

# 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 Leuy and Pat LaFollette*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Saturday December 17 Zoom 11 am to 1 pm Live 11 am to 4 pm Chosen Family & How Science Fiction Has Affected Real Families followed by LTD WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY 6 m to 11 pm RSVP 818-886-0069**



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

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Find us *Always* here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 11am-1pm Pacific Time. This will be our Zoom ID from now on.

**Saturday January 21 Zoom 11 am to 1 pm Live 11 am to 4 pm Polyamory, Censorship and LIBERTY-- What's Your Vote for the Future?  
Led by Paul Gibbons**

Advance notice:

**FEBRUARY 24-26, 2023**

**Hypnofantasy/ Hypnomassage with a Dash of Tantra**

**at the Tuscany Manor Clothing Optional Lifestyles Friendly Resort in Palm Springs, CA BOOK YOUR ROOM EARLY, THIS IS GOING TO FILL UP FAST. Go to [Tuscanymanorpalmsprings.com](http://Tuscanymanorpalmsprings.com) or call 760-251-2885**

## *Live the Dream*

*December 2022 - January 2023*

**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)

## **EVENTS**

*All regular Live the Dream LIVE events are 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified). RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 or Visit [livethedream.org](http://livethedream.org)*

**Saturday December 17 Zoom 11 am to 1 pm Live 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 (until the age of maturity) all children produced by the ladies in the marriage already born or in the womb (at time of the marriage)—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. Some of these relationships (including in our own Nest) have lasted 30-50 years and is not uncommon. Which science

fiction writings most affected the choices YOU have made regarding family and relationship structure? Bring your own experiences to share with us! **LIVE ONLY FROM HERE DOWN**

### 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 in 2003... Enjoy **Jacuzzi, socializing and maybe a Poly or Holiday type movie** in between the day time meeting and the party.

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Saturday December 17 6 pm to 11 pm

### **LTD's 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 next evening, December 18 this year.

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

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

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

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

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.

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Saturday, January 21 LIVE 11 am to 4pm, on Zoom 11 am to 1 pm

### **Polyamory, Censorship and LIBERTY -- What's Your Vote for the Future? Led by Paul Gibbons.**

Paul has been an activist for freedom most of his adult life. He has known (and recorded) major speakers on the subject, including those who have made a difference in our right to choose the sexual/love styles which bring us joy. This is a dangerous time following the reversal of Roe vs Wade and discussion (by Supreme Court judges!) of other assaults to the freedoms we cherish. The passage of the Equality of Marriage Act is a step in the right direction. Paul will share with us how

all this could affect the rights of those in the Poly community and what we can do about it. Bring your questions and opinions.

Paul's 69<sup>th</sup> birthday is January 20. Cake and ice cream for all! Let us know if you have a January birthday so we can add your name to the cake.

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Led by Terry Brussel-Rogers Co-Author of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement* and Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist since 1969. The dash of Tantra is available all weekend from tantra coach Kunma Annhata—private sessions-- with a demo at 5 pm Saturday night!

**Sensitivity Exercises.** Verbal and nonverbal, help you connect quick and deep with those you bring and those you meet at this event. Guided meditation enhances your inner awareness and sensual connection during massage exercises. Green Eyed monsters vanquished and Poly Partners Found in breakout sessions after dinner. Saturday evening concludes with a Float in the Jacuzzi held lovingly by other participants. Sunday morning, learn what you can do with what you have discovered this week end moving forward in your relationships and your life!

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### **Pagan Winter Solstice Rituals**

December may be marked by Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, but for Pagans it's the time to celebrate [Yule](#). The holiday marks the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere (this year Sunday, Dec. 21) and celebrates the rebirth of the sun and beginning of winter. It is one of the oldest winter celebrations known. The winter solstice is the longest night and shortest day of the year. The Earth's axis tilts the furthest away from the sun at 23-and-a-half degrees, giving all locations north of the equator less than 12 hours of daylight. This moment has been marked by mankind for centuries.

### **The Society for Sacred Sexuality Winter Solstice Celebration & Sacred Sex Ritual in the tradition of ancient sacred sex societies.**

The ancient sacred sex societies celebrated the Winter Solstice as a time of stillness and tranquility, when nature reaches its deepest slumber and the sun descends to its lowest path in the sky. Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year. Many honored the day with a sacred sex ritual to attune to the deep silent peace of nature.

Sacred sex, like the seasons, moves in cycles. Each season represents a different value of fullness of the wave of sacred sex ecstasy. Winter represents the deep transcendental bliss of sacred sex. It is the time to fully sink into the wave of sacred orgasm, and fathom its depths. In that stillness of Being you rediscover your true Self, and emerge revitalized and rejuvenated to start anew. See <http://www.mysticmamma.com/winter-solstice-ritual-ideas-celebrations/>

## Chanukah: Celebrating A Fight For Freedom

Excerpt from [www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/History/Maccabees.html](http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/History/Maccabees.html) on the Maccabees and the origin of [Chanukah](#).

The family of [Mattathias](#) became known as the *Maccabees*, from the Hebrew word for "hammer," because they were said to strike hammer blows against their enemies

Like other rulers before him, Antiochus underestimated the will and strength of his Jewish adversaries and sent a small force to put down the rebellion. When that was annihilated, he led a more powerful army into battle only to be defeated. In 164 BCE, [Jerusalem](#) was recaptured by the Maccabees and the [Temple](#) purified, an event that gave birth to the holiday of [Chanukah](#).

### Excerpts from the Yule Ritual

#### **You can try this at home!**

PRIESTESS stands to PRIEST's left.

PRIESTESS and PRIEST turn to face each other. PRIESTESS stands with feet together, hands crossed at the wrists on her chest just below her neck as PRIEST says:

"I call upon thee, O mighty mother of us all, bringer of fruitfulness,  
by seed and by root,  
by flower and by fruit,  
by stem and by bud,  
by life and by love,  
here below as above,

And ask thee to descend into this body of thy priestess (NAME of Priestess).

PRIESTESS then moves her feet apart to shoulder width and reaches her arms out sideways as if to touch the shoulders of anyone next to her were anyone there. PRIEST takes the pentacle and touches it gently to PRIESTESS's forehead, L foot, R hand, L hand, R foot & head.

PRIEST replaces the pentacle on the altar and says:

**"Hear now the words of the great mother who of old was called among men by many names."**

PRIESTESS then reads the Charge of the Goddess.

"I am the eternal goddess,  
Ever changing, ever living,  
Ever loving, ever giving,  
Yet I charge you, if you would,  
Be mine and follow my ways.

(pause)

Then shall you gather yourselves once in a month and better it be when the moon is full, and assemble in some secret place. There you shall adore the spirit of me who am queen of all witches. There shall you dance, sing, feast, make music and love, all in my praise, and to those who would learn sorcery, to these I will teach things as yet unknown.

Keep pure your highest ideal; strive ever towards it; let naught stop you or turn you aside, for mine are freedom, knowledge and rejoicing, the ecstasy of the spirit, the earth's love for her creatures. Mine is the secret door of life and death, and all these I do give freely to the children of wisdom.

I give unimaginable joys on earth, certainty, not faith, while in life; upon death, peace unutterable, rest, ecstasy. Nor do I demand sacrifice, for behold! I am the mother of all living and my love is poured out upon the earth."

### **All acts of Love and Pleasure are my Ritual**

**PRIEST** says: "hear ye the words of the star goddess, she in the dust of whose feet are the hosts of heaven, whose body encircleth the universe."

**PRIESTESS** continues with the Charge of the Goddess:

"I, who am the beauty of the green earth, and the white moon among the stars and the mystery of the waters and the desire of the heart of man, I call upon thy soul to arise and come unto me, for I am the soul of all nature, who giveth life to the universe.

(pause)

"From me, all things proceed; to me they shall also return. Let my worship be in the heart, rejoice, for all acts of love and pleasure are my ritual. Therefore, let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion, honor and humility, mirth and reverence among you.

And thou who thinkest to seek for me, know thy seeking and yearning shall avail thee not, unless thou knowest the mystery; that if thou seekest and find it not within thyself, nothing is there for thee to find, for behold! I have been with thee since the beginning, and I am that which is attained at the end of desire."

**PRIEST** says "WELCOME, LADY." and kisses **PRIESTESS**. **PRIEST** then stands with feet together and hands crossed on his chest, similar to **PRIESTESS** earlier, as **PRIESTESS** says:

"I call upon thee, lord of the hunt,  
Guardian of the forest and all wild creatures  
By seed and by root,  
By flower and by fruit,  
By stem and by bud,  
by life and by love,  
here below as above,  
Descend now into this body of thy priest NAME."

**PRIESTESS** takes the pentacle as **PRIEST** spreads his feet shoulder width or as far apart as needed so **PRIESTESS** can reach his head, and raises his arms out to the side like **PRIESTESS** did.

**PRIESTESS** touches the pentacle gently to **PRIEST**'s forehead, LEFT foot, RIGHT hand, LEFT hand, RIGHT foot and forehead, and then puts it back on the altar.

**PRIEST** then reads the Charge of the God from a scroll.

"I am the stag of seven tines;  
I go across dark waters.  
I am borne up by the wind--I descend in the tears of the sun;  
I fly like a hawk to my nest on the cliff.  
I put forth leaves and flowers in the meadow--  
I am the oak and the lightning that destroys it.  
I am the courage of spearmen; I give wisdom to judges;  
I breathe in the words of the poets.

I rove the hills like a wild boar,  
I return again, drawn like the tide.  
Who but I may know the secret of the unbuilt temple?"

PRIESTESS says "Welcome, Lord," and kisses PRIEST.

**November 11, 2022 was the official launch date for *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to a Growing Movement* by Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers published by Rowman and Littlefield.** 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. *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. Polyamory, literally "many loves," challenges the relationship norm: monogamy. Instead of concentrating on the experiences of a few people exploring alternate lifestyles, this is an exploration of two generations of Americans, the people and the organizations they founded, what they have chosen to do, and how it has changed their lives and affected the culture as a whole. Our book covers the history of alternative sexual relationship styles from 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 have already begun putting it in universities and libraries!

#### 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)  
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:

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)

**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> )
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