

LIVE THE DREAM

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Winnetka, CA 91306

Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt

Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy,

Founded 1971 by Hy Leoy and Pat LaFollette

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday April 16 2022 Live 11am - 4 pm (Zoom 11am-1 pm PST)
Polyamory and the LGBTQ Community
led by Elaine Anderson, Rodney O'Riley & Terry Brussel-Rogers

Proof of Vaccination required to attend all LIVE events.

ALL LTD MEETINGS ARE NOW ON ZOOM!

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

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626 Passcode: Heinlein

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

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April-May 2022

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

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

From now on, all our regular 3rd Saturday meetings will be available on Zoom Some will be hosted by speakers in other areas, too. We are doing Zoom 11-12:30

We are back to meetings on Zoom only due to Craig Brussel Rogers being immunocompromised due to chemo treatments for Lymphoma cancer. This situation will probably continue through June 2022. Those speakers or participants who do join us live are part our expanded family/support group. Our Annual Passover Seder is not taking place this year also due to Craig's health. We look forward to resuming live meetings which all will be welcome to when Craig recovers his health.

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Elain, a trans/bi/poly lady is living this lifestyle full time (as opposed to male at work and female in her personal life) since 2017. Many years before that, she experienced being a husband and father in a traditional monogamous marriage. Even then, she was aware of a pull towards being a woman. She will share her own journey and what she has observed of polyamory along the way. Terry and Rodney have lived the poly lifestyle all their adult lives. Rodney is a bi male who has been in an open committed relationship with his partner Mark Merlino for over 32 years. They are the recognized founders of Furry Fandom (see their story in the excellent documentary "The Movement") and have had a group house for most of their time together through to the present. Terry is a bi poly woman who raised her children in an open marriage, was in residential triads and is now in an open committed relationship with her husband Craig Brussel Rogers. They live in a group house. She has led workshops on bisexuality at lifestyles and Loving More conferences for many years and watched bisexuality become more and more acceptable in the poly community among both men and women. She will share some of those experiences. Do you have experiences you would like to share or just questions to ask? Come grow with us!

Saturday May 22 2022 11 am to 12:30 pm on Zoom. Moon is a Harsh Mistress & Multi Generational (Line) Marriage The setting is a Lunar prison colony with men way out numbering the women. Triads (two men, one woman), gangs of young men lead by one woman and multi-generational (Line) group marriages are among the ways they deal with this shortage. Add a revolution for freedom from the unreasonable restrictions of the Warden and the Earth he represents. One of the leaders of this revolution is also a member of a Line Marriage. Another is a man with some unusual ideas on the meaning of Liberty and still another a Lady who stirs the crowd to Action, joins this new fight for Freedom and marries into the Line Marriage. We'll have a good look at how such a marriage works, what is involved in marrying six adults and adopting children already in the group.

**Bisexual Love In a Long Term Relationship
by Terry Brussel-Gibbons (2001)**

Vick is in town! He meets me for lunch with his wife of two years, Helga, who is flying back to their home in Europe today. (Names changed to protect the nervous). They sit on one side of a table with me on the other--I resolve not to let it upset me. We talk about the shamanic studies they've been pursuing in Phoenix, Helga's enjoyment of our warm weather, exciting developments in my business, and how our grown kids are doing. While Helga and I have spent time together before, she seems more open and accepting this time. Before leaving, she gives me a soapstone dolphin she has made--a special gift.

Vick drives her to LAX, sees her off, and picks me up to spend the weekend together. We stop by my house to pick up my overnight bag and to give hugs and affection to my husband, Paul. We arrange to spend tomorrow evening with him. Paul walks his talk about open relationships--no jealousy there, never a trace of coldness when I return from time with a lover. Paul is the treasure of my life and I make sure he knows it.

Vick takes me for a romantic dinner on the coast. We look at the ocean, hold hands, and catch up on each other's inner worlds. The magic is still THERE--in a touch, a smile. Pretty good after 20 years of ups, downs and too much physical apartness for the past few years.

We van camp at a local beach, too tired to make it to Santa Barbara tonight. Not too tired for lovin'--deep, passionate explosion of God and Goddess joining in ecstasy.

Next day we eat our breakfast of fruit on a cliff overlooking the sea, have lunch in Solvang and find time for more lovemaking. He's really been immersing himself in teachings of Sacred Sexuality and seems to have more vitality in bed and out than he did ten years ago. Lucky Helga!

On our way home, we plot to reward Paul for handling the Live the Dream meeting today and giving us some special time together. After a light dinner of tuna salad and juice, we head for the bedroom.

Paul thinks he and Vick are going to drive me wild, but (surprise) it's Paul's turn to be in the middle. We touch, pet, and stroke him from head to foot. I love watching the two of them cuddling and loving each other. That probably drives me wilder than when they work on me! It used to be in my "secret garden" of fantasy only, but how delicious the reality. Paul delights in watching me with another woman, too. His joy heightens my own.

A woman looking over my shoulder as I write this while waiting for my chiropractic appointment, said "You have a great imagination, but it might be just too farfetched even for fiction."

For a bisexual polyamorous couple, reality can be a lot better than fantasy!

Terry's comments in 2022

My belief that Bi is Better remains firm in the present. I even marched in the Gay Pride a few years ago with a Bi group and was the one with the megaphone announcing "We are the B in LGBT!"

The lady presenting with me in our April meeting is also my lover and is Family by Choice due to Water Shared (see Stranger in a Strange Land).. I am extremely grateful for her caring support and physical presence as I deal with the loneliness and emotional upheaval of my husband's health condition and his being in the hospital much of the time.

Being bi is especially valuable in the poly community as it allows for closer relationships between same sex members of triads and group marriages as well as more inclusive dating even if the participants are not living together. Throughout our fifteen-year marriage, Paul and I preferred bisexual partners both of us could enjoy in bed and out. We still feel that way. I am glad he and Craig have chosen to be close.

I have always believed that for a bisexual person to be completely fulfilled, they would have to be poly since only that way could they have both a man and woman in their love lives. Not everyone agrees with me on this. Some bisexual people pick a life mate of one sex or the other and choose to be monogamous with that person. Some of them even "pass" as gay or hetero depending on which sex their partner is and which community, they are participating in. It's all about personal choice and each individual gets to pick who and how many they get to Love.

Our book is really being published! My co -author Glen Olson and I are so excited! We wanted to share this with those of you who have watched it grow in excerpts for different meetings, etc. in the Live the Dream Newsletter.

See what happens when you Google Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement

Our publishers Rowman and Littlefield are doing a great job of making this findable on the internet.

Our book is in hardcover with a Release date of November 11, 2022. Here is the write up on Amazon. It is also on Barnes and Noble and several other sites.

by [Glen W. Olson](#) (Author), [Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers](#) (Author)

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A tour of polyamory in America over the last 50 years.

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. Instead of concentrating on the experiences of a few people exploring alternate lifestyles, it is an exploration of two generations of Americans, the people and the organizations they founded, what they have chosen to do, and how it has changed their lives and affected the culture as a whole.

Written in an entertaining and easily accessible style, the authors cover the history of alternative sexual relationship styles starting with a quick peek at colonial times, the Mormon and Oneida movements of the 1840s-70s, and modern-day influences starting in the 1950s.

Polyamory, literally “many loves,” challenges the relationship norm: monogamy. As its name suggests, polyamory typically refers to emotional/sexual relationships that include multiple partners. Common applications of polyamory include open marriages, triad (three people), two-couple (four people) “marriages,” and larger groups like intimate networks. Swingers are a subset of non-monogamy who often identify as poly.

Throughout the course of *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America*, we explore the history of the polyamory movement: from clinical definitions and attempts at psychiatric treatment, to the advent of advocacy groups in the 1960s and ’70s, to contemporary practitioners and the future of the movement. A wide range of personal stories from advocates and practitioners guides the narrative to the modern day, highlighting the struggles and successes of the movement throughout the years.

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.

For the many book lovers amongst us

The LA Vintage Paperback Book Expo March 20th

Glendale Civic Auditorium

There are 47 authors schedule to be signing books, 70% are Science Fiction/Fantasy authors!

Including Peter S. Beagle, Steve Barnes, Greg Benford, and John DeChancie

<http://www.la-vintage-paperback-show.com>

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Registration Opens (you MUST register to purchase tickets) March 30, 2022 Main Sale Star

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

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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**