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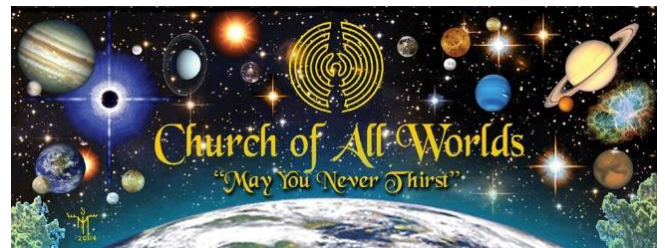
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Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt

Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy

Founded 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday October 21, 2023 11 am -5:30 pm (available on Zoom 11-1, LIVE only after that)

See Polyamory Past, Present & Future Through the Eyes of Those Who Created It! Special Speaker: & Tour Guide: Glen Olson, Terry's coauthor of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to a Growing Movement*.

All Hallows Eve Ritual/Halloween Party follows with Pot Luck dinner starting at 6 pm

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)

Join Zoom meeting

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September-October

2023

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).

Terry is now the primary organizer of the Southern California Poly Meet Up (www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3rd 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

Saturday October 21st 11-4 (available on Zoom 11-1, LIVE only after that)

See Polyamory Past, Present & Future Through the Eyes of Those Who Created It!
Special Guest Speaker & Tour Guide Glen Olson, Terry's coauthor of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to a Growing Movement*.

What if you could see Polyamory through the eyes of those who created it? Ask the founders of such groups as Family Synergy, Church of All Worlds, Loving More, and World Poly why they did what they did, what worked, what did not and what that means for the way we live this lifestyle in the *NOW*? Glen and Terry did this to write their book and in the many years they lived this lifestyle before that book was even conceived.

The book we are planning NEXT will contain in-depth interviews with Poly Education and Support Group leaders all over the country which have met regularly for at least 10 years and are Still Meeting at least some of the time in person rather than only on the internet—ones we did not get to in our first book. Perhaps the group which would best suit your desires will be in that book. What kind of kindred spirits are YOU looking for? Your suggestions are appreciated and will affect what is ultimately in the new book.

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

2-5:30 Verbal and nonverbal sensitivity exercises for growing closer followed by Socializing in the clothing optional hot tub

All Hallows Eve Ritual/Halloween Party Evening event starts at 6 pm

6 pm For the evening Pot Luck: Live the Dream supplies breads, spreads, and hot apple cider. You bring your favorite Halloween-themed dish big enough for 10 (last name begins with:)

A-F Meat, cheese, nut, fish, or other delicious protein dish

G-M Juices or fresh fruit

N-R Salads

S-Z Desserts and treats.

7:30 pm ALL HALLOWS EVE RITUAL with High Priestess Elswyth assisted by Terry & Craig.

8:30-11 HALLOWEEN PARTY

If YOU have something you want to present in the way of a skit or song for the holiday, please let us know so we can plan on it by calling 818-886-0069.

We may close with the Rocky Horror Picture Show on our Big screen TV —IT'S TRADITION!

Or, if the group prefers, HG Wells Time Machine (the original one) is another possibility.

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 as well as the ceremonies to establish such families.

Families in Space has been accepted as a panel at Loscon, a Science Fiction convention meeting on Thanksgiving Weekend 2023. Moderators: Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers.

The Loscon science fiction convention has taken place on Thanksgiving Weekend since 1975.

It starts the Friday following Thanksgiving and goes through Sunday evening. It is held at the LAX Marriot ([special Loscon room rates available](#)). For more information visit the [Loscon website](#).

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 spaceships where they must get along with their shipmates 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.

Samhain is a Pagan holiday on which the veil between the worlds of spirit and matter is lifted and it is possible to be spiritually in touch with our ancestors and those we loved who have passed on. Ancient knowledge may be shared with the living. Rituals are performed to keep any negativity from the past out of the future. It is a time of both endings and beginnings.

From an All Hallows Eve Ritual frequently used at Live the Dream Meetings Over the Years

(You *Can* Try This at Home)

"On this night of Samhain, Summer's end, we greet the Winter, knowing full well that at bright Beltane we will be saying farewell. Let us be Merry despite the growing icy chill. In Death is Life and in Life Death. The Sabbat Wheel is ever turning...Samhain fires are burning. Come tread the sacred ground, let loose of all that bound and set your spirits free! Blessed be."

When all four quarters have been called, leader says "WHAT IS NOW IN THE CIRCLE IS BETWEEN THE WORLDS. WHAT IS BETWEEN THE WORLDS DOES NOT CONCERN THE WORLD!"

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."

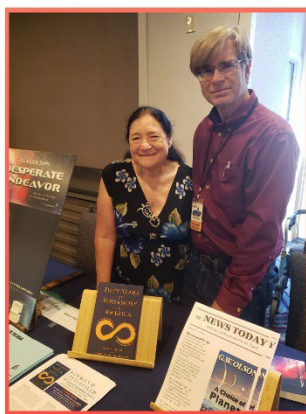
(Example: " I call upon Rose Propper, my Aunt, and give to her the joy of knowing her art hangs throughout my home inspiring an artist within our home. I give her his art to enjoy on the other side."

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."



There are many ways to build the connections YOU desire. Start now to make it happen. Think you can't do it—that all this does not apply to you? 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.



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 from Woodstock right on into the 21st century. The book is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and many other places—even

international-- just by Googling its title.

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

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;
www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/

www.meetup.com/polycocktailslosangeles/ or 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

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.

Burning Man 2023 at BLACK ROCK CITY 2023 Aug. 27-Sept. 4

For details www.burningman.org

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/>



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.

	Membership Type	Single	Couple/Family
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full LTD Membership, <i>Includes Newsletter & Membership Card</i>	\$25	\$40 (\$10 for each extra person at the same address)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Newsletter Only	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
<i>Make checks payable to Success Center</i>			Total: \$ _____
Membership Information <i>Help Support the Lifestyle you live!</i>			
Name: _____ Age: _____			
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<i>Name(s) of Mate/Family to be included in this membership if APPLICABLE:</i> _____			
Fax to 1-818-882-8512 or Mail to 8515 Penfield, Winnetka, CA 91306			
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<input type="checkbox"/> I could lead a meeting or activity (proposal enclosed)			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in Co-operative Living <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes I have space for others <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Location & Phone _____) I am willing to relocate <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes			