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An Interview with Members of a Large Intimate Network (part 3)

edited by Chris Mohr

This month we are presenting the final installment of an interview with members of the largest intimate network within Beyond Monogamy, Inc. Seven of the eight network members, Steve, Linda, Allen, Claudette, Emma, Cyndy, and Harold, continue their fascinating conversation with BEYOND MONOGAMY feature editor, Chris Mohr.

Chris: Harold, has being one of the few black guys in BMI made any difference?

Harold: Sometimes, yes. But I don't feel that I am a stranger, because I've been involved with BMI a long time. Yet there are always new people coming in, and just because someone's in BMI doesn't always mean they're open to a racially mixed relationship.

Allen: Harold voiced some thoughts a few minutes ago about humans in broader networks. It reminds me of an article I read about our biological relationship to all other people. Everyone here is at least 50th cousins with everyone else in the world and that includes all races. If we consider all of us are related by blood, it's a thrilling concept. I feel much closer to people; all the human race is a community of one flesh. That's meaningful to me.

Chris: If you talk about social connections it's even closer. I read that you are just five people away from just about everyone in the United States, in other words, almost everyone in the country is at least a friend of a friend of a friend of yours.

Speaking of friends, Allen, you've mentioned that you're real friendly with a lot of the younger relatives of the network members.

Allen: Yes, but to start out, Claudette and I have two grown, married daughters. They're 22 and 24 now. I look back and realize I somewhat missed enjoying their childhood. Maybe that's why I'm close to Cyndy's and Emma's children. I really like to see them, talk with them, tell them stories, and relate to them as human beings. It's the child in me coming out. It's the first time in my life I've really let it out. I feel that both families are adding to my life. I really treasure that.

Chris: I hear that you're about to lose one of your treasured relationships. Emma, you're moving out of Colorado soon, is that true?

Emma: Yes, it makes me sick.

Chris: My next question was going to be how you felt about it.

Emma: It makes me utterly sick.

Chris: You're really going to miss this place. How about the rest of you? I imagine this isn't the happiest event in the world for the rest of you either.

Linda: No!

Harold: I hate to see her go!

Cyndy: Without a doubt, none of us are thrilled.

Allen: I have such a good relationship with you, Emma, and it's just something that ought to keep going on, and here you're going to move.

Emma: I know. (Long silence)

Cyndy: Harold and I have been through a move where we were separated from people who were terrifically integral to our lives. It's not pleasant but it can be handled, and it can be growth-producing. It takes more work to keep a friendship circle going than if everyone's close at hand and it costs a whole lot more money. At one point Harold and I saved for three years in order to see two people, and it was well worth every penny. I expect that might happen in this group too.

(At this point, Harold and Cyndy's two sons, Jeff and Robby, enter the room.)

Cyndy: What do you think about having all these people over here, Robby?

Robby: It's okay.

Cyndy: Kinda like normal, isn't it?

Robby: Yeah.

Linda: You've seen us all before.

Robby: (pointing to Chris) Except for you.

Linda: An outsider! (General laughter)

Chris: Say, speaking of outsiders, what happens when a real outsider like your parents or a great aunt or someone stops in for a visit?

Cyndy: We have some interesting problems around that with parents who don't know or find out and don't approve. Some of us have told our parents and then some of us are certain that we will never tell our parents.

Emma: That has been a big issue for months.

Linda: Had my parents been alive I would have been safe. Both my parents were in open

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A Review of Intimate Friendships

by Will Mahoney

Intimate Friendships by James Ramey comes closer than any other book in expressing the philosophy of Beyond Monogamy, Inc. In this book, Ramey evaluates various lifestyle options available today. Unlike most alternative lifestyles authors, he does this from the viewpoint of the individual rather than the committed couple. As a result, intimate friendship networks rather than open or group marriages receive the bulk of his attention. Ramey puts sexual intimacy in its proper place. He sees it as an important element in intimate friendships but not their major or only purpose. For these reasons, Ramey has had a major impact on the thrust of Beyond Monogamy, Inc. It must be added, however, that this book is not without its shortcomings, and these will be examined.

Ramey challenges the notion that society maintains equilibrium by self-correcting consensus. Instead, he says that the "constant in life is change and conflict." He points out the confusion today over acceptable lifestyle options. This results from the disparity between the "public" image of how people should live (lifetime monogamous marriage) and the "private" reality (a majority of marriages end in divorce and a majority involve extramarital sexual encounters by one or both partners). He also evaluates the effects of recent social change upon marriage and intimacy.

Ramey evaluates and describes the gamut of lifestyles available today, from celibacy to group marriage. He shows how intimate group options have certain limitations because of complexity. Commitment in primary relationships is examined and compared with commitment in intimate groups.

Like many alternative lifestyle writers, Ramey compares traditional male-dominated relationships with what he calls "peer relationships," egalitarian arrangements where decisions are reached through consensus. And, like these other writers, he ties personal growth to peer marriage.

Our society has always made a strong distinction between married and single adults. Ramey feels that the stronger distinction today is between adult-centered and child-centered living. Based on my personal observation, he makes too strong a distinction. Within DMI, parents and non-parents co-exist quite well in intimate networks and find their associations quite valuable (see this month's installment of the intimate network interview).

In Chapter 7, "Intimacy, Sex and Companionship," Ramey shows how intimate friendships may or may not include sexual intimacy. The important distinction between intimate friendships and traditional friendships is that the former acknowledge the potential for sexual intimacy. This potential is acted upon only if sexual intimacy is appropriate for a particular friendship and happens under the right circumstances. However, Ramey does see possible value in "bed-hopping without any commitment." He feels that casual sex can

provide an avenue to establishing intimate friendships, because it can act as a "short cut to making one's self vulnerable." Of course, how many people let themselves be really vulnerable during casual sexual encounters?

Ramey's views on jealousy are not all that helpful. He feels that jealousy should not be a problem for couples with primary relationships who are relating to others. He seems to be trying to make jealousy go away by using reason. He quotes Margaret Mead who said that jealousy has "its origin in a sense of insecurity and inferiority." Where does this leave the person who intellectually believes in open relationships but emotionally has jealousy problems? I prefer Gordon Clanton's neutral approach to jealousy over Ramey's relatively negative judgments about it. Since nearly everyone feels pangs of jealousy given the right circumstances, it seems counterproductive to label them insecure or state that jealousy is not much of a problem for a primary couple.

Chapter 8, "Ground Rules for Relating," is quite useful. Instead of advocating his own set of ground rules, Ramey cites those most commonly mentioned by people in his intimate network study. He asserts that ground rules are subjective and ties them to situation ethics. He feels ground rules should be discussed early in relationships and criticizes "the romantic ideal that such conscious decisions are heavy-handed, self-serving, calculating and probably doomed to failure anyway."

In Chapter 10, Ramey looks at changes resulting from the "pluralistic revolution" which recognizes more than one lifestyle as viable and acceptable. Most of these changes such as increases in cohabitating couples, childfree marriages, divorce, non-monogamy, and peer marriages seem to be taking place. However, increases in multi-adult households and complex living groups are probably not happening. If anything, more people seem to be presently living alone or as single parents. Of course multi-adult households may increase in popularity if economic and energy conditions get worse (for a futuristic look at this scenario, see Love Me Tomorrow by Robert Rimmer. Signet, 1978).

In Chapter 11, "The Growing Importance of Intimate Groups and Networks," Ramey provides a model which many of us in Beyond Monogamy, Inc. are attempting to emulate. A shortcoming with this chapter (and the entire book, for that matter) is the paucity of data about the 380 people in his study of intimate networks. I prefer the approach of the Constantines in their book, Group Marriage. The text of their book is mostly narrative with numerous examples, but very interesting data is presented in tables in appendices.

Intimate Friendships gets rather dry in places. However, on the balance, it is highly recommended reading for the alternative relationships adventurer because it is currently the best statement of the BEYOND MONOGAMY approach to intimate relationships.

Ramey, James. Intimate Friendships. Prentice-Hall, 1976. \$4.95 (Paperback).

A Lesbian Triad

We recently received a letter from Julie Lee, a BEYOND MONOGAMY subscriber in New Jersey. Although the letter is too long to publish, a summary is definitely in order.

Julie is a lesbian and lives with two women, Jinny and Jinx. She has had an intimate relationship with Jinny for more than 30 years and first became intimately involved with Jinx about 8 years ago. It was unclear from the letter whether Jinny and Jinx have ever had an intimate relationship with each other. This triad has gone through some difficult times, and according to Julie, none of the three currently "has a full love relationship with anyone."

Julie attributes the difficulties of their triad to several factors:

- 1) Lack of full co-operation of all group members in working out problems.
- 2) Jinny's outside involvements in several "unwholesome" affairs.
- 3) The negative attitude of Jinny's therapist toward multiple relationships.
- 4) No support for multiple relationships by members of the lesbian community.

An Urban Alternative Community

At a discussion of the book Intimate Friendships on April 21, we evaluated author James Ramey's ideas on intimate multi-adult households. The group agreed that such an arrangement might not offer enough privacy even if residents had private sleeping rooms. We also agreed that living alone, as a couple, as a single parent or two parent nuclear family is far from ideal. Disadvantages of these lifestyles include loneliness, lack of group support, expense of maintaining a home for a small group and smothering each other (in case of a couple).

We looked at an option that seems to combine the privacy of single or couple living with the community appeal of a multi-adult household. Members of a large intimate network could buy a small apartment building or condominium complex. Each individual or nuclear family would have their own private living unit. In addition, the group could use existing common facilities such as laundry, party, game and exercise rooms and swimming pool. Because network members would be closer to each other than apartment or condo dwellers, they would likely be willing to share additional facilities which could be added. Several possibilities are a library, T.V. with video cassette player, large stereo, hot tub, common storage room and guest rooms. The group might want to collectively purchase a food freezer, pickup truck or sail boat. They could have a community vegetable garden, food cooperative and day-care facility (one of the adults could be hired to supervise it). Group members might elect to eat their evening meals together several times a week, and a communal dining area and kitchen could be built for this purpose.

Intimate network members could organize community social activities, trips and growth oriented activities. They could hire a group facilitator/counselor to come in on a regular basis to assist the group or individuals in working through conflicts.

One resident could be hired as property manager to handle daily maintenance and repairs. Large maintenance and building projects would be handled by group effort.

Community meetings would be held once a week or every other week to make decisions and set up ground rules. When possible, decisions would be made by consensus rather than by a simple majority.

If there were more living units than a network needed for its members, they could be rented to others--preferably to people already known to some members and with similar lifestyles and values. The group would add new permanent members by unanimous consent and possibly after a prospective member had lived with them for awhile.

Financing would be a problem. Some people would have more money to invest in the community than others. A possible solution would be to set up the community as a private stock corporation with members purchasing the amount of shares they could afford. Everyone would then pay rent to the corporation based on the size of their individual living unit. Large stock holders would have no more voice in community decisions except for those directly affecting the value of the property.

Another financial problem would be the huge initial down payment on the property. Most network members would need to have large equities in their own homes or other investments. Furthermore, the entire financial arrangement would need to be put together by a lawyer to ensure the protection of everyone's investment.

Members who wanted to leave the community could sell their shares to other members at the current market price based on the assessed value of the property. If the community decided to dissolve itself at some point, communal items could be auctioned off to the highest bidders. The building or complex would be sold by the stockholders, presumably for a profit considering what is currently happening to real estate prices (especially in Denver and Boulder).

There would be less chance for the group to break up if network members had known each other for several years and agreed on a common philosophy before forming their community. They might spend a year or more actually planning the community and looking for a suitable property.

A final consideration is whether intimate network members want to live in close proximity to each other. Some might find it preferable to maintain more geographical distance.

In summary, this arrangement could provide a real sense of community and family, including mutual support, commitment and a sense of belonging. It seems like a positive alternative to urban isolation and alienation.

Will Mahony

Intimate Network Interview, continued

relationships.

Emma: I had my mother visiting for a month and I told her about my open relationship and she didn't approve. I knew she wasn't going to approve but I didn't want to lie to her. Also I didn't want to stop my lifestyle for a whole month, so I had to choose to tell the truth. She said, "I don't approve of what you're doing but I still love you, and it's your life."

Chris: Well, I certainly approve of what all of you are doing, and I'm sure a lot of the people who read this interview are going to wish they had a network as big and loving as this.

Emma: There's an important thing in building this kind of network, or any open relationship. It's very important to have an honest and direct approach to it. Many relationships fail because there isn't enough sincerity. I want to stress how important it is to communicate in an open way even if you run the risk of hurting someone. It's better to deal with known hurt than to hide anger or frustration.

Chris: Did being in BMI help get this whole incredible network going?

Emma: Yeah.

Cyndy: I don't think that BMI is an important factor in keeping this network going, but it is relevant to the fact that we met each other in the first place.

Emma: And meeting someone in BMI is already very selective; you have a certain frame of mind before you join. If you try to have an open relationship outside of BMI, it might be different.

Linda: I was in an open marriage for nine years, but no network ever developed because we never had a framework like BMI to work in.

Chris: You were married? You're divorced now?

Linda: Yes.

Chris: You're one of many nonmonogamous people I've heard of who've been through divorce. What happened?

Linda: We found that we were pulling in different directions and no longer had the same goals.

Chris: So it had nothing to do with the open relationship.

Linda: Nothing at all. In fact, I don't think we'd have stayed together as long as we did if we didn't have an open relationship.

Chris: Steve, you're separated now too.

Steve: Yes, I was married at 34. Now I have a certain disdain when I look at the whole institution of marriage. It's a certification by the state. I'm an anarchist to the extent that I don't need the State to ratify anything. It's not necessary to go down to the City and County Building and ask permission from them or even certify with them what I do.

Chris: You're the only non-BMI member of this network. I'm curious about how you've managed to resist joining up

Steve: I've always been interested in the concept of open relationships. But, I'm not philosophically interested in BMI as a way to get beyond monogamous relationships within the institution of marriage. I find a lot more action at Beyond Divorce (a large educational and social organization in Denver for divorced people). BMI is a great concept, but I feel there's more than philosophical study of something I'm not even interested in, and that's the institution of marriage.

Emma: But you're so philosophical!

Steve: Well, that's true.

Linda: I'm in BMI, and I'm not interested in marriage either!

Emma: What makes you more interested in Beyond Divorce than Beyond Monogamy?

Steve: Just more action, more women. They don't just sit around and philosophize! These people come to a dance to meet people, and they all want to fuck!

Linda: Well, that's straightforward!

Chris: Well, just so all the world doesn't accuse you of wanting nothing more out of life than sex, let me ask you about your friendship with Allen. How close are you two?

Steve: Very close.

Chris: Do you do a lot together?

Steve: No, he's very busy. (General

laughter). Allen and I see each other infrequently, mostly on weekends, because the three of us are on the Board of Directors of a church, the Ethical Spirit Parish. I met Allen before I met Claudette. We were at a BMI issues meeting and Allen and I made a "date" to see each other at a bar. We sat down for three or four hours and explained our lifestyles to one another. Then I got to visit Claudette a week later.

Claudette: I was about to go off on a week's vacation, but I told Steve, I'm interested! We can meet when I get back!

Allen: When I think of Steve, it's with warm feelings. Here's a person I can talk with and relate to and share my problems with on a very individual basis -- he's wonderful.

Claudette: I'll second that.

Chris: Allen, do you find that when a man has an involvement with your wife, that makes you feel like you have some kind of bond with him?

Allen: Of course. It's hard to imagine anybody in the world who would answer differently.

Chris: No, there are some people who'd say, "I'll kill the bastard!". Maybe 97% of the world!

Allen: Oh, yes, I'd forgotten the outside world. But to get back on course, it's my relationship to Steve, not his to Claudette, that is most important to me. We have a brotherly relationship. Steve's a quieting, philosophical influence in my life. He has a lot to say to my inner being. I like him a lot.

Claudette: I like everybody here.

Linda: Yeah. I like everybody here too. We're neat people!

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CALIFORNIA Slim, Athletic Male, BMI subscriber, 6'4", 55, recently divorced, seeks relationship with BMI-oriented female (married or single) in Southern California. I like hiking, bicycling, tennis, good books, good music, good wine, and good companionship. If you are between 35 and 55, and are looking for something special, please call or write Ron Reifler, Box 9190, Marina del Rey, CA 90291. (213) 823-4283.

COLORADO Good Looking, athletic, divorced male (a young 40) has completed a self-imposed hibernation period to re-assess my priorities. Now looking to re-acquaint myself with the real world. Looking to meet sincere, sensitive, caring females to establish new relationships with BMI ideals in mind. I enjoy all sports, reading, crossword puzzles, long walks, a good sense of humor, movies & much more. Write Joe Healy, 1440 Detroit, Denver, CO 80206 or call 394-3506.

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COLORADO I am WASP male hetero Libra who loves Bach, gadgets, factories, mountains, math, logic, computers, Ayn Rand, bicycles, guitars, harmonizing, pursuing wealth. I seek others roughly my age (30) to spend time together enjoying any of the above. Call Jim at 861-8204, keep trying.

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COLORADO BMI member, 33, divorced, interested in open relationships or in intimate friendship network. Want to enjoy and share my life with others. Some of my interests: reading, movies, massage, biking, camping, dancing, music. Write Jim Jobst, 135B S. Grant St., Denver, CO 80210 or call 777-3292.

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NEBRASKA We are a Lincoln couple in our mid-twenties with interests in alternative lifestyles and intimate friendship networks. We would enjoy corresponding and meeting with other people who share our feelings. Alan & Ralene Cerveny, 1845 F St., Apt 10, Lincoln, NE 68508.

OHIO Hispanic Ph.D. Student & worker, 34, wishes to exchange letters, ideas or visitations with people interested in developing alternative relationships to marriage. Contact: Enrique Oliveras, 121 Gypsy Lane States, Bowling Green, OH 43402. (419) 352-3312.

OREGON Will exchange letters with women near my age (54) who have had relationships established through BMI. Wife does not agree, but all mail addressed to me will not be opened by another. Photo on request. No codes necessary. Bob Putnam, 1113 SW Fourth CT., Gresham, OR 97030.

Services and Products

Dear God, I'm Horny and Don't Know What to Do by Claud C. Crawford, Ph.D. \$6.95 post paid, 212 pg. Pb. A critical examination of the christian sex ethic of special interest to BMI members. Box 9693, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Brief and Satisfying Encounters June 6 (10 AM - 6 PM); 8 PM - midnight) and June 7 (10 AM - noon). #35 Location to be announced. Instructors: Susan Wells (693-7153 after 5 PM) and Joseph Kandel. Explore and practice ways of beginning, developing and obtaining caring closure in relationships. We will use lectures, discussion and experiential exercises in a supportive atmosphere. \$10 deposit due by May 29.

Female Sexuality for Men Only (Kinda) and **Male Sexuality for Women Only (Kinda)**, Friday, July 17 (7 - 10 PM), Saturday, July 18 (9 AM - 1 PM (men); 2 PM - 6 PM (women)), Sunday, July 19 (10 AM - 6 PM). Instructors: Susan Wells, 693-7153 (evenings), and Marvin Gatch, 839-0056. Limit 12 men and 12 women -- DPU students have priority. #22 BMI members, #28 through #31 (non-members). Ah, the joy of sex: Information concerning "plumbing", sexual response, orgasm, fantasies, communication and techniques for stimulation will be shared. We will use lecture, discussion and experiential exercises in a supportive atmosphere.

Alternative Relationships Songbook The Beyond Monogamy, Inc. Bookstore has published a book of four alternative relationship songs written by BMI member, Diane Levin. The song book includes music, guitar chords and words for "Three in Love" (subject: triads), "Community" (subject: expanded families), "A Second Love" (subject: secondary relationships) and "I Never Knew" (subject: bisexuality). Diane's music was well received when she played it at several BMI gatherings. It is written in a contemporary folk style.

The song book is available for purchase at BMI gatherings. Price is \$2.50 + tax (BMI members get a 10% discount). Mail orders will be accepted but payment must accompany order. Add \$1.00 postage and handling for the first copy, \$.50 for each additional copy. Sales tax: Colorado residents add 3%, RTD area residents add 3 1/2%, Denver residents add 1/2%. Make check or money order payable to Beyond Monogamy, Inc. Send your order to BMI, Box 6877, Denver, CO 80206. Please allow about 5 weeks.

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Sunday & Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Postluc Plonco & 21 Newletter Meeting 7-10 PM, 658 Steele St. (8 blks W of Colorado Blvd., 1/2 Mile S of 17th) Members-free; others- \$1. Wine & beer pro- vided by BMT. Bring something to barbeque and another plonco dish to share.</p>		<p>Enlighten Your Eye with a Summer- time Franchise Mtg. Work 7:30-10:00 PM, 658 Steele St. Mem- bers-\$7; others-\$4. Mall Mahoney will lead this workshop and there will be some prizes for attendees. Informa- tion: 392-3266.</p>	<p>Boulder Open Forum 7:30-9:30 PM, 1730-9130 PM, 2856 S. Glencoe St., home of Diana Levin (601 blk W on Yale from 1-25 & 1 blk S on Glencoe), \$4 beer/wine charac- ters, etc. to share. An open dis- cussion group.</p>	<p>Ecotic Film Eve- ning 8:30 PM-10- 11 PM, Gallery 609, 609 E. Speer Blvd., Denver (6 blk E of Broadway). Members- \$4; others-\$5. Four ecotic art films by Stan Barshak, and The Kennel's Room by Marilyn French. Your own drink.</p>	<p>Open Relation- ship Workshop 8:30-10:30 PM, Community Free School (447-8733, corner of Broadway & Balham, 8 blks N of Boulder Mall). \$16-members; \$22-others. Offered by Mall Mahoney & Marilyn French. 392-3266.</p>
<p>Good Vibrations 21 for Women 7:30-9:30 PM, 2856 S. Glencoe St., Denver. Members free. Members-free; others-\$1. RSVP to Diana Levin, 658-0853 by June 14. Bring drink & snacks to share. Additional information on back page.</p>		<p>BMT Follies 6PM- 7:00 PM, 3558 S. Pattinlay Way, Aurora, home of Susan Wells (605 S. 1st St. ad. l on Hampden Ave. & 601-2 ml. N on Hamp- den Oly. & R on Fair- play). Members &/or alts. please attend.</p>		<p>Off the Mall with Brian Brooki Pre- vention. If you want to be in studio audience (free), ar- rives by 7:30 PM at KHDI Studio, 6701 W. 17th Ave., Broom- field. Show ends 11:30 PM. Omnesal 12 at 8:00 PM.</p>	<p>Church of World Peace Barbecue 6:00 PM, 3595 Raleigh St., Denver (12 blk W of Federal). BMT mem- bers & guests invited -no charge. Bring to barbeque & a side dish to share. RSVP: Bill Conklin or Mary Ann Tavey, 473-0224.</p>
<p>Information on back page. 10:00 PM-11:00 PM, 658 Steele St. (8 blks W of Colo. Blvd. & 8 blks S of 0-1- fax). Members-free; others-\$1. Wine, beer & by BMT. We will fold, look, stick & stuff the July newsletter.</p>		<p>Boulder Open Forum 7:30-9:30 PM, home of Nancy Conlin, home of Peter Compand (di- rections on back). Members-free; others- \$1. Bring wine, snacks, etc. to share. An open dis- cussion group.</p>	<p>See the back side of this calendar for information about the Boulder Men's Forum, a Sexual Forum coming in July, a proposed August Jumping Frog with the assistance of the North Central Texas, etc., etc.</p>	<p>Off the Mall with 3 KidOrder Int'l- 2:5 MAGY A Colorado Mountain Retreat near Grand V sponsored by Association for the Mentally Psycholater. Several BMT people may be going. Infor- mation: Mall Mahoney -392-3266.</p>	

Boulder Men's Forum For information about June meetings, call Zhaihai Stewart (499-2638), Dennis Hess (443-3815), or David Clifton (449-2232).

June 4, Boulder Women's Forum 7347 Crannell (from Boulder Turnpike, go 3½ mi E on Table Mesa Dr. which becomes S. Boulder Rd. Go left on Crannell to house with yellow porch light on left side of street).

June 21, Good Vibrations for Women Good Vibrations is a company that sells lingerie and sexually oriented items (vibrators, oils, dildoes, etc.) in a classy Tupperware-party format in a private home. Straight, bisexual or lesbian women are invited to attend this party at Diane Levin's home. We must get 10 women confirming attendance by June 14 to hold party. The items will be presented by a woman and no purchases are required.

June 24, Boulder Open Forum 808 Racquet Ln. (go E on Baseline Rd. ½ mi. from Foothills Pkwy and go N on 55th ¼ mi. to Racquet Ln. Turn right. 808 is blue house behind 800. Park on Racquet Ln.)

Get Your Sexuality Out of the... Harold Fields and Susan Wells will conduct a 4 week sexual forum each Monday in July. It will be a structured series of discussions that will focus on all aspects of sexuality. Come and discuss your sexual feelings, attitudes, expectations and experiences in a mixed, supportive group.

Enrollment will be limited to 10 men and 10 women. The fee will be \$12 for BMI members and \$15 for others. Call Susan, 693-7153 or Harold, 399-5986 for reservations and more information. Wear comfortable, washable clothes.

August Camping Trip The Human Potential Institute of North Central Texas (based in Dallas) is interested in camping trip with BMI members on a long weekend in early August. We will pick a location that is accessible by car and not too far from Denver in the mountains. They are interested in a program that would combine growth-oriented, experiential exercises and fun with the camping. These folks are very interested in our group--about 300 of them turned out to hear Bob Rimmer speak at a Unitarian Church in Dallas a few months ago. If you are interested in helping plan for this camping trip, call Will Mahoney at 399-3326.

Rename BMI? Let's face it, lots of people shy away from Beyond Monogamy, Inc. because they get the wrong idea from our name. To some, the name indicates that we are a "couples" only group; others think we are a swingers' club with orgies; still others think we must be all practicing bigamous marriages. The policy committee thinks we ought to search for a more innocuous name that might be very nebulous or might indicate our interest in alternative relationships and/or intimate friendship networks. So we're going to have a:

Rename Beyond Monogamy, Inc. Contest

The policy committee will pick the winner. Limit one entry per person. The winner will receive a free one-year membership in BMI. Deadline for entry: July 10. Mail to: BMI, Box 6877, Denver, CO 80206.

New Junior Member Shawn Phillip Chase was born to Kristi & Don Chase on May 4 on the living room couch!

July Newsletter Deadline: Friday, June 19. Men's groups, women's groups, Forum groups, etc. must have schedules to Will Mahoney by then. 399-3326.

Support the ERA Diane Levin is participating in the ERA Walk-a-thon, Saturday, June 20. You may pledge money by calling Diane at 692-0853.