

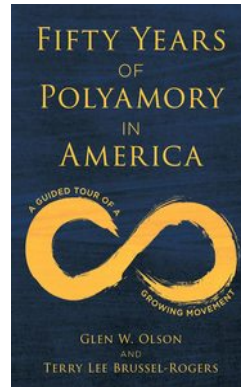
LIVE THE DREAM

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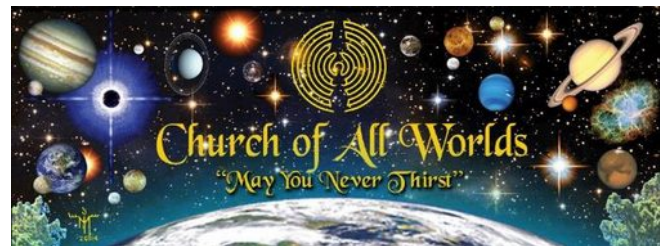
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Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt.

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

Saturday, September 19, 2026: Live 11 am-4 pm PT Zoom 11 am-1 pm PT
LTD Meeting: **Science Fiction Entry into Polyamory**

Saturday, October 17, 2026: Live 11 am-4 pm PT Zoom 11 am-1 pm PT
LTD Meeting: **Poly Dating Etiquette**, followed by Live-only **Samhain Ritual** (led by **High Priestess Lilith**) and **All Hallows' Eve Celebration**. More details inside.

If you want to present anything, perhaps relating to the costume (or body paint) you choose to wear, do let us know.

Join our Zoom meetings <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=Vl8d4Qk2FXIb80dmDS73AbvKSPPcr1.1&omn=85326078065>
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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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Science Fiction Entry into Polyamory

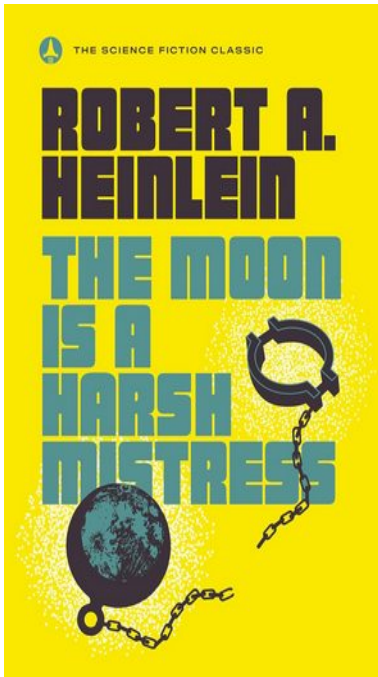
11 am to 1 pm PT: Poly discussion, live and on Zoom.

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

2-4 pm: socialize in clothing optional shaded jacuzzi or stay cool and socialize inside.

Mabon-Celebrating the Autumn Equinox (September 22, 2026)

Looking for Your Tribe? Here We Are!

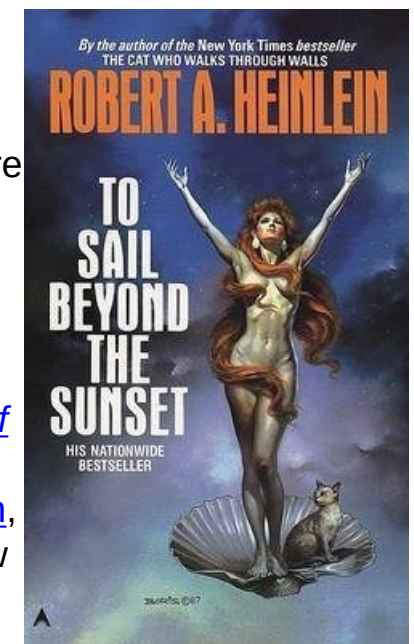
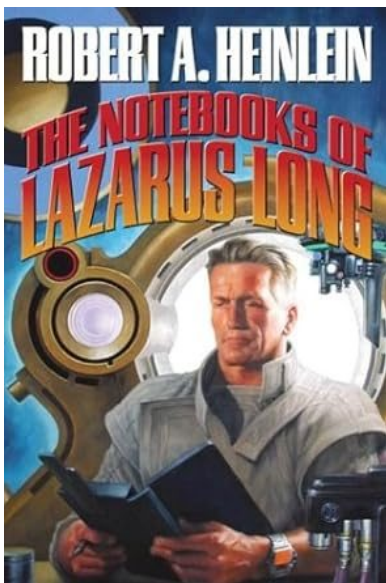
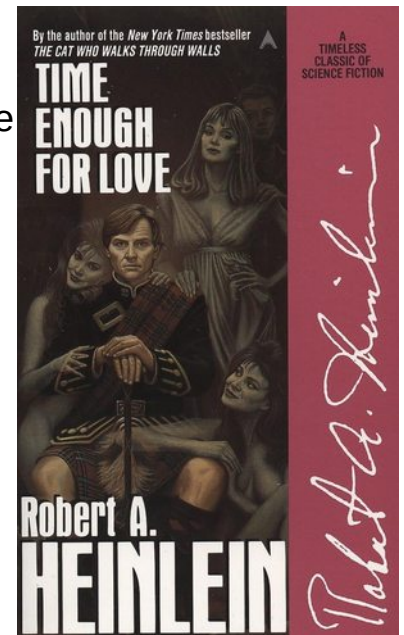


Were you inspired by the multi-generational Line Marriage from [The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress](#), warmed by the Nest in [Stranger in a Strange Land](#), fascinated by the group marriage and other relationship possibilities presented in [Time Enough for Love](#) through [To Sail Beyond the Sunset](#)? 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 which of these alternatives may help you live *your* dream!

Dreams can come true...

Terry Brussel-Rogers wrote [Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement](#) with [Glen W. Olson](#), her best friend since high school and now a published Science Fiction writer.



She founded [Live the Dream](#) in 1987, the oldest continuing Nest of the real life [Church of All Worlds](#) founded in 1962 by [Oberon Zell](#) (who is giving our July 19, 2026 meeting) inspired by the fictional one in Heinlein's [Stranger in Strange Land](#).

Her husband Craig has helped facilitate **Live the Dream** since moving in with her in August of 2017.

Elaine Anderson and Jim Sloan are also part of their Nest/Intimate network who will join them in person for this event. Other members of their Nest will join them on Zoom and in person. All will be happy to answer your questions about Polyamory as a lifestyle and their own experiences with it.

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Poly Dating Etiquette

11 am to 1 pm PT: Poly discussion, live and on Zoom.

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

2:00-3:45 pm: Socialize in clothing-optional shaded jacuzzi and **exercises** for developing intimacy-- empathic communication to enhance your love life and friendships.

4:00-5:45 pm: Socialize in clothing-optional shaded Jacuzzi or watch a poly movie.

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

7 pm: Samhain Ritual led by High Priestess Lilith.

8-11 pm: All Hallows' Eve Celebration. If you want to present anything perhaps relating to the costume (or body paint) you choose to wear, do let us know.



What do you do when your new serious relationship invites her lover of 15 years to dinner on the same night you are coming over—"because it's his usual night to see me and you two really need to get to know each other"?

Should you treat it like meeting her best friend or big brother? Get his approval? Be offended and break things off with her? Or show your savoir-faire and inquire where she

would like you to sleep (perchance to Love)—with them or elsewhere?

The answer is, of course, for the lady (or a gentleman in similar circumstances) to make her poly preferences very clear on the first date or even before it so that this invitation is not a surprise. The details are best discussed and agreed upon in advance for the comfort of all concerned.

Other questions such as how to handle holiday, etc. gatherings of each of your families when you are in a triad, what to tell grown children if you are new to polyamory, whether you will date separately or together as a married couple, and much more will also be open for discussion at this meeting. Miss Manners did not discuss this, but we will!

LA Con V (Science Fiction World Con 2026 was an amazing experience. Our Heinlein Panel was surprisingly well attended for being one of the first morning panels on the first day of the convention.

Heinlein and the Professionals of Early LA Science Fiction

Glen Olson, Terry Brussel-Roger's co-author of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement*, moderated this panel and Terry Brussel-Rogers was also on it.

Los Angeles in the 1930s and 1940s wasn't just a hub of fandom, it was a magnet for prominent SF professionals whose work helped define the Golden Age. This program focuses on Robert A. Heinlein, whose move to LA immersed him in local fandom and war-era research culture, and the meetings of his Manana Literary Society. It will also highlight the editors, illustrators, and pulp authors who made SoCal a pressure point for modern SF. Questions and comments on Heinlein's later books on polyamory are welcome. Note that he wrote *For Us The Living* in 1938, though it wasn't published until 2003. It had plenty of poly oriented material in it long before the word was coined. It also contains fascinating bits which later became full novels prominently portraying the concept of multiply committed relationships, group marriage and group living.

My Science Fiction Entry into Polyamory

By Terry Brussel-Rogers

In 1969, I helped to form a *Stranger in a Strange Land*-type Nest with ten science fiction fans who went to high school together. Many of the original group scattered to the four winds, but my first water brother, Glen W. Olson, co-author with me of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America*, is still my best friend. We've drawn many others to us over the years - twenty-five at last count. Some of these are our lovers as well.

Stranger in a Strange Land has been my interpersonal relationships Bible all this time and has served me well. I have used it (with some help from such other Heinlein books as *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* and *Time Enough for Love*) as a touchstone for educating people about alternative lifestyles, such as multiply committed relationships, group marriage, and families -by-choice.

Family Synergy, which my first husband and I joined in 1977, was my first forum for such discussions as an adult. This organization was founded in the early 70s by Hyim Levy and Pat LaFollette. It was based largely on the writings of Robert H. Rimmer (*The Harrad Experiment, Proposition 31*), though some of its members were more science fiction oriented. Family Synergy was truly my family by choice during those years—we shared Passover Seders (Hy lead the first really traditional one I had ever been to at the Allot House in 1977), Latke Parties, birthday celebrations and trips to the Elysium—a clothing optional growth center in Topanga.

I entered Science Fiction fandom by attending my first **Worldcon** in Anaheim in 1984. There I found Kathy Mar singing filk (SF folk songs) about group living/ group marriage in the lobby. Kathy and I became water kin soon after that convention and have shared holidays, marriages ceremonies, our kids growing up and other family things in the years between. Kathy is in Hospice as I edit this in September of 2026. She will be missed by myself and all of her Family by Choice and so many others in science fiction fandom.

In 1987, Brian Gitt, Darrell Smith (two of my water brothers then in a triad with me), and I formed **Live the Dream (LTD)**-- many of whose members were in science fiction fandom and whose philosophy was based on the writings such authors as Robert Heinlein, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Robert Rimmer, and Spider Robinson. Robert Rimmer was an honorary member of Live the Dream and my frequent consultant about multiply committed relationships until his passing in 2001.

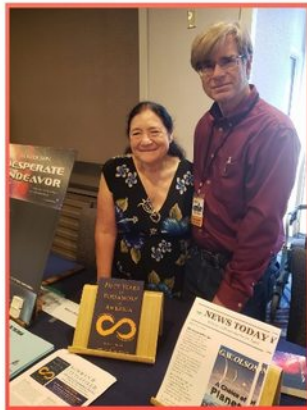
Shortly after founding LTD, I heard about **Church of All Worlds (CAW)** and discovered to my delight and amazement that Heinlein's fantasy concept existed in the real world and that its organizers and I had been walking similar paths separately for 20+ years. As I made my pilgrimage to meet with Otter (now Oberon) Zell and Morning Glory soon after that, I arranged to visit them at their home near the Russian River in northern California. As we drove up there a filk song played: "We were traveling north to see some friends we'd never met...there were unicorns..." It seemed unbelievably appropriate, though I didn't know at the time I'd soon meet a real unicorn. I found out later the song had been written for the folks I was about to visit. It's been special to me ever since.

Naturally, I became a member of Church of All Worlds. The magazine we put out, the **Green Egg**, is fascinating and frequently contains lifestyles related material. Morning Glory, wife of it's founder Oberon Zell, actually coined the term Polyamory. He and Morning Glory were in triads, group marriages, a five-to eight-person line marriage (See *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*), and other configurations of what is now called Polyamory throughout most of their 42 year marriage. Though LTD has more emphasis on alternative lifestyles than paganism, appropriate ritual is woven into many of our holiday events. Such events became more frequent when I became a Scion (4th Circle initiate) in CAW as of 4-25-98. The initiation was done just weeks after my husband Paul and I shared an adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony. Conflict? There are many rooms in the mansion of the Lord and his Lady...Those of you who are not Pagan oriented whether in a traditional religion or agnostic/atheist--no problem. Live the Dream has room for anyone with an open and loving mind.

When I read "All acts of love and pleasure are my rituals!" in CAW's Green Egg magazine, I felt a joining of spirituality with my choice of lifestyle which has been a blessing in my life. Morning Glory Zell is the shining Light which has best represented this concept to me in my years of being privileged to know this very special lady. Her love, her compassion and her joyous, proud sexuality have been an inspiration to me and so many others whose lives she has touched.

As of this edit in 2026, Live the Dream is the oldest continuing Nest of Church of All Worlds and I am a board member as its Program Coordinator.

Live the Dream is an education and support group for those who believe it is possible to deeply love and be committed to more than one significant other. Some of us express this by having a primary partner that we may be legally married to and lovers with whom we may share anything from a romantic evening each month to family activities and nights over several times a week. Others are actually in group marriages, some of which have been together for over a decade. Group marriages, intimate networks, etc. may be sexually open or closed. Some of our members have been in monogamous marriages and are just now considering more open arrangements.



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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 -
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 DAY TIME 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 CURRENTLY PAID MEMBERSHIP CARD (FAMILY SYNERGY OR LIVE THE DREAM) WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE \$10.00.

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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