

# LIVE THE DREAM

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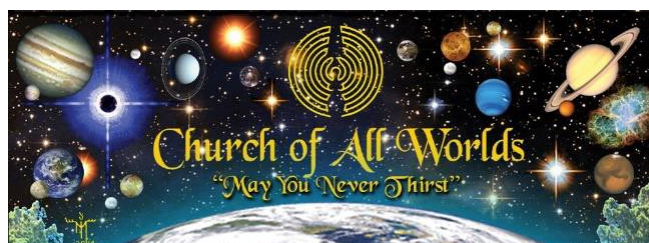
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday October 19, 2024 Live: 11 AM – 4 PM PDT Zoom: 11-1 PDT**

*2150 AD* by Thea Alexander: Key to a Poly Future?

Led by Rick Davilla

**1 PM: Potluck Lunch 6 PM: Potluck Dinner**

**7 PM: All Hallows Eve Ritual Led by High Priestess Lilith**

**8 PM: Halloween Party**

**Saturday November 16, 2024:** How to Love & Grow Closer with Your Poly Mates & Their Mates + Making Time Enough for Love

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

Join Zoom meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=NWVjU3A2M0I2Q29IUkI4L11MRzd2QT09)

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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 4<sup>th</sup>-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](http://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/](http://www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/)). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 or Visit LiveTheDream.org*

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**Zoom: 11 AM to 1 PM PDT**

**2150 AD by Thea Alexander: Key to a Poly Future?**

Led by Rick Davilla—based on knowing the author

### **11-1 Poly Discussion**

We'll discuss Thea Alexander's story of time travel, group living, sexual/spiritual delights and past life soul mate connections.

How can we use her findings in our own relationships? Note: according to several usually reliable sources, this book is *not* just fiction!

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

2:00-3:45 Afternoon activity: Jacuzzi and Exercises for developing intimacy-- empathic communication to enhance your love life and friendships.

**4:00-5:45 pm Socializing in Clothing Optional Jacuzzi or Watch a Poly Movie playing in the living room**



**6 pm Pot Luck Dinner** Bring your favorite Holiday main dish, a special desert or raw fruits and vegetables to share. Roast chicken provided by Live the Dream

**7 pm All Hallows Eve Ritual led by High Priestess Lilith** Bring something you want to let go of—a symbol or written note. It will be cleansed in the cauldron's flame.

This is the time in the year when the veil between our world and the spirit world is the thinnest, and we can concentrate on contacting our loved ones who have passed away, and make Magick happen in our lives!

**8pm Halloween Party** If you want to present anything perhaps relating to the costume (or body paint} you choose to wear, do let us know.

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

#### **+ Making Time Enough for Love**

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 metamores 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 11 AM to 1 PM PDT and direct growing closer exercises perhaps in our clothing optional jacuzzi after our Pot Luck lunch—some things are best done Live. If you are local, join us in person. If you are local enough to come, but maybe need crash space Friday night to make that work, call Terry at 818-886-0069.

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**Sunday December 1, 2024 10 AM to 11:15 AM PDT at LOSCON 50 at the LAX Hilton**

### **Social Conventions in Heinlein: Families, Finances, and Systems of Government**

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 panel!

Were you inspired by the multi-generational Line Marriage from *The Moon In 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!

To learn more about LOSCON 50 and buy your membership, visit <https://loscon.org>

## Excerpts from a past Samhain ritual:

You CAN Try this at Home... Though you are welcome to join us.

PRIEST turns to face PRIESTESS. She crosses her wrists on her chest and stands with feet about 12 inches apart as PRIEST administers the Fivefold Kiss. As PRIEST's head rises above her waist, she moves her arms until they are outstretched to the sides.

PRIEST kisses in turn PRIESTESS's feet, knees, vagina, breasts and lips saying, as appropriate

"BLESSED BE THY FEET, WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THEE IN THESE WAYS."

"BLESSED BE THY KNEES, WHICH KNEEL AT THE HOLY ALTAR."

"BLESSED BE THY WOMB, WITHOUT WHICH WE WOULD NOT BE."

"BLESSED BE THY BREASTS, FORMED IN BEAUTY."

"BLESSED BE THY LIPS, WHICH SPEAK THE HOLY NAMES."

PRIEST says "WELCOME, LADY!" and kisses PRIESTESS on the lips again.

PRIESTESS now returns Fivefold Kiss, with PRIEST duplicating PRIESTESS's movements when she was the recipient, as she says

"BLESSED BE THY FEET, WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THEE IN THESE WAYS."

"BLESSED BE THY KNEES, WHICH KNEEL AT THE HOLY ALTAR."

"BLESSED BE THY PHALLUS, SOURCE OF THE SEED OF LIFE."

"BLESSED BE THY BREASTS, FORMED IN STRENGTH AND BEAUTY."

"BLESSED BE THY LIPS, WHICH SPEAK THE HOLY NAMES."

PRIESTESS says "WELCOME, LORD!" and kisses him on the lips again.

PRIESTESS: "We are gathered here tonight to celebrate another turn of the wheel of the year. Samhain marks the new year's eve of wiccans, our greatest holiday of the year. Once again we begin the cycle of fertilizing, planting, nurturing and harvesting. At SAMHAIN

The veil between the worlds is the thinnest; at samhain those who have already crossed over can return the easiest. It is they whom we honor and let them know we still think of them and love them.

We shall go around the circle thrice. The first time, let each person call upon someone who has gone before and invite them to join our circle tonight as honored guests. Starting with the person at the east quarter, let us go around the circle in turn as each person calls by name the one they wish to invite, their relationship to that person and what they wish to give that person as a gift to take back with them to the other side."

(Example: " I call upon Rose Propper, my Aunt, and give to her the joy of knowing her art hangs throughout my home inspiring an artist within our home. I give her his art to enjoy on the other side."

PRIEST and PRIESTESS call upon their departed after participants have gone around the circle to the east quarter again.

PRIESTESS: "WE WELCOME THEE ALL, WHO HAVE COME FROM BEYOND TO JOIN US IN THIS CIRCLE. BE REASSURED THAT THOU ALL ARE LOVED, NOT FORGOTTEN."

This was written by Carl Dietz who lived in our group house (first the one on Lashburn in Sylmar, then the one we have now in Winnetka) from 1995 to 2011. In keeping with the spirit of this holiday, here is a bit about him. He



was a Healer, a good cook, and helped me edit into understandability my Seven Key Turn Key System for Building a Successful Hypnotherapy practice at its beginning in 1995. He helped make the house a Home and is still missed by those of us who were privileged to live with him.

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Will Jarvis has been a housemate in Penfield House since we moved in to it in 2003 (except for 4 years as live in care taker to my best friend Glen's Father, extending his life to 103). He joined as a result of an exercise at our monthly LTD meeting in which everyone wrote down what kind of living situation would make them happy, what kind of area they wanted to live in, what they could pay down and monthly. Turned out he was a good housemate match for us! Will lived in New England as did Robert Rimmer who was part of the inspiration for Family Synergy, our topic for the September meeting. Will attended College at what was the real Harrad which appeared in Rimmer's Harad Experiment. They knew each other and Bob Rimmer even discussed with Will the possibility of carrying on his literary work.

## PILLOW TALK Part 2

By Will Jarvis

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**Part 1 of this story found a couple in a triad being secretive about SOMETHING with the 2<sup>nd</sup> lady in their triad... see the September-October 2024 Live the Dream Newsletter.**

Let's get back inside and get ready for the lecture. You're the one wanted to hear Noreen... Noreen..." She tried to remember the name of the lecturer. "Noreen Norcross."

"Noreen Norris. Noreen Norris. She's poly people like we are."

"You sure it isn't because she's also a porn star?"

"Well, maybe that too," he admitted, grinning broadly. "A little...."

She made no reply, except to hug him, and he followed her into the house.

"So," Noreen Norris concluded her lecture, "the social and political issues involving polyamory and porn are, if not the same, at least similar. Both polyamorists and those who produce sexually explicit entertainment are striving for the freedom to express certain ideas and to engage in certain practices without restriction from the government or condemnation from religious organizations." She paused for the applause. Said, "Thank you for coming to see me." to the continued applause, bowed, and disappeared down the steps leading to the lecture hall's backstage area.

She came out again, a few minutes later, not on stage, but out a side door leading from backstage to the lobby of the North Pearblossom branch of the San Jose public library. Noreen didn't usually take questions from the audience while on stage. She preferred to answer their questions one-on-one.

Jim, Lois and Darcy were among the last few audience members remaining, having politely waited for most of the other audience members to depart.

“Loved what you had to say,” Darcy asserted. Noreen moved past Darcy's outstretched hand and gave the woman a friendly and affectionate hug.

The polyamorous porn star hugged Lois and Jim in turn.

“You won't remember, I don't think,” said Jim “but we've met before. I was in the audience when you and your daughter did the Lingerie Ladies<sup>1</sup> show a few years back.”

“Of course I remember. Front row, third from the left. You wore a light blue sports coat with a yellow tie.”

“Not even close,” Jim countered, laughing along with Noreen.

“Well, you can't blame a girl for trying.” Noreen smiled at Jim. “Where were you actually seated? Just out of curiosity.”

“I wasn't seated. Had to stand way in the back the whole time.”

“You, at least, won some lingerie, I hope.”

“Yeah. From Kitten Kaboobies. Bra and panties.”

Lois spoke up: “Jim asked me to try the bra but it was too big even for me.”

“She sure had a lot on top,” Noreen mused. “Breast-wise and brain-wise. Much smarter than most people realized. She's been out of the biz for about a year now. Went back to working in a library or something.”

“A porn star working in a library?” Darcy was surprised.

“Yep,” said Noreen. “She got tired of the male customers always staring at her chest, and some even groped her, and from the rude comments she overheard some of her coworkers saying about her. What she told me when she got into the porn biz is that she decided to take what had been a liability and turn it into an asset. She always liked acting and had done lots of community theatre. She said that if strange men were going to grope her breasts she might as well get paid to let them do it. From the start, every porn producer and director wanted her for their movies knowing they could milk her giant-sized breasts for all they were worth. And pardon the way I phrased that.”

Lois said, “I had to put up with taunting and teasing about my breast size since I was sixteen years old. None of it ever made me think of going into porn. Er, no offense.”

“No. I get what you're saying.”

“I remember reading somethin' in a porn mag that the producers had hired you to play Boob Babe in *The Erotic Adventures of Boob Babe and Thundercunt* but when Kitten came to their offices looking for work they hired her as Boob Babe and recast you as Thundercunt or something like that.”

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<sup>1</sup> Annual event organized by porn fans at which various porn stars model sexy undergarments and lingerie that the fans bid on and then strip out of for the highest bidder who then gets to keep the outfit the porn star wore. Noreen's adult daughter, Nicole, also performs in porn movies.

“Something like that,” Noreen agreed. “And it was “Escapades” not “Adventures”. I was sure I had the role of Boob Babe when I showed up at their offices.” She thrust her chest out. “My 36 double Ds rarely fail me but Kitten came in just a few minutes later and her 46 inch double Fs, or whatever they are, got her the role. Thundercunt was a good part anyway.”

“That seems a little crude. Thundercunt,” Darcy said. “Boob Babe, maybe, but not Thundercunt, no. I remember Lois and I tried watching that movie on DVD with Jim one time. Too rough, too crude.”

“Not to my personal tastes either,” Noreen admitted. “But then Boob Babe and I were super powered good gals battling the bad guys. They were certainly going to rough us up when they had us in a sexually disadvantaged position.” Noreen paused a moment, then continued in a new direction: “It’s certainly a different attitude men have about women’s breasts where I come from. The polyamorous Sandcastle commune where I was born and raised, rarely has experienced any kind of sexual harassment issues. It’s happened. But rarely.”

“I’m sorry it’s happened at all,” Jim sympathized. “I’d like to think I’m the kind of guy who is above such things.”

“You’ve certainly proven that you are,” Darcy told him. “Even if you do like to watch porn.”

“I’ve no problem with Jim watching porn,” Lois commented. “But I limit my sexual sharing to those I love, my poly-mates. I could never have anyone else watch me being intimate with someone.”

“Everyone’s different,” Noreen stated. “Porn or polyamory, both let you be who you really are. Me? I like sharing my sexuality with others, putting more love out into the world. So porn’s a good fit for me. I live polyamorously and perform pornographically. Kitten never really liked porn. She tried to see it as an acting job, and it is that, but for me it’s also a way of expressing something I believe in. Sexual sharing and openness. It has its ups and downs, and pardon the way I phrased that. This seems to be my day for making dumb puns. But most of the roles I take allow me to say something positive about open sexuality and healthy sexual expression. Some roles not so much. But I’m a professional. I do my job.”

“Still not something I could do.” Lois looked to her poly mates. “But I do think that being open in a relationship, not just sexually open, but in all things is a good thing, even a necessary thing if a couple or a triad or a quad or whatever is going to have a good, healthy relationship. Don’t you?”

Noreen was about to respond, but Darcy beat her to it. “C’mon lovers. I think we’ve taken up enough of Noreen’s time. And I wanna get home.”

Noreen and the triad said their goodbyes, and the poly pornstar went back stage to talk with the venue’s manager about when she would receive her check.

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“With the off-key strains of “Happy Birthday” – Neither Darcy nor Jim could sing a note. – ringing in her ears, Lois blew out the candles on her birthday cake.

“What’d you wish for, Lo?”

“A night with you, Jim. We haven’t been together alone in nearly a month. I dunno whether you no longer find me attractive or whether you just find Darcy more attractive. But I still think we, you and me, have a chance.”



“Hold on, Lo. It's nothing like that, and definitely not that serious.”

“We'll let you in on what's been happening right now.” Darcy turned and produced a bright pink envelope from a kitchen cabinet drawer. “This is, Jim and I know, what you really want for your birthday.”

Lois ripped open the envelope and looked at the birthday card. She opened it and saw the contents. “Oh,” she said, “I've been so dumb. Three tickets to Paris. I've wanted to see Paris since I was a little girl. Oh, you're both so wonderful. I love you.” Lois hugged her poly mates for a long time. When the three released their hold on each other, Lois said, “But I don't understand what this has to do with Jim not sleeping with me.”

“Well,” said Darcy, “Jim talks in his sleep, as you know. And I didn't want him giving away the surprise by blurting out to you that we'd gotten tickets for you for Paris for your birthday.”

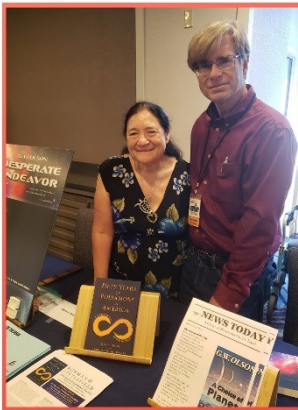
“My promotion,” said Jim, “made it possible. Plus Darcy sold a couple of her paintings. And that really helped.”

“I love you both.” Lois embraced her lovers once more.

Look for Will's novel “LIGHTS. CAMERA. EMANCIPATION!” coming soon!

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**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.**

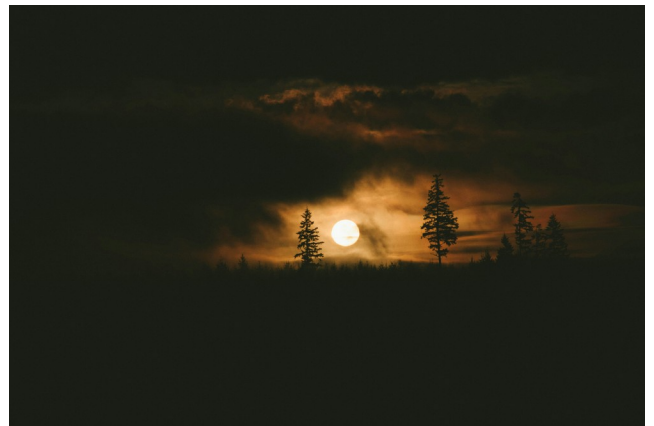


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*Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to a Growing Movement* is unique among the many books about polyamory because the scope of this book is the entire history of the polyamory movement, from Woodstock right on into the 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

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**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 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.

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**Meetups & 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/)

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://normalizingnonmonogamy.com))

Webcast with The Center for Positive Sexuality Monthly Educational Series -

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



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**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**