

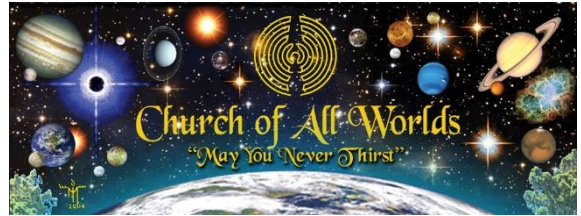
LIVE THE DREAM

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 Long and Pat LaFollette



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday July 15, 2023 11 am-5:30pm PST Zoom 11-1 PST
Open Poly Discussion followed by 3-5:30 Mark Group presented by David Friedman
then at 7pm FILK. Join us for a full day of events!

Saturday August 19, 2023 11 am-4pm PST Zoom 11-1 PST
How to Court Potential Love Partners for Group Marriage & Group Living.

Join Zoom meeting

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

Meeting

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Live the Dream

July - August 2023

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/). It's 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 8:30pm at Pitfire Pizza 5211 Lankershim Blvd. NoHo, Co 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

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Open Poly Discussion 11 am to 1 pm followed by 3-5:30 Mark Group presented by David Friedman then at 7pm FILK. Join us for a full day of events!

This is a new format we are trying out for the Zoom portion of the meeting rather than hanging it on Science Fiction or a set theme. We may do it every few months if people like it. Feel free to offer to lead or suggest a topic /different format for future meetings at this meeting or by calling 818-886-0069. Live the Dream is not a book club, though many of us have been inspired by the writings of science fiction. This meeting's content will be based on what those present in person or on Zoom bring in the way of personal experience and share during introductions. Those who are newer to this life style will tell us what they would like to learn from those who have spoken during introductions.

Please note that while the first 2 hours of our meetings are on Zoom as well as in person, this is a real chance to show up and get to know each other. If you can, do come to the live meeting,

break bread with us and enjoy the hot tub. If not, we are delighted to have you with us on Zoom.

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

2-3 Socializing in the clothing optional hot tub (which does remain open 3-5:30)

3-5:30 Mark Group presented by David Friedman.

David actually lived in one of the early Morehouses. This one is in the style of, though not affiliated with, Morehouse. We will be playing three interpersonal games, Mimicry, Mockery and Withholds designed to bring to light new information about each participant. Whether you are interacting with a new acquaintance or a spouse of many years you will learn something new about all participants. Originally designed to funnel into more advanced Morehouse classes and the Group Houses themselves our group is a standalone introduction. For those interested in a deeper exploration please see <http://www.lafayettemorehouse.com/>

6 pm pot luck dinner 7pm-10 Filk –songs of science fiction and the space age. Pick, pass or perform. Ask for anything from Harry Potter stuff to Star Trek, from the Ballad of Apollo 13 to Poly Filk and you are likely to get it. Wait till you see what Craig Brussel Rogers can do for the Tennessee Waltz!

Saturday August 19, 2023

How to Court Potential Love Partners for Group Marriage and/or Group Living.

We'll do a scene or two from Courtship Rite by Donald Kingsbury, a story about a society in which group marriage is the norm, but political difficulties and dangerous adventure ensue when a group breaks tradition by adding a seventh to their group marriage in addition to the societally acceptable six. Nonconformity wins out and a great deal of wisdom on day-to-day life in such a group is to be gleaned. We will also discuss "courtship rites" necessary to putting together a group marriage or group house in THIS society based on Terry's experience as a 4th generation matchmaker making poly matches as well as monogamous ones since 1969 while doing professional hypnotherapy and poly relationship coaching. Real life case histories and research such as that is done for Group Marriage by Larry and Joan Constantine provide even more food for thought.

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

2-4 Socializing in the clothing optional hot tub.

Is a Sexually Monogamous Person Married to a Poly Partner Poly?

Tale of the Poly Princess

Is someone living with or married to a poly partner who does not have multiple sexual love relationships themselves still poly? I would say yes. For many years while I was married to my second husband Paul, we had a relationship with a couple who had this situation. Ralph, who I met through Family Synergy while he was in a residential triad with founder Hy Levy and his wife,

had been my lover for many years before he married Sharon and before Paul and I had a romantic relationship. That relationship continued after Paul and I were married. Ralph's wife Sharon (a top-level computer analyst for NASA) was mostly monogamous. She would sit in their living room doing work on her computer while the three of us enjoyed each other's company in their bedroom. Then we would all go out to dinner together or Ralph might create a gourmet meal right there at home. We were all close and beloved friends. There was no jealousy in Sharon and she enjoyed the pleasure that the relationship gave to her husband as well as to Paul and me. That is compersion. It is also a belief that being Ralph's wife did not give her ownership of his sexuality. In my view, that made her Poly. Sharon is still dear to me today though she now lives in Seattle and Ralph passed on in 2010. My husband Craig and I visited her and spent a week in her home before the Pandemic and will probably do so again soon.

Paul's wife, Athena, is actually the Poly Princess this article is about. She, too, is monogamous while being married to Paul, who has been Poly all his adult life. While Paul and I separated as husband and wife in 2009, we maintained a friendship even then and became lovers again a couple of years later. Paul met Athena in 2010 and brought her to visit for Thanksgiving that year. Athena had read many Heinlein books including *Stranger in a Strange Land*. We all shared water that Thanksgiving. The two of them lived together for many years while continuing to visit me whether I had a partner at the time or not. When Craig moved in, we got a bed big enough for the comfort of the four of us to sleep together during their visits from Phoenix every month or two. We share vacations about twice a year as Paul and I still have a Time Share together. They provided photography (Athena) and videography (Paul) at my wedding to Craig in 2018. Craig and I assisted in putting their wedding together when Paul and Athena were married in 2020. While Athena is not entirely jealousy free, she loves Paul enough to delight in his pleasure with others. Compersion again. Athena does not love to travel, but she understands Paul's relationship with Craig and me as well as with other friends and water brothers in our Nest when he visits in LA where he lived since age 19.

What makes her a Poly Princess? Well, all of that, but the most recent example is my 70th birthday last month. Having them with me for that was really important to me. I had fantasies of waking up with Paul and Craig cuddled close on that day, enjoying delicious love making and a relaxed day together before a birthday party which would include other Family that evening. When I got a call from Paul a couple of days before my birthday telling me Athena was in the emergency room for heart issues, I was worried for her and deeply disappointed that they would

not be with me for this life milestone. After several hours in ER and another 24 hours of being monitored in the hospital, she was told she could go home—perhaps the problem had been negative reaction to a new medication. It would have been perfectly reasonable for Athena to claim the need of a good night sleep in her own bed and cancel the whole trip out to LA. She didn't. She told Paul she was ok to travel with him at the wheel. They went home to pack and were on the road by 3 pm arriving from Phoenix at 1:30 am. By 10 the next day, after a good night's sleep, Fantasy Fulfilled! Craig and Paul did their inventive best to bring Erotic Delights to my 70th Birthday. Thanks be to Athena, truly a Poly Princess!

There are many ways to build the connections YOU desire. Start now to make it happen. Think you can't do it—that all this does not apply to you? Call me at 800 Life Mates (543-3628) and mention this article. I will give you a 15-minute free private consultation on how to create the love and friendships you desire.

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: 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.

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Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement by Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers was published on Nov 11, 2022 by Rowman and Littlefield. 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 movement from 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 putting it in universities and libraries!

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

Upcoming Podcasts and Appearances by Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers and Glen W. Olson
spreading the word on Polyamory through interviews, workshops & Festival appearances

Emma and Fin, are “Normalizing Non-monogamy”

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

Monthly Educational Series - Center for Positive Sexuality

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

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

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 daytime 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 current 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, <i>Includes Newsletter & Membership Card</i>	\$25	\$40 (\$10 for each extra person at the same address)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email Newsletter Only	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE
Make checks payable to Success Center			Total: \$ _____
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Fax to 1-818-882-8512 or Mail to 8515 Penfield, Winnetka, CA 91306			
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