

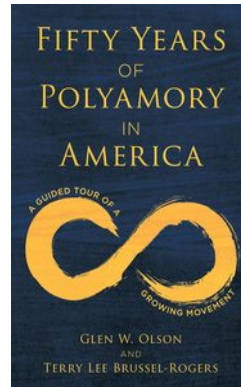
LIVE THE DREAM

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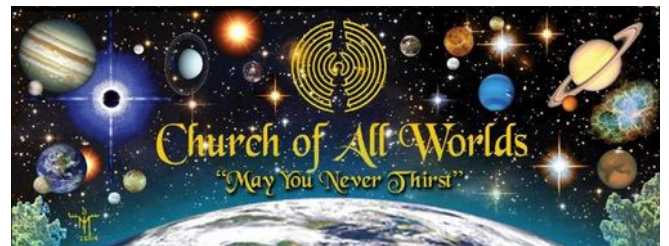
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Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt.

Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy,
Founded 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

All events Info/RSVP Call 818-886-0069

Saturday, October 17, 2026: Live 11 am-4 pm PT Zoom 11 am-1 pm PT
Poly Dating Etiquette, followed by Live-only **Samhain Ritual** (led by High Priestess Lilith) and **All Hallows' Eve Celebration**. More details inside.

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Creating a Group Marriage/Group House and Raising Kids Together. Led by Mike Adams (who is actually doing it!)

Join our Zoom meetings <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=Vl8d4Qk2FXIb80dmDS73AbvKSPPcr1.1&omn=85326078065>
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Live the Dream is an education and support group for those who, originally inspired by the writings of Robert A. Heinlein, Robert Rimmer, Marion Zimmer Bradley, and Spider Robinson are now ready to LIVE such alternative lifestyles as cooperative living, open committed relationships, and group marriage. Many of our concepts on multiply committed relationships come from Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*. Live the Dream is the oldest continuing Nest of Church of All Worlds founded 1962. This first legally recognized Neo Pagan religion in the US was 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).

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 or Church of All Worlds. If an evening party is listed, meeting and party both \$8 with pot luck dish for both events, without pot luck dishes \$12 donation suggested for both events. Non-members \$15 with pot luck dish for both events, without Pot Luck, \$20 suggested donation for both events

Terry is the primary organizer of the Southern California Poly Meetup (www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3rd Saturdays of each month 11 am - 4 pm PT + special celebrations and parties listed during the year.



Saturday, October 17, 2026: Live 11 am-4 pm PT Zoom 11 am-1 pm PT
Live the Dream Meeting

11 am to 1 pm PT: Poly discussion, live and on Zoom.

1 pm: Potluck Lunch – bring something healthy and delicious to share.

2:00-3:45 pm: Socialize in clothing-optional shaded jacuzzi and **exercises** for developing intimacy-- empathic communication to enhance your love life and friendships.

4:00-5:45 pm: Socialize in clothing-optional shaded Jacuzzi or watch a poly movie.

6 pm: Potluck dinner – Live the Dream supplies homemade chicken soup and hot apple cider. See below for potluck suggestions.

7 pm: Samhain Ritual led by High Priestess Lilith.

8-11 pm: All Hallows' Eve Celebration. If you want to present anything perhaps relating to the costume (or body paint) you choose to wear, do let us know.



Poly Dating Etiquette



What do you do when your new serious relationship invites her lover of 15 years to dinner on the same night you are coming over—"because it's his usual night to see me and you two really need to get to know each other"?

Should you treat it like meeting her best friend or big brother? Get his approval? Be offended and break things off with her? Or show your savoir-faire and inquire where

she would like you to sleep (perchance to Love)—with them or elsewhere?

The answer is, of course, for the lady (or a gentleman in similar circumstances) to make her poly preferences very clear on the first date or even before it so that this invitation is not a surprise. The details are best discussed and agreed upon in advance for the comfort of all concerned.

Other questions such as how to handle holiday, etc. gatherings of each of your families when you are in a triad, what to tell grown children if you are new to polyamory, whether you will date separately or together as a married couple, and much more will also be open for discussion at this meeting. Miss Manners did not discuss this, but we will!

6 pm Potluck Dinner Suggestions

(based on your last name initial):

A-F Your favorite Meat, cheese, nut, fish or other delicious protein dish

G-M Juices or fresh fruit

N-S Salads

T-Z Desserts and treats.

7 pm All Hallows Eve Ritual Led by High Priestess Lilith

"On this night of Samhain, Summer's end, we greet the Winter, knowing full well that at bright Beltane we will be saying farewell. Let us be Merry despite the growing icy chill. In Death is Life and in Life Death. The Sabbat Wheel is ever turning...Samhain fires are burning. Come tread the sacred ground, let loose of all that bound and set your spirits free! Blessed be."

When all four quarters have been called, he says "WHAT IS NOW IN THE CIRCLE

IS BETWEEN THE WORLDS. WHAT IS BETWEEN THE WORLDS DOES NOT CONCERN THE WORLD!"

ALL HALLOWS EVE RITUAL (outside under the stars)... Bring something you want to let go of—a symbol or written note. It will be cleansed in the cauldron's flame.

HOT TUB AVAILABLE ALL EVENING--CLOTHING OPTIONAL Bring towel and sandals.

8 pm Halloween Party

Costume as ye will and/or be body painted in some beautiful and unusual way by a friend (body paint supplied by LTD).

You are welcome to do some sort of dramatic or funny presentation appropriate to your costume. Be creative!

Saturday, November 21, 2026: Live 11 am-4 pm PT Zoom 11 am-1 pm PT Creating a Group Marriage/Group House and Raising Kids Together.

Led by Mike Adams (who is actually doing it!)

In a 17+ room home with several bedrooms, rooms for home schooling, big kitchen, great living room, kid's rooms, library and more Mike has helped multiple spouses raise over a hundred children...together. He will share with us how he learned of polyamory, Paganism and Church of All Worlds from his teachers as boy. He will discuss how he built the financial resources which made such a Home possible. Bring your ideas and your questions. Learn how to live **your** dreams.

Mike Adams is the newest Board Member of Church of All Worlds, the first legally recognized Pagan religion in the United States.

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by Terry Brussel-Rogers, Certified Clinical hypnotherapist and forth generation matchmaker—poly as well as monogamous matches. She is a Sion, Clergy, and Board Member of CAW.

800-Life Mates (800-543-3628) LiveTheDream.org and AceSuccess.com

The word Polyamory was coined in 1990 by Morning Glory Zell with the assistance of her husband Oberon and their spouse of 8 years, Diane. See *Bouquet of Lovers*.

Couple Meeting a Couple

If you are a couple meeting another couple, dinner at one of your homes is generally best. Again as a couple, inviting a single male to your home for dinner is appropriate for a first meeting.

Couple Meeting a Single Lady

If you are a couple meeting a single lady, the best way we've found to handle it is to court her together. Take her out and treat her nicely--let her know that dating a couple doesn't mean giving up the joys of romantic single dating, but doubles them instead!

The husband is taking both of the ladies out--he should pick up the check without a fuss. The single lady can reciprocate later with dinner at her place if things work out.

Couple Meeting a Single Man

If the single is male and you go out together, he and the husband should split the check--you are both taking *her* out. None of this on who pays applies to feminist ladies who wouldn't *think* of allowing a man to buy her dinner--but we've run into amazingly few of those in this movement.

Primary Prospect Dating (or Marrying) Someone in a Committed Long-Standing Secondary Relationship

If your partner or prospective partner comes to you with one or more long term secondary partners, you are likely to not only meet these people, but also to form your own relationship with them—anything from casual friendship expressed by a cordial “Have a good evening (or weekend) together,” to becoming an ardent lover of that person if you are bi and the relationship grows. This dynamic can be even more confusing when the secondary has turned down your prospective partner's offer to be primary (or vice versa), but both have chosen to continue the relationship as it is valuable and satisfying despite that.

There are many in between possibilities. Perhaps your prospective primary's secondary has veto power over his or her primary relationship. This is particularly common in BDSM master slave relationships—though the Master or Mistress may be a long married man or woman. More commonly, meeting and getting the approval of this long term secondary will be similar to getting the approval of a parent, big brother/sister or best friend of your prospective primary partner.

But Who Sleeps Where?

Perhaps you passed the inspection and this secondary is now family by choice, joining you for Thanksgiving and Winter Holiday celebrations. Where this person sleeps and whether your partner will sleep with both of you or that person alone during such a visit is one thing you will need to negotiate for the comfort of all concerned. Perhaps you will all sleep and make love in one bed, or perhaps your partner will spend part of the night with one or the other of you.

The secondary may be long distance, taking your partner away for a weekend a few times a year, or you may be sharing the bed with them twice a week if that secondary is local and available for such things—some call this a semi residential triad such as the one which originally founded Live the Dream.

Look before You Leap

It is wise to find out what the current situation is before getting into such a relationship. You may be able to negotiate changes which would make you more comfortable either to start with or ongoing. While it is not a given that you will take the time commitments in that relationship as is,

you will most likely be expected to accept the relationship itself which may have been going on for decades.

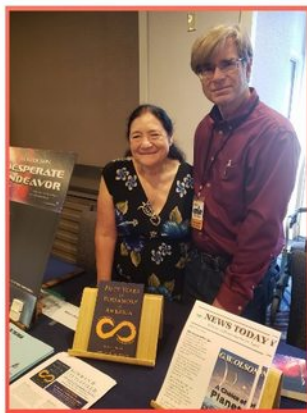
The honest and ethical thing for you as someone forming a primary relationship with a person in such a relationship is to be clear on what you can handle and what you can't, so your prospective primary partner can make an informed choice about what he or she is committing to.

Changing the rules after the wedding, handfasting or decision to live together is something which would have to be done by mutual consent—perhaps including the consent and input of the secondary partner. Arbitrary vetoes or changes at this point have been known to end in a break up of the new primary relationship, so think carefully about it and be fair to yourself as well your partner and the person who may have seen him or her through 3 marriages, perhaps helping to raise kids involved...

Know Where You Stand

There are many ins and outs to the etiquette of poly dating. Much of it depends on the agreements a couple (or triad or quad) has with each other before another person enters the picture. Contrary to popular beliefs, having an open relationship often does *not* mean "Anything goes." Some couples date only together, while others have a limit of one evening and/or night out a month or a week separately. Some require a week's warning about a whole night out while others just need a call that same night letting the spouse know they'll be out until morning. Couples (and triads and quads), be sure you are clear on such agreements between yourselves and that you make them clear to prospective intimate friends before someone gets hurt feelings through not knowing the rules.





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Between them, Terry and Glen have experience with open marriage, group marriage, and group living, and both are part of an intimate network which has evolved from 1969 to present time.

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 email 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.

Meetups & Other Group Events

Check out www.meetup.com/Loveopen; www.meetup.com/loving-more;
www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/

You will also find us helping out at the autograph table.

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

Emma and Fin are "Normalizing Non-monogamy"

Link: Podcast Interviews (normalizingnonmonogamy.com)

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

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

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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