

# LIVE THE DREAM

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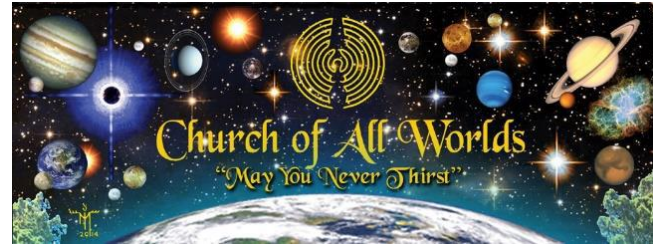
*Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt*

*Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy,*

*Founded 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday December 16, 2023**

11-4 (available on Zoom 11-1, LIVE only after that)

New Plot? Couple Meets Couple, They Fall in Love, Get Married and Have Children

**Following the December 16 meeting 6 pm to 11 pm**

**LTD's WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY**



**Saturday January 20, 2024 11 am – 4 pm**

**Cooperative Living: from Family Synergy's Allott House in the 70s to**

**Live the Dream's Penfield House 2023 & Paul's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!**

Join Zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=NWVjU3A2M0I2Q29IUkI4L1lMRzd2QT09>

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626

Passcode: Heinlein

**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*.

Please visit the Live the Dream website at [www.livethedream.org](http://www.livethedream.org) to view current events, past articles, etc. Terry Brussel-Rogers 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](http://www.acesuccess.com) or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628).

Terry is now the primary organizer of the Southern California Poly Meet Up ([www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/](http://www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/)). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm PST + special listed events during the year & the ones given first Saturdays of each month 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Pitfire Pizza 5211 Lankershim Blvd. NoHo, Co led by Brad & Jim Call 626-818-8021 for more info.

## **EVENTS**

*All regular Live the Dream LIVE events 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified). Suggested donation for those attending events Live is \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members of Live the Dream. RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 or Visit [LiveTheDream.org](http://LiveTheDream.org)*

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### **Saturday December 16, 2023 11am-11 pm**

New Plot? Couple Meets Couple, They Fall in Love, Get Married and Have Children 11-4 (available on Zoom 11-1, LIVE only after that) In his book Harad Experiment Robert Rimmer combines fictional writing with real life to take us to a college which offers room mates of the opposite sex, classes in how to have tantric sex and multiple loving relationships along with naked coed swimming in the gym pool. His Proposition 31 takes us from two couples on the brink of divorce upon finding out the wife of one is pregnant by the husband of the other to a happy quadrad celebrating the holidays together along with the children of both couples all excited about the coming of the new baby brother or sister. The not pregnant wife then spearheads a campaign to legalize group marriage with the help of her spice. We will also discuss what kinds of issues come up in a group marriage? Everything from who sleeps with whom tonight to who takes out the garbage are possibilities. What issues in a group marriage are different from those in less committed group houses which nevertheless involve sexual interaction?

- 1 pm Pot Luck Lunch
- 2 -4 pm Socializing in Clothing Optional Jacuzzi

We will watch a holiday or poly movie after that—group's choice.

**Saturday December 16 6 pm to 11 pm**  
**Good Yule!**



## **LTD's WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY**

### **Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm]**

(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 starts December 7 the is year ending December 15. We will still light all the candles one night late!

Did we forget a ritual important to you? Tell us and we'll add it. Bring stories/songs/poetry to share.

Bring:

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

2-4 socializing in the clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) Bring sandals & towels. (Jacuzzi is available all afternoon and evening)

4-6 Watch a poly or Holiday movie—group's choice.

6 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Winter Holiday Party Bring Your favorite holiday dish for pot luck supper— (big enough for 10 to share.)

### ***7 pm Twas Night Before Christmas read by Linda Fitak, actress and voice over professional***

Clement Clarke Moore wrote the famous poem "Night Before Christmas" in 1822 when living in his house in Elmhurst, Queens, New York City. Here's a photo of the house before it was demolished in 1932. Our



High Priestess, Ealswythe (Linda) grew up in Elmhurst and frequently played at the Clement C. Moore Park as a child. It was only about 3 blocks from where she lived. Every year, her elementary school class would go to the park and sing Christmas carols, and recite the poem "Night Before Christmas." She will read the poem for us at the Yule holiday party and lead the Yuletide (Winter Solstice) ritual.

The Moore Homestead in Elmhurst. The homestead was torn down in 1932 and is today Clement Clarke Moore Park bordered by Broadway, 78th Street, and 45th Avenue in Elmhurst.

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**8 pm Winter Solstice Ritual led by our High Priestess Elysweith with Terry and Craig assisting. Want to call a Quarter?**

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

## After Solstice Ritual

Wrapped science fiction, erotic (tasteful please!), fantasy or magikal gift (\$10-\$15) for GIFT EXCHANGE if you want to participate in that. For after the Solistic Ritual.

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.

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Suggested donation: LTD paid members: Meeting \$5, Meeting and party both \$8 with pot luck dish for both events, without pot luck dishes \$12 for both events. Non-members \$15 with pot luck dish for both events, \$10 for one event. Without Pot Luck, \$20 for both events.

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**Saturday January 20, 2024**

**11 am – 4 pm**

## **Cooperative Living: from Family Synergy's Allott House in the 70s to Live the Dream's Penfield House 2023 & Paul's 70<sup>th</sup> 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 wife, Athena, they stay a part of the group house through frequent visits like this one for Paul's birthday as well as sharing such things as weekend getaways, Thanksgiving, the summer vacations and Winter Holiday vacations together...while Terry and her husband, Craig share the Penfield House with other members of their still active group household. Polyamory and group living offer many options. This event is at the beautiful Altadena home of Rolf & Cynthia. Beautiful pool, hot tubs, (where from Rolf's hot tub you can look down into the Arroyo where JPL lies nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains), yard and house: ALL clothing optional!



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

**3139 Ridgeview Dr, Altadena, CA 910**

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## About Robert Rimmer and His Semi Fictional Writings

Robert **Rimmer** is an author who has profoundly effected the poly philosophy . The Harrad Experiment, with its coed college rooming, sky clad gym, and innovative sex education was for many their first look into the world of multiply committed relationships. Though this was supposedly a fictional school, one of our housemates actually attended the school it was based on!

Proposition 31 showed how the shame of an adulterous affair leading to (gasp) illicit pregnancy could become the start of a loving group marriage including four adults, three kids, and one on the way. Rimmer's favorite theme: Couple meets Couple, they fall in love and get married. Rimmer has written other books dealing with the wife of one man changing places with the wife of another for a period of time ( Come Live My Life), a group marriage which nearly manages to move into the White House (Love Me Tomorrow—his closest approach to science fiction) and many more.

For many years Rimmer claimed that his stories were strictly fictional. Later, it turned out that he and his wife had actually lived the lifestyle he wrote about (though not to the extent of sharing a home full time) but did not discuss it due to the fear of his co-husband losing his job as well as Rimmer himself being negatively effected in business dealings. When his co-husband passed on he was a bit more open about the real situation. One incident in Proposition 31 was almost certainly based on a real experience. The Quad was rather forcefully awakened for breakfast at 9 am when staying at the home of a swinger. One of the wives complains that they would have been treated with more respect had they been a couple . She was told something like “Hell no, the couple in the next room was dumped out of bed an hour ago!” I am pretty sure the swinger was Bob McGinnely as he mentioned it to me years later at a Lifestyles Convention. I did many presentations on Polyamory at his conventions over the years and even won the Lifestyles award there in 1988 for Contributing to the Knowledge of Human Sexuality. Bob was proud of the fact that all sorts of alternative lifestyles were given voice at his conventions

*There are many ways to build the connections YOU desire. Start now to make it happen. Call me at 800 Life Mates (543-3628) and mention Live the Dream to get a 15-minute free private consultation on how to create the love and friendships you desire. I will also gift you with my recorded guided meditation Attract Your Special Someones.*



**November 11, 2022 was the official launch date for *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement* by Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers published by Rowman and Littlefield.** It is being used in research papers on polyamory as well as being a fascinating read.. Between them, Terry and Glen have experience with open marriage, group marriage, group living and both are part of an intimate network which has evolved from 1969 to present time.

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*Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to a Growing Movement* is unique among the many books about polyamory because the scope of this book is the entire history of the polyamory movemem Woodstock right on into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The book is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and many other places—even international-- just by Googling its title.

The publishers are continuing to put this book in more and more universities and libraries!

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**WHAT EXPERIENCES/BOOK REVIEWS, ETC CAN YOU SHARE RELATING TO THE POLY LIFE STYLE?**



We'd like to run it here or have you bring those questions to one of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday events.

Please E-Mail to: [newsletter@mail.livethedream.org](mailto:newsletter@mail.livethedream.org)

Or mail it to 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306.

We will take any question 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.

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## **Meet Ups & Other Group Events**

Check out [www.meetup.com/Loveopen](http://www.meetup.com/Loveopen); [www.meetup.com/loving-more](http://www.meetup.com/loving-more);  
[www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/](http://www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/)

[www.meetup.com/polycocktailslosangeles/](http://www.meetup.com/polycocktailslosangeles/) or [www.polycocktailslosangeles.com](http://www.polycocktailslosangeles.com)

Find many other SoCal poly groups (40+ groups in the Greater LA Area!) on Meetup!

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:**

The Human Awareness Institute [www.hai.org](http://www.hai.org)

Other groups friendly to Polyamory

KARL HESS CLUB [www.karlhessclub.org](http://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 2023 at BLACK ROCK CITY 2023 Aug. 27-Sept. 4

For details [www.burningman.org](http://www.burningman.org)

Emma and Fin, are "Normalizing Non-monogamy"

Link: Podcast Interviews in Swinging and Polyamory ([normalizingnonmonogamy.com](http://normalizingnonmonogamy.com))

Webcast with The Center for Positive Sexuality Monthly Educational Series -  
Center for Positive Sexuality

<https://positivesexuality.org/education/>

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**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 daytime 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 current 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, <i>Includes Newsletter &amp; Membership Card</i>	\$25	\$40 (\$10 for each extra person <b>at the same address</b> )
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Newsletter Only	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
<b><i>Make checks payable to Success Center</i></b>			<b>Total: \$ _____</b>
<b>Membership Information</b> <i>Help Support the Lifestyle you live!</i>			
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<b><i>Name(s) of Mate/Family to be included in this membership if APPLICABLE:</i></b> _____			
Fax to 1-818-882-8512 or Mail to 8515 Penfield, Winnetka, CA 91306			
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<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in Co-operative Living <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes I have space for others <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Location & Phone _____) I am willing to relocate <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			