

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 Lay and Pat LaFollette



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

11 AM TO 4 PM

CHOSEN FAMILY & HOW SCIENCE FICTION HAS AFFECTED REAL FAMILIES

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

6 PM TO ???

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WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY!

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A COURSE ON MORAL PHILOSOPHY:

LIBERTY IN OUR POLITICS AND OUR LIFESTYLES.

Led by Paul Gibbons, Libertarian activist.



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

Live the Dream

December 2017 to January 2018

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka 91306. Group house- home of Terry, Marcus, Will, John, Rita, Craig and Paul. 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 DECEMBER 16

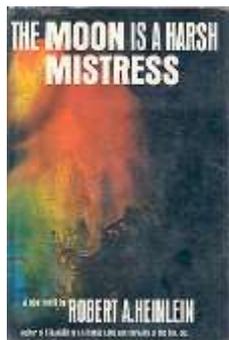
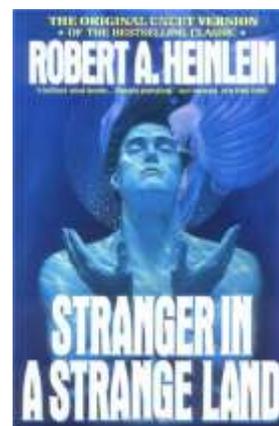
11 am to 4pm

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



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. Your favorite holiday dish (perhaps one you loved as a child) for pot luck supper—
Wrapped science fiction, fantasy or magikal gift (\$5-\$10) for GIFT EXCHANGE. (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 Solstice Ritual led by our High Priestess Ealswythe (Actress, Author and so much more!)

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

Paul may share some video's relating to the Free State Project

Libertarian themed Filk sing follows at 7pm (6pm for pot luck dinner)

Excerpts from a **Yule Ritual—You can try this at home!**

PRIESTESS stands to PRIEST's left.

PRIESTESS and PRIEST turn to face each other. PRIESTESS stands with feet together, hands crossed at the wrists on her chest just below her neck as PRIEST says:

"I call upon thee, O mighty mother of us all,
bringer of fruitfulness,
by seed and by root,
by flower and by fruit,
by stem and by bud,
by life and by love,
here below as above,

And ask thee to descend into this body of thy priestess (NAME).

PRIESTESS then moves her feet apart to shoulder width and reaches her arms out sideways as if to touch the shoulders of anyone next to her were anyone there. PRIEST takes the pentacle and touches it gently to PRIESTESS's forehead, L foot, R hand, L hand, R foot & head.

PRIEST replaces the pentacle on the altar and says:

"Hear now the words of the great mother who of old was called among men by many names."

PRIESTESS then reads the Charge of the Goddess.

I am the eternal goddess,
Ever changing, ever living,
Ever loving, ever giving,
Yet I charge you, if you would,
Be mine and follow my ways.

(pause)

Then shall you gather yourselves once in a month, and better it be when the moon is full, and assemble in some secret place. There you shall adore the spirit of me who am queen of all witches. There shall you dance, sing, feast, make music and love, all in my praise, and to those who would learn sorcery, to these I will teach things as yet unknown.

Keep pure your highest ideal; strive ever towards it; let naught stop you or turn you aside, for mine are freedom, knowledge and rejoicing, the ecstasy of the spirit, the earth's

love for her creatures. Mine is the secret door of life and death, and all these I do give freely to the children of wisdom.

I give unimaginable joys on earth, certainty, not faith, while in life; upon death, peace unutterable, rest, ecstasy. Nor do I demand sacrifice, for behold! I am the mother of all living and my love is poured out upon the earth."

PRIEST says: "hear ye the words of the star goddess, she in the dust of whose feet are the hosts of heaven, whose body encircleth the universe."

PRIESTESS continues with the Charge of the Goddess:

"I, who am the beauty of the green earth, and the white moon among the stars and the mystery of the waters and the desire of the heart of man, I call upon thy soul to arise and come unto me, for I am the soul of all nature, who giveth life to the universe.

(pause)

"From me, all things proceed; to me they shall also return. Let my worship be in the heart, rejoice, for all acts of love and pleasure are my ritual. Therefore, let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion, honor and humility, mirth and reverence among you.

And thou who thinkest to seek for me, know thy seeking and yearning shall avail thee not, unless thou knowest the mystery; that if thou seekest and find it not within thyself, nothing is there for thee to find, for behold! I have been with thee since the beginning, and I am that which is attained at the end of desire."

PRIEST says "WELCOME, LADY." and kisses PRIESTESS. PRIEST then stands with feet together and hands crossed on his chest, similar to PRIESTESS earlier, as PRIESTESS says:

"I call upon thee, lord of the hunt,
guardian of the forest and all wild creatures
By seed and by root,
By flower and by fruit,

By stem and by bud,
by life and by love,
here below as above,
Descend now into this body of thy priest NAME."

PRIESTESS takes the pentacle as PRIEST spreads his feet shoulder width or as far apart as needed so PRIESTESS can reach his head, and raises his arms out to the side like PRIESTESS did.

PRIESTESS touches the pentacle gently to PRIEST's forehead, LEFT foot, RIGHT hand, LEFT hand, RIGHT foot and forehead, then puts it back on the altar.

PRIEST then reads the Charge of the God from a scroll.

"I am the stag of seven tines;
I go across dark waters.
I am borne up by the wind--I descend in the tears of the sun;
I fly like a hawk to my nest on the cliff.
I put forth leaves and flowers in the meadow--
I am the oak and the lightning that destroys it.
I am the courage of spearmen; I give wisdom to judges;
I breathe in the words of the poets.
I rove the hills like a wild boar,
I return again, drawn like the tide.
Who but I may know the secret of the unbuilt temple?"

PRIESTESS says "Welcome, Lord," and kisses PRIEST.
PRIEST tells the story of how Yule began

Origins of Yule:

In the Northern hemisphere, the winter solstice has been celebrated for millennia. The Norse peoples viewed it as a time for much feasting, merrymaking, and, if the [Icelandic sagas](#) are to be believed, a time of sacrifice as well. [Traditional customs](#) such as the [Yule log](#), the [decorated tree](#), and [wassailing](#) can all be traced back to Norse origins.

Celtic Celebrations of Winter:

The Celts of the British Isles celebrated midwinter as well. Although little is known about the specifics of what they did, many traditions persist. According to the writings of Pliny the Elder, this is the time of year in which [Druid priests](#) sacrificed a white bull and gathered [mistletoe](#) in celebration.

Welcoming the Sun Through the Ages:

Four thousand years ago, the Ancient Egyptians took the time to celebrate the daily rebirth of [Ra, the god of the Sun](#). As their culture flourished and spread throughout Mesopotamia, other civilizations decided to get in on the sun-welcoming action. They found that things went really well... until the weather got cooler, and crops began to die. Each year, this cycle of birth, death and rebirth took place, and they began to realize that every year after a period of cold and darkness, the Sun did indeed return.

Winter festivals were also common in Greece and Rome, as well as in the British Isles. When a new religion called Christianity popped up, the new hierarchy had trouble converting the Pagans, and as such, folks didn't want to give up their old holidays. Christian churches were built on old Pagan worship sites, and [Pagan symbols](#) were incorporated into the symbolism of Christianity. Within a few centuries, the Christians had everyone worshipping a new holiday celebrated on December 25.



In some traditions of [Wicca and Paganism](#), the [Yule celebration](#) comes from the [Celtic](#) legend of the battle between the young [Oak King and the Holly King](#). The Oak King, representing the light of the new year, tries each year to usurp the old Holly King, who is the symbol of darkness. Re-enactment of the battle is popular in some Wiccan rituals.



In the Temple, an eternal flame had to stay lit all the time. Walk into any synagogue today and you will see something commemorating that eternal flame, though now it's usually a light bulb. This signifies that God's presence is there all the time, in the same way that we light an eternal flame in memory of a president or great person to signify that their spirit never dies.

But when they came into the Temple to light the eternal flame, there was only one flask of clean, pure olive oil to use, just enough to keep the flame burning for one day. Only pure oil could be used — not oil that had been touched by the pagans and used for sacrifices to the pagan gods. There would not be enough oil, as it would take eight days to go out and get more.

But they went ahead and lit the flame anyway, which sends a beautiful message of trusting in God. Some might have said, "Why bother? It will go out anyway after a day, and then we'll have to wait for the oil." But they trusted in God, and a miracle occurred — the lamp that was only to last for one day stayed lit for eight days until the new oil arrived. This is how *Hanukkah* became the "Festival of Lights"

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 are 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 dad 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 completed his move in to Penfield House this 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: \$** _____

Membership Information *Help Support the Lifestyle you live!*

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E-Mail: _____

Single Married Attached Unattached Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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



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Fifty Years of Polyamory in America

Explore the history of the polyamory movement, to the advent of advocacy groups in the 1960s and '70s, to contemporary practitioners and the future of the movement.

Synopsis

Fifty Years of Polyamory in America is unique among the forty books published about polyamory in the last ten years because the scope of this book is the entire history of the polyamory movement. Instead of concentrating on the experiences of a few people exploring alternate lifestyles it is an exploration of two generations of Americans, the people and the organizations they founded, what they have chosen to do, and how it has changed their lives and affected the culture as a whole.

Fascinating . . .

