

LIVE THE DREAM

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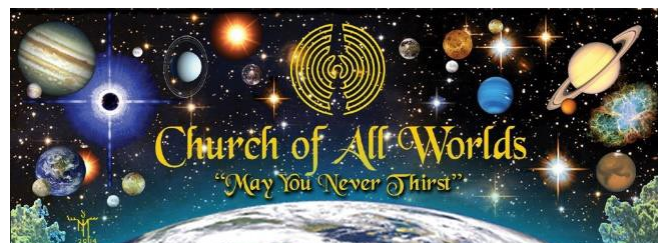
Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt

Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy,

Founded 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday November 16, 2024 Live: 11 AM – 4 PM PST Zoom: 11-1 PST

How to Love & Grow Closer with Your Poly Mates & Their Mates

Sunday December 1, 2024, 10 AM to 11:15 AM PST at LOSCON at the LAX Hilton:
Social Conventions in Heinlein: Families, Finances, and Systems of Government

Saturday December 21, 2024: Group Marriage/Group Living SF Samples: Robert A. Heinlein (Future History), Spider Robinson (Callahan books) & S. M. Sterling's Novels of the Change: Fantasy or reality? What aspects of these do we want in our own lives & how can we create them?

Winter Solstice Ritual and Holiday Party follow at 6 PM.

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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 Jim Bratcher and Teresa Rose Call Jim at 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. LTD paid members: Meeting \$5, Meeting and party both \$8 with pot luck dish for both events, without pot luck dish \$12 donation suggested for both events. Non-members \$15 with pot luck dish for both events, without pot luck dish \$20 suggested donation for both events.

RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 or Visit LiveTheDream.org

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11-1 Poly Discussion, 1pm Pot Luck Lunch, 2-4 pm Growing Closer Exercises and Socializing in Clothing Optional Jacuzzi

If you have been in this lifestyle for a while, you may have a lover, committed partner or spouse living with you, a lover or two visiting regularly, and kitchen table metamours as well. Perhaps you are fortunate enough to be in a live-in triad or quad. How do you make

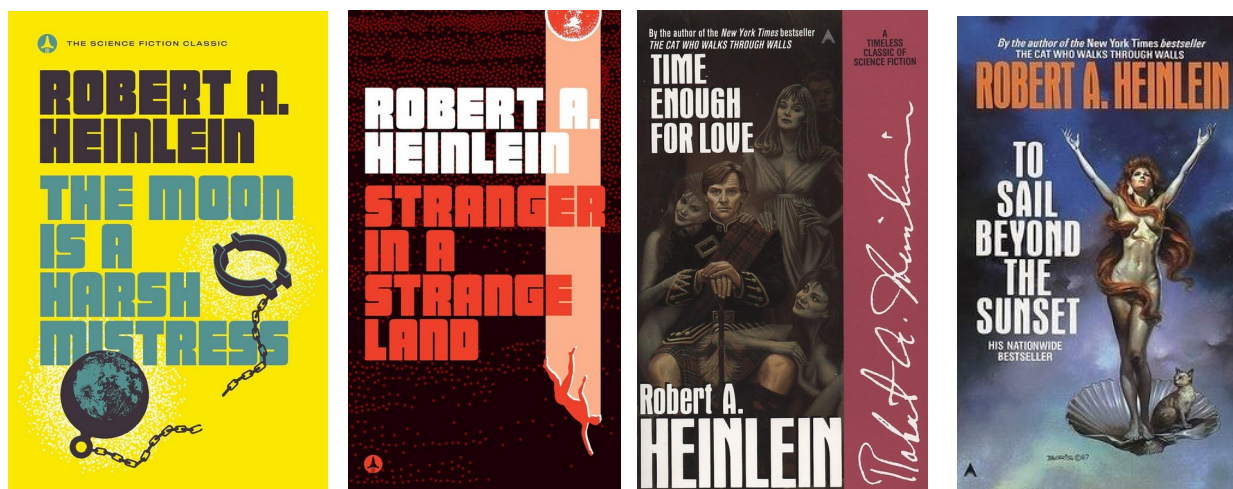
time in your life for all these important people in your life? What is the flavor of each relationship and what kind of time is involved? What is best done as together time and what is separate time for you and your most committed partner or partners? Let's dig into all this through discussion. You can also access my article *Time Enough for Love* on **LivetheDream.org** or by calling me at 818-886-0069. I have even created a special Poly Time Management Sheet... just ask for it.

Sunday December 1, 2024 10 AM to 11:15 AM PST at LOSCON at the LAX Hilton

LOSCON 50, the 50th annual Los Angeles Science Regional Fiction and Fantasy Convention, starts Friday, November 29, 2024, and runs through Sunday, December 1. See Loscon.org to buy memberships and for more info!

We would like to direct your attention to the panel *Social Conventions in Heinlein: Families, Finances, and Systems of Government*, which is scheduled to start at 10 AM PST on Sunday, December 1st. Join Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers, co-authors of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement* (along with other panelists) for this exciting discussion!

Were you inspired by the multi-generational Line Marriage from *The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*, warmed by the Nest in *Stranger in a Strange Land*, fascinated by the group marriage and other relationship possibilities presented in *Time Enough for Love* through *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*? We'll talk about how these concepts can enhance our real lives in Love... and in Freedom!



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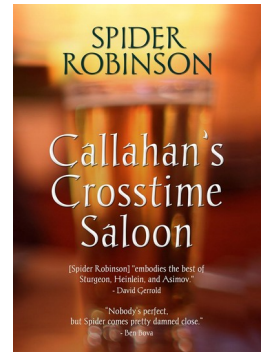
LTD's Monthly Meeting, Winter Holiday Party, and Winter Solstice Ritual

Group Marriage/Group Living SF Samples: Robert A. Heinlein (Future History), Spider Robinson (Callahan books) & S. M. Sterling's Novels of the Change

Robert A. Heinlein's stories offer us multi-generational group marriage in *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*, and everything from open marriage practiced by utterly committed couples to a group marriage spanning not only wide age ranges, but multiple alternate

universes in *Time Enough for Love*, *Number of the Beast*, and *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*.

Spider Robinson's **Callahan's Place** books give us open marriages practiced by sexual "Artists" along with what amounts to group living in a very inclusive Brothel engaged in high level diplomacy affecting History. The customers of Callahan's Crosstime Saloon form a group of people whose lives connect on MANY levels, affecting all the relationships in their lives and ultimately leading them all into a trek cross country to the Florida Keys to continue their very intertwined lives together.



His **Stardance** novels offer group marriage in Space spanning Time and including gay, bi and hetero members.

S. M. Stirling's **Stories of the Emberverse** (aka **Novels of the Change**) give us several examples of group living. Some groups live in Castles and Forts with Medieval trappings, while others live open fields, farms and gardens in a more Pagan practice, with a central Home serving meals and holiday feasts. These cultural approaches re based on historical examples, with adaptations due to being carried out by humans in our present time (but without our present technology).



Fantasy or reality? What aspects of these do we want in our own lives & how can we create them? Let's talk about it!

6 PM: Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 PM: Winter Solstice Ritual led by High Priestess Lillith

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. Although Hanukkah doesn't start until December 25th this year, we will still light a candle in a menorah in celebration.

Did we forget a ritual important to you? Tell us and we'll add it. Bring stories/songs/poetry to share. There will be live and recorded music of various holiday flavors... and Karaoke!

Bring: Your favorite holiday dish for pot luck supper—(big enough for 10 to share.), There will be a GIFT EXCHANGE: Bring a wrapped science fiction, erotic (tasteful please!), fantasy, or magikal gift item (\$10-\$15) if you want to participate.

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.

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

(Crash space available by arrangement when you RSVP)

Good Yule!



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RELATIONSHIP OPTIONS IN POLYAMORY

Relationship options in polyamory range from “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” sorts of open (?) relationships to group marriages with three or more people in one BIG bed. In between are couples who have outside relationships which they do talk about with their primary partner (if any), situations in which the outside partner(s) joins the couple for holidays, birthdays, etc or the occasional shared outing.

Kitchen Table Polyamory can mean that all of you sleep in one house on frequent weekends, in separate or shared beds in whatever combination works for who loves who, whether that love is sexual or platonic, and whether 4 AM lovemaking disturbs their rest. They can all agree to meet for breakfast together around the Kitchen Table.

Two couples may share vacations together two or three times a year weekends at one or the other of their houses every 4-6 weeks (frequently including birthdays, Passover/Easter, Thanksgiving and Winter holidays).

I have experienced all of these. My favorite is being as inclusive as possible with those lovers and dear friends who are closest in your life. While some separate dating may be OK, I really am not comfortable having anyone in my life who does not have a good relationship with my husband and actually wants to spend time with both of us for much of our time together.

Now comes the question, To Bi or Not to Bi?

Recently my husband and I really had to deal with this question. Some people are Bi sexual as we are. Some are hetero, but do not mind sharing cuddle sessions with the opposite sex person in the middle. Others are bi sensual, but not bi sexual. What for sure does not work is someone who can’t tolerate the touch of someone of their own sex.

I remember being in a triad where one of my male partners accidentally kissed the one who was not Bi, when he thought he was reaching for me in the night. The straight one jumped out of bed

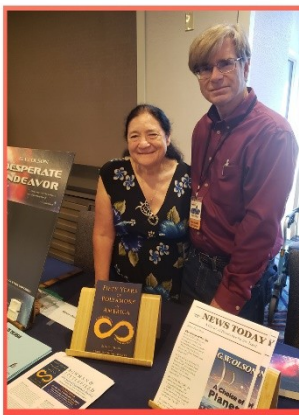
yelling about boy cooties. The one who was bi thought it was funny, but got up to deal with the other one's real upset. They wound up watching a Star Trek episode together and got in touch with what they did share in common.

My second husband, Paul (male member of that couple my husband and I share vacations etc with) and I are both Bi and gave workshops at Poly Conventions titled Bisexual Polyamorous Couple Building a Group Marriage. Through much of our 15-year marriage, we had a rule against Straights in our relationship just because it limited our options. We both preferred to have access to those sharing a bed with us. This did not mean all partners MUST be lovers of both of us—just comfortable with being together.

Craig and I have recently come to a similar decision about future relationships, though it does not affect those we already have, all of which are with people dear to both of us whether platonic, sensual or sexual.

Robert A. Heinlein said in one of his Future History stories that though it may be possible to share romantic love with more than one special person, your Time is limited. “While love is infinite, time is not.” Sharing time together with those you care about greatly enhances the joy shared by all of your Loves.

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 at 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 using 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/

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.

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 -
Center for Positive Sexuality

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



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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