

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*



UPCOMING EVENTS



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Saturday November 19th 11 am to 4 pm Live Zoom 11 am to 1 pm PDT
How Has Covid Changed Our Social Options? Strategies for Building Friendships and Love Relationships in the New Normal

November 25th -27th, 2022 LosCon

Has Science Fiction changed the course of relationships in America?

We have a panel at LosCon 48 at the Marriott LA Airport Hotel

Nov. 26th 10 am Saturday morning in California 3

Celebration of the November 11th 2022 launch of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement* by Glen W. Olson and Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers

Saturday December 21st Chosen Family & How Science Fiction Has Affected Real Families
Zoom 11 am to 1 pm PDT Live 11 am to 4 pm

LTD WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday December 17 6 pm to 11 pm Live ONLY

Link to all Zoom Meetings:

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

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626 Passcode: Heinlein

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

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, success coaching and other services. See 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) For all events: RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 Visit livethedream.org articles and info Suggested Donation For those attending Live only: Ladies free with pot luck dish to share—same donation as gentlemen otherwise. Gentlemen (pot luck dish appreciated): Paid members of Live the Dream: \$5 . Non-Members: \$10 events. If you join Live the Dream Day of meeting, \$25 for singles, \$40 couple or group at same address, attendance is included

35th Anniversary Celebration of Live the Dream!

Theme: Long Term Poly Relationships Evolving Through the Years

Saturday November 19th 11 am to 4 pm Live Zoom 11 am to 1 pm PDT

How Has Covid Changed Our Social Options? Strategies for Building Friendships and Love Relationships in the New Normal

How can we balance safety with JOY in our lives? Your input appreciated!

Why are business mixers going strong with participants swarming to them in locations indoor and out, then standing much closer than 6 feet apart while networking and transacting business while the poly community has all but stopped live meetings and even the Cuddle groups are doing it on Zoom? Just talked to a friend involved in SCA—meetings in parks are going strong and attracting hundreds. They are not social distancing as they reenact the time before the Renaissance. BDSM and LGBTQ groups are meeting in restaurants. Nudist venues have indoor /outdoor events with plenty of hugging. I looked for a Poly gathering to promote our 35th anniversary celebration—NOTHING was going on live! In LA! Is this the way we want to live in the future? Has Covid brought a future of virtual contact replacing touch into reality much sooner than we expected...? Why more in the poly community than in related communities? There are, of course, plenty of people isolating among the mundanes for reasons ranging from health to phobias. It may be safer to stay away from people as far as not getting Covid is concerned, but lack of touch has its own

negative physical and emotional results. Covid Isolation is becoming a syndrome in itself. As a hypnotherapist, I am helping my clients deal with it in various forms from depression to hives. Good thing I pioneered telephone hypnotherapy in 1995! I just did not realize how isolated our own poly community had become. What do YOU want this to look like in your future?

Meanwhile, we have you covered—Live and on Zoom.

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

2-4 Socializing in clothing optional Jacuzzi

November 11, 2022 is 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 being published by Rowman and Littlefield. As of this writing (Oct. 23, 2022), 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! 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. On their panel at Los Con, they will talk about writing the book, experiences with the organizations covered in this book and the people interviewed for it, as well as their own experiences with Polyamory over the years.



Thanksgiving Weekend 2022 November 25th -27th, 2022

LosCon 48 at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport Hotel

<https://loscon.org/48/memberships/>

We have a panel this year! November 26th at 10 am Saturday morning in California 3

Has Science Fiction changed the course of relationships in America?

Has Science Fiction changed the course of relationships in America over the last fifty years?

America has gone through many social upheavals in the last half century. We are arguably not the same society that we were in the 1960's/70's. In many ways we have become the society that writers like Robert Heinlein, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Spider Robinson and Anne McCaffrey have written about.

There are people now who live in multiply committed relationships, same sex marriages, triads, open marriages, group houses and other configurations. Many more people have thought about trying different kinds of relationships. The presenters of this panel have studied, written about, and lived many of these alternative lifestyles, and will talk about the changing face of relationships in fandom, and in America.

Presenters: Glen W. Olson Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers, Craig Milo Brussel Rogers, Mark Merlino (Sy) and Rodney O'Reilly

Terry is also on the Grokking Heinlein panel at 2:30 on Sunday, Got Filk? The Hidden Musical Side of Science Fiction, and Anne McCaffrey: Multi-Genre Universes

links to LosCon website: <https://loscon.org/48/> or www.LASFS.org

Monday November 14, 2022 We are very excited to be work with Level Up Love a 9000+ Poly community! We will be live on Facebook with them at 5:30-6:15 PST on November 14, 2022 for an

interview with Glen Olson and Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers on our book **Fifty Years of Polyamory in America**.

We will also be conducting a workshop Thursday November 17, 2022 5:30 to 6:45 pm PST for them also on Facebook Live

Etiquette of Alternative Life Styles What do you do when your wife brings her lover home for dinner? Who sleeps where if he offers (or is invited) to stay overnight? If your wife is depressed on a night, you've got a date, should you cancel and stay home with her? Should your girlfriend join you to keep you both company if do stay home? Emily Post did not cover this stuff, but we will!

Join Level Up Love's private group on Facebook

[Https://www.facebook.com/groups/leveleduplove/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/leveleduplove/?ref=share)

Saturday December 21st Chosen Family & How Science Fiction Has Affected Real Families
Zoom 11 am to 1 pm PDT Live 11 am to 4 pm

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 affected 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.



LTD WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday December 17st

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 next evening, December 18 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, erotic (tasteful please!), fantasy or magickal 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

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 E-Mail to: 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 & 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

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.

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 \$10.00.

	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**