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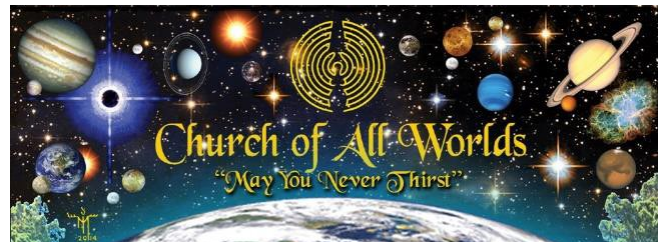
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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June-July 2024

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 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, ways to attract and maintain loving relationship(s), success coaching, and other services. See www.acesuccess.com or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628).

Terry is now the primary organizer of the Southern California Poly Meetup (www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3rd Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm PT + special listed events during the year & the ones given first Saturdays of each month 5:30 to 8:30 pm PT 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

Saturday June 15, 2024, Live: 11 am-4pm PDT, Zoom: 11-1 PDT

Outlander by Diana Gabaldon: Poly? Science Fiction/Fantasy?

Led by Terry Brussel-Rogers.

Yes to all that. It is even Pagan, as the time travel is accomplished by going Through the Stones -- best done at the time of Samhain. I have on my refrigerator a magnet which says "Not only was I a bigamist and an adulteress, I had enjoyed it." Claire Frazier on her wedding night to Jamie, the Love of her life.

Having traveled backward in time to the 1700s, Claire fell in love with and married Jamie while still wed (in some sense) to Frank, a man who would not be born for 200 years. Yet

she chose to wear Frank's ring as well as Jamie's even after Frank's death in her own time. Another character in that Past time marries two men who are twin brothers.

When I asked the writer, at a presentation, whether she was polyamorous, as I offered her a Live The Dream newsletter (to my daughter's embarrassment, as she knew the author from handling autograph tables for many years at SF cons), Diana said, "Haven't you read my books?" and laughingly took the newsletter. She wrote those books to explore what kind of love lasts for fifty years, with Jamie and Clare as the example of long-lasting erotic joy well into grandparenthood, deep caring which endures through deep emotional trauma, and commitment which defies space and time.

I love the books and the TV series. Speaking on this topic is my birthday gift to myself: June 15 is my 71st birthday. Cake and ice cream for me—let us know if you have a June birthday to celebrate along with mine—we will add your name to the cake.

1pm Pot Luck Lunch—bring something healthy and delicious to share.

2 pm Summer Solstice Ritual with High Priestess Lilith (Same lady as previously, but she discovered that was her true Soul name) She has promised a Celtic Scottish inspired ritual in alignment with our Outlander theme. Lilith will also play Celtic Harp music.

3-4 PM Socializing in the clothing optional jacuzzi

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Group Living, Intentional Communities and Polyamory: How Can YOU Create the Group House or Intimate Network of Your Dreams?

Today we will discuss group living, its advantages/disadvantages, whether it would be right for you, and how you could put together a group house if that is your desire.

Penfield House (about 3500 sq. feet) has been a group house since 2003. It actually got its start from an unintentional group house, bursting at the seams in 1100 square feet, consisting of Terry and Paul (a married couple) adding a third (Marcus) to make a triad, with Water Brother Carl Dietz, and (sometimes) Terry's Dad. I raised my two children there, but it was not big enough for 5 adults! The move to a bigger place was made possible by the addition of Will Jarvis (still a household member today, May of 2024, after caring for my best friend Glen's father for a few years until his passing at age 103). The 2003 move happened as a result of one of those exercises we will be doing at this meeting in which everyone writes down where they want to live and what they could come up with financially to do that. The exercise is used to show the

kind of wonderful upper scale home a group can buy when they do not have to pay for 4 hot tubs, 4 kitchens, 4 living rooms etc. Sometimes the exercise results in a real group house getting together, as ours did.

In the 21st century it is becoming more and more common for those of retirement age to put together intentional communities of like-minded people, some of which are poly.

Burning Man is an excellent example of an intentional community. Though it exists as a physical community only temporarily, for about 10 days a year, many of those involved in it attend events and interact with other Burners year round. Lots of Polyamory in this group. One of the camps is called Poly Paradise.

The kids of Burners are growing up in this environment. How does that affect their future lives and personalities?

Some Burners and their kids have formed group houses of their own inspired by Burning Man philosophy.

The May Moon Magick Festival which we attended for Oberon and Rhiannan's wedding was held on the grounds of a multi-generational intentional Pagan community, Cerren Ered, which we had the pleasure to be part of during our few days at the festival. Many of the Cerren Ered members are poly, since the Neo-Pagan community is much affected by the philosophy of *Stranger in a Strange Land* (the inspiration for Church of All Worlds, the first legally recognized Neo-Pagan religion in the USA), and by the example of CAW's founder, Oberon Zell, who has been in group marriages with up to five adults at a time and is a firm believer in Polyamory. We may have some of the members of that Pagan group who hosted the Festival speaking to us during the Zoom part of this meeting—working on it as of this writing.

Poly Themes in *Outlander*

We start with a World War II British army nurse, Claire, who is traveling in Scotland with her husband, Frank Randall, after the war as a way to get to know each other again after very little in-person contact during the war due to their military responsibilities. They are clearly enjoying rekindling the intimacies of their relationship. The TV version gives us a highly erotic scene between them in an old deserted castle which later (or 200 years earlier) figures prominently into her and Jamie's love story as the fully inhabited, vibrantly alive castle where Jaime Fraser's Clan lives and where Jamie and Claire spend their wedding night.

Claire is clearly still in love with Frank when she finds herself transported to a time long before he was born. She only agrees to marry Jamie to have the protection of his Clan to avoid being arrested (likely tortured or raped) by a British officer who suspects her of espionage. That changes rapidly as they truly fall in love with each other, though she continues to wear Frank's ring along with Jamie's throughout the story.

At one point, to escape from the results of a battle at Culloden in which Jamie fully expects to die, Claire returns through the Stones to post-WW2 Scotland. Frank takes her back, though she is carrying Jamie's child and tells him so. They raise Jamie and Claire's daughter, Brianna, together in America without telling Brianna that Frank is not her biological father.

The relationship between Frank and Claire is rocky. It is an open relationship on his end which means he has a succession of girlfriends. Claire remains true to Jamie (still sleeping in the same bed with Frank—unclear if they have sex). Frank is a very devoted Father to Brianna and they are close. Frank dies in a car accident. Claire still wears both wedding rings.

Brianna and Claire take a trip to Scotland together which results in Brianna finding out the truth of her origin, though she has a great deal of upset and disbelief over it at first. Here she meets Roger MacKenzie, son of Frank's dear friend who Claire and Frank visited when they were in Scotland previously. With Roger's help, they discover that Jamie survived the battle at Culloden, Brianna persuades her mother to rejoin her true love in the past, though this will leave Brianna without either parent at age 18. Claire ensures Brianna's financial welfare before leaving.

Claire finds Jamie in the past and their love is passionately renewed. He becomes Laird (leader) of a group of people who join with him and Claire on a homestead in America. Shortly after this, Brianna and Roger, now a couple though it becomes somewhat complicated, also travel through the Stones to the past, then travel from Scotland to America and join Claire and Jaime in the new (old) time. Brianna and Jamie meet and form a true Father and daughter bond.

Brianna's traveling companion from Scotland to the New World, Lizzie Wemyss, becomes attached to the Frazier family. She marries two brothers, lives with them, and has their children. Jamie is tolerant of this after trying to talk her out of it.

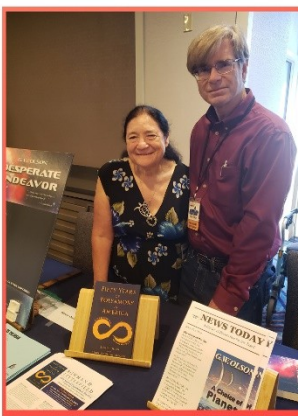
Then there is the matter of Lord John, a gay man who formed a deep friendship with Jamie during the period when Claire is back in her own time. The friendship is not expressed in physical intimacy because Jamie is hetero. Jamie impregnates a girl with his illegitimate son, William. The girl then marries a British Lord. Both the girl and the British lord die shortly after William is born. William is to become an Earl upon majority, so John makes sure he does not learn that Jamie is his biological father, telling no one in William's family. William spends time with Jamie frequently as Jamie is groom to the horses on the estate where William lives—until the physical resemblance between the two of them is so obvious it can't be hidden, at which point Jamie leaves. Jaime asks Lord John to raise his son. He offers his body to Lord John in return for this, and is graciously, lovingly, refused. Lord John marries William's Aunt in a companionate marriage. They raise William together.

Keeping track? Jamie has now had two children, both raised without him by someone who is deeply in love with him.

There is a bit of rivalry between Claire and Lord John—some resentment on her part which she lets go of as Lord John is a good man, not resentful of her possession of the man he loves. He has also done a lot for her family by now. Claire later marries Lord John to stay safe in an American environment unfriendly to suspected rebels against King George, believing that Jamie died on a sea voyage. Months later, it turns out Jaime survived. When Jamie returns, Lord John tells him, “I have had carnal knowledge of your wife.” Jamie looks puzzled and asks “Why?” The answer is “We were both making love to you.”

Paul, Athena, Craig, and I attended Oberon Zell’s wedding to his Lady Rhiannon in Tennessee at the time our May meeting was being given by Elaine Anderson and Matthew Marrero. Thank you, Elaine and Matt! I handled the guestbook for the wedding. Oberon credits me with helping him make the list which led him to realize Rhiannon was the partner he had sought since his first wife Morning Glory’s passing (on May 13, 2014, after 40 years of joyous marriage). The list I suggested to him is outlined in *Matchmaker’s Corner: Choosing, Finding and Attracting Your Special Someone* available on my website store at AceSuccess.com Just call 800-LifeMate(s) (800-543-3628) for a complimentary poly supplement. Or I can give you more personal attention for figuring it out if you are ready for some private poly coaching. Call me!

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 a fascinating read, and is being used in academic research papers on the subject. Between them, Terry and Glen have experience with open marriage, group marriage, and group living, and both are part of an intimate network which has evolved from 1969 to present time.



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 movement, from Woodstock right on into the 21st century. The book is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and many other places—even internationally!— just by Googling its title.

The publishers are continuing to put this book in more and more universities and libraries! Students are starting to use material from it in Masters theses and Doctoral dissertations on Polyamory.

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 3rd Saturday events.

Please email to: Terry_bg@msn.com

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.

Meetups & Other Group Events

Check out www.meetup.com/Loveopen; www.meetup.com/loving-more;
www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/

www.meetup.com/polycocktailslosangeles/ or 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

Other groups friendly to Polyamory

KARL HESS CLUB www.karlhessclub.org

meets on the 3rd Monday at Dinah's Kitchen Restaurant,

4130 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Washington), Culver City. Phone: (310) 645-0456 West L.A.

Burning Man 2024 at BLACK ROCK CITY

For details www.burningman.org

Emma and Fin are "Normalizing Non-monogamy"

Link: Podcast Interviews in Swinging and Polyamory (normalizingnonmonogamy.com)

Webcast with The Center for Positive Sexuality Monthly Educational Series -

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

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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