

LIVE THE DREAM

8515 Penfield Ave
Winnetka, CA 91306

Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt
Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy
Founded 1971 by Hy Ley and Pat LaFollette



THIS IS LIVE THE DREAM'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18

11 AM TO 4 PM

GETTING THE LOVE & FRIENDSHIP YOU DESIRE (& Making what you already have even BETTER!)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26

10AM-11:30 AM

LIVE the DREAM MEETPOINT AT LosCon 44 LAX Marriott Hotel

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

11AM TO 4PM

CHOSEN FAMILY & HOW SCIENCE FICTION HAS AFFECTED REAL FAMILIES

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

6PM TO ???

Live the Dream **WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY!**

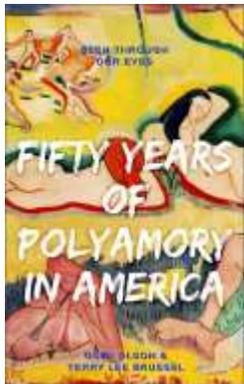
Note: Items marked with an * are not Live the Dream events.

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 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 or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628) .



EVENTS

*All Live the Dream events are 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays 8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified). New: Donation suggested for parties (not including Passover) and regular day time meetings: *Ladies Free* with pot luck dish. Gentlemen: nonmembers \$10 Members \$5 Bring something for the pot luck.*

Saturday November 18 11 am to 4 pm

Getting the Love & Friendship You Desire (& making what you already have even better!)

Learn to Create Joy in Your Life and Your Relationships through Quality Quantifiers
(Thank you Tony Robbins—Live with Passion)

Start by giving events/activities in your life and the lives of those you care about a 0 for neutral, a 10 for Fantastic down to a minus 10 for Ghastly. This event is about learning how to take a neutral or negative experience and make it a Level 10 JOY! When you create this delight for the someone(s) you would like to spend time with, it invites them to *want* to spend time with you!

1 pm Pot Luck Lunch Bring something healthy and delicious to share
2-4 pm Sensitivity Exercises & Growing Closer—Verbal and non-Verbal.
(Shaded hot tub also available)

Sunday November 26 11 am Thanksgiving Weekend

Poly Meet Point at Los Con at the LAX Marriot Hotel

Join us for bagels, cream cheese, fruit and challenging discussion

Were you inspired by the Line Marriage from *Moon Is A Harsh Mistress*? Warmed by the Nest in *Stranger In A Strange Land*? Fascinated by the even more unusual group marriages/empathic groupings in Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Darkover Novels* or Spider Robinson's *Star Dance and Callahan* stories? Or have you been reading more current writers (Ric E. Spoor, Wen Spencer or Todd McCaffery) and their Poly inclusive stories? Dreams can come true... This get together is for those already into multiply committed relationships and those who want to learn more about them. People like us do not only exist in SF books! Come meet some kindred spirits. We'll share our experiences in real triads, group houses, open marriages, etc. and help you figure out which alternative would help you **live your dream!**

LOCATION: Ask at hotel registration desk/Convention Info desk for room number of Live the Dream or call LTD Hot Line at 818-886-0069 for more info



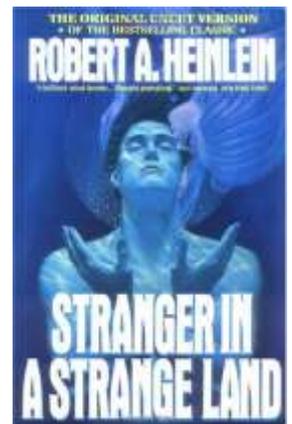
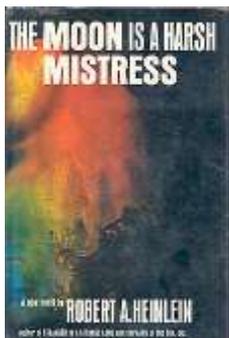
SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 11 am to 4pm

Chosen Family & How Science Fiction Has Affected Real Families- We will discuss chosen families in real and fictional life. Tell us about yours!

Heinlein's juveniles portrayed traditional families for the most part; good ones with mothers and fathers who loved each other. Line Marriage: Multi-Generational Group Marriage, triads and other unusual alternatives are described in *The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*. *Time Enough for Love's* Tersius colony Family features a large group marriage consisting of many of our favorite characters from Heinlein's other stories-on a planet where the government wouldn't think of interfering in one's marital choices and only your very advanced geneticist gets a vote on whom you make babies with. The water sharing ceremony in *Stranger In a Strange Land* is the best example of Family by choice and has effected families in reality probably more than any other of his books. Church of All Worlds and many other less formal groups including my own intimate friendship network have used this as a model for permanent committed relationships which may shift from lovers to friendship and back again multiple times during an ongoing relationship. Members of a Nest may live together or be "semi residential". They may live nowhere near each other, but maintain their bonds through phone calls and visits (weekly, monthly, or perhaps a few times a year). The patterns are endless. The common denominator is long term loving commitment.

Which of Heinlein's writings most affected the choices YOU have made regarding family and relationship structure? Did some other author effect your family choices?

1 pm Pot Luck Lunch Bring something healthy and delicious to share
2-4 pm Group discussions, Hot Tub available or we might watch Starship Troopers!



SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 **6pm to ???**
Live The Dream WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

6PM Evening of December 16 is LTD's annual Winter Holiday Party with Hot tubbing and socializing in between the day time meeting and the party. (Crash space available by arrangement when you RSVP)

Latkes (provided by Live the Dream, along with Apple Sauce and Sour Cream), songs about the Maccabees, dreidels, lighted up Christmas miniature houses, and a Winter Solstice ritual. We'll light the Hanukkah Menorah all candles—8th night! Did we forget a ritual important to you? Tell us and we'll add it...

Bring stories/songs/poetry to share.

Wrapped science fiction, fantasy or magikal gift (\$5-\$10) for GIFT EXCHANGE.

Your favorite holiday dish (perhaps one you loved as a child) for pot luck supper—(big enough for 10 to share.),

Children bring child gifts to exchange with each other.

Children welcome 6-8:30 pm ONLY—Adults only after that.

Sharing our holidays is part of what weaves the bonds of Family in a group like ours. Understanding what is important to each of us during this festive season and how we celebrate it is a way to grow closer and delight in our diversity.

8:30-9pm Solstice Ritual led by our **High Priestess Ealswythe**

Clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) available all afternoon and evening—bring sandals and towels.

Cost \$5 for paid members of Live the Dream \$8 for non- members.

Saturday January 20 2018 **11am to 4pm**
A Course on Moral Philosophy: Liberty in our Politics and Our Lifestyles.
Led by Paul Gibbons, Libertarian activist.

Heinlein was a champion of a largely self-sufficient society, encouraging people to learn the basics of survival and self reliance. Principles of respect for persons and property and commitment to duty and honoring the dignity of competence were described at length in many of his books, including *Starship Troopers*, *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* and *Stranger in a Strange Land*.

Many people believe *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *Starship Troopers* are complete opposites. Heinlein himself stated that if a reader did not get it that both of these books are about the same thing, they have completely missed the point of all of his writings. Both these books and *Moon is a Harsh Mistress* are about personal responsibility for the state of your own life, the happiness of those you care for, and the safety and freedom of the village (or the planet) in which you live. This includes the government we choose and the lifestyles we live.

Science fiction has been consistently pointing the way to the future in science, technology, and politics. Heinlein and others made considerable inroads into other areas of life and philosophy. What inferences can we make from the questions posed in these works of fiction that can serve us today and into the future? Come discuss these issues as we unpack the great ideas we have admired in our favorite stories and work back to the first principles that would make these worlds and ours more successful.

1 pm Pot Luck Lunch Bring something healthy and delicious to share
2-4 pm Group discussions or hot tub

STRATEGIES OF FRIENDSHIP: Building Your Own Family By Choice

Some of those who come to me as a hypnotherapist tell me that they have no friends, some adding that they do have acquaintances, but not real friends. Sometimes this happens because a person moves to a different geographical location than they grew up in. Often, though, the complaint comes from people who have lived in one area most of their lives. Why do some people have all the relationships they can fit into a busy life (and more) while others are miserably trying to survive in an isolated state--water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink?

I am blessed with a friendship circle of people who I love and care for and who care deeply about me. This did not happen by accident, though it did begin with the good luck of meeting fellow science fiction fans on a school bus at the age of fifteen and interrupting some disagreement they were having relating to Star Trek with my own (somewhat unwelcome) opinions. One of them became my first water brother (see *Stranger in a Strange Land*) and forty-eight years later is still my best friend. We formed a teenage "gang" of SF fans (many of whom also dabbled with writing the stuff). We had parties and kidnap breakfasts, lunches together at school, skinny dipping by remote waterfalls (before any of us identified as nudists) and all kinds of horseplay kids usually engage in. Birthdays were remembered and celebrated by all, as were all the usual special holidays. Our parties and other activities, however, could turn at a moment notice or anyone's need into a sensitivity group of empathic listeners willing to share tears, joy and group hugs. I learned what friendship meant through high school sensitivity training combined with reading *Stranger* for the first time at age 15 and having kindred spirits with whom to practice the teachings of real and lasting commitment, deep sharing, and a love which could include many special others.

If you did not have the good fortune to blunder into a group like this as a teenager it does not mean that you can't have it now. You can call those who you would like to be closer to and invite them for dinner at your home or call a few such someones and invite them to a party. You are reading this out of an interest in the poly lifestyle which may be anything from a new exploration for you to a lifelong identification. You have a group of kindred spirits to share your interests with-- Live the Dream (or any other poly group you are involved with),

your local Church of All Worlds Nest, Science Fiction Fandom, and any special interest group you go to. Go to the meetings/conventions of the group you are involved with. Meet people. Get names, phone numbers and E-Mail addresses. (Even if these are in the group's directory, getting that info from each individual is an invitation to contact them *personally*). Offer to give a party for those whose birthdays are the same month as yours or your spouse's-- publicize it in the group's newsletter or through E-Mail. Have a Thanksgiving Day pot luck or an Easter Egg hunt with adult prizes or personal gift certificates hidden in the plastic eggs. Offer to lead a meeting, an activity or plan a group get-away weekend. ***Live the Dream would welcome offers like this!***

Get involved at the volunteer level in a position which involves reaching out to other members and put something extra into the communication even if it's just a message on an answering machine; leave your own phone number for questions. Have a sensitivity exercise as a party game or after meeting activity and see how it flies.

HAI (Human Awareness Institute) offers a wide variety of weekend and one-day workshops including special couples' workshops. Go ahead and "steal" ideas and exercises to use with your own friendship group. Go to www.hai.org for more info.

The bottom line is to be someone who brings joy to others and is known to care about them. Be someone who remembers birthdays and anniversaries and invites the gang to celebrate them together--at your place, someone else's, a restaurant, a local park--anywhere. Be someone your friends know is *there* for them when needed. Schedule regular times to get together individually or at least be sure the next date is on calendar, same with friends as with lovers (who are hopefully friends first). To have friends, be the best friend you know how to be to those you choose to draw close...

Quality Quantifiers in Action

It is Saturday night. David and his significant other (Mary) have planned an evening at home with a delightful lady they have been seeing for some time and really care for (Andrea). Mary is envisioning quiet music and soft caresses all around, and feeding each other the finger foods she has lovingly prepared in a nonverbal tribal feast style. She has made dinner light and delicious. David is daydreaming about being attacked by two passionate women who can't get enough of him with hard rock music adding to the excitement. Andrea is really looking forward to a chance for deep discussion about this relationship. She wants to make some decisions about where to go from here with it.

David gets home, gives Mary a rough passionate kiss and goes looking for his Nine Inch Nails CD. Andrea arrives and is told by Mary of her lovely surprise night of QUIET romance. Somehow this event does not turn out too well.

Unrealistic? Maybe. This case of crossed purposes could have been remedied by a little sharing beforehand as to what each participant wanted from the evening. Perhaps three

separate evenings should have been calendared to give everyone what they wanted, with the parameters agreed upon in advance for each one of them. Each person could have been given an evening to plan with the agreement that it would be a surprise--please hold expectations in suspense. Each of these people could make a list of a variety of things they could enjoy during an evening together and what they would really *not* enjoy. The lists could be shared. The person doing the planning or all of you together could then create experiences that would work from a selection of possibilities.

If something on one person's list of special delights is a turn off for one of the others, it could either be shared with the one it is not a turn off for separately or ways could be found to make something previously neutral or even unpleasant a lot more interesting. It's not what you do that matters as much as how you choose to react to it.

This works for an evening alone with your primary partner at least as well as for poly dates. Taking the time to find out what both of you enjoy, really looking into yourselves to discover your innermost desires (in bed and out) then sharing the information, will make that relationship more intimate and more joyous than ever before. You'll both have more fun together. As a poly bonus, a couple who really love each other and show it, attract more of the right kinds of additional loves than do the couple who growl at each other or just seem bored. Which kind would *you* want to be around?

Not in a relationship right now? You can still figure out what it takes for you to have a great evening alone or with others. Make the list. Choose something on it you can create and calendar it. Make it something that does not require a lover if there isn't one easily accessible right now. Choose from the *possible*, then go for it! You could have a great time even by yourself if you plan it right--not just the activities, but your attitude toward them. If you think of this as a booby prize for what you really wanted, you could create a miserable time for yourself. If you think of it as an exciting adventure in pleasing the one person you *know* you'll be spending the rest of your life with, it could be more marvelous than you ever expected. If, on another occasion, you decide to get someone to join you for the evening, you'll at least have an idea of what it takes for you to have fun.

Call people you know would enjoy that kind of evening until you find one who is available in the near future and make a date for it. If what you want is simply to spend the evening with a particular person, find out what this person's parameters might be for a wonderful evening. Have fun making an impromptu list together and surprise your friend with one or more of those things. This could lead to more than friendship if that is what you're aiming for. How many people have bothered to do this with him or her before? Ever wished you had an edge in getting someone special to be willing to spend time with you?

THE NOVEMBER 18 EVENT WILL GIVE YOU THAT EDGE!

Science Fiction Entry into Alternative Lifestyles

Why would science fiction provide inspiration for trying different kinds of love styles? One reason is that all the times and worlds available to science fiction writers allow the exploration of relationship options which are very different from the current norm in our society. While it is possible to find any number of different ways of creating love connections and building families represented in other cultures and other countries available for study by anthropologists in the “real” world, science fiction has far fewer limits. Heinlein’s books from *Stranger in a Strange Land* through *To Sail Beyond the Sunset* provide example of triads, line (multi generational) group marriages and open relationships of all kinds. Spider Robinson has open relationships, telepathically connected friends and lovers—even an intimate network in a high-class brothel. Some of Robert Rimmer’s books take place in future times which could certainly be regarded as science fiction and have themes like couple meets couple, they fall in love and get married. Marion Zimmer Bradley’s Darkover series presents us with a group marriage of two couples, married men who have concubines, a bi man (king of that world’s humans) who continues his committed relationship with a male lover while enjoying a happy marriage with his wife as well as mixed marriages of human and alien resulting in children with unusual psychic abilities. People who read science fiction are willing to consider relationship options others might never think of and to have philosophies backing their lifestyles decisions rather than just letting it happen to them. That is very important to me in a partner. So is the fact that science fiction readers are not mentally trapped in the box of our current world. They enjoy much wider boundaries of reality...

There many other entries into polyamory. These include people who are just “born” without the jealousy part. Maybe because they were never shown it or taught that it was ok. There are those who get into this lifestyle because someone they love is poly—perhaps discovering it after they have been married or started a committed relationship with that person. That can work if the person discovers they too are poly or if they simply find they can handle their partner have other relationships whether they choose to or not. I knew a couple who stayed in that kind of marriage for 20 years until one of them died. It **does not** work if the other partner is not poly and feels forced into tolerating it from a husband or wife. If the fact that someone is poly is shared on a first or second date, I regard that as something else. It is a choice at that point being made by one who is not in a position of being forced to choose between someone they love and the monogamy they have grown up with. In this case it is just one way a person can realize they themselves are poly. Another entry into polyamory is falling in love with two people at the same time by accident, choosing not to drop either of them and being lucky enough to have them agree to this unusual solution. Still another is two people falling in love with one person and choosing to share that person as my own handfasted partner, Marcus, did in his first triad. Marcus chose to share his wife with his best friend just out of high school. It lasted a year and the children (both Marcus’) counted both of them as their well into adulthood. His second triad with Paul and I lasted five years as triad with all involved well aware of what polyamory was and clearly identifying as poly.

COULD YOU MEET YOUR SOUL MATE AT A SF CONVENTION?

As of this writing, Marcus and I have formed a triad with Craig who is completing his move in to Penfield House this month November 2017. Craig and I met originally at Los Con in 1987 when I handed him a Live the Dream Newsletter while he was manning the Oasis/L5 table. He was not ready for polyamory then, but was ready by LosCon of 2016. I found him still manning that table and encouraging fans to learn more about the benefits of space exploration, a cause very dear to my own heart. Craig attended the next Live the Dream meeting, became my water brother a few months later and asked me to marry him as the eclipse reached Totality on August 20, 2017. We will be married April 28, 2018! Marcus will be the best man. Paul is doing the videography and my first water brother, Glen (my first water brother and best friend for 48 yrs) is Man of Honor along with my daughter Regina being Matron of Honor. Hey, we're *alternative* here.

Paul still lives at the Penfield house, though he now spends much of his time in Phoenix where Athena (his committed partner of five years) is attending classes to become an aerospace engineer. Athena spends time at Penfield House, too, is our water kin and very dear to all of us. We are all deeply into science fiction as well as science fiction fandom.

As a second example, one of our other members, Harold met his 1st wife, Laura, at LosCon 7 in the Gaming room.... they were inseparable the entire weekend. The following weekend, she took him out & taught him how to snorkel. Their open relationship lasted seven years! At that point Laura decided she had married & had kids (3) too soon and wanted to go off & explore the World. Being truly Poly, Harold said do what you need to, the kids & I will be here waiting for you when you get back. He met & married his 2nd wife at RenFaire (which could be considered a convention in its own right!) That Poly relationship lasted until her passing... 22 years later.

Live the Dream accepts those who have entered polyamory through many doors, but caters to those who were originally inspired by the writings (and philosophies) of science fiction particularly those of Robert A. Heinlein and Marion Zimmer Bradley. Robert Rimmer did write some poly science fiction, *Harrad Experiment & Love Me Tomorrow*.



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 for more info on this meeting
Also check out 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>
This is the largest non-landed clothing optional club in California

Other Poly info:

www.lovemore.com

www.polyevents.blogspot.com

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

Other groups friendly to Polyamory

KARL HESS CLUB www.karlhessclub.org

meets on the 3rd 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 26-September 3 2018 for details www.burningman.com!

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>



LTD DUES ARE \$25.00 PER YEAR FOR ONE PERSON, \$40 FOR A COUPLE, \$10 EACH FOR ADDITIONAL PERSON(S) IN THE SAME HOUSE. DOUBLE THAT FOR FREE ATTENDANCE AT ALL REGULAR DAY TIME 3RD SATURDAY MEETINGS. TO BECOME A MEMBER OR TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AND EITHER E-MAIL OR SNAIL MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW. An E-Mail NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION ONLY IS AVAILABLE FOR FREE. JUST BE SURE TO PROVIDE US WITH YOUR E-Mail ADDRESS. REGULAR MEETINGS ARE \$5.00 WITH YOUR CURRENTLY PAID MEMBERSHIP CARD (FAMILY SYNERGY OR LIVE THE DREAM) WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE \$8.00.

	Membership Type	Single	Couple/Family
<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: \$** _____

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

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**