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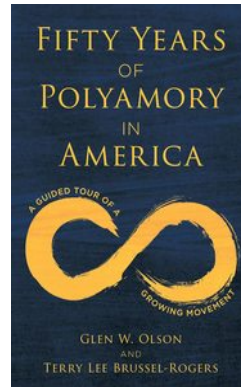
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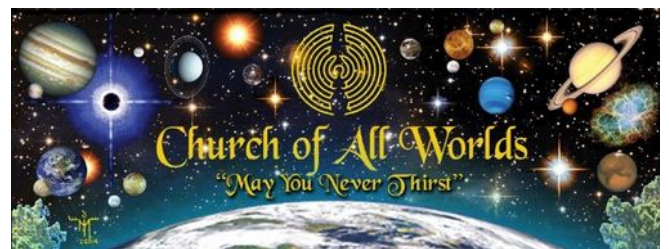
Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt.
Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy,
Founded 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

All events Info/RSVP Call 818-886-0069

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Creating a Group Marriage/Group House and Raising Kids Together. Led by Mike Adams (who is actually doing it!)
Filk (Science Fiction Folk Songs) Live and on Zoom 7-10 pm PT

Saturday, November 29, 2026: 11 am LAX Hilton. Call for room number.
Poly Meetup at LOSCON: Science Fiction Entry into Polyamory

Saturday, December 19, 2026: Live 11 am-4 pm PT Zoom 11 am-1 pm PT
Do You Have *Time Enough for Love*?
6-11 pm PT: Potluck Dinner, Winter Solstice Ritual (by High Priestess Lilith) and LTD's Winter Holiday Party. Happy Hannukah! Good Yule! And a Merry Christmas!

Join our Zoom meetings <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=Vl8d4Qk2FXIb80dmDS73AbvKSPPcr1.1&omn=85326078065>
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Live the Dream

November-December 2026

Live the Dream is an education and support group for those who, originally inspired by the writings of Robert A. Heinlein, Robert Rimmer, Marion Zimmer Bradley, and Spider Robinson are now ready to LIVE such alternative lifestyles as cooperative living, open committed relationships, and group marriage. Many of our concepts on multiply committed relationships come from Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*. Live the Dream is the oldest continuing Nest of Church of All Worlds founded 1962. This first legally recognized Neo Pagan religion in the US was 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).

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 or Church of All Worlds. If an evening party is listed, 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, without Pot Luck, \$20 suggested donation for both events

Terry is 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 of each month 11 am - 4 pm PT + special celebrations and parties listed during the year.



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1 pm: Potluck Lunch – bring something healthy and delicious to share.

2:00-4 pm: Socialize in clothing-optional jacuzzi movie.

6 pm: Potluck dinner – bring something healthy and delicious to share.

7-10 pm: Filk (Science Fiction Folk Songs) – in person and on Zoom.

In a 17+ room home with several bedrooms, rooms for home schooling, big kitchen, great living room, kid's rooms, library and more Mike has helped multiple spouses raise over a hundred children...together. He will share with us how he learned of polyamory, Paganism and **Church of All Worlds** from his teachers as boy. He will discuss how he built the financial resources which made such a Home possible. Bring your ideas and your questions. Learn how to live ***your*** dreams.

Mike Adams is the newest Board Member of **Church of All Worlds**, the first legally recognized Pagan religion in the United States. He has been asked and agreed to be Caretaker of CAW's Sacred Land, Annwfn, in Northern California, as well as Director of Membership.

Saturday, November 29, 2026: 11 am at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport.

Call 818-388-5612 for the room number.

Poly Meetup at LOSCON: Science Fiction Entry into Polyamory

Terry Brussel-Rogers (Co-author with Glen Olson of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement*) and Craig Brussel Rogers

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*? Robert Heinlein, Spider Robinson, Anne McCaffrey, Marion Zimmer Bradley, and many other SF and Fantasy authors have all written books with polyamory material in them. We'll share how these stories have affected the lives of their readers as well as our own experiences in real triads, open committed relationships, group marriages, group houses, etc. We'll also answer your questions and help you figure out whether one of these alternatives would help you live *your* dream!

Dreams can come true...This Meetup is for those already into multiply committed relationships and those who want to learn more about them. People like us do not exist only in SF books. Come meet some kindred spirits!

For more information on **LOSCON 52: BEYOND the UNKNOWN**, at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport, Nov 27-29, 2026, visit the LOSCON website:

<https://loscon.org>



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7 pm: Winter Solstice Ritual led by **High Priestess Lilith**.

8 pm: Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

We will talk about Robert Heinlein's most successfully poly character (and Heinlein's own alter ego), Lazarus Long, from his youth growing up in a BIG family in the 1900s through his formation of a Group Marriage (which included most of Heinlein's best characters from his Future History series) 2000 years in the future.

Learn how to build multiply committed relationships, make them joyous for the adults, and excellent for raising children. Also to be discussed is literally how to make Time Enough for Love in ***your*** life...

Poly relationships involve quite a bit of time management whether it is whose family to spend the holidays with, how to fit Patty, Suzie and Joseph into this month's calendar or who's to take the kids to the Zoo? Together? Apart? A little of both? Kitchen table polyamory is one answer... Everyone attending in person or on line will receive Terry's time management sheet with detailed instructions on how to make quality time for ***all*** those you love.

Potluck Dinner
Winter Solstice Ritual led by High Priestess Lilith.
Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

(Crash space available by arrangement when you RSVP.)

Latkes (provided by Live the Dream, along with applesauce and sour cream), songs about the Maccabees, dreidels, lighted up Christmas miniature houses, and a Winter Solstice ritual. We'll light the Hanukkah Menorah. (Yes, it was early this year, but we will still light all 8 candles for this celebration).

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 and recorded music of various holiday flavors (such as *Winter Wonderland*).

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

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 around it!) available all afternoon and evening—bring sandals and towels.



We have a 210 square foot private room with kitchen privileges and shared bath available by mid November for someone who wants to trade about 7-8 hours of housekeeping a week for rent, utilities and use of laundry facilities. Optional: 4-5 home cooked dinners a week and groceries to make what you like for other meals: \$85 a week or \$300 a month. Call 818-886-0069 for more details.

Optional: internship to become a hypnotherapist/coach/healer or paid part-time office assistant position could be arranged at same location in the West San Fernando Valley, very close to both Pierce College and Cal State Northridge. Students welcome. Call 818-886-0069 for more details.

Group Living Experiences: 1978 to 2026

By Terry Brussel-Rogers

Note: Water Kin/Water Brothers are Family By Choice who may also be lovers. See Robert Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land*.

Many people together can live cheaper and a whole lot nicer than that same number could live separately. Over the years at our Live The Dream gatherings we've done an exercise in which we have everyone write down what they could afford to pay down for a home, what they could pay monthly, where they want to live, what kind of people they want to live with, etc. Invariably, we discover that living together costs less and is quite affordable for most people.

Summer of 1978: I visit a child centered cooperative household just north of San Diego. My daughter is 4 yrs old, her brother, two. The four children of this house were a bit older, but they all became friends over the years.

My first glimpse of Rick Daniel: He is expounding on the subject of group living. Seven adults were present and four children. We are introduced by the family friend who brought us there. I asked Rick who the four children belonged to. He told me "All of us".

While that coop broke up as a group house within a few years, Rick stayed in my life as a lover for over thirty years. He stayed in touch with every member of that group house. The two children not his own biologically turned to him for caring and counsel as often as his own son and daughter well into their adult years and were never turned away.

April 1979: Passover at Family Synergy's model group living example, the Allot House. Synergy's co founder and president, Hy Levy, leads the Seder (though not living at the house itself). It is the first time I have seen one done with full Jewish ceremony. Hy will be the man who helps my children to understand their Jewish heritage in years ahead.

I learn that when the Allot House has a room available, the potential tenants are invited to spend some week ends with them learning whether they fit in with those who are living there and whether they are really ready for group living. It usually has all rooms rented and the participants enjoy shared activities from movies, festivals and holiday celebrations to permissive pool parties in their backyard.

1986: Kathy Mar (professional Filk -Science Fiction folk singer/song writer) sings of a group house with many children and adults living there—one of the first she put together. Some stayed, some left, but when she lost her 11 year old son to an illness, they were right there to support her in every way they could. It meant the world to her.

She and her new partner, Dean, who finally became her legal husband the year their twins turned 30, established another group house with 6 to 9 adults and 3 to 7 kids at any given time. My second husband, Paul, and I visited many times over the years including several holiday gatherings. There did not seem to be much differentiation made by Kathy and Dean between kids who were theirs and those who were someone else's or even between those who lived there or were the kids of dear friends in science fiction fandom. They were *in loco parentis* whenever needed. These kids bring *their* kids to holiday gatherings, etc. to this day and on it goes...

My third husband, Craig, and I attended some of these gatherings with Paul and his wife, Athena. Craig and I recently attended Kathy's Celebration of Life where many spoke on how she had made a difference in their lives and the lives of their children as well as inspiring their writing and singing performances

1995: A friend of a friend stays with us a while in our 1100 square foot space in Sylmar, CA, to help edit my System of Hypnotherapy for use by other hypnotists. The "while" becomes 16 years between two houses until he passed on in 2011.

Back to the Sylmar house-2000: My then husband Paul and I meet artist Marcus Jenkins at a Family Synergy gathering in our home. We come to love him and are handfasted with him in a Braiding ceremony in 2001. He moves into that 1100 square foot home.

My Dad has some heart issues and stays with us off and on. 1100 square feet was not enough! Time to find a bigger place!

We had a Group Living themed Live the Dream meeting, did that exercise mentioned in the first paragraph of this article, and discovered that our dear friend and Water Brother writer Will Jarvis was a candidate for our next group house. He moved with us into our new 3000 square foot place on Penfield Ave (West San Fernando Valley) in 2003. He lived with us until 2018 when he moved out to care for my best friend's father in his home. Pop turned 100 in October, passing at age 103 in his own home thanks to Will, who moved back in with us and is still here as of 10-26....

People moved in and out over that time including Paul, himself, when we separated in 2008. It has had as many as seven adults at once. As of 2018, there were myself, my husband Craig (computer systems analyst and musician, married

4-28-18), Marcus (in a triad with us), John DeChancie (a widely published SF writer) and Rita, a retired nurse who helped us with office work and housekeeping. John's Lady spent 2 or three nights a week with us. Paul and his wife Athena visited every month or so for a few days until June of 2025. We were all involved in SF fandom except Rita.

Today, October of 2026, we are a six adults group house including Will and a new Water Brother, Mike, who has been with us since September of 2024. Jim P. is a puppeteer and ballroom dance teacher who provides fascinating conversation at the dinner table and helps with household kitchen chores. Cody just rents a room-- since 2022. Water Kin Elaine, Jim S. and David B. are off premises household members who spend a few nights a month with us and are active in Live the Dream.

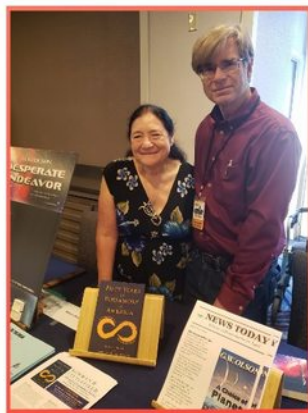
Advantages of Group Living—from a Penfield House room for rent ad posted on poly bulletin boards, science fiction conventions, and nudist gatherings—each group addressed specifically in the posting meant for them. Some version of this might be used for the group house **you** create.

Imagine coming home to a beautiful house, a well kept yard filled with flowers and trees. There is space for a garden if you have a green thumb. The fire place may be lit if it is winter. You come home to the smell of something delicious being cooked by one of your housemates. Or perhaps you are the housemate doing that cooking—that nurturing.

You share a good dinner with whoever is at home tonight. Afterward, you might enjoy the massage chair, go to the privacy of your room, soak in the clothing optional hot tub with good friends, join a lively discussion in the living room or cuddle with your special someone by the fire.

We share meals, holidays, birthdays, special occasions and hugs as well as household chores. Sound good?

Make your fantasy a reality! Call Terry about that room available mentioned top of this article. 818-886-0069. Let's talk.



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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.

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.

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/

You will also find us helping out at the autograph table.

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

Emma and Fin are "Normalizing Non-monogamy"

Link: Podcast Interviews (normalizingnonmonogamy.com)

Webcast with The Center for Positive Sexuality Monthly Educational Series -
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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