

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*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday November 17

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POLY and BI Discussion + Bed Warming Party

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25

10:30am-11:30 am

**Live the Dream Meet point and Filking at
the LAX Marriott Hotel in the FILK ROOM!**



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SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

11a- 4p

Robert Heinlein Poly Stories or Poly Life?

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka 91306. Group house- home of Terry, Craig, Marcus, Melissa (and son), John, and Rita. 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.

Note: Terry Lee Brussel is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Life Coach, and a 4th generation Matchmaker.

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*.

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 at 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 healthy and delicious for the pot luck.

Your donation for the day event includes the night event or party only if you attend evening only. Pot Luck dish for each event is appreciated.

Saturday November 17

11 -4

POLY and BI Discussion + Bed Warming Party

Are you bi or bi curious or have a partner who is? Are you a male who has fantasies of making love with two delightful ladies who are also into each other? Surprise—some ladies have fantasies like that about two men. There is a whole fan fiction genre called Slash devoted to it.

Kirk/Spock is the biggest one of these that I know of—and my personal favorite. The stories move from first romance when they met on the Enterprise to their 25th wedding anniversary with Spock's parents solemnly sharing the occasion. A few of these stories offer us triads with Uhura, Nurse Chapel or even McCoy.

Chewbacca/Solo also have their...adventures.

In the real world, (whatever that is) bisexuality has been getting more and more common in both poly and swinging communities. People used to say at Lifestyles (a yearly swing convention put on by Wide World) that Swinger were 100% bi—99% of the women and 1% of the men. As more men join Bi pride, they no longer make that claim.

Perhaps you have always known you were bi or have even had a same sex lover, but have been embarrassed to discuss it with your straight partner.

If you are single and looking, should you mention your bisexuality in a personal ad or on a first date? What happens if you mention it in an on-line profile on a dating site? Does being Bi really double your chances of a date on Saturday night?

Have you ever considered a family consisting of a triad with two bi men and a lady who wants kids? Or two couples who are all bi? If you are Poly, being bi sensual or at least comfortable with touching another man may make more sense than discomfort with hugging your wife's lover. It may be difficult to avoid touching him when he joins you and your wife in bed. If you are bi, polyamory makes more sense than monogamy for many reasons. You *can* have your cake and eat it, too...

We'll discuss all of this and whatever YOUR particular questions are.

Pot luck lunch 1 pm

Afternoon Event 2-4

Appropo of Bi and Poly... *How Big is Your Bed?*

Come see our brand new 8'6" wide by 6'6" long head and foot adjustable, massage bed being delivered on November 9th!

We may try to figure out just how many can fit in this bed...volunteers? See article below.

Sunday November 25

10:30 am to 11:30 am

LIVE the DREAM Filking MEETPOINT AT LosCon*

If you are going to LosCon 45, the LA regional Speculative Fiction convention at the LAX Marriott you can join Terry, Craig, Paul & Athena sharing Polyamory in the **Filk room!** For convention information go to www.loscon.org or ask for the Filk room at the Convention Info Desk. We have many wonderful Poly filk songs from Gaia's Consort, Kathy Mar, and others. Craig has created some new Poly Filk (from good country/blues standards). We would love for you to bring YOUR favorite Poly songs to share. There will also be some discussion of Poly.

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 who have lived in real triads, group houses, open marriages, etc. Want help in figuring out how to **Live YOUR Dream?** Call 800-Lifemates (543-3628)

Saturday December 15

11a- 4p

Robert Heinlein Poly Stories or Poly Life?

Volume I of Heinlein's life story shows us that he was poly from the start. At that time, it was called companionate marriage. Heinlein was also a nudist who enjoyed Elysium as so many of us did while it was open. His first novel *For Us the Living* written in 1938, but found and published long after his death, has in it the seeds of many of his later stories with a positive attitude towards (and practical advice about) both nudity and multiply committed relationships from *Stranger in a Strange Land* to *Sail Beyond the Sunset*. His biography reveals many of his ideas and characters come from the real-life experiences we will be discussing at this meeting.

Bastard Children No More

For many years, those of us who used Heinlein's novels as a guide to open committed relationships were known as Heinlein's "bastard" children and looked down upon in the science fiction community. At his Centennial celebration in Kansas City in 2007, Terry and Paul led 3 panels on Heinlein's Family structures including marriage ceremonies and customs in his adult novels, and how they served as a guide for real life poly families. Every one of those workshops was packed.

We have just acquired the **Virginia Edition**-- ALL of Heinlein's writings fiction and nonfiction—leather bound and beautiful! They are proudly displayed in our living room along with our charter as a Nest of Church of All Worlds (real life one based on Heinlein's fictional church in *Stranger in a Strange Land*) signed by Founder Oberon Zell. Come see!

LTD ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY FOLLOWS at 6 pm

LTD Winter Holiday Party: 6:00 pm until ???

(Crash space available by arrangement when you RSVP)

Pot Luck Dinner 6 pm Bring your favorite holiday dish from childhood (or now)—enough to share with 10 people.

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

G-M Juices or fresh fruit;

N-R Side dishes or Salads

S-Z Desserts and treats.

Latkes, Apple Sauce and Sour Cream provided by Live the Dream.

Songs about the Maccabees, dreidels, lighted up Christmas miniature houses, and a Winter Solstice ritual. We'll light the Hanukkah Menorah—way late since Hanukkah is early this year. 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.

Children welcome 6-9 pm ONLY. Children bring child gifts to exchange with each other. Bring your kids, grand kids and those who are family-by-choice! 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.

Clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) available all evening—bring sandals and towels. Cost \$5 for paid members, \$8.00 for nonmembers.

Here's Where Size Matters. How Big is Your Bed? Poly Sleeping Arrangements

It matters because whether you are a residential or semi residential triad, a residential quad, or just two couples who choose to spend the night together a few times a month, you may want to follow joyous love making with cuddling and comfortable all-night loving sleep.

When I was first introduced to someone actually living in a triad (2 men, one woman) through Family Synergy in 1977, I was talking to the legal husband of the lady involved. He had plenty of time to talk to me because this was his night to sleep alone. His wife was with their other male partner. An 'every other night' sleep schedule was not unusual for this kind of triad at that time. He was lonely when it was not his night to sleep with his wife, but truly believed in multiply committed relationships. He had even had his home remodeled to create a meeting space for workshops on group marriage and group living like the one I was attending at his home that week end.

I decided right then that I was never going to put **anyone** into that uncomfortable position. Also, I would not have been happy separated half the time from my husband who I loved enough to marry no matter who else was in that bed with me! I have been in two long-lasting live-in triads and others which were semi residential lasting off and on for many years. We have always slept in one bed. When I was in a quadrad, it blew apart in 14 months leading to the breaking up of my marriage of fourteen years. It happened at least partially because there was not enough room for four people to comfortably sleep in one California King size bed on a regular basis. Pairings and resentments arose.

I am now in a triad with my legal husband Craig (married April 28, 2018) and my lover since 2001, Marcus, who was in a five-year long triad with my second husband, Paul, and I as well as that ill-fated quad.

Marcus, Craig and I sleep in one bed, a California King. Did you know a California King is actually four inches **narrower** than a King? It is longer, but unless you bed with basketball stars (or Paul!), that may not fill your poly needs.

If you are in a triad, you probably know that a queen or even a king size bed can be a little cramped if you are all sleeping together. For a quad, it is **really** cramped. It might work ok for love making, but not for comfortable, healthy *sleep*. Particularly not for people in their 60s who have a few aches and pains...Even monogamous couples could benefit from a head and foot adjustable queen or king size bed with built in massage features.

When my previous husband (still my water brother and lover) and his Lady spend a few days with us, there is not room for five* or even four in that bed. Paul "floats" between two beds and we have not been getting that all-night cuddle and sleep time together...until now.

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We may try to figure out just how many can fit in this bed...volunteers?

If you like what you see, we can get you one, too. We can even arrange for your Poly group to use such sales as a fund raiser. Call 888-LifeMates (543-3628) for more info.

*Unfortunately, it will take a bigger *bed room* to fit a bed really big enough to sleep five. We are working on that.

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/](http://openingup.net/resources/local-organizations-u-s/)

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.

Other groups friendly to Polyamory

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!*

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:

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**