

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

Sunday December 1 10 am to noon (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Poly Meet Point at Los Con LAX Marriot Hotel

Saturday December 21 11 am to 4 pm
Chosen Family & How Science Fiction Has Affected Real Families

LTD WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday December 21 6 pm to 11 pm
LTD's Annual Winter Holiday Party

Saturday January 18, 2020 11 am to 4 pm
Liberty & Lifestyles & Celebration of January Birthdays



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, Jay and Rita. For all events: RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069

Please visit the Live the Dream website at www.livethedream.org to view current events, past articles, etc. Note:

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*.

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

All Live the Dream events are 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified).

Donation for 3rd Saturday 11-4 events: \$10 for nonmembers, \$5 for members. (Evening events same day \$15 non members, \$7.50 members) Bring something healthy and delicious to share for the pot luck lunch.

Sunday December 1

10 am to noon Thanksgiving Weekend

Poly Meet Point at Los Con LAX Marriot Hotel

Join us in the Filk Room for Poly oriented Filk songs (original ones and those based on such old standards as Tennessee Waltz and Why Not Take All of Me) We'll also do Q&A and have a discussion of how you can *Live* the Lifestyle which will bring you Joy!



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 or the even more specifically Poly writings of his sister Gigi McCaffrey. All of these authors write 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. We'll share our experiences in real triads, group houses, open marriages, etc. and help you figure out which alternative would help you **live your dream!**

Saturday December 21

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 of “different kind of family” are offered here. *Time Enough for Love*’s Tersius colony Family features a large group marriage 2000 years in our future 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 in person 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?

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, socializing and maybe a Poly or Holiday type movie** in between the day time meeting and the party.

LTD WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday December 21

6 pm to 11 pm



LTD’s Annual Winter Holiday Party

(Crash space available by arrangement when you RSVP) Latkes (provided by Live the Dream, along with Apple Sauce and Sour Cream), 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

Stories/songs/poetry to share.

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.

Children welcome 6-9 pm only. Children bring child gifts to exchange with each other.

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.

8 pm Winter Solstice Ritual

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

LTD paid members: Meeting \$5, Meeting and party both \$8 with pot luck dish for both events, without pot luck dishes \$12 donation suggested for both events.

Non-members \$15 with pot luck dish for both events, \$10 for one event. Without Pot Luck, \$20 suggested donation for both events

Saturday January 18, 2020

11 am to 4 pm

Liberty & Lifestyles & Celebration of January Birthdays

Paul Gibbons has been involved in alternative lifestyles since he first came to California from Ohio for a Star Trek Convention in 1974 at age 20. He was introduced to Elysium (a clothing optional growth center) and Family Synergy later that year. He has been a libertarian and advocate of political change (to eliminate institutionalized violence) nearly as long. Paul has made a lot of changes and discoveries along the way. He will share with us how Liberty and Lifestyle go together and his own experiences with group living, group marriage, Love and Liberty over the years and into the present.

1 pm Pot luck lunch and Paul's Birthday Celebration.

Let us know if YOU have a January birthday to celebrate with us.

2-4 pm Jacuzzi, massage table set up in living room, and a relaxed afternoon together

Maybe a poly movie at 4 ... Group decides.

Filk Pot Luck dinner at 6, singing starts at 7

POLY FILK SAMPLER

A DIFFERENT KIND OF FAMILY

By Christopher Bingham © 1995

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

GOODNIGHT

By Gaia's Consort

The songs are sung and all the kisses kissed
And our lover sleeps beside us
Sweetly tired after bliss
I have no faith or hope in innocence
Wrap my legs around the learning
Open up my eyes to sight
I feel every second burning
And I just don't wanna say goodnight
Time with you is much too short for me
So can I have another thousand years or maybe two
Please?
Enough to find the joy in everything
Time to taste the life we're chasing
Time to love and get it right
I feel all my moments racing
And I just don't wanna say goodnight
I am still your true companion
We might have a hundred lovers
I just want to know them while my heart is still
Beating...
I want to follow possibilities
And every new love reinvents our old virginity
There's room in us for more than you and me
I want time enough to find them
Time to know them in the light
If every second is a lifetime
Then I still don't want to say goodnight
I feel every second racing

HEART WARMING

By Kathy Mar

I'm falling in love with all of you a little more every day
I'm learning to see a special me in every sweet thing you say
I have come to believe our lives are twined much tighter than we had planned
And love overflows the cup of my heart whenever you touch my hand
And every time I'm tempted to pack up my songs and roam
I look into your eyes and see my home

I've waited for people just like you, I've waited for just this place
But each time before as I opened my door the world slammed it in my face
But all of you made me welcome at the hearth of your gentle hearts
And all of my endings now have become a universe of fresh starts
And every time I'm tempted to pack up my songs and roam
I look into your eyes and see my home

JEALOUS OF YOUR TIME

By Kathy Mar

I'm not afraid to share you with the world
I know I am a rhythm to your rhyme
I'm not jealous of the love you have for anybody else
I'm only jealous of your time

I'm not so insecure I cannot share
That special you I know is so sublime
I'm not jealous that you give yourself to those you grow to love
I'm only jealous of your time

Bridge: We'll have to live forever and that might not be enough
To give us time to just explore the world of our new love
But when the world can claim you for so much time every day
I'm jealous of your sleep and all you love so deep
Your work and all that keeps you away

I don't think you should turn from those you love
As surely as I shouldn't turn from mine
And we never will be jealous of the lives we choose to live
We may be jealous of our time

Coda: But that is no surprise I always miss your eyes
I know you miss me too but we can see this through
I'm only jealous of...I cannot get enough...
I'm only jealous of your time

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 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>

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