

# LIVE THE DREAM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

11- 18-23 HEINLEIN'S FAMILIES IN SPACE & THE MANY WAYS TO SAY I DO (WE DO?) 11-4 (available on Zoom 11-1, LIVE only after that)



Saturday December 16, 2023 New Plot? Couple Meets Couple, They Fall in Love, Get Married and Have Children 11-4 (available on Zoom 11-1, LIVE only after that)

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Following the December 16 meeting 6 pm to 11 pm LTD's WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY



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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](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).

Terry is now the primary organizer of the Southern California Poly Meet Up ([www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/](http://www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/)). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm PST + special listed events during the year & the ones given first Saturdays of each month 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Pitfire Pizza 5211 Lankershim Blvd. NoHo, Co led by Brad & Jim Call 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. RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 or Visit LiveTheDream.org*

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Saturday 11-18-23 HEINLEIN'S FAMILIES IN SPACE & THE MANY WAYS TO SAY I DO (WE DO?) 11-4 (available on Zoom 11-1, LIVE only after that) led by Terry Brussel-Rogers (clergy and scion of Church of All Worlds and co-founder of its oldest continuing Nest). Terry has assisted in many Handfastings over the years and is now able to perform legal weddings (alas only for couples, though their Water Kin can be an integral part of the ceremony). We will talk about the meaning of Family in Heinlein's books, ceremonies to establish such families and how to create the kind of Family which would mean living YOUR dream.

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

2-4 socializing in the clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) Bring sandals & towels.

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**When We Get to Space, What Will Family Look Like? Individuals may explore space but it will take families to settle there** Panel Los Angeles 3 10 am Saturday morning November 25, 2023

At Los Con, a Science Fiction convention meeting on Thanksgiving Week end. Moderators: Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers.

Participating from the audience (it was too late to get him on the panel) Oberon Zell - Ravenhart, founder of the real-life Church of All Worlds based on the one in Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land*, the first legally recognized Neo Pagan religion in the United States

Individuals may explore space but it will take families to settle there. People have always relied on Family for survival and for Joy when settling new environments. Humans will need Family even more as they leave Mother Earth for the stars. Many of our best SF and fantasy authors have tackled the question of how we are going to do it. People will have to get there in space ships where they must get along with their ship mates over long periods of time to get where they are going. The damage jealousy (leading to murder) can do in such a situation is shown at the beginning of Robert A. Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land*. In *The Rolling Stones* Heinlein shows us three generations of family embarked on an exploration of the solar system and he introduces us to multigenerational Line Marriage in *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*. Marion Zimmer Bradley's colonists on Darkover and Spider Robinson's writings show us more options including telepathic group marriage. This panel explores how Family will look as Space Travel and the possibility of children growing up on space stations, the moon, other planets, or even under other stars becomes more and more a real possibility for the children and grandchildren of people living today.

This convention starts Friday following Thanksgiving and goes through Sunday evening. It is held at the LAX Marriot. For more information go to [loscon.org](http://loscon.org)

### **Saturday December 16, 2023 New Plot? 11am-11 pm**

Couple Meets Couple, They Fall in Love, Get Married and Have Children 11-4 (available on Zoom 11-1, LIVE only after that) In his book *Harad Experiment* Robert Rimmer combines fictional writing with real life to take us to a college which offers roommates of the opposite sex, classes in how to have tantric sex and multiple loving relationships along with naked coed swimming in the gym pool. His *Proposition 31* takes us from two couples on the brink of divorce upon finding out the wife of one is pregnant by the husband of the other to a happy quadrad celebrating the holidays together along with the children of both couples all excited about the coming of the new baby brother or sister. The not pregnant wife then spearheads a campaign to legalize group marriage with the help of her spice.

**Saturday December 16 6 pm to 11 pm**  
**LTD's WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**Pot Luck Dinner and lighting Hanukkah**  
**candles at 6 pm**



(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 starts December 7<sup>TH</sup> this year ending December 15, we will still light all the candles one night late!

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.

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

2-4 socializing in the clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) Bring sandals & towels. (Jacuzzi is available all afternoon and evening)

4-6 Watch a poly or Holiday movie

6 pm Pot Luck Dinner and Winter Holiday Party. Your favorite holiday dish for pot luck supper— (big enough for 10 to share.)

*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*

### **7 pm *Twas Night Before Christmas***

Clement Clarke Moore wrote the famous poem “Night Before Christmas” in 1822 when living in his house in Elmhurst, Queens, New York City. Here’s a photo of the house before it was demolished in 1932. Our High Priestess, Ealswythe (Linda) grew up in Elmhurst and frequently played at the Clement C. Moore Park as a child. It was only about 3 blocks from where she lived. Every year, her elementary school class would go to the park and sing Christmas carols, and recite the poem “Night Before Christmas.” She will read the poem for us at the Yule holiday party and lead the Yuletide (Winter Solstice) ritual.



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The Moore Homestead in Elmhurst.  
The homestead was torn down in 1932 and is today Clement Clarke Moore Park bordered by Broadway, 78th Street, and 45th Avenue in Elmhurst.

### **7:30 pm Winter Solstice Ritual**

#### **After Solstice Ritual**

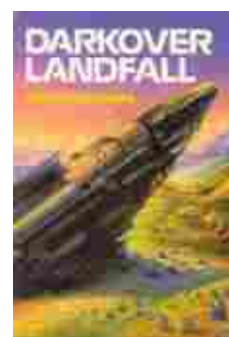
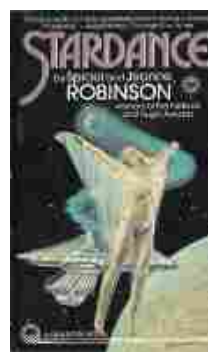
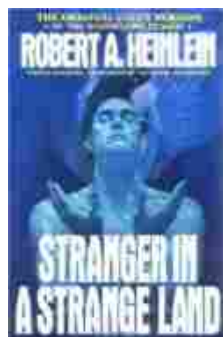
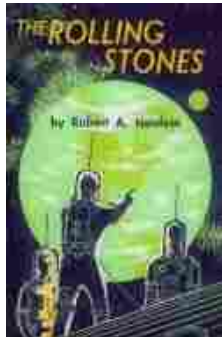
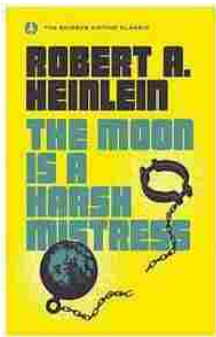
Wrapped science fiction, erotic (tasteful please!), fantasy or magikal gift (\$10-\$15) for GIFT EXCHANGE if you want to participate in that. Sharing our holidays is part of what weaves the bonds of Family in a group like ours. Understanding what is important to each of us during this festive season and how we celebrate it is a way to grow closer and delight in our diversity Then Socializing and Jacuzzi.

#### **Are Nuclear Families the Best Options for Space?**

Human beings have always been drawn to Family for survival and for Joy. It has taken

many forms throughout our history from the cave man clubbing a bear to feed mate(s) and children to the Ruler males who supported harems of hundreds of women to ensure the continuation of the Royal Line, to the extended families working their farm throughout America's history to the nuclear families in the 1950s and the Hippy communes of the 1960s. Humans will need Family even more as they leave Mother Earth for the stars. To start with, they will have to get there in space ships where they must get along with their ship mates over long periods of time to get where they are going. The damage jealousy (leading to murder) can do in such a situation are shown at the beginning of *Stranger in a Strange Land* and is irradiated throughout the rest of the book. Non jealous lovers make better shipmates. Heinlein shows us examples of Family from the multigenerational Line Marriage in *Moon is a Harsh Mistress* to Lazarus Long's Tertius Family on a planet beneath a far distant star. Marion Zimmer Bradley's colonists on *Darkover* are shown ensuring the genetic health and survival of their colony by women baring children by different men then raising them in the village it takes to raise a child. Spider Robinson shows us a group marriage in his *Stardance* series which stems from an Alien inspired group mind –five members, seven then the entire human race as that saga ends. This panel explores how Family will look as Space Travel and even the possibility of children growing up on space stations, the moon, other planets or even under other stars becomes more and more a real possibility for the children and grandchildren of those living today. Heinlein's *The Rolling Stones*, one of his early juveniles, shows an expanded family of Mother, Father, four children and Grandma Hazel. Their concern for each other's survival helps keep them alive. Mother being a doctor made them stand out as she helps keep lots of other people alive as well during an epidemic on another ship and on one of the asteroids. The financial contribution of Father working remotely bringing in money by writing a tv serial which Hazel takes over when he becomes bored with it and the twin teenage boys attempts at becoming traders, all helps keep their ship in space ending in heading for Hazel's dream of seeing the Rings of Saturn. Fast forward a couple thousand years to Lazarus Long's Tertius Colony Family which eventually includes most of the major characters in his previous books including Hazel. This is a multigenerational group marriage somewhat like the one Hazel was brought up in (see *Moon Is A Harsh Mistress*) except it is much larger. Everyone in the marriage is committed to loving and helping to raise all children underfoot or in the womb at time of marriage until said children are adults whether those children are genetically those of the men in the marriage or not. This particular family runs a Rejuvenation Clinic with an excellent hospital, which is certainly a profit-making business. The Davis farming Tunnels in *Moon Is a Harsh Mistress* and the beauty parlor run by one of the Davis wives also bring in what it takes for a comfortable

family lifestyle. Mannie's statement that when he died the best part of him would go on as the marriage would long outlast his passing—being added to as its members pass on or current spouses find more to love and bring home. Marion Zimmer Bradley's *Darkover Landfall* gives us a society in which a limited gene pool made it a woman's duty and privilege to have children by as many men as possible who were then raised by, she, her primary partner and the whole village—nothing very nuclear about any of this though *Rolling Stones* did not mention anything non monogamous being a juvenile. If Grandma Hazel was ever monogamous for long, her adventures in Heinlein's adult books did not indicate it.



If we look at space including other planets as more dangerous than the earth conditions we are naturally suited to, nuclear families would not be the best option. Even on earth, a child can be orphaned by his parents getting killed in a car accident or on a plane. Couples usually travel together, so if one is killed likely they both will be. Such extended family as Grandma and Grandpa or Aunts and Uncles may be available to raise the child or may live so far away the child hardly knows them. They may wind up in an orphanage being adopted by strangers, separated from beloved siblings, or not adopted at all—older children (over 2 yrs. old) can be hard to place. My mother worked in the LA County Bureau of Adoptions for 20 years so I do have some inside information. One of Heinlein's reasons for presenting multigenerational group marriage as an ideal way to raise children is that with 6 or 7 fathers and 6 or 7 mothers, the death of their biological parents, while a tragedy, is not anything like the kind of disaster it can be in a nuclear family. According to research done by *Omni Magazine* back in the 1980s the higher the ratio of adults to children raising them the higher their average intelligence is likely to be. Also, parents with diverse sets of knowledge to expose those children would give them an advantage in keeping a colony on a planet or the crew of a space station surviving and thriving. Financially, a group marriage is ideal for preserving capital, expanding assets and passing them on to children who become adults able to buy homes and start businesses of their own.



## From Science Fiction to Present Reality

Glen Olson:" Various societies have different definitions of the socio-economic unit called a family. The UN has been grappling with a broad definition of family for years. At the moment this is what they propose "The family is a unit of two or more persons united by marriage, blood, adoption or consensual union, in general constituting a single household, interacting and communicating with each other... *sharing a common kitchen and financial resources on a regular basis.*" [\(PDF\) The Family and Family Structure Classification Redefined for the Current Times \(researchgate.net\)](#)

The advantages of sharing a common kitchen and financial resources on a regular basis result in the advantages of more efficient use of resources which are likely to be far scarcer in space or on a newly established colony on the moon or another planet than they are on terra. Even in present reality on our own planet, it costs less financially to share one big kitchen in an expanded multigenerational family or a group house or a group marriage. One refrigerator, dishwasher, laundry room, BIG living room, etc. As prices for housing soar, it is making more and more sense to share living space with wisely chosen compatible others whether you call them roommates, grandparents or multiple committed love relationships. My own group house as evolved over 20 + years of different housemates. It began with an exercise I have done at a lot of Live the Dream meetings over the years. Everyone present writes down what he can afford down on a home, what he can pay per month and where he is willing to live (specific geographical area, rural or city, etc.). Then we add up what kind of house the people present could afford. All close enough to come in person to the meeting and all interested in polyamory is a good start. It almost always turns out that all of us together could afford a MUCH better lifestyle than any of us could afford separately. Out of one meeting the triad I was in at the time got a housemate who was with us from buying our present home in 2003 to 2017 when I needed more space for my chosen Life Mate (now married 5 years. Will moved in with my best friend's father and extended his life by taking care of him until he passed on in 2021 at age 103. As of this writing, Will is with us again living in his trailer on our property. We moved in 2003 from an 1100 square foot place bursting at the seams with the triad of my two husbands and me, a housemate who was with us from 1995 until his passing 2011, and sometimes my Dad. The new place was 3100 square feet and we could afford it easily! Today 11-3-23), my then legal husband, Paul from that original

triad and his wife Athena make frequent visits though they now live in Pheonix. We go on vacations together, share birthdays and holidays, etc.

As Baby Boomers reach the age of retirement, many are discovering the value of a lifestyle including group living in terms of financial and social benefits. Think of how much more comfortable, abundant and joyous YOUR retirement could be in a group house of compatible, caring people to share it with. In a multigenerational household young couple raising kids could benefit not only financially but in many other ways as expanded family members help with those kids in terms of baby sitting and taking them to cultural events and other things which would expand their horizons and even their intelligence! More Time Enough for Love, too, for the parents...

*There are many ways to build the connections YOU desire. Start now to make it happen. Call me at 800 Life Mates (543-3628) and mention Live the Dream to get a 15-minute free private consultation on how to create the love and friendships you desire. I will also gift you with my recorded guided meditation Attract Your Special Someones.*

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**LAST Chance for 30% OFF if purchased by 11/30/23 use code RLFANDF30**



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 being used in research papers on polyamory as well as being a fascinating read. 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 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.

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The publishers are continuing to put this book in more and more universities and libraries!

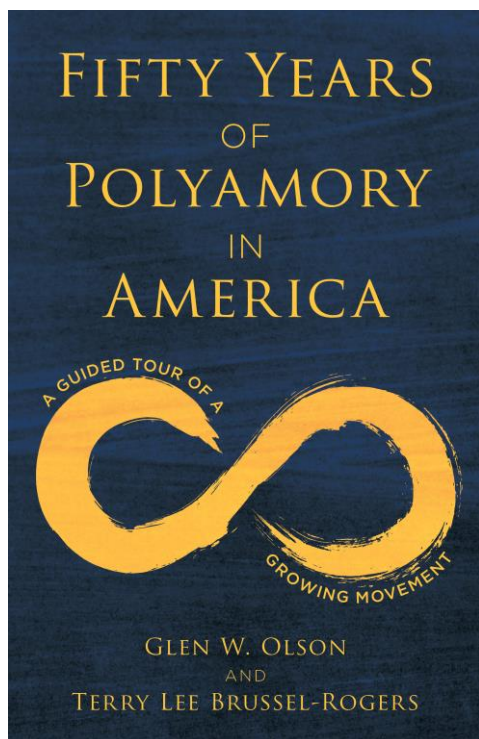
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## ***Fifty Years of Polyamory in America***

*A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement*

By Glen W. Olson and Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers

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### About the Book

*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. Instead of concentrating on the experiences of a few people exploring alternate lifestyles, it 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.

Polyamory, literally “many loves,” challenges the relationship norm: monogamy. As its name suggests, polyamory typically refers to emotional/sexual relationships that include multiple partners. Common applications of polyamory include open marriages, triad (three people), two-couple (four people) “marriages,” and larger groups like intimate networks. Swingers are a subset of non-monogamy who often identify as poly.

Throughout the course of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America*, we explore the history of the polyamory movement: from clinical definitions and attempts at psychiatric treatment, to the advent of advocacy groups in the 1960s and '70s, to contemporary practitioners and the future of the movement. A wide range of personal stories from advocates and practitioners guides the narrative to the modern day, highlighting the struggles and successes of the movement throughout the years.

### About the Authors

**Glen Olson** is an author and historian of the polyamory movement and gives presentations on the history of polyamory and open relationships to interested groups. He is a retired fire captain, paramedic, and technical writer.

**Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers** is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist and Life/Business Coach, director of Success Center Inc. since 1969. has done poly relationship coaching and has taught sensitivity training and jealousy workshops since 1975. She lives in Winnetka California.

### Praise for the Book

“Here is the inside scoop on the visionaries and pioneers who brought the freedom to love openly into the mainstream, penned by two people whose lives have been spent supporting and driving these enormous cultural changes.”

— **Janet W. Hardy, coauthor, *The Ethical Slut: A Practical Guide to Polyamory, Open Relationships, and Other Freedoms in Sex and Love***

“An insider's story of the social and emotional journey of being committed to the joys and travails of creating polyamorous community. Filled with well-researched details about many of the movement's seminal players.”

— **Dr. Leanna Wolfe, Sexual Anthropologist. Author of *Women Who May Never Marry: The Reasons, Realities and Opportunities***

## WHAT EXPERIENCES/BOOK REVIEWS, ETC. CAN YOU SHARE RELATING TO THE POLY LIFE STYLE?

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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);  
[www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/](http://www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/)

[www.meetup.com/polycocktailslosangeles/](http://www.meetup.com/polycocktailslosangeles/) or [www.polycocktailslosangeles.com](http://www.polycocktailslosangeles.com)

Find many other SoCal poly groups (40+ groups in the Greater LA Area!) on Meetup!

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 at BLACK ROCK CITY For details [www.burningman.org](http://www.burningman.org)

Emma and Fin, are "Normalizing Non-monogamy"

Link: Podcast Interviews in Swinging and Polyamory ([normalizingnonmonogamy.com](http://normalizingnonmonogamy.com))

Webcast with The Center for Positive Sexuality Monthly Educational Series -

Center for Positive Sexuality

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

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**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.

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