

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

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Live the Dream's Penfield House 2019

And Paul's 65th Birthday Celebration!

Live the Dream

December 2018 to January 2019

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 December 15

11a- 4p

Robert Heinlein Poly Stories or Poly Life? Guest Speaker: Keith Kato PhD

Keith was the fourth president of the Heinlein Society (2014-2017) and has been active in science fiction fandom since 1974. He gave a great presentation on Heinlein's life and writings at the Centennial Celebration Heinlein's life in Kansas, Missouri in 2007 and another one at Outer Rim Con in October of 2018. He is bringing his slides and his knowledge to this meeting!

*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!*

Come see our brand new 8'6" wide by 6'6" long head and foot adjustable, massage bed! 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.

Live the Dream ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY FOLLOWS at 6 pm

Saturday December 15

6:00 pm until ???

Live the Dream **Winter Holiday Party**

(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. (Candle lighting & gift exchange at 7pm)

Children welcome! 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.

7:30 Solstice Ritual led by our **High Priestess Ealswythe** (Actress, Author and so much more!) will be putting together her own unique ritual combining Spirit with Healing and Pageantry-- always a delightful surprise. If you missed her excellent Samhain ritual, don't miss this one!

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.

Saturday January 19

11 am – 4 pm

Cooperative Living from Family Synergy's Allott House in the 70s to Live the Dream's Penfield House 2019 & Paul's 65th Birthday Celebration!

Paul will talk about his Poly life and group living experiences from age 19 to present. He came from Cleveland to LA for a Star Trek Convention...and stayed. The Allott House was Family Synergy's group living example as well as its meeting and party house in the late 70s. Terry and Paul met there when she and her first husband Richard brought their children to a Family Synergy Passover Seder led by group founder Hy Levy. The group went to concerts, movies and social gatherings together.

They had *fun*. There, Paul learned what it was like to have all the sex you could handle and what followed when there was time to build a RELATIONSHIP. Penfield House, bought by Terry and Paul (then in a triad with Marcus) in 2003, was in part an attempt to recreate some of that experience which lasts into the present. Though he now spends much of his time in Phoenix with his life mate, Athena, they stay a part of the group house through

frequent visits like this one...while Terry and Marcus share the home with Terry's new husband, Craig. Polyamory and group living offer many options.

This event is at the beautiful Altadena home of Rolf & Cynthia. Beautiful pool, hot tub, yard and house: ALL clothing optional!

<http://www.clothingoptionalhomenetwork.com/locations/california/pasadena-altadena/> for more pics or details on their nudist BNB)

3139 Ridgeview Dr, Altadena, CA 91001



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.

Excerpt from Live the Dream Newsletter 2007

*Heinlein Centennial July 5-8 in Kansas City: Celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the birth of Robert A. Heinlein, Grand Master of Science Fiction. Heinlein wrote his first novel *For Us the Living* in 1938 (discovered in someone's attic and finally published 2004) with open marriage and freedom from jealousy as one of its major themes. *Moon Is a Harsh Mistress* and (of course) *Stranger in a Strange Land* have these as themes as well. So did all of his Lazarus Long novels from *Time Enough For Love* through *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*. Group marriages are shown in detail from who sleeps with whom and how they relate to each other to how property is handled and children are raised. With the discovery of this first novel and Bill Patterson's work on Heinlein's biography showing he actually lived this life style for some of his life and believed in it throughout, the idea that he was "just writing stories" about this life style were put truly to rest. He believed in what he was writing and we salute him as teacher and inspiration for so many of us who believe you can love and be deeply committed to more than one significant other. Terry and Paul Brussel-Gibbons will moderate 3 Families themed panels with an emphasis on polyamory at this convention. They are:*

Chosen Family-Is Water (Shared) thicker than Blood?

Families in Heinlein—conventional and alternative ways to build a family unit.

I Now Pronounce You—ceremonies for open committed relationships and group marriages.

Chosen Family: How Heinlein Has Affected Structures In Real Families

The juveniles portrayed traditional families for the most part; good ones with mothers and fathers who loved each other. Line Marriage: Multi-Generational Group Marriage of Oberon Zell, triads also described in *Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*. Tersius colony Family similar. 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 affected the choices you have made regarding family and relationship structure?

Families in Heinlein

Rolling Stones gives us a traditional 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.

I Now Pronounce You:

Wedding ceremonies abound in Heinlein's stories: *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 pretend to monogamy. *Moon Is a Harsh Mistress* adds Wyoh to Mannie's Line marriage, *Friday* marries into her S group with great contractual formality, Lazarus marries Dora on horseback and gets her pregnant immediately afterward. Lazarus' Tertius colony family adds Maureen in a formal ceremony. 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.

Excerpts from a Yule(Solstice) 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."



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

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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**