

# LIVE THE DREAM

8515 Penfield Ave

Winnetka, CA 91306

*Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt*

*Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy*

*Founded 1977 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday September 17 2022 11am to 4pm LIVE (11am-1pm on Zoom)**

**Poly Life or Poly Stories?** Discussion of *Robert A Heinlein: A Man in Dialogue with His Century* by William Patterson, (1951-2014) cofounder of the Heinlein Society and Robert A. Heinlein's official biographer

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**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Live the Dream! Zoom 11am to 2pm**

**Saturday October 16, 2022 10am to Sunday October 17 at 1pm**

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=NWVjU3A2M0I2Q29IUkI4L1lMRzd2QT09>

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626      Passcode: Heinlein

Find us *Always* here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 11am-1pm Pacific Time. This will be our Zoom ID from now on.

**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*.

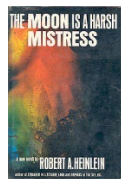
Please visit the Live the Dream website at [www.livethedream.org](http://www.livethedream.org) to view current events, past articles, etc. Terry Brussel-Rogers is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Life Coach, & a 4th generation Matchmaker.

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)

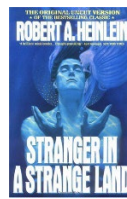
## EVENTS

**All Live the Dream LIVE events are 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified) For all events: RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 Visit [livethedream.org](http://livethedream.org) articles and info** Suggested Donation For those attending Live only: Ladies free with pot luck dish to share—same donation as gentlemen otherwise. Gentlemen (pot luck dish appreciated): Paid members of Live the Dream: \$5 . Non-Members: \$10 events. If you join Live the Dream Day of meeting, \$25 for singles, \$40 couple or group at same address, attendance is included

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Poly Life or Poly Stories? Robert Heinlein: *A Man in Dialogue with His Century* by



William Patterson, cofounder of the Heinlein Society. Led by Terry Brussel-Rogers

From *Stranger in a Strange Land* through *To Sail Beyond the Sunset* as well as in his first novel written in 1938 (not published until 2004) Robert Heinlein gave us usable advice on how to live with, love and raise children with the multiple adults who make up the group marriages shown in his novels in such detail that they come alive for those who read them. Alive enough to actually put his teachings into action. How much of what he wrote was fiction and how much of it came from living the life he was writing about? Did he mean them as entertaining fiction? Surely. He meant for them to sell! But did he also purposely go deeper into the kind of philosophy and practical advice all of us living this lifestyle can and have benefitted from? I believe that was his true intent. We will discuss how we can use this legacy he has left us for our JOY now and in the future.

1 pm: Pot luck lunch. Bring something healthy and delicious to share.

2-4: Hot tub available. Those who wish to can get practical life coaching on how specifically to take their life style dreams from fantasy to reality. Depending on how many attends Live, we could even have such a discussion in the jacuzzi...

4-6 Poly movie—Found a new one at least for me!

Evening of September 17, 2022 Terry and Craig are hosting the Filk Sing!

6 PM POT LUCK DINNER

7 PM SINGING STARTS!

Filk is Science Fiction folk songs—songs based on science fiction books, movies and the real-life space age. Folk singing has been an accepted part of SF conventions for many years. It has evolved into a kind of music which used the tunes of (mostly) well known standards ranging from the very American “She’ll Be Coming Around the Mountain” to the Irish “Whiskey in the Jar” as a base for words suited to SF and Space (and Poly!) oriented themes. Sometime in the early 50s there was a typo which turned the word Folk into Filk giving this type of music and song its own genre... ultimately its own community. Many original songs, both music and lyrics, have also been created for Filk.

### 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Live the Dream!

Theme: Long Term Poly Relationships Evolving Through the Years

Saturday October 16, 2022 10am to Sunday October 17

Closing Circle at 1pm Sunday

Zoom Saturday 10 am to 3:15pm, Live only after that.

8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306 818-866-0069 Crash space in living room. Big tents with air mattresses in backyard + trailer which sleeps a couple and a single. Reserve early for sleeping over. Those coming from longer distances may want to arrange to sleep over Friday Oct 15. Please make such arrangements before October 5 if at all possible. Nearby motels and hotels if you prefer.

Keynote Speakers: Saturday October 16, 2022

10-10:15 am on Zoom

Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers Introduces Live the Dream: inspired by Family Synergy in 1987 and now the longest continuing nest of Church of All Worlds

10:15-11 am participant intros including experience with polyamory and future relationship desires

11am to 12 noon: Oberon Zell: Founder of Church of All Worlds (CAW) gives a Summary of Stranger in a Strange Land. He shares how the book relates to polyamory and the founding of CAW. Oberon and Morning Glory Zell were married 40 years until her passing May 13, 2014—all of it Poly though they did not create the word for it until 1991. Oberon’s personal experiences with this life style also include the triad of Morning Glory, Oberon and Diane and the 7 person Reinhart group marriage, each of which lasted 10 years as live in and continue as an expanded family to this day.

Noon to 1 pm: Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers authors of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to a Growing Movement* being published November 11 2022 by Rowman and Littlefield. (May

have books available at this meeting which can be autographed by both authors. 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. They will also talk about personal experiences with the organizations covered in this book and the people interviewed for it.

Pot Luck Lunch buffet available from 1 pm to 2 pm for those who are with us Live—bring something healthy and delicious to share with enough for 10 people

On the dining room table—we will be as quiet as possible to show respect for the speakers.

1 pm to 1:45 pm: Pat LaFollette Co-Founder of Family Synergy How was Family Synergy founded? Personal experiences of establishing a triad which lasted 16 years, deciding together for Anne to have a child by each husband and raising 2 sons in that triad.

1:45 to 2:30 Marc Merlino and Rodney O'Reilly, founders of Furry Fandom and the core couple in a group house, many of whom were lovers as well, since 1983. They will tell us how they have kept the group house together over all those years while maintaining their own open committed relationship for 38 years. See The Fandom on U-Tube for more info.

2:30 to 3 pm Full panel Q&A including all speakers

Zoom closing 3:00-3:15 pm by Terry Brussel-Rogers

Live Only after 3:15 pm

3:15 pm to 4:45 pm

Sensitivity exercises verbal and non-verbal

Clothing Optional hot Tub available all evening after 5 pm.

Saturday evening activities:

Dinner 6-7 pm provided by Live the Dream—sitting down, all together

7-7:30 pm Poly Filk songs—a couple written and performed by Craig Brussel Rogers, others by anyone else who has something to share. You should hear what Craig has done with Tennessee Waltz!

7:30-9pm Guided group Sensual massage and ways to Grow Closer

Poly movies as well as jacuzzi available after 9 pm

Sunday Brunch provided by Live the Dream 10am-11:30am French toast, eggs and fruit

11:30 am-1 pm Closing circle

Nonmembers: \$75 per person includes sleeping over, \$50 if sleeping elsewhere. Either of these includes \$25 annual membership in Live the Dream.

Paid Members: \$50 includes sleep over, \$25 if sleeping elsewhere.

Send checks to 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka, Ca. 91306 made out to Live the Dream or RSVP at 818-886-0069 to use a credit card.

*Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to A Growing Movement* by Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers being published by Rowman and Littlefield November 11, 2022

## Report on the Heinlein Centennial

REPORT By Terry Brussel-Gibbons on **Heinlein Centennial Celebrated July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007**, at Kansas City's Hyatt Regency Hotel. This was the 100-year anniversary of the birth of **Robert A Heinlein, Grand Master of Science Fiction**.

I had some difficulty in getting the subject of polyamory on the schedule for this convention. Some of the organizers were of the opinion, which had also plagued me at science fiction conventions on several occasions, that those of us who were inspired in our choice of lifestyle by some of Heinlein's writings were "Heinlein's Bastard Children." They based this on an opinion that the books which had so affected my life and those of many like me were meant by the author to be "only fiction" rather than something he meant to be taken seriously and used in creating a way of relating to others in one's life. The answer to that (and what finally allowed me to get poly programming into the **HEINLEIN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**) is this: Heinlein wrote his first novel *For Us the Living* in 1938 (discovered in someone's attic and finally published 2004) with open marriage and freedom from jealousy as one of its major themes. *The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress* and (of course) *Stranger in a Strange Land* have these themes as well. So did all of his Lazarus Long novels, from *Time Enough For Love* through his final novel, *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*. Group marriages are shown in detail, from who sleeps with whom and how they relate to each other, to how property is handled, and children are raised.

William H Patterson thoroughly researched the issue and showed that Heinlein actually lived in an open, committed relationship during his marriage to Leslyn MacDonald, which lasted fifteen years. He has evidence that Robert Heinlein believed in what we now call polyamory throughout his life, whether actively practicing it or not. The idea that he was "just writing stories" about this lifestyle was truly put to rest. He believed in what he was writing, and we salute him as teacher and inspiration for so many of us who believe you can love and be deeply committed to more than one significant other.

Mr. Patterson is the only author ever to be given full access to the Heinlein family's archives. The biographer saw stories from Heinlein's early life that were very similar to the early lives of Maureen and Lazarus in *To Sail Beyond the Sunset* and *Time Enough for Love*. Heinlein's early experiences in Kansas City's political machine influenced the political writings in his juveniles as well as the more sophisticated political commentary in *Stranger in a Strange Land*. Most importantly for those of us in the poly lifestyle, we learn that Heinlein, who was in an open marriage before his marriage to Virginia, believed it was possible to deeply love more than one significant other. In this biography, as in Heinlein's first novel *Us the Living*, we find the seeds for nearly all of the Heinlein writings we have loved and learned from. If you have questions about Heinlein's life and beliefs, do read *Robert A. Heinlein in Dialogue with His Century*, volumes 1 and 2.

**The Heinlein Society, which celebrated its twentieth anniversary in August of 2020, provides Heinlein's books, educational recordings and downloads to Middle School, High School, and College classes and libraries, publishes the Heinlein Journal, and has sent 30,000 of Heinlein's books to active military personnel and veterans around the world.**

See [www.HeinleinSociety.org](http://www.HeinleinSociety.org)

Here are a couple filk songs with original music and lyrics by Kathy Mar, two of the many which she performs on her poly orientation album done especially for us [Living the Dream](#).

HEART WARMING

I'm falling in love with all of you a little more every day  
I'm learning to see a special me in every sweet thing you say  
I have come to believe our lives are twined much tighter than we had planned  
And love overflows the cup of my heart whenever you touch my hand  
And every time I'm tempted to pack up my songs and roam  
I look into your eyes and see my home

I've waited for people just like you, I've waited for just this place  
But each time before as I opened my door the world slammed it in my face  
But all of you made me welcome at the hearth of your gentle hearts  
And all of my endings now have become a universe of fresh starts  
And every time I'm tempted to pack up my songs and roam  
I look into your eyes and see my home

## **JEALOUS OF YOUR TIME**

I'm not afraid to share you with the world  
I know I am a rhythm to your rhyme  
I'm not jealous of the love you have for anybody else  
I'm only jealous of your time

I'm not so insecure I cannot share  
That special you I know is so sublime  
I'm not jealous that you give yourself to those you grow to love  
I'm only jealous of your time

Bridge: We'll have to live forever and that might not be enough  
To give us time to just explore the world of our new love  
But when the world can claim you for so much time every day  
I'm jealous of your sleep and all you love so deep  
Your work and all that keeps you away

I don't think you should turn from those you love  
As surely as I shouldn't turn from mine  
And we never will be jealous of the lives we choose to live  
We may be jealous of our time

Coda: But that is no surprise I always miss your eyes  
I know you miss me too but we can see this through  
I'm only jealous of...I cannot get enough...  
I'm only jealous of your time

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Quote from Craig Brussel-Rogers: "Polyamory puts the Promise in promiscuity"

## 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 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)  
and other SoCal poly groups (40+ groups in the Greater LA Area!)

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 2022 at BLACK ROCK CITY 2022: Aug. 28-Sept. 5

For details [www.burningman.org](http://www.burningman.org)

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	<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Couple/Family</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full LTD Membership Includes Newsletter & Membership Card	\$25	\$40 (\$10 FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS)
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**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Single    ☐ Married    ☐ Attached    ☐ Unattached    Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of Mate/Family to be included in this membership if APPLICABLE:**

**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