

Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy, Founded 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette

# BACK TO ZOOM ONLY UNTIL A BOOSTER IS AVAILABLE TO PROTECT AGAINST THE DELTA VARIANT OR SCIENCE TELLS US INDOOR MEETINGS ARE SAFE AGAIN

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Saturday August 21, 2021 11AM to 12:30PM Zoom

Harrad Experiment and Proposition 31 by Robert Rimmer: Couple Meets Couple, They Fall in Love and Get Married

#### \*Saturday August 28 thru September 7

PLAN B (the unofficial Burning Man event) and The Virtual 2021 Burning Man Event

## Saturday September 18, 2021 11AM to 12:30PM on Zoom (Live decision later)

Legal Poly Marriage—Any Time Soon?

#### \*Saturday September 18 10AM-3PM

World Naked Bike Ride: Los Angeles \*(not a Live the Dream event, but supported by most of us)

#### ALL LTD MEETINGS ARE NOW ON ZOOM!

Join Zoom Meeting

 $\underline{https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=NWVjU3A2M0I2Q29IUkI4L11MRzd2QT09}$ 

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626 Passcode: Heinlein

Find us *Always* here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 11A-12:30P Pacific Time. This will be our Zoom ID from now on.

Please visit the Live the Dream website at <a href="www.livethedream.org">www.livethedream.org</a> 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 or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628)

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*.

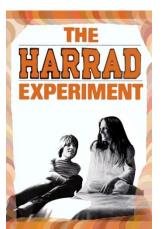
# **EVENTS**

When LIVE events restart, they will be on the 3rd Saturdays from 11AM-4PM at: 8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified)
For all events: RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069

The silver lining of Safer at Home experience: From now on, <u>all</u> our meetings will be available on Zoom for those who can't get to us in person. Some will be hosted by speakers in other areas, too. We are doing Zoom 11-12:30 with Live meetings suspended for now as of 8/21.

# Saturday August 21, 2021 11-12:30 on Zoom Harrad Experiment, Proposition 31, Love Me Tomorrow & more by Robert Rimmer: Couple Meets Couple, They Fall in Love and Get Married

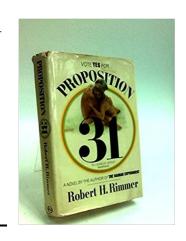
Robert Rimmer wrote many fictional books on multiple committed relationships from the dating stage to the group marriage stage. *The Harrad Experiment* takes place at a supposedly fictional



university (except that we had a housemate who went there) which features co-ed rooms, classes on sex and love and co-ed naked gym classes. There is a lot of excellent instruction in this on how to handle polyamory as the college students who deal with the usual jealousies involved in dating more than one person deal also with the complications of one of them being your assigned roommate to whom you are expected to make love. It eventually evolves into a six-way group marriage. *Proposition 31* starts with what looks like a familiar relationship train wreck as a married man impregnates his married lover leading to the threat of divorce of both marriages. Except it winds up with the kids from both marriages getting a new sibling and extra parents instead of losing those they had. The wife who did not get pregnant attempts

to get group marriage legalized as the story proceeds...not a bad idea when you look at the alternative.

Robert Rimmer himself was in a four-way group marriage which lasted 25+ years but was kept secret due to his co-husband's work situation until the man passed on. Bob claimed throughout that his stories were fictional. He was an honorary member of Live the Dream and gave us a couple of meetings by speaker phone after all this was no longer secret. Last time we did this topic, Paul Gibbons (member of our own semi residential Quad) surprised us with a recording of Robert Rimmer joining us by phone in a most informative interview 20+ years ago. I have asked Paul to do it again with advance notice so you folks can **invite friends**!



#### Saturday September 18, 2021 11AM to 12:30PM on Zoom (Live decision next month) Legal Poly Marriage—Any Time Soon? Led by Craig Milo Brussel Rogers

Craig is a meticulous researcher who has done this kind of work on the scientific side professionally for over 40 years. He is applying this ability to figuring out where such things are legal internationally right now, how close we come to legal ways to do it in the US in present time, and an add up of all these factors to make a reasoned prediction about legal poly marriage for future Americans. Bring what you know and contribute to what is likely to be a fascinating discussion...

# A Fantasy? By Terry Brussel-Rogers

It is Shabbat, Friday night in our Jewish home. I have made chicken soup in the morning. It has simmered all day. My Husband has found time in his busy schedule as a computer analyst to bake challah. Blessings are said together over candles and bread with his voice like a cantor's blessing the wine. He has been included in our High Holy Days choir again this year.

Our many bookshelves are filled with our combined SF libraries including the complete works of Robert Heinlein. Volumes of the Talmud other Jewish wisdom fill another book case.

My Lover has been invited to dinner. We enjoy it together and the three of us go for a walk in our neighborhood afterward. We talk of what has been happening in our lives exchange thoughts on politics, current news, the state of our spirits and our relationships.

When we return home, my Lover and I shower together with lights out and projections of moon and stars on the walls and ceiling. There are kisses, gentle washing of backs and intimate places. After drying each other off we have delicious foreplay in our double queen size bed. My Husband joins us in the bed with cuddling and hugs for both. My Lover makes passionate love to me with my Husband's arms still around us. We all breath together.

We watch a movie special to me and meaningful in terms of relationship integrity and standing up for what is Right regardless of what others think. It is my Lover's first time seeing it. \*

He spends the night with us and we make love again in the early morning. It is even better than the night before.

When he leaves, my Lover hugs us both and tells us that this has been magical for him. Though he has many years in the Poly community, he has not been close in this way with a woman whose husband was entirely comfortable with that situation.

My Husband and I ride our tandem to a nearby lake and, holding hands, enjoy the sight of a beautiful waterfall together...

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Not exactly a fantasy as it is a fairly accurate account of a recent weekend in my life at age 68. The ride to Lake Balboa, about 9 miles away on bike paths, was a very special delight as it was my milestone symbol of having regained my health and vitality after lung surgery in March of this year.

When I was looking for the Right Man after my divorce in 2008, (at age 55) I had a list which any matchmaker would have told me I simply couldn't have—a Jewish man with a genius IQ close to my age or a bit younger, who loved science fiction as much as I did, had a good, stable income and was willing to live the poly lifestyle. Along with about a hundred other items of somewhat lesser importance like an amazing singing voice and a love of dancing.

After enjoying the company of other men dear to me in their own ways, including my former husband (still my lover, but not the one in this story) and living with some of them, I found my Poly Prince. In *our* community, you really CAN have it ALL at whatever age you are...Don't give up on your Dreams.

### \*Burning Man 2021 update:

Burning Man 2021 is virtual again due to covid-19. However, there is a large number of people going August 28-Sept 6 for an impromptu event loosely being called PLAN B. This is an unofficial event, no tickets, but no PortaPotties! You must be prepared to carry EVERYTHING back out with you and dispose it properly. Currently look like about 10,000-15,000 people plan on being there. If you are setting up a camp you need to get a permit from BLM. For more info check out <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/368518897848763/about">www.facebook.com/groups/368518897848763/about</a>

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With current Delta variant, if you decide to go, PLEASE take your own appropriate precautions!

#### World Naked Bike Ride: Los Angeles

A Spontaneous Global Protest Against Continued Use of Fossil Fuels & To Promote Bike Safety in Los Angeles (And to Celebrate A Little Body Freedom!)

#### When: Saturday September 18, 10AM-3PM

(for those not planning on attending the Live the Dream event)

#### **Where: Downtown Los Angeles**

(Exact location to meet will be sent via email to all who have signed up on Facebook)

**How to Sign Up:** <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WNBRLA/?fref=ts">https://www.facebook.com/WNBRLA/?fref=ts</a></a>
Only those who have RSVP'd on the Facebook site will be notified of where to meet)

**How Many Are Coming?** No way to know for this year, but we hope about 650 riders! Don't Be Left Out!



Yes! It's Legal!
Photos from the 2015 WNBR-LA

#### FAQ about the WNBR-LA 2021

- The bike ride is allowed through the streets of Los Angeles because we are protesting. Be sure to have a sign attached to your bike! (We will have signs available for you to attach).
- This year there will be ONE ride, about 9 miles. Begins and ends at the assembly location.
- If you have one, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN **BICYCLE**!
- We may have a **lunch coach** available for sandwiches, water, and soft drinks.
- We will have a **Body Painting Table** for those who want to decorate their bodies with color or messages.
- Carry your clothes with you on your ride in case you need to make a pit stop along the way. Don't walk into local restaurants or businesses to use their bathrooms essentially nude as this will harm our overall message.
- Don't forget sunscreen (for those areas not body-painted) Midday sun in September can be very unforgiving. Also, try to sit on a towel while riding (to be both sanitary and comfortable).
- We will have a chase car following behind to pick you up along the way in case your bicycle breaks down along the way or if you just get too tired to continue. But if you start, be mentally and physically prepared to finish all 13 miles!
- Above all, have fun! Wave and be polite to all you ride past (Just keep riding and ignore anyone who may be belligerent). You are here for an important cause and we need to get out message out to those we pass by.
- All signups are being coordinated through the event's Facebook page only. Tell your friends!

#### https://www.facebook.com/WNBRLA/?fref=ts

# Do you have a "What do you do when?" question for us, or any Poly related article for publication or...

WHAT EXPERIENCES/BOOK REVIEWS, ETC. THAT YOU CAN 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: <a href="mailto:newsletter@mail.livethedream.org">newsletter@mail.livethedream.org</a>
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.

# **Meet Ups & Other Group Events**

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

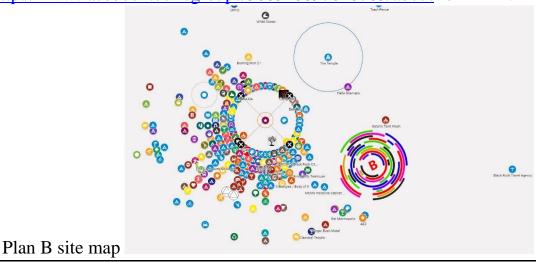
The Southern California Naturist Association Meetup http://www.meetup.com/nature-519
This is the largest non-landed clothing optional club in California

#### Other Poly info:

<u>www.lovemore.com</u> <u>www.polyevents.blogspot.com</u> http://openingup.net/resources/local-orginizations-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 is virtual for 2021 or the not official PLAN B in person For details <a href="www.burningman.org">www.burningman.org</a>! or <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/368518897848763/about">http://www.facebook.com/groups/368518897848763/about</a> for PLAN B info



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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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
	Full LTD Membership Includes Newsletter & Membership Card	\$25	\$40 (\$10 FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS)
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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			