

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

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka, Ca. 91306. Group house- home of Terry, Craig, John, Jay, 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 non-members, \$5 for members. (Evening events same day \$15 non-members, \$7.50 members for both events) Bring something healthy and delicious to share for pot luck lunch/dinner.

Saturday November 16, 2019

11 am to 4 pm

Group Living and Poly Relationships in Furry Science Fiction/Fantasy Fandom



Mark Merlino and Rodney O'Riley, our presenters, have been life partners for 35 years. Two of their significant others who met them through Furry oriented role playing on line share the house with them at present and others have been in and out over the years, some of them as members of their intimate network from all over the country. Mark and Rodney are the founders of Furry Fandom connected with it since 1985. They hosted the annual ConFurence for many years

and their monthly Furry Parties are still going strong at their Prancing Skiltaire home on second Saturday evenings of each month. Many Furry fans identify with particular animals (fantasy or real) as their own alternate identities. It also involves romantic/erotic Science Fiction and Art picturing sentient animals from big cats and wolves to hawks and reptiles who may be fantasy or extraterrestrial in origin. They will bring some of this art for us to enjoy as well as discussing how they have kept an open committed relationship as well as a group house together for 30+ years!

1 pm Pot luck lunch-bring something healthy and delicious to share.

Clothing optional hot tub available 2-4pm

***Sunday December 1, 2019**

10 am to noon (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Poly Meet Point at Los Con LAX Marriott Hotel

Join us in the Filk Room for Poly oriented Filk songs (including original ones and those based on such old standards as Tennessee Waltz and Why Not Take All of Me) Filk is songs of science fiction and the space age. From silly Star Trek such as Banned From Argo to The Ballad of Apollo 13. You may have read and been inspired by such books as Stranger in A Strang Land and Moon Is a Harsh Mistress. Not all of us living the lifestyles of group marriage, group living and multiple committed relationships are in SF books! Come meet some kindred spirits. If you are living such lifestyles, share what you know. We'll do Q&A and have a discussion of how YOU can *Live* the Lifestyle which will bring you Joy! For more info: <https://loscon.org/46/>

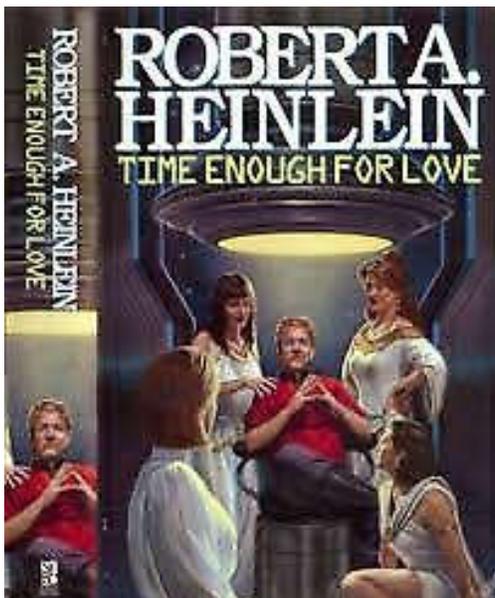


Saturday December 21, 2019

11 am to 4 pm

Chosen Family & How Science Fiction Has Affected Real Families

We will discuss chosen families in real and fictional life. Tell us about yours!



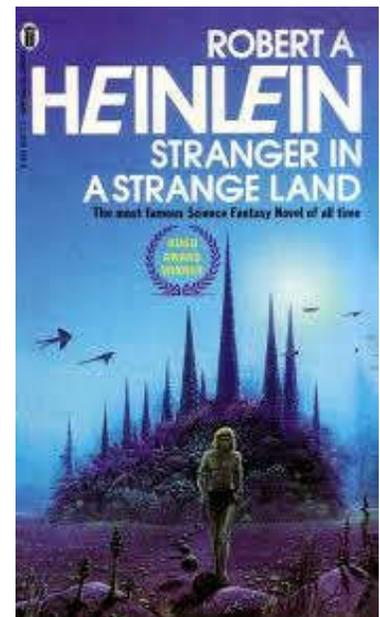
Line Marriage: Multi-Generational Group Marriage, triads and other unusual alternatives are described in *The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*. While some of the choices made in this example are influenced by the lack of females compared with males on Luna, some excellent examples “different kind of family” are offered here. *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. Their only absolute for being part of this marriage is that all adults pledge to support and to bring up with love all children produced by the Ladies in the marriage already born or in the womb— whoever put those babies in their wombs, co spice or

not! This is happening 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 science fiction writings most affected the choices YOU have made regarding family and relationship structure?

Did you discover it's possible to love more than one significant other by identifying with Michael and Jill and their NEST of water brothers from Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land*? Did Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Forbidden Tower* make you wonder if group marriage could work for you? Did Spider Robinson's *Star Dancers* make you yearn to go beyond even that into the kind of group relationship possible for those connected in heart, mind and spirit? Many of us either built a lifestyle using a science fiction book as a model and/or got valuable ideas about working rules for human relationships by reading stories not limited by the present time line's social prejudices and limitations. This event is for those already in multiply committed relationships and those who want to learn more about them.



Some of us whose fantasies became realities will share how we did that...

Pot luck Lunch 1 pm

Afternoon activity 2-4: **WE'LL WORK OUT SOME ACTION STEPS FOR HELPING YOU LIVE YOUR DREAM**—whether that turns out to be group living, a triad, a group marriage or just being part of a joy sharing intimate network. Our present group house got its start at just such an event...

Enjoy **Jacuzzi and socializing** in between the day time meeting and the party.

LTD WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY



LTD ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY follows at 6 pm

(Crash space available by arrangement when you RSVP)

6 pm Pot Luck Dinner 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.

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.

We will sing songs about the Maccabees, dreidels, lighted up Christmas miniature houses, and a Winter Solstice ritual. We'll light the Hanukkah Menorah, though that holiday does not start until the 23rd this year.

Did we forget a ritual important to you? Tell us and we'll add it...

Craig Brussel Rogers will provide live music of various holiday flavors.

Bring



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Your favorite holiday dish for pot luck supper - (big enough for 10 to share.),

Wrapped science fiction, fantasy or magikal gift (\$5-\$10) for GIFT EXCHANGE.

Clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) available all evening—bring sandals and towels.

Cost \$5 for paid members, \$10.00 for non-members.

8 pm Winter Solstice Ritual

Clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) available 2pm-5:30pm and after 9pm—bring sandals and towels.

Does your bed have room enough in it for your lovers? *All of them?*
Come see our 8'6" wide by 6'6" long head and foot adjustable, massage at a touch Bed—if you like it, we can get you one...customized to your specific desires. Call 818-886-0069 for more info. Also, arrangements can be made to use the sale of such beds as a fund raiser for your poly group. Finance a weekend retreat, a trip together to Disney Land or whatever would most delight *your* members.

If you have a “What do you do when...?” question for us or any Poly related article for publication here please send it to LTD 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306 or e-mail it to 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.

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 \$10.00.

	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