

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

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Zoom & Live returns for February 17 meeting.

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Choosing, Finding and Attracting Your Poly Lifemates Happy Valentine's Day slightly belated!

Join Zoom meeting

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

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626

Passcode: Heinlein

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 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).

Terry is now the primary organizer of the Southern California Poly Meet Up (www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3rd Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm PST + special listed events during the year & the ones given first Saturdays of each month 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Pitfire Pizza 5211 Lankershim Blvd. NoHo, CA led by Brad & Jim Call 626-818-8021 for more info.

EVENTS

All regular Live the Dream LIVE events 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified). Suggested donation for those attending events Live is \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members of Live the Dream. RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 or Visit LiveTheDream.org

Saturday January 20, 2024 11 am – 4 pm

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Location: 3139 Ridgeview Dr, Altadena, CA. This event is Live only at a lovely home with pool and jacuzzi. Zoom & Live returns for February 17 meeting.

Paul will talk about his Poly life and group living experiences from age 19 to present. He came from Cleveland to LA for a Star Trek Convention...and stayed. The Allott House was Family Synergy's group living example as well as its meeting and party house in the late 70s. Terry and Paul met there when she and her first husband Richard brought their children to a Family Synergy Passover Seder led by group founder Hy Levy. The group went to concerts, movies and social gatherings together.

They had *fun*. There, Paul learned what it was like to have all the sex you could handle and what followed when there was time to build a RELATIONSHIP. Penfield House, bought by Terry and Paul (then in a triad with Marcus) in 2003, was in part an attempt to recreate some of that experience which lasts into the present. Though he now spends much of his time in Phoenix with his wife, Athena, they stay a part of the group house through frequent visits like this one for Paul's birthday as well as sharing such things as

weekend getaways, Thanksgiving, summer vacations and Winter Holiday vacations together...while Terry and her husband, Craig share the Penfield House with other members of their still active group household. Polyamory and group living offer many options.

This event is at the beautiful Altadena home of Rolf & Cynthia. Beautiful pool, hot tubs (with a view across the mountains of JPL!), yard and house: ALL clothing optional!

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

Pool and jacuzzi available all afternoon, unless it is raining in which case we will be inside.



<http://www.clothingoptionalhomenetwork.com/locations/california/pasadena-altadena/> for more pics or details on their nudist B&B)

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How to Make Loving Connections in the Poly Community: In Person & on the Net

Led by 4th generation matchmaker Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers, author of the book *Choosing, Finding and Attracting a Life Mate* and the guided meditation audio 'Attract Your Special Someone(s)'. Everyone attending in person will be given the poly supplement to the book. Whether you are a single looking for the right partner for a primary relationship, a couple seeking a third to make a triad, a couple looking to pair with another couple or any of these looking for a group house or intimate network to join; this is the meeting to find out how... Terry gives a live Hypnotic **Love Magnet** (Guided Meditation) which draws to you the love(s) you desire...during the Zoom as well as in person portion of the meeting.



1 pm Pot Luck Lunch – Bring a dish which you would enjoy offering to someone you love...healthy and delicious.

2 pm Afternoon activity: **Group massage and Socializing in the Hot tub.**

Group Living Experiences:1978 to Present

By Terry Brussel-Rogers

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 down for a home, what they could pay monthly, where they want to live, what kind of people they want to live with, etc. Invariably, we discover that living together costs less, is more luxurious, and is quite affordable for most people. not engender long term commitments. It is adult only and ends under disturbing circumstances when the owner changes location due to job opportunities and does not keep the rent paid. Some of the tenants move into other places together. One of these tenants is our speaker for Live the Dream's January 2024 meeting, Paul Gibbons, who will tell us more about it.

1986: Kathy Mar (professional Filk -Science Fiction folk singer/song writer) sings of a group house with many children and adults living there—one of the first she put together. Some stayed, some left, but when she lost her 11 year old son to an illness, they were right there to support her in every way they could. It meant the world to her. She and her new partner Dean (who finally became her legal husband the year their twins turned 30) established another group house with 6 to 9 adults and 3 to 7 kids at any given time . My second husband Paul and I visited many times over the years including several holiday gatherings. There did not seem to be much differentiation made by Kathy and Dean between kids who were theirs and those who were someone else's or even between those who lived there or were the kids of dear friends in science fiction fandom. They were en local parentis whenever needed. These kids bring *their* kids to holiday gatherings, etc. to this day and on it goes...Paul and I just visited there with our legal spice Athena and Craig during a visit to Dickens Christmas Faire in December 2023.

1995:A friend of a friend stays with us a while in our 1100 square space in Sylmar, Ca. to help edit my System of Hypnotherapy for use by other hypnotists. The “while” becomes 16 years between two houses until he passes on in 2011. Back to the Sylmar house-2000: My then husband Paul and I meet artist Marcus Jenkins at a Family Synergy gathering in our home. We come to love him and are handfasted with him in a Braiding ceremony 2001. He moves into that 1100 square foot home. My Dad has some heart issues and stays with us off and on. 1100 square feet was not enough! Time to find a bigger place. We had a Group Living themed Live the Dream meeting, did that exercise mentioned in the first paragraph of this article, and discovered that our dear friend writer Will Jarvis was a candidate for our next group house. He moved with us into our new 3000 square foot place on Penfield (West San Fernando Valley) in 2003. He lived with us until 2018 when he moved out to care for my best friend's father in his home. Pop turned 103 in October of 2020...Will is with us again at this writing as Pop passed on in April of 2021. Marcus lived with us until 2019 and is still part of our lives. People moved in and out over that time including Paul himself when we

separated in 2008. It has had as many as seven adults at once. Melissa and her two year old son moved out after six months in mid December 2018 to accept a job in northern California. December 2023 At present there are myself, my husband Craig (computer systems analyst and musician, married 4-28-18), John DeChancie (a widely published SF writer) Rita, (a retired nurse who trades housekeeping for rent and works as secretary for my home based hypnotherapy practice) and Cody, who rents a room and helps with chores. Paul and his wife Athena live in Pheonix, but visit every month or so for a few days or a week. We have a double queen bed big enough for the four of us when they are in residence. We do vacations together summer and winter, birthdays and such holidays as Thanksgiving , Hanukkah, and New Years. The four of us, John and Will are all involved in SF fandom.

Advantages of Group Living—from a Penfield House room for rent ad posted on poly bulletin boards, science fiction conventions, and nudist gatherings—each group addressed specifically in the posting meant for them. Some version of this might be used for the group house *you* create.

“ Imagine coming home to a beautiful house, a well kept yard filled with flowers and trees. There is 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 enjoy the massage chair, go to the privacy of your room, soak in the clothing optional hot tub with good friends, join a lively discussion in the living room or cuddle with your special someone by the fire.

We share meals, holidays, birthdays, special occasions and hugs as well as household chores. Make your fantasy a reality!

[Price of room for single or couple with & without sharing meals. Call phone#]

There are many ways to build the connections YOU desire. Start now to make it happen. Call me at 800 Life Mates (543-3628) and mention Live the Dream to get a 15-minute free private consultation on how to create the love and friendships you desire. I will also gift you with my recorded guided meditation Attract Your Special Someones.

November 11, 2022 was the official launch date for *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement* by Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers published by Rowman and Littlefield. It is being used in research papers on polyamory as well as being a fascinating read.. 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.



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 movemem Woodstock right on into the 21st century. The book is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and many other places—even international-- just by Googling its title.

The publishers are continuing to put this book in more and more universities and libraries!

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 3rd Saturday events.

Please E-Mail to Terry_bg@msn.com

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;
www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/

www.meetup.com/polycocktailslosangeles/ or www.polycocktailslosangeles.com

Find many other SoCal poly groups (40+ groups in the Greater LA Area!) on Meetup!

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.

Burning Man 2023 at BLACK ROCK CITY 2023 Aug. 27-Sept. 4

For details www.burningman.org

Emma and Fin, are "Normalizing Non-monogamy"

Link: Podcast Interviews in Swinging and Polyamory (normalizingnonmonogamy.com)

Webcast with The Center for Positive Sexuality Monthly Educational Series -
Center for Positive Sexuality

<https://positivesexuality.org/education/>

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	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: \$ _____

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Age: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

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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