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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 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Spider Robinson's Poly Primers

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Proof of Vaccination required to attend all LIVE events. Please bring your card!

Donation In Person Only \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members.

Halloween Party is the same donation with Pot Luck dish. Without Pot Luck dish it is \$15 for non-members and \$10 for members.

Join day of meeting \$25 singles, \$40 for couples or groups of one household includes meeting that day.

ALL REGULAR LTD MEETINGS ARE NOW ON ZOOM!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=NWVjU3A2M0I2Q29IUkI4L11MRzd2QT09>

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626 Passcode: Heinlein

Find us *Always* here on the 3rd Saturday from 11AM-12:30PM Pacific. This will be our Zoom ID from now on.

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)

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*.

EVENTS

*Live the Dream regular events are 11am-4pm (Zoom 11AM-12:30PM)
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

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Spider Robinson's Poly Primers

For those attending Live: Ladies free with pot luck dish to share—same price as gentlemen otherwise. Gentlemen (pot luck dish appreciated): Paid members of Live the Dream: \$5 . Non-Members: \$10 events.

Callahan's Crosstime Saloon introduces a group of people who support each other in handling their problems and celebrating their joys. In this and later books they go beyond this to actual group telepathic communication. In *Callahan's Keys* they show their commitment to each other by all moving out-of- state together when local laws and the abuse of them prevented them from meeting together where they were. According to Spider's biographical material, many of the metaphysical as well as the group related experiences come from his real-life ones with his expanded family and close friends during the '60 s in Haight Ashbury.



The Lady Callahan books are definitely Poly as committed couples share their partners' with customers of this high class brothel/ international diplomacy center. The "artists" who work there have relationships with the Lady herself, other artists (some of which include legal marriage), etc. Lady Callahan's place could itself be considered a group house since the artists and some of their

partners actually do live there. Spider's Star Dance series features very unusually configured group marriages— combining extra-terrestrials with humans, gays with straights who share mental “intercourse” etc. Eventually his proposed intentional Family includes the whole human race, past, present and future. Spider has written many other stories with incidental poly themes in fictional (?) worlds where it is assumed any choice of whom and how many you love is OK. He has been called the new Heinlein by many. How can we use this information in our own group living and multiple committed relationship efforts?

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

2-4 Socializing in clothing optional Hot tub

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Pot Luck: Live the Dream supplies Terry's homemade chicken soup, Craig's home baked bread, and hot apple cider

You bring a dish big enough for 10 (last name begins with:)

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

G-M Juices or fresh fruit

N-R Salads

S-Z Desserts and treats.

Or feel free to bring whatever dish means Halloween to you.

ALL HALLOWS EVE RITUAL 8:00 with Terry & Craig as Priest and Priestess

HALLOWEEN PARTY 9-MIDNIGHT Clothing Optional Hot tub available 9 pm on. Must shower off any body paint before getting in tub.

Costume as you will and/or paint each other (LTD provides supplies)

If you would like to do some kind of skit or presentation relating to your costume, leave that on the LTD Hot Line, too. We will call you back to set a time for it and provide audio visual assistance if needed.

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

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



Saturday November 20, 2021 Live 11AM-4PM (Zoom 11AM-12:30PM PST)

Building a Friendship Group/Intimate Network

Have you ever asked yourself why others have the kind of friendships (and perhaps lovers) which you could delight in if they were yours? Some of those who come to me as a hypnotherapist (and often during the 40 years I also ran my family's matchmaking business) tell me that they have no friends, some adding that they do have acquaintances, but not real friends. They may also not have the love relationship(s) they desire. Sometimes this happens because a person moves to a different geographical location than they grew up in. Often, though, the complaint comes from people who have lived in one area most of their lives. Why do some people have all the relationships they can fit into a busy life (and more) while others are miserably trying to survive in an isolated state--water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink?

I am blessed with a friendship circle of people who I love and care for and who care deeply about me. This did not happen by accident, though it did begin with the good luck of meeting fellow science fiction fans on a school bus at the age of fifteen and interrupting some disagreement they were having relating to Star Trek with my own (somewhat unwelcome) opinions. One of them became my first water brother (see *Stranger in a Strange Land*) and over fifty years later is still my closest friend. We formed a teenage "gang" of SF fans [(many of whom also dabbled with writing the stuff)]. We had parties and kidnap breakfasts, lunches together at school, skinny dipping by remote waterfalls (before any of us identified as nudists) and all kinds of horseplay kids usually engage in. Birthdays were remembered and celebrated by all, as were all the usual special holidays. Our parties and other activities, however, could turn at a moment's notice or anyone's need into a sensitivity group of empathic listeners willing to share tears, joy and group hugs. I learned what friendship meant through high school sensitivity training combined with reading *Stranger* for the first time at age 15 and having kindred spirits with whom to practice the teachings of real and lasting commitment, deep sharing, and a love which could include many special others.

Learn how YOU can build such a loving circle of your own.

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FROM HEINLEIN TO ROBINSON

Spider has written many other stories with incidental Poly themes. Naturally, Spider's post humorous collaboration with Heinlein *Variable Star* contained several such references.

Robinson states in an appendix to the book that he was working from an outline that lacked an ending. He was told by his publisher that they wanted him to write in his own style, not Heinlein's, and the abundance of profanity and puns makes it clear that this is not a Heinlein novel. The outline is almost exactly contemporaneous with Heinlein's juvenile novel [Time for the Stars](#), and shares many of its details, such as the use of faster-than-light telepathic communication between twins. Although Heinlein apparently wrote the outline for *Variable Star* to be used, like *Time for the Stars*, as part of his Scribner's juvenile series, Robinson's realization deals with a variety of topics, including drugs and sexuality, that would have been completely unacceptable for a juvenile novel in 1955, though Heinlein's adult novel *Us the Living* written in 1939 and not published until long after Heinlein's passing, did contain those poly oriented themes which were later seen in all his books from *Stranger in a Strange Land* to his final book *To Sail Beyond the Sunset*.

EXCERPTS FROM A PAST SAMHAIN RITUAL:

You CAN Try this at Home... Though you are welcome to join us.

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."

This was written by Carl Dietz who lived in our group house (first the one on Lashburn in Sylmar, then the one we have now in Winnetka) from 1995 to 2011. In keeping with the spirit of this holiday, here is a bit about him. He was a Healer, a good cook, and helped me edit into understandability my Seven Key Turn Key System for Building a Successful Hypnotherapy practice at its beginning in 1995. He helped make the house a Home and is still missed by those of us who were privileged to live with him.

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:

www.lovemore.com www.polyevents.blogspot.com
<http://openingup.net/resources/local-organizations-u-s/>

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 Festival

For details www.burningman.org!

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.

	Membership Type	Single	Couple/Family
<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!*

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

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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