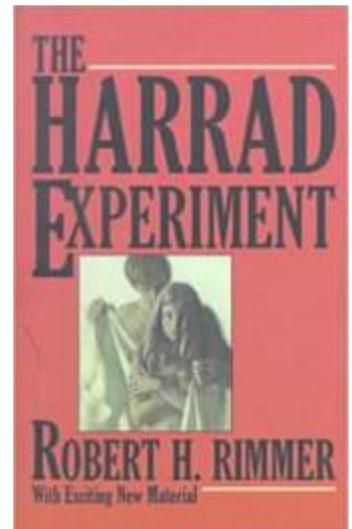
We will close with the Rocky Horror movie on our Big screen TV —IT’S TRADITION!  
HOT TUB AVAILABLE ALL EVENING--CLOTHING OPTIONAL Bring towel and sandals.

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## **Robert Rimmer**

Robert Rimmer’s books on the concept of being able to love and be committed to more than one special person, particularly of couples forming this kind of liaison, have been an inspiration to a majority of those who have formed local poly clubs as well as nation wide poly organizations. They have certainly inspired me personally and kept me going when educating people about this life style and taking the risk of appearing controversial in the public eye has seemed perhaps more hassle and danger than it is worth. At times like that, rereading Proposition 31 has been a real comfort. I'm glad I let Bob Rimmer know how much that meant to me while he was alive.

*Proposition 31* and *The Harrad Experiment* by Robert Rimmer Prop 31 features two couples and their (between them) four children. It moves through the couples forming a friendship, one of the husbands and having a disastrous affair with the other one's wife which leads to pregnancy and threatened divorce. Somehow, in unique Rimmerian fashion, this becomes a loving poly family raising the new baby together. Harrad is a fictional college featuring coed rooming together and a deep study of Human sexuality and relationships, along with the more conventional intellectual subjects. This leads to six of the students becoming deeply involved in the intimacy of jealousies overcome along with self and mutual discovery. They form an Improv comedy troop (dealing with sexual issues among others) to put themselves through college. Exchange of bed mates becomes a dance of joy between friends and lovers. With graduation, a six way group marriage is formed. These books and many of his others contain bibliographies on alternative lifestyles which show Rimmer's conscientious attention to research. The books listed are well worth reading for anyone wishing to seriously study this subject.



Back in the early 70s, a convention based on the writings of Robert Rimmer was held. This gathering and Rimmer's contribution of his mailing list, lead Hyim Levy and Pat La Follet to form (with the help of wives Joyce

and Anne) a group called Family Synergy. Though Live the Dream is a more science fiction oriented spin off of Family Synergy, we also honor Rimmer as one of our inspirations. He was a life member of both these organizations and many others.

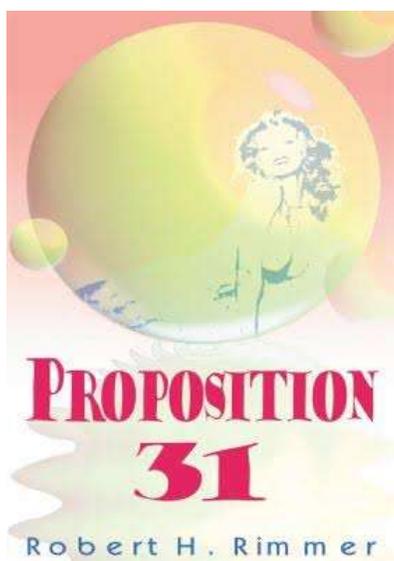
Rimmer, a resident of Boston, has spoken at the Eastern Loving More Conferences. In his 80s, he spoke to a Live the Dream meeting here in LA via speaker phone. He answered questions and told us about his new book Dreamer of Dreams which featured a new religion based on polyamory and the celebration of human sexuality. This church had much in common with Church of All Worlds (*Stranger in a Strange Land*) and supports the Goddess belief that "All acts of Love and Pleasure are my rituals." It has, however, the unique Rimmerian stamp of combining business with pleasure as these churches/franchises offer sex education movies, live entertainment, interpersonal communications workshops, etc. Its protagonists include a husband and wife team of attorneys who nearly get divorced on opposite sides of this issue. They wind up defending in court, together, the poly lifestyle and the right of an organization espousing it to call itself a Church in the USA. This appears to have been Rimmer's last work before he died. Other unpublished books are mentioned in Dreamer of Dreams which may be available through his website. [You're Mine: Captain Nemo Kidnaps Ayn Rand](#) is among them.

Though for many years Rimmer claimed that he had not been personally involved in this lifestyle, he admitted finally (after the death of his co husband) that he was in a four way non residential group marriage in which the other man had career concerns which kept them all in the closet.

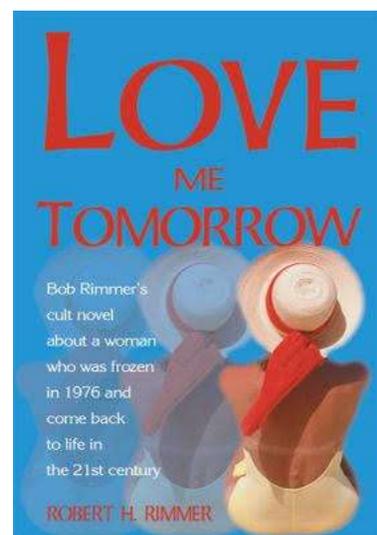
Does a lifestyle of multiply committed relationships work? Will it damage a marriage? Robert Rimmer's wedding day was 8-2-41. The marriage ended sixty years later...with his death(August 1 2001). He had six children and four grand children.

Many of Rimmers books had a theme of couple meets couple, they fall in love and get married. His courting and joined couples usually included diversity--as did his own group. Jewish and Christian, academia's and businessmen, housewives and career women, rich and poor, etc. His characters delighted in (and Grew from) each other's differences in culture and outlook.

One of Rimmer's more science fiction oriented books was Love Me Tomorrow which featured a future society (reached by its heroine through frozen sleep) in which a big business Republicans and free love types battle it out in America's political arena. This features a multigenerational group marriage which (nearly) winds up in the White House!



The website devoted to Rimmer's work is [www.harrad.com](http://www.harrad.com). Many of Rimmer's books are also available through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



## Original Poly Filk Song Samples

### **JEALOUS OF YOUR TIME**

Words and music: Kathy Mar Copyright 2002 Kathy Mar

I'm not afraid to share you with the world  
I know I am a rhythm to your rhyme  
I'm not jealous of the love you have for anybody else  
I'm only jealous of your time

I'm not so insecure I cannot share  
That special you I know is so sublime  
I'm not jealous that you give yourself to those you grow to love  
I'm only jealous of your time

Bridge: We'll have to live forever and that might not be enough  
To give us time to just explore the world of our new love  
But when the world can claim you for so much time every day  
I'm jealous of your sleep and all you love so deep  
Your work and all that keeps you away

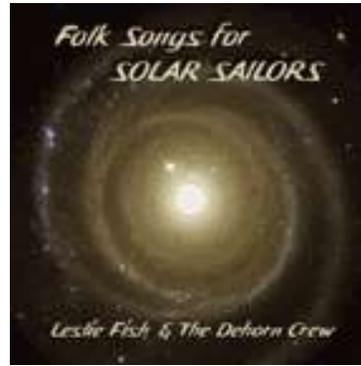
I don't think you should turn from those you love  
As surely as I shouldn't turn from mine  
And we never will be jealous of the lives we choose to live  
We may be jealous of our time

Coda: But that is no surprise I always miss your eyes  
I know you miss me too but we can see this through  
I'm only jealous of...I cannot get enough...  
I'm only jealous of your time

### **One Night Stand by Kathy Mar**

If the love that I could give  
Is too much for you to live with  
Love is something positive with time and space for all  
I could be content with less I don't need you to possess  
Just one passing sweet caress before the shadows fall

I would be a one-night stand  
If that's all that you could hand me  
You may never understand me yet I love you still  
I don't think you'll always stay  
That's not like you anyway  
It's enough we have today these empty hearts to fill  
So if we can be content  
With the time that fate has sent us  
Then what is there to prevent us loving wise and well  
We are blessed with little time  
To play our little pantomime  
To fill our lives with dance and rhyme  
And cast a loving spell



### **A DIFFERENT KIND OF FAMILY**

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Mama's got a girlfriend, mom loves the ladies  
Mama's really happy when you're looking at her these days  
Papa's got a boyfriend, yeah, Dad is a man's man  
Everybody's family, loving everybody he can  
Oh the old world is turning around like a top  
and there's nothing you and I should even try to do to stop it  
It takes a lot of courage to stand up and get what you need  
And lots of us are happy in a different kind of family

Hot time in the old town, the homestead is hopping  
Veggies on the grill and there is music in the garden  
All the outs are in free, the babies are sleeping  
Time enough for love when everybody puts a hand in

Oh the old world is turning around like a top  
And there's nothing you or I should even try to do to stop it  
Ozzy & Harriet are spinning around in their graves  
But who needs television these days, anyway?

Love defines it's boundaries  
Limitless shapes, countless forms  
I have vowed that when it comes to me I'll take it  
Every manifestation, I'm gonna celebrate it

Papa's got a boyfriend, the boyfriend loves mom, too  
Everywhere they turn they've got a heart that they can cling to  
Mama's got a girlfriend, and guess who loves dad's beau  
Try to paint a picture, you can do it with your eyes closed

Oh the old world is turning around like a top  
And there's nothing you or I should even try to do to stop it  
There aren't any limits when you follow the line that love leads  
And lots of us are happy in a different kind of family

In a world that seems to be increasing in conformity  
It's harder and harder to be who you want to be  
It takes a lot of courage to stand up and get what you need  
Ah, lots of us are happy in a different kind of family

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**If you have a subject you would like to present, a topic you would like to suggest for a future meeting or if you have a poly story or question to share or publication to add here please call us at 818-886-0069 or send/E-Mail it to 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306. E-Mail address is [newsletter@livethedream.org](mailto:newsletter@livethedream.org). We will take it with your solution or brain storm and give it one or more of our own. Let's have fun with this and learn from each other.**

*Do you have poly news that you wish to share?  
E-Mail us at [terry\\_bg@msn.com](mailto:terry_bg@msn.com) or call us at (818) 886-0069  
Tell your Poly-curious friends to look us up at [www.livethedream.org](http://www.livethedream.org)*

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### **Meet Ups & Other Group Events**

First Saturday of every month is Deborah's meet up at Fuddruckers  
221 N. San Fernando Blvd in Burbank at 8 pm. It's a dinner and socializing meeting.

Go to [www.meetup.com/SoCal-Polyamory](http://www.meetup.com/SoCal-Polyamory) for more info on this meeting  
Also check out [www.meetup.com/Polyglamorous](http://www.meetup.com/Polyglamorous) & <http://www.meetup.com/loving-more>  
and other SoCal poly groups (IE, OC & SD all have groups too!)

The Southern California Naturist Association Meetup <http://www.meetup.com/nature-519>  
Host monthly Beach parties at Bates Beach all summer! Largest Non-landed clothing optional club in California

Other Poly info:

[www.lovemore.com](http://www.lovemore.com)

[www.polyevents.blogspot.com](http://www.polyevents.blogspot.com)

<http://openingup.net/resources/local-organizations-u-s/>

Other groups friendly to Polyamory

KARL HESS CLUB [www.karlhessclub.org](http://www.karlhessclub.org)

meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at [Dinah's Family Restaurant](#), 6521 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Centinela), Culver City.

Phone: (310) 645-0456 in West L.A.

Burning Man Festival August 28-September 5 2016 for details [www.burningman.com](http://www.burningman.com)

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### **DIRECTIONS TO THE PENFIELD HOUSE**

From the 118 going east, get off at De Soto Avenue, head South on De Soto to Parthenia, head East on Parthenia, head South on Winnetka, head East on Chase one block and head North on Penfield to 8515.

From the 118 going west, get off at Tampa Avenue, head South on Tampa to Parthenia, head West on Parthenia, head South on Winnetka, head East on Chase (one block), head North on Penfield.

From the 101, get off at Winnetka Avenue, head North on Winnetka Avenue to Chase (next signal North of Roscoe). Head East on Chase Street one block turn left on Penfield Avenue.

**We are the big blue house on the left hand side of the street; first house on Penfield north of Chase Street.  
Number 8515**

For Google instructions, go to:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=8515+Penfield+Ave,+Winnetka,+CA+91306,+USA&sa=X&oi=map&ct=ti>

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	<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Couple/Family</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full LTD Membership Includes Newsletter & Membership Card	\$25	\$40 (\$10 FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Newsletter Only	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE

*Make checks payable to Success Center*      **Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Information**      *Help Support the Lifestyle you live!*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Single     Married     Attached     Unattached    Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Name(s) of Mate/Family to be included in this membership if APPLICABLE:*

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**FAX OR Mail to: FAX#1-818-882-8512 – 8515 Penfield, Winnetka, CA 91306**

I am willing to volunteer:     Time     Meeting Space

I could lead a meeting or activity, proposal enclosed

I am interested in     Science Fiction     Pagan     Libertarian     \_\_\_\_\_ Oriented Programs

**I am interested in Co-operative Living:**     Yes     No

**I have space for others:**     No     Yes (Location & Phone \_\_\_\_\_)

**I am willing to relocate**     Yes     No