

# 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 Leuy and Pat LaFollette*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, October 15, 2022 10am to Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 1pm**  
**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Live the Dream! Zoom Sat. 10 am to 5:15 pm**

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11 am to 4 pm Live Zoom 11 am to 1 pm**

**How Has Covid Changed Our Social Options? Strategies for Building Friendships and Love Relationships in the New Normal**

**LosCon 48 at the Marriott LA Airport Hotel November 25th -27th, 2022**  
**Live the Dream panel will be there (exact day/time/room next month)**

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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*

*October-November 2022*

**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 regular 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

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

Theme: Long Term Poly Relationships Evolving Through the Years

Saturday, October 15, 2022 10 am to Sunday October 16

Zoom Saturday 10 am to 5:15pm, Live only after that. Closing Circle at 1pm Sunday

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Hot Line: 818-886-0069 [www.LiveTheDream.org](http://www.LiveTheDream.org)

8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306 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 am-5:15 pm 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** Keynote Speakers: Saturday October 15, 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 am-11 am participant intros including experience with polyamory and future relationship desires

11 am to 11:45 am: 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 Ravenhart group marriage, each of which lasted 10 years as live in and continue as an expanded family to this day.

Noon to 12:45 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. We will be as quiet as possible to show respect for the speakers.

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Bring something healthy and delicious to share-- a dish big enough for 10 Meat, Chicken, Cheeses, veggies fresh fruit, juices, and deserts all ok. Salad provided by Live the Dream

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.

2 pm to 2:45 pm Mark 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.

3 pm to 3:45 pm Full panel Q&A including all speakers

4 pm to 5 pm IDES of OZ Pod cast with Oberon Zell, Terry Brussel-Rogers and Glen Olson. Hosted by Gray School of Wizardry –The real-life Hogwarts!

Zoom closing 5 pm -5:15 pm by Terry Brussel-Rogers

Live Only after 5:15 pm

5:15 pm to 6:15 pm Sensitivity exercises verbal and non-verbal

Clothing Optional hot Tub available all evening after 5:15 pm.

Saturday evening activities: (times approximate)

Dinner 6:15 pm-7:15 pm provided by Live the Dream—sitting down, all together

**Live the Dream is providing Roast Duck as the Main Dish tonight!**

7:15 pm-7:45 pm Linda Fitack sings Fever 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!

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8 pm -9pm All Hallows Eve Ritual by Oberon Zell and Priestess Ealswythe

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9 pm -10:45 pm Guided group Sensual massage and ways to Grow Closer

Clothing Optional Hot tub available until midnight

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. Both includes \$25 annual membership in Live the Dream. Paid Members: \$50 includes sleepover, \$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.

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**Saturday November 19, 2022 11 am to 4 pm Live Zoom 11 am to 1 pm**  
**How Has Covid Changed Our Social Options? Strategies for Building Friendships and Love Relationships in the New Normal**

How can we balance safety with JOY in our lives? Your input appreciated!

Why are business mixers going strong with participants swarming to them in locations indoor and out, then standing much closer than 6 feet apart while transacting business while the poly community has all but stopped live meetings and even the Cuddle groups are doing it on Zoom?

Just talked to a friend involved in SCA—meetings in parks are going strong and attracting hundreds. They are not social distancing as they reenact the time before the Renaissance. BDSM and LGBTQ groups are meeting in restaurants. Nudist venues have indoor /outdoor events with plenty of hugging. I looked for a Poly gathering to promote our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration—NOTHING was going on live! In LA! Is this the way we want to live in the future? Has Covid brought a future of virtual contact replacing touch into reality much sooner than we expected...?

Why more in the poly community than in related communities? There are, of course, plenty of people isolating among the mundanes for reasons ranging from health to phobias. It may be safer to stay away from people as far as not getting Covid is concerned, but lack of touch has its own negative physical and emotional results. Covid Isolation is becoming a syndrome in itself. As a hypnotherapist, I am helping my clients deal with it in various forms from depression to hives.

Good thing I pioneered telephone hypnotherapy in 1995! I just did not realize how isolated our own poly community had become. What do YOU want this to look like in your future?

Meanwhile, we have you covered—Live and on Zoom.

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

2-4 Socializing in clothing optional Jacuzzi

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November 25th -27th, 2022

LosCon 48 at the Marriott Los Angeles Airport Hotel

Thanksgiving Weekend 2022 We have a panel this year!

Next Newsletter will have time and room!

Has Science Fiction changed the course of relationships in America over the last fifty years? America has gone through many social upheavals in the last half century. We are arguably not the same society that we were in the 1960's/70's. In many ways we have become the society that writers like Robert Heinlein, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Spider Robinson and Anne McCaffrey have written about. There are people now who live in multiply committed relationships, same sex marriages, triads, open marriages, group houses and other configurations. Many more people have thought about trying different kinds of relationships. The presenters of this panel have studied, written about, and lived many of these alternative lifestyles, and will talk about the changing face of relationships in fandom, and in America.

**links to LosCon website: <https://loscon.org/48/> or [www.LASFS.org](http://www.LASFS.org)**

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**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."

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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 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.

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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)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Newsletter Only	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE

**Make checks payable to Success Center Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Membership Information** *Help Support the Lifestyle you live!*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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