

LIVE THE DREAM

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*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 AUGUST 17

11 am to 4 pm

CASA VALENTINA - ATTENTION ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLERS:

If We Do Not All Hang Together, We May All Hang Separately...in the Catskills of the early 1960s or on Main Street USA TODAY

Discussion of the play “Casa Valentina” at Santa Paula Theater Center through July 28, 2019. We will be there at 8 pm Friday July 26 to see it **again** if anyone wants to join us...

Goto <http://www.santapaulatheatercenter.org/event/a8074e39e36386de49b3d6b08ed319ac> for details/tickets

Saturday September 21, 2019

11 am to 4 pm

Spider Robinson’s Poly Primers

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6 pm to 11 pm

Filk Sing

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, Craig, 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.

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 Lee Brussel is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Life Coach, & 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

Donation for 3rd Saturday 11-4 events: \$10 for nonmembers, \$5 for members. Bring something healthy and delicious to share for the pot luck lunch. Evening/weekend events will have a different suggested donation.

SATURDAY AUGUST 17

11 am to 4 pm

Casa Valentina: ATTENTION ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLERS: If We Do Not All Hang Together, We May All Hang Separately...in the Catskills of the early 1960s or on Main Street USA TODAY

There is a play being presented at the Santa Paula Theater Center through July 28, 2019. It is extremely well-written and well-acted. It has a surprise around each corner—Fascinating!

See it! <http://www.santapaulatheatercenter.org/event/a8074e39e36386de49b3d6b08ed319ac>

I knew it was about a resort where men came to enjoy crossdressing with others of similar interests away from wives and family—mostly. It is run by one of them whose wife is his partner in managing the resort. I expected light comedy but found Pathos instead—serious drama with nuggets of laughter. The “girls”, as they call themselves, express their inner women in ways which strike me more as transgender than simply crossdressing. The conflict spins around whether they should become more public with their “Sorority” and whether these mainly heterosexual men should publicly disavow any connection with homosexuality. This takes place in a time when crossdressing or (Heavens!) homosexuality could cost a man his career, or even a well-earned pension.

Should polyamorists make sure “everyone knows” we are not into BDSM or swinging? Should nudists disavow any interest in alternative sexuality? Is it appropriate for homosexuals and Lesbians to attend poly gatherings? Is bisexuality ok in Poly or Gay groups? All of these topics have been brought up at poly organization board meetings, informal hot tub discussions, etc. Where do YOU stand on who you are and with whom you identify?

1 PM Pot Luck lunch—bring something healthy and delicious to share

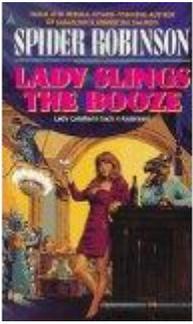
2-4 Socializing in clothing optional Hot tub

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Spider Robinson's Poly Primers

Callahan's *Crosstime Saloon* introduces a group of people who support each other in handling their problems and celebrating their joys. In this and later books they go beyond this to actual group telepathic communication. In *Callahan's Keys* they show their commitment to each other by all moving out-of- state together when local laws and the abuse of them prevented them from meeting together where they were. According to Spider's biographical material, many of the metaphysical as well as the group related experiences come from his real-life ones with his expanded family and close friends in '60s in Haight Ashbury.



The Lady Callahan books are definitely Poly as committed couples share their partners' with customers of this high class brothel/ international diplomacy center. The "artists" who work there have relationships with the Lady herself other artists (some of which include legal marriage), etc. Lady Callahan's place could itself be considered a group house since the artists and some of their partners actually do live there. Spider's Star Dance series features very unusually configured group marriages— combining extra-terrestrials with humans, gays with straights who share mental "intercourse" etc. Eventually his proposed intentional Family includes the whole human race past, present and future. Spider has written many other stories with incidental poly themes in

fictional (?) worlds where it is assumed any choice of whom and how many you love is OK. How can we use this information in our own group living and multiple committed relationship efforts?

Filk Sing follows at same location with pot luck dinner at 6 pm. Filk is folk songs of science fiction and the space age from Ballad of Apollo 13 to Naked Co-Ed Quidditch.

Please note: 10 to 12 Sunday morning at Los Con, a science fiction convention which takes place Thanksgiving weekend at the LAX Marriott will feature a Poly themed Filk sing and discussion of the poly life style. Come meet some kindred spirits in the Filk room!

Example of Poly Filk

A DIFFERENT KIND OF FAMILY © 1995 Christopher Bingham

Mama's got a girlfriend, mom loves the ladies
Mama's really happy when you're looking at her these days
Papa's got a boyfriend, yeah, Dad is a man's man
Everybody's family, loving everybody he can
Oh the old world is turning around like a top
and there's nothing you and I should even try to do to stop it
It takes a lot of courage to stand up and get what you need
And lots of us are happy in a different kind of family

Hot time in the old town, the homestead is hopping
Veggies on the grill and there is music in the garden
All the outs are in free, the babies are sleeping
Time enough for love when everybody puts a hand in

Oh the old world is turning around like a top
And there's nothing you or I should even try to do to stop it
Ozzy & Harriet are spinning around in their graves
But who needs television these days, anyway?

Love defines it's boundaries
Limitless shapes, countless forms
I have vowed that when it comes to me I'll take it
Every manifestation, I'm gonna celebrate it

Papa's got a boyfriend, the boyfriend loves mom, too
Everywhere they turn they've got a heart that they can cling to
Mama's got a girlfriend, and guess who loves dad's beau
Try to paint a picture, you can do it with your eyes closed

Oh the old world is turning around like a top
And there's nothing you or I should even try to do to stop it
There aren't any limits when you follow the line that love leads
And lots of us are happy in a different kind of family

In a world that seems to be increasing in conformity
It's harder and harder to be who you want to be
It takes a lot of courage to stand up and get what you need
Ah, lots of us are happy in a different kind of family

'FIRST THEY CAME' & CASA VALENTINA

Pastor Martin Niemöller (1892–1984)

An early supporter of Hitler, by 1934 Niemöller had come to oppose the Nazis, and it was largely his high connections to influential and wealthy businessmen that saved him until 1937, after which he was imprisoned, eventually at Sachsenhausen and Dachau concentration camps. He survived to be a leading voice of penance and reconciliation for the German people after World War II. His poem is well-known, frequently quoted, and is a popular model for describing the dangers of political apathy, as it often begins with specific and targeted fear and hatred which soon escalates out of control. (*Originally a narrative confession, later turned into the various poem versions. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_they_came ... And <http://marcuse.faculty.history.ucsb.edu/niem.htm> for full history/different versions*)

First they came for the Communists,
and I didn't speak up,
because I wasn't a Communist.

and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't mentally ill.
Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up,
because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists,
and I didn't speak up,
because I wasn't a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up,
because I was a Protestant.

Then they came for the sick, the so-called incurables,

Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one
left to speak up for me

One of the themes in Casa Valentina is whether it is ok for a minority group such as crossdressing men to publicly disavow any connection with the homosexual community—to go so far as signing a loyalty oath swearing that as a member of that “Sorority” you are specifically NOT a homosexual. Since the Gay community had been tolerant of cross dressers at their gatherings who really were not welcome elsewhere, many of those being offered the “opportunity” to show solidarity (and perhaps make themselves seem more respectable) by signing such a thing, refused it.

What would YOU do under such circumstances?

Below is an article by the first couple I dated right after my first husband and I split up in 1987. They taught me about the three-way kiss, how special it was to be with two people who loved me and each other. Sometimes they let me be in the middle for cuddling and sleeping.

They asked me to become a third in their marriage. It took me a while to decide the answer was yes. When I called to tell them this epiphany in the middle of a vacation with Mr. Wrong, they told me they had to move to Oregon to help Eileen's father with their family logging business. I was not willing to leave an area where my roots and my children's roots were –not to mention my business- to move there with them, nor did they actually expect me to. We remained beloved friends with occasional visits back and forth from that time to this. Their now grown children call me Aunt Terry. My husband, Craig, asked me to marry him at the height of the eclipse in their backyard August 2017. David told the story at our wedding 4-28-18 after the ceremonial Water Sharing of members of our Nest who attended.

Eileen wrote this article.

SUPPORT 2019

David and Eileen attended several Network For a New Culture, NFNC, summer camps. Claire also attended and over long conversations, David and Claire found a deep connection. Being geographically challenged, their relationship developed from long phone calls and infrequent visits.

Open communications has been a foundation of David and Eileen polyamorous relationship from the beginning. Eileen knew that Claire's husband was quite ill even though the two women were more acquaintances than friends. When Claire called asking if David was home, Eileen offered to try and reach him and have him call Claire back. After several unsuccessful attempts to locate David, Eileen called Claire.

Claire feared her husband's end was near and she did not want to be alone with him when he died. Eileen certainly understood that and offered to drive three hours to be with her so she would have support.

Before Eileen left, David arrived home. Immediately he called Claire. She had been able to finally reach a local friend who was in route to be with her.

David commented, "This is what makes a polyamory lifestyle special. My lover calls my home, my wife answers, attempts to locate me, when she is unsuccessful, she offers to be a support to my lover.

This is caring and sharing at its best."

NOTE: Clair is a fictitious name

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If you have a "What do you do when...? question for us or any Poly related article for publication here please send or E-Mail it to 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306.

E-Mail address is officemanager@acesuccess.com We will take it with your solution or brain storm and give it one or more of our own. Let's have fun with this and learn from each other.

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/Loveopen & www.meetup.com/loving-more
and other SoCal poly groups (40+ groups in the Greater LA Area!)

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 West L.A.

Burning Man Festival August 25-September 2 2019 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>



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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