

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 Levy and Pat LaFollette

UPCOMING EVENTS

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11 am to 4 pm

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LED BY MARCUS BRUSSEL JENKINS

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

**SPECIAL WEEKEND LONG EVENT IS PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 16 AND 17TH (FRIDAY
NIGHT THROUGH SUNDAY AFTERNOON).**

° MORE ON THIS in this and each NEWSLETTER

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

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Live the Dream

July 2017 to September 2017

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) .

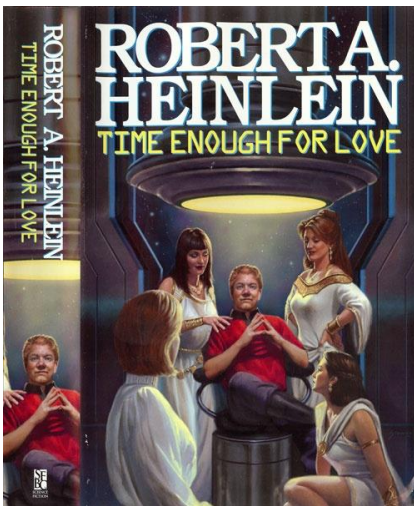
EVENTS

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 JULY 15

11 AM TO 4 PM

WILL YOU MULTI MARRY ME?



Fiction authors such as Heinlein, Spider Robinson and Marion Zimmer Bradley have offered us marriage ceremonies for joining with more than one significant other. Terry did a very well attended workshop on this at the Heinlein Centennial Celebration in Kansas City in July 2007. We will discuss not only the ceremonies themselves, but the promises being made and the effect of the future of the relationships being committed to. In the real world, the Church of all Worlds, Loving More and others have created such vows & ceremonies for current use. We will have examples of those as well.

1 pm Pot Luck Lunch Bring something healthy and delicious to share
2-4 pm Sensitivity Exercises & Growing Closer—Verbal and non-Verbal. We may play a poly version of the UnGame...

(Shaded hot tub also available)

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 song '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!

SATURDAY AUGUST 19 11 AM TO 4 PM
SWINGING TO POLY—BLACK AND WHITE OR SHADES OF GRAY?
Led by Marcus Brussel Jenkins

Some poly people are former or “evolved” swingers. They discovered they wanted more from a relationship than the sex alone could give them. Others may straddle both worlds as they attend poly gatherings and “permissive” parties. Hopefully these folks have read Bouquet of Lovers (please see full article on the CAW web site caw.org/content/?q=bouquet) and practice safe sex! At Life Styles Conventions given by Wide World of Swingers, Hospitality was handled by a group of people who had known each other over many conventions. They had worked closely together on all the details of making a big convention successful for those giving it and those attending it. Some may have originally met at one of those parties which were frankly Swing parties, had sex and not asked their partner’s name. After working together for years, going to each other’s weddings and kids Bar Mitzvahs as well as social gatherings of all kinds for holidays, etc. any love making they do with each other is no longer casual and is certainly not anonymous. Even if they still call themselves swingers, they are probably poly by most definitions. Might swing parties be one way to introduce people to the poly life style while looking for potential love partners who may not yet know they are poly?

Pot Luck Lunch 1 pm

Socializing, shaded hot tub, etc. 2-4 pm

Live the Dream's 30th Anniversary Year

We will feature excerpts from *Fifty Years of Polyamory* by Glen Olson and Terry Brussel (being offered to publishers at this writing) throughout the year!

Exciting News about our book!

Fifty Years of Polyamory in America, an exploration of the people who changed the world and how they did it by inventing new ways to love and relate will soon be available for pre-order. This is an exciting time for us, the book has reached the point where it is time to get a publisher and you can help.

Our pre-order campaign begins soon. When it starts there will be several ways you can help get this important book out into the world. First of course by ordering the book! We will be adding thank you gifts and incentives to the various order amounts, but most of all you will have our thanks for being an important part of this journey in loving. Stay tuned for further updates! Thank you from the authors, Glen Olson and Terry Lee Brussel.

Confirmed: Oberon Zell, founder of the Church of All Worlds, will be our Keynote speaker on Saturday September 16 10 am for Live the Dream's 30 anniversary!

Glen Olson & Terry Lee Brussel speak to us about *Fifty Years of Polyamory Through Our Eyes* Saturday 2pm.
Mabon (Fall Equinox ritual) With Oberon Zell & Priestess Ealswythe 8:30pm Friday

Sensitivity exercises for Growing Closer verbal and non-verbal Friday night and throughout weekend when other things are not happening.

Sensual couple and group massage Saturday Night led by Terry and Craig

The event will take place at Penfield House in Winnetka. Some crash space is available in the house by prearrangement with tent camping available (even a limited number of tents including a couple big enough for 6 people) by calling ahead in the front and back yards.

Close by motels are another option if you wish greater comfort.

Access to showers and Hot Tub available all week end.

Friday night dinner LTD provides homemade chicken soup + Pot Luck

Breakfast Saturday LTD provides omelets + Pot Luck

Lunch Saturday LTD provides Salmon and Tuna salad + Pot Luck.

We will order Pizza Saturday night—provided by LTD.

Brunch of Fruit, Cream Cheese and Bagels Sunday is provided by Live the Dream.

You bring a dish big enough for 10 as well as snacks for yourself and to share.

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.

Price for this event is \$75 for a single, couples \$120 until 08-17-17. After that, singles \$100 and couples \$160. Call 818-886-0069 to put this on a credit card or send checks made out to Live the Dream to 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Calif 91306.

We are working on overflow hotel space for those that do not plan on staying here at Penfield House for the weekend. If you prefer to stay at a nearby hotel please contact us **BY 7/15/17** so we can make block room arrangements for you.

I Now Pronounce You

(led by Terry and Paul Brussel-Gibbons in the Heinlein Centennial Celebration Kansas City 2007)

I Now Pronounce You: Wedding ceremonies abound in Heinlein's stories: *Tunnel in the Sky* has several monogamous type marriage ceremonies in its off planet impromptu colony. Those are fairly traditional. *I Will Fear No Evil* gives us one old man in a young woman's body marrying another still in his own body. They have a traditional ceremony as a lead in to one of Heinlein's few examples of an open relationship where the participant mostly pretends to monogamy. *Moon Is a Harsh Mistress* adds Wyoh to Mannie's Line marriage with a ceremony promising to be committed to raising children together, Friday marries into her S group with great contractual formality, Lazarus marries Dora on horseback and gets her pregnant immediately afterward. Their marriage is definitely and open one with no promises to be anything else. Lazarus' Tertius colony family adds Maureen in a formal ceremony promising to be committed to raising children in the womb of any lady in the marriage as well as any who are presently under 18 to adulthood. All of these ceremonies, including *Stranger's* water sharing, are ways of making a commitment to another person or persons for the safe and responsible raising of children and the joy of the adults who raise those children. Only the S

group in Friday is presented in a really negative light, though by the end of that book our main character is completely enmeshed in a very positive group marriage. Heinlein clearly approves of marriage in any form which assures safe and effective raising of children, preservation of assets, and plenty of loving for all involved. He does not expect marriage to be eliminated in future society. To the degree that it is set aside, he believes that society to be a sick one. He expected marriage to Evolve rather than disappear.

Families in Heinlein

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The Rolling Stones gives us a trad family with grandma Hazel helping with the children. Having her daughter in law be a doctor was a little unusual at the time it was written, but Heinlein's novels have many strong, very bright women in them.

The juveniles always included kids, young ones on up to late teens, as fully developed characters. *Tunnel in the Sky* had teens as its main characters. *Have Space Suit, Will Travel* had pre-teens. Almost all of his alternate lifestyles books included them, too, either as complete characters (Dora in *Time Enough for Love*, Hazel in *Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*), less developed but definitely present characters such as the children of Dora and Lazarus in *Time Enough*, and Woody's brothers and sisters both in *Time Enough* and *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*. Even when children are merely mentioned but off stage they are a strong motivator for the behavior of the adults. Heinlein is very clear throughout that the protection women and children including preservation of assets and the good upbringing of children are the major purposes of marriages of any kind. Lazarus (and Heinlein's own parents) believed in appropriate discipline balanced by plenty of physical affection.

Howard family marriages were mostly serial monogamous or (more likely according to *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*) open committed relationships with others being added secretly at first (Maureen had to dye her hair and become a supposed mother in law so her husband could be the father of the child he gave his daughter in law.), then more openly as such things became more acceptable in outer society and as the Howards migrated off planet. They always included children by definition since the whole idea of those marriages was a breeding scheme for long life. Lazarus's one marriage to a non Howard (Dora) takes place on such a planet. The frontier society they founded was certainly not monogamous and did include plenty of children. Secundus and Tertius had Howards as the majority. By the time we get to *Number of the Beast*, we have a constantly growing group marriage on Tertius which includes most of Heinlein's major characters and plenty of children with the commitment of all adults in the marriage being to the welfare of those children until they reach adulthood. Lazarus Long, Jubal Harshaw, Hazel (once more), Lazarus' cloned sisters, his mother Maureen and even such computers (pre and post transformation to humans) as Minerva, Mike and Athene are members of this family. *The Cat Who Walked through Walls* and *To Sail Beyond the Sunset* depict characters who travel frequently through time, may have formal and informal romantic liaisons in other times/ parallel time lines, but who generally return to the group marriage they are part of --frequently with the new partner in tow.

WATER SHARING AT A HANDFASTING

The concept of Sharing Water as presented in *Stranger in a Strange Land* is one form of Expanded Family created in part as a way to replace the kind of security extended blood related families no longer give in today's society which may scatter such families all over the country or even the world as job requirements and other things cause changes of location.

The Extended Family of the past might live together or only in close proximity to each other. It may provide anything from grandparents who help care for the children which can be a real strain for a young couple in nuclear family setting to Grandparents who provide a large caring home for that young couple (which may eventually be their own) instead of having them live in less than optimal housing with their money going down the drain on rent. The younger people reciprocated by taking care of elder family members in years ahead.

Expanded family can be created in a number of ways. Sharing water is one them. There are many definitions of what it means to be a Water Brother. Here are some from *Stranger in a Strange Land* where the concept originated. Here water was used because the main character was raised on Mars where water is rare and life depended upon it. To share this life-giving substance was literally to share Life.

Water sharing is like being baptized . . . and like getting married. It means you trust us and we trust you. We can tell you anything and you can tell us anything...and know that confidences will be kept. It means that we are partners, now and forever. Once done, it can never be broken.

In this *Stranger in a Strange Land*, the Character Mahmoud, Michael's first Water Brother, noted that Michael presented to him this group of Jubal, Anne, Jill, Mariam, and Dorcas as HIS NEW Water Brothers. Mahmoud had JUST met all of them and was not really comfortable with any of them. Because they were Michael's water brothers, Mahmoud had an obligation to them more binding than that owed to the sons of one's father's brother. Mahmoud had to accept them as his family. Mi Familia Su Familia, My Family is your family, including all the problems and delights that may come with them. This is Called Sharing in fullness.

Terry (at a Handfasting Ceremony) May you never thirst, never hunger is one acknowledgment commonly used among members of the real Church of All Worlds which is based on the one in Heinlein's novel. In *Stranger*, this is a binding promise to see to it *personally* that one's Brothers (read sisters as well) shall never hunger, be thirsty, nor lack for shelter. Among most who offer these words in ritual, they are far less binding. In most rituals, the sharing of water is simply the recognition that we are all brothers and sisters in the earth, Gaia. Being a bit more traditional, I personally will not use water for such a ritual unless I do mean the words literally. I replace it with juice. I may even verbally state that the sharing we are doing is not a sharing in fullness. In my own inner Nest, the sharing of Water has meanings varying from person to person by their choice. There are those who have chosen to accept my water brothers as their own and those who have chosen to share only with me and to share separately, or not, with each of my other water brothers. Others have decided to change to this meaning after the original sharing. Some have even chosen to break the bond of water brotherhood--which they can do, *on their side*, without anyone disincorporating as a result. In essence, we are none of us Martians nor characters in a science fiction story. Each of us does the best we can to be true to ourselves and those we care for. Those present who are members of our Nest, in whatever way they choose to define that, will be asked to come forward and share with us today. We hope you will feel comfortable accepting that invitation.

Glen: *Will those persons present who are Water Brothers of our Nest please come forward at this time to renew the sharing of water.?*

A water filled chalice is passed around starting with Glen shares with Terry and which Terry passes to those being hand fasted

The cup is passed to rest of the Nest, ending with Glen.

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Imagine coming home to a beautiful house, a well-kept yard filled with flowers and trees. Space for a garden if you have a green thumb. The fire place may be lit if it is winter. You come home to the smell of something delicious being cooked by one of your housemates. Or perhaps you are the housemate doing that cooking—that nurturing. You share a good dinner with whoever is at home tonight. Afterward, you might go to the privacy of your room, soak in the hot tub with good friends, join a lively discussion in the living room or cuddle by the fire. Sound good? MAKE YOUR FANTASY A REALITY...

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

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>
Host monthly Beach parties at Bates Beach all summer! 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 27-September 4 2017 for details www.burningman.com

Poly Paradise Village at Burning Man 2017 www.azcompuguy.com/polyparadise

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.

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I am willing to volunteer: Time Meeting Space

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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