

LIVE THE DREAM

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Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt

Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy

Founded 1977 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette



UPCOMING EVENTS

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The DARKOVER series of novels by Marion Zimmer Bradley

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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

ADVANCE NOTICE

35th Anniversary Celebration of Live the Dream! Zoom 11am to 2pm
Saturday October 16, 2022 10am to Sunday October 17 at 1pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626 Passcode: Heinlein

Find us *Always* here on the 3rd 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 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)

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 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

Live the Dream honors Nichelle Nichols (passed 7-31-22) for taking her fictional role of Uhura in Star Trek way beyond its original parameters to make that character a powerful, effective officer on a star ship in a TV world far less populated by strong women than it is today. The actress in real life was actively involved in public relations for our country's space program and served as an inspiration to many who became engineers and astronauts, particularly women—black and white.

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We'll discuss fascinating novels based on the concept of a world on which a few hundred Terrans were marooned in crashed space ships hundreds of years ago and were forced to build a viable community from this limited gene pool. Many women found themselves unable to bear children on the new world. This resulted in a society where a fertile woman having more than one child by the same man was considered a kind of selfishness. Group marriage became the norm and ties of

fosterage frequently stronger than ties of blood...Marion and many new writers as well as successful professional writers have chosen to create stories in the Dark Over universe dealing with the alternative lifestyle of multiply committed relationships. We'll focus on SPELL *SWORD* and *FORBIDDEN TOWER*, two novels based on a real life two couple group marriage which lasted 16 years!

1 pm Pot Luck lunch—bring something healthy and delicious to share

2-4 Socializing in clothing optional hot tub.

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Excerpt from the appendix of

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

Report on the Heinlein Centennial

REPORT By Terry Brussel-Gibbons on **Heinlein Centennial Celebrated July 5th – July 8th, 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 CDs 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

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Zoom Saturday 11am to 2pm only

8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306 Crash space in living room, Big tents with air mattresses in backyard + trailer which sleeps 4. 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

11am to noon: Oberon Zell: Founder of Church of All Worlds

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!)

1 pm to 2 pm: Pat LaFollette Co-Founder of Family Synergy

Sensitivity exercises verbal and non-verbal

—Dinner Saturday night and Brunch Sunday provided by Live the Dream

Saturday evening activities—Guided group Sensual massage and ways to Grow Closer

Clothing Optional hot Tub available all evening

Poly Filk songs –some written and performed by Craig Brussel Rogers!

Sunday Brunch 10am-11:30am French toast, eggs and fruit

closing circle around 1pm

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 sleepover, \$25 if sleeping elsewhere.

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What is Fantasy and What is Real?

Spell Sword and *Forbidden Tower* are about a 4-way group marriage. The wives are twin sisters who love each other deeply. The husbands learn to be dear friends. All of them connect telepathically “through the matrix crystal” interweaving their personalities and their lives.

Much of the way I have lived my life has been inspired by science fiction. I believe one can learn much from the philosophies and speculations presented in such literature. Robert Rimmer’s books give us many four-way marriages presented in realistic detail. His own life style was one of two deeply committed loving couples who lived separately, but spent much of their lives together—in bed and out. This was not discussed by Rimmer himself until the passing of the man who had been in many ways his co-husband allowed him to share it. This man’s work situation did not permit it while he was alive.

I do not personally know any long term four person groups which have stayed together. I know of one which broke up as a quad within months of joining together and became a triad that lasted more than a quarter of a century. The ladies involved stayed together even after their husband passed. Phoenix, they called themselves. Triads appear to be far more stable than quadrad, though I’ve known triads and (of course) couples who have not made it “until death do us part”.

Another more long-term quad I knew melted back into two couples who remained friends lifelong. One of the couples had declared in their wedding ceremony to be in an open relationship which did not include the option of divorce. They promised “til death do us part” and meant it. They stayed together as a couple until the death of the husband many years later.

There is a relationship model somewhere between monogamy and group marriage-- core marriage. The couples in such a marriage or relationship have a primary commitment to each other. This is an attempt to have some of the security of monogamy with the freedom of an open marriage. The participants do have others in their lives and their bed, but their other love partners are definitely secondary. If one of them is unacceptable to the primary partner or cannot get along with the primary partner, it is the secondary relationship which is broken off. There would be no possibility of continuing a romantic relationship with a secondary partner who refused to do the interpersonal work necessary to get along with one’s primary partner either through group counseling or verbal and nonverbal communication exercises with all involved. Often, a couple in a core marriage chooses to relate to their other love partners mainly as a couple rather than separately. In swinging, the saying is “The couple who plays together, stays together.” There may be some truth to this even in polyamory, though a bit more flexibility is usually in the mix. This may include

occasional to more regular options of making love to a secondary partner separately in another room in the house or even in the secondary partner's house with or without spending the night there.

Of course, if a couple is bisexual, being all together in the bed becomes more delightful for all involved...

Since Marion herself was bi, this possibility is well represented in many of her Darkover novels. She even gives us a race of humanoids native to Darkover itself rather than originally from Terra, which is capable of changing from male to female at various times in their lives depending on the relationship they are in.

WHAT EXPERIENCES/BOOK REVIEWS, ETC. THAT YOU CAN 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.

Meet Ups & Other Group Events

Check out www.meetup.com/Loveopen & 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

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

For details www.burningman.org

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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