

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday June 20 11-12:30 - How Much Love and Intimacy Can Be Preserved NOW? Let's build a Friendship Group!

Saturday July 18, 11-4:00 Long Term Loving and Group Living and in Furry Fandom—Hopefully back to IN PERSON meetings at our home!

ROOM AVAILABLE IN POLY GROUP HOUSE—WORK EXCHANGE POSSIBLE including food! West San Fernando Valley. 818-886-0069 (details inside)

Note: Items marked with an * are not Live the Dream events.

Live the Dream

June and July 2020

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka 91306. Group house-home of Terry, Craig, John, and Rita. For all events: RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069

Please visit the Live the Dream website at www.livethedream.org to view current events, past articles, etc. Note:

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*.

Terry Lee Brussel 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 events are 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified).

Donation for 3rd Saturday 11-4 events: \$10 for nonmembers, \$5 for members. Bring something healthy and delicious to share for the pot luck lunch

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84591971046?pwd=SThzbUdQWIR0NEUrSW03LzhybTEzZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 9197 1046

Password: heinlein1

Silver lining of Safer at Home experience: From now on all our meetings will be available on Zoom for those who can't get to us in person. Some will be hosted by speakers in other areas, too. We would like to see you in person when possible (perhaps at our July 18 meeting). SOME things are NOT Zoomable...

Saturday June 20, 2020 – 11-12:30 by Zoom

How Much Love and Intimacy Can Be Preserved NOW? Let's build a Friendship Group!

We will discuss ways to build a friendship group using some of the methods in the article below and adapting them to current reality.

Some of us are doing Safer at Home (at this writing 5-25-20) with a spouse, our children, perhaps housemates if you live as I do in a Group House (Also under discussion for this meeting: Are You Ready for Group Living? (see article below)

Others are REALLY alone—single, over 65 and / or having challenged immune systems for other reason and perhaps getting food only by delivery. For all of us, it is affecting our ability not only to be close friends and lovers, but to our own nearby family members.

In response to concerns about STDs, Morehouse (discussed last month by David Friedman) developed a unique kind of fluid bonding arrangement by which each resident was required only to have anything from mouth kissing to intercourse with other members of their own Morehouse community. Could anything like that be applied to our current Pandemic situation to allow some continued in person contact within a defined intimate network who are not living in your own home? As we watch hugs, let alone something as dangerous as a kiss on the cheek, becoming a rare commodity even between family members who live near each other in different houses, this is worth discussing. Though, **we will be meeting by Zoom June 20th** — things are opening up enough for us to also discuss at least the prospect of something more delicious in the near future—like how to find quality time for getting back together with those special people you have been social distancing from for the last three months. Maybe a time management delight discussion...

Our July 18 meeting will be in person for those who choose to be here.

Filk (science fiction folk songs) by Zoom

7 until—late. From the serious Ballad of Apollo 13 to the outrageous Star Trek filk Banned from Argo. Poly Filk by Craig Rogers does interesting things with such old standards as Tennessee Waltz and Why Not Take All of

Me...Attendees can ask for topics of their choice. Songs have been written about Harry Potter, Star Wars, Anarchy and YOU name it.

Saturday July 18, 2020 By Zoom 11-12:30 and In Person (until 2 this month) Group Living and Poly Relationships in Furry Science



Fiction/Fantasy Fandom

Mark Merlino and Rodney O'Riley, our presenters, have been life partners for 35 years. Two of their significant others who met them through Furry oriented role playing on line share the house with them at present and others have been in and out over the years, some of them as members of their intimate network from all over the country. Mark and Rodney are the founders of Furry Fandom connected with it since 1985. They hosted the annual Conference for many years and their monthly Furry Parties are still

going strong at their Prancing Skiltaire home on second Saturday evenings of each month. Many Furry fans identify with particular animals (fantasy or real) as their own alternate identities. It also involves romantic/erotic Science Fiction and Art picturing sentient animals from big cats and wolves to hawks and reptiles who may be fantasy or extraterrestrial in origin. They will show us some of this art as well as discussing how they have kept an open committed relationship as well as a group house together for 35 years!

12:30 pot luck lunch together bring something healthy and delicious to share.

Terry and Craig are going to Glen Olson and Susan Barret's wedding—getting ready at 2, picking up Father of Groom, etc. Terry is handling the Guest Book.

Are YOU Ready for Group Living?

Many people together can live cheaper and a whole lot nicer than that same number could live separately. Over the years at our Live The Dream gatherings we've done an exercise in which we have everyone write down what they could afford to pay for a home and what they could pay monthly. Invariably, we discover that living together costs less and is quite affordable for most people.

Our present group house started in with just such an exercise in 2003. Of the original group, some have passed on while others remain dear friends and family by choice right into the present. Our household now contains John, a science fiction author with us 5 years; Rita, a retired nurse with

us about 7 years; my husband Craig, computer analyst/musician/ avid science fiction reader; and myself Terry, hypnotist/life/ business coach /metaphysics teacher/ avid SF reader. Frequent visitors include original household member Paul and his wife Athena (married April 18,2020 – Terry handled the Guest Book and Craig the Zoom) and other members of our Family by Choice— water kin.

COOPERATIVE LIVING POLY HOUSEHOLD



PRIVATE ROOM WITH EN SUITE BATH its own full-length closet and plenty of storage space. AVAILABLE IN

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\$1050/month rent (Couple \$1250, triad \$1400)

Utilities & Internet included.

Designated parking space.

Washer/dryer/kitchen access

Optional: You are welcome to dine with us—at least 4 shared dinners each week with access to kitchen+ food in refrigerator at any time--\$70 a week per person includes food and such sundries as toilet paper, dish washer/laundry detergent etc.

Penfield Group House is the home of Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers, founder and organizer of Live the Dream. Many of our concepts on relationships come from Robert Heinlein's Stranger in a Strange Land and Moon is a Harsh Mistress. Our home is a beautiful one in a nice neighborhood of the West San Fernando Valley. It has two fireplaces, a high-ceilinged grand living room, dining area and big country kitchen. Washer and dryer available. We have a clothing optional hot tub. We share good conversation, holidays, outings, special occasions, hugs... and household chores.

Imagine coming home to a beautiful house, a well-kept yard filled with flowers and trees. Space for a garden if you have a green thumb. The fire place may be lit if it is winter. You come home to the smell of something delicious being cooked by one of your housemates. Or perhaps you are the housemate doing that cooking—that nurturing. You share a good dinner with whoever is at home tonight. Afterward, you might go to the privacy of your room, soak in the hot tub with good friends, join a lively discussion in the living room or cuddle by the fire. Sound good? MAKE YOUR FANTASY A REALITY...

If you have an interest in living in a lovely home with warm, caring, like-minded people **Call (818) 886-0069**

Does a 30 second commute to work sound good to you?

The room is certainly available at regular price above without the job. However: Partial Work Exchange possible for rent if you have experience with office work, are computer literate (Microsoft Office, Excel, Access & Internet). This is an Office Assistant job which could also include a career opportunity in a Hypnotherapy/Coaching business if that interests you.

12-20hrs a week at \$13.00 an hourly+commission.

Optional Bonus: Learn to be a Hypnotherapist/Coach... Interview required.

This is NOT a temp job.

During Safer at Home mandates, we have continued to have these meetings on 3rd Saturdays as we have done since 1987. 11 am to 12:30pm, until the meetings are Live again (July seems pretty sure—we will give you a heads up by e-mail by June 11, 2020 if it looks like the June meeting will be live and last until 4 with Pot Luck Lunch, Hot tub, etc.

I believe the article below is applicable to our present situation, though I have left it as it was in 2013. Think about shifting all this to phone, zoom, etc. There are people who live far away from me who I love but rarely see. My phone calls on birthdays and holidays are a bright spot in their lives and mine. This may now need to be applied to people who I would ordinarily take to lunch or give a party for unless you undertake to make them a party on Zoom. Many are doing this for everything from wedding to a kid's 5th birthday party. Or Bar Mitzvahs. Especially helpful is what some close friends of mine are doing for someone in our group with heart issues. They are "hanging out" by Zoom for an evening with this person on Sunday evenings. Whether you do this for an evening or an hour it can mean a great deal to someone who is REALLY isolated due to concerns about a compromised immune system due to age, asthma etc. There is a lot you can do to help that you may not have thought of before.

STRATEGIES OF FRIENDSHIP

By Terry Brussel (written in 2013)

Some of those who come to me as a hypnotherapist tell me that they have no friends, some adding that they do have acquaintances, but not real friends. 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 forty 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.

If you did not have the good fortune to blunder into a group like this as a teenager it does not mean that you can't have it now. You can call those who you would like to be closer to and invite them for dinner at your home or call a few such someones and invite them to a party. You are reading this out of an interest in the poly lifestyle which may be anything from a new exploration for you to a lifelong identification. You have a group of kindred spirits to share your interests with-- Live the Dream (or any other poly group you are involved with), nudist resorts and naturist gatherings, your local Church of All Worlds Nest, Science Fiction Fandom, and any special interest group you go to. Go to the meetings/conventions of the group you are involved with. Meet people. Get names, phone numbers and E-Mail addresses. [Even if these are in the group's directory, getting that info from each individual is an invitation to contact them *personally*.] Offer to give a party for those whose birthdays are the same month as yours or your spouse's--publicize it in the group's newsletter or through E-Mail. Have a Thanksgiving Day pot luck or an Easter Egg hunt with adult prizes or personal gift certificates hidden in the plastic eggs. Offer to lead a meeting, an activity or plan a group get-away weekend. [Get involved at the volunteer level in a position which involves reaching out to other members and put something extra into the communication even if it's just a message on an answering machine--leave your own phone number for questions.] Have a sensitivity exercise as a party game or after meeting activity and see how it flies.

HAI (Human Awareness Institute-) offer a wide variety of week end and one day workshops including special couples' workshops. Go ahead and "steal" ideas and exercises to use with your own friendship group.

5-5-20 note: WILL THOSE WONDERFUL HUGS practiced at HAI workshops come back soon? One can hope! They have continued as we have by Zoom.

The bottom line is to be someone who brings joy to others and is known to care about them. Be someone who remembers birthdays and anniversaries and invites the gang to celebrate them together--at your place, someone else's, a restaurant, a local park--anywhere. Be someone your friends know is *there* for them when needed. Schedule regular times to get together individually or at least be sure the next date is on calendar--same with friends as with lovers (who are hopefully friends first). To have friends, be the best friend you know how to be to those you choose to draw close.

You may have been receiving the notifications on the Positive Stress Management/Healthy effective Immune System calls Glen Olson, retired Fire Captain, 30 year+ paramedic and active member of the Poly Community for many years are doing together at 8:15 Monday mornings. Those are now over as of 6-8-20 though the Positive Stress Management/Healthy Effective Immune System audio meditation will continue to be available on our website www.acesuccess.com. It was done by me (writing and giving the meditation) and Paul Gibbons (audio engineer) also a member of the Poly Community since 1977. THANK YOU, PAUL, for helping create this professionally done audio with music etc., which is suitable for listening to as you go to sleep at night. It is our gift to you, our friends, and to anyone you want to share it with. In this time of social distancing, it is something you CAN do for them.

Got financial issues right now? A lot of us do. I had a call that made my day about six weeks into this Shelter in Place situation. It was from a lady who we had spoken to at a Trade Show. Success Center gives away an Abundance meditation at these shows. We ask passersby for their 3 most important wishes and promise a digital genie to grant them. It is a way to get their info for our mailing list, but it is real, too. That meditation is meant to bring an Abundance of Health, Wealth, Love and Joy into your life. I get accosted in parking lots by people telling me they got the girl, they got the job, etc. This one beat them all, though. She had been homeless at the time we offered her those wishes and too skeptical of our approach to even try the meditation for quite a while. She finally listened to it the recommended 21 times. She called to tell me she GOT the \$100 K she had wished for! You can download my Abundance Your Money and More Magnet meditation on our home page www.acesuccess.com Just give us your three wishes...it's free.

Note: 5-5-20

Won't it be lovely when the info below is again appropriate—unless you are presently in a triad, quad, etc. who are living together. In which case, call us! The weekend retreat and Disneyland do not appear to be in the cards right now...perhaps in the months ahead.

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Come see our 8'6" wide by 6'6" long head and foot adjustable, massage at a touch Bed—if you like it, we can get you one...customized to your specific desires. Call 818-886-0069 for more info. Also, arrangements can be made to use the sale of such beds as a fund raiser for your poly group. Finance a weekend retreat, a trip together to Disney Land or whatever would most delight *your* members.

If you have a “What do you do when...? question for us or any Poly related article for publication here please send or E-Mail it to 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306. E-Mail address is officemanager@acesuccess.com We will take it 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

NONE OF THIS IS COVID 19 UPDATED. GO TO THEIR WEBSITES TO SEE HOW EACH GROUP IS HANDLING IT.

First Saturday of every month is Deborah's meet up at Fuddr--uckers
221 N. San Fernando Blvd in Burbank at 8 pm. It's a dinner and socializing meeting.

Go to www.meetup.com/SoCal-Polyamory for more info on this meeting
Also 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 August 30-September 7, 2020 for details www.burningman.com!

DIRECTIONS TO THE PENFIELD HOUSE

From the 118 going east, get off at De Soto Avenue, head South on De Soto to Parthenia, head East on Parthenia, head South on Winnetka, head East on Chase one block and head North on Penfield to 8515.

From the 118 going west, get off at Tampa Avenue, head South on Tampa to Parthenia, head West on Parthenia, head South on Winnetka, head east on Chase (one block), head North on Penfield.

From the 101, get off at Winnetka Avenue, head North on Winnetka Avenue to Chase (next signal North of Roscoe). Head east on Chase Street one block turn left on Penfield Avenue.

We are the big blue house on the left-hand side of the street; first house on Penfield north of Chase Street. Number 8515

For Google instructions, go to:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=8515+Penfield+Ave,+Winnetka,+CA+91306,+USA&sa=X&oi=map&ct=ti>

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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