

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 Levy and Pat LaFollette



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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PASSOVER SEDER 6 PM MONDAY APRIL 22, 2024 LED BY ROB MILANDER

Join Zoom meeting

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

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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, ways to attract and maintain loving relationship(s), 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, 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

Saturday March 16, 2024 LIVE 11 am-4pm PST Zoom 11-1 PST
Dragon Riders of (Poly) Pern by Anne McCaffery

Last year, this event was led by Mark Merlino and Rodney O'Reilly, founders of Furry Fandom and of The Prancing Skiltare, a group house spanning decades. They were in an open committed relationship (which has often included long term lovers/ housemates) for 35 years. This meeting will include some footage from that one and other times we caught Mark and Rodney on camera speaking about group living, Furry Fandom and polyamory. It is the Poly tribute to Mark, though his actual Memorial has been scheduled in Garden Grove on March 23rd, details still being worked out as of this writing

Mark Merlino passed at 2 am 2-20-24 from complications of stroke and cancer. He was in Hospice at his home with Rodney and other housemates. He was my dear friend and Water Brother for over 25 years. He made a difference in the lives he Touched and the Community he and his husband Rodney created. His caring acceptance and willingly shared wisdom to those in the LGBTQ & Poly communities provides an example which will last long beyond his passing from this earthly plane

Mark and Rodney are featured in the documentary The Fandom. See it for more of their story.

While this meeting is inspired by Science Fiction, the intent of presenting it is to learn how to use it in our own poly lives. YES, you can attend and enjoy the meeting without having read the books! Anne's original stories were poly oriented simply by featuring characters bonded emotionally for life to sentient telepathic dragons. Many of these Dragon Riders were also bonded to human mates with whom they shared romantic and physically sexual connection. Anne's son and daughter have written their own books in that universe which could actually be considered Poly Primers describing different ways of creating and maintaining multiply committed relationships with human partners.

In a world protected from life destroying spores by genetically engineered fire breathing dragons bonded at their hatching to empathic human dragon riders, the social structure is an unusual one. Queen dragons are ridden by women, Browns and Bronzes by males. However, males as well as females can bond with and ride female fire breathing green dragons. When a rider's dragon makes her mating flight, the passions of their dragons cause the riders to mate in their own way. In the Weyr caves which house dragons and their riders, sexual mores are different from those on the rest of the planet of Pern since dragons may not honor the current romantic commitments of their riders when mating. Since the Weyrs are group living arrangements in any case, children resulting from such liaisons are raised by the "village" with a foster mother and/or father doing the primary parenting.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



1 pm Pot luck lunch—corn beef and cabbage provided by your host and hostess. Bring healthy and delicious dishes to share, please

2-3 pm Our High Priestess Ealswythe will lead a Spring Equinox ritual. Flowers, joy... gratitude for the beauty and abundant fertility of Mother nature. We remember today that Life and Death are all part of Nature's cycle.

3-4 pm Hot tubbing and/or listening to Pern inspired music—tends to be pretty Celtic. Schooling on Pern is done by Harpers from the Harper's Hall where musically inclined lads and lassies are apprenticed as early teens to become storytellers, singers, composers and musicians.

Anne McCaffery lived in Ireland for much of her life and her children spent a great deal of time there as well. The feel of Ireland is very much a part of Pern most notably in its song and poetry. More classic St. Patrick's Day music such as Irish Rovers also available.

Saturday April 20 April 15 11 am to 4 pm

Alternative Dating Etiquette

What do you do when your wife brings her lover home for dinner? Who sleeps where if he offers (or is invited) to stay overnight? If your wife is sick on a night, you've got a date, should you cancel and stay home with her? Should your girlfriend keep you company if you do stay home? Is it proper poly behavior to bring a lady home for dinner with your wife before taking her to bed or only if considering a serious long-term relationship with her? Should a residential triad (one woman & two men for example) sleep all together or alternate between joining the lady in her bed? What are your responsibilities if you become involved with your lover's new boyfriend and he is short on time for both of you and his other poly loves? Emily Post did not cover this stuff, but we will!

Note: the real answer to all these questions is that they involve agreements between those involved in a couple, intimate network, triad or larger group marriage. All of this is negotiable-- preferably *before* the situation arises...

1 pm Pot luck lunch: Bring something healthy and delicious to share

2-4 Socializing in clothing optional jacuzzi.

LIVE THE DREAM PASSOVER SEDER, 7:00 TO 11 PM (AT LATEST) LEAD BY ROB MILANDER MONDAY APRIL 22, 2024



Call Terry to RSVP before 4-19-24 at (818) 886-0069 to arrange what to bring for the Seder or to attend without a food contribution.

We need time to plan things and shop for supplies.

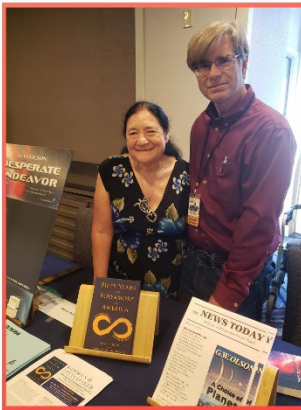
This is Celebration of Freedom!

This holiday commemorates the first time one People (the Jews) freed itself from bondage to another People (the Egyptians). We'll do this with plenty of group participation! You don't have to read Hebrew for this or even be Jewish. Whether you want to learn more about your own heritage, just share this special holiday with those you care about, or discover a cultural experience new to you, you are welcome! This is coordinated pot luck since it requires special foods. **This event is FREE to one clean up coordinator and a single or couple who volunteer to bring 5 pounds of lamb or 10 pounds of chicken.** Cost: \$8.00 with *arranged food contribution* and one bottle of kosher wine for each adult in your party, one bottle of grape juice for each child. \$18 each without food contribution + bring beverage. Children under thirteen free with food, \$5 without. You can arrive 6-7 pm to socialize and help with preparations. Seder itself starts at 7:00 pm.

Dragon Rider's of Pern

Join with your Dragon in the Mating Flight! Feel passions deep and demanding. Rider's mate, males chasing the Queen Rider as their Dragons chase the Queen. Who catches her will determine who is Weyr Leader in the Turns to come—who shall protect the people of Pern from the fall of Deadly Spores (called Thread) with Fire Breath. Those who actually wish to experience this will have the option of doing so through a guided meditation lead by Hypnotherapist Terry Brussel. Others can soak in the Jacuzzi. We will discuss the unique lifestyle of a culture where land is Held by one sort of leader, others tend and ride the Dragons who protect that land, Guilds of Smiths, Miners, and?... who hold and pass on the Skills of the past. The Harpers are Teachers, Storytellers and makers of Music. Their halls where Feasts and daily meals are served to members of these different groups, supervised by the Head Woman of each guild hall seeing to the comforts (clothing, food and lodging details) of all within is a lesson in cooperative living to be brought into our own time and place. Tod McCaffery's stories particularly have actual triads, couples in open relationships, and other relationship configurations familiar to the poly community. These involve love, intimacy and loyalty in times of danger as well as passionate sexuality.

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 movement 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. We are now on Goodreads with review and chance to win a book! Link: [https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/75153650-fifty-years-of-polyamory-](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/75153650-fifty-years-of-polyamory-in-america)

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The publishers are continuing to put this book in more and more universities and libraries! Students are starting to use material from it in Master's thesis and Doctoral dissertations on polyamory

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

For details www.burningman.org

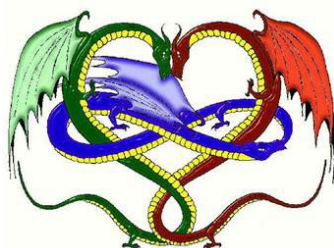
Emma and Fin, are "Normalizing Non-monogamy"

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/>



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 DAY TIME 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 CURRENTLY 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 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: \$** _____

Membership Information *Help Support the Lifestyle you live!*

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☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Attached ☐ Unattached **Amount Enclosed \$** _____

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