

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

Happy New Year 2019

SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 2019

11 AM – 4 PM

**Cooperative Living from Family Synergy's Allott House in the 70s to
Live the Dream's Penfield House 2019
And Paul's 65th Birthday Celebration!**



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2019

11 AM – 4 PM

CHOOSING, FINDING and ATTRACTING YOUR LIFEMATE(S)

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

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

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*.

Note: 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 suggested for parties (not including Passover) and regular daytime meetings: Nonmembers \$10 Members \$5. And please bring something healthy and delicious for the pot luck.

Saturday January 19, 2019

11 am – 4 pm

Cooperative Living: from Family Synergy's Allott House in the 70s to Live the Dream's Penfield House 2019 & Paul's 65th Birthday Celebration!

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, lasting into the present. Though Paul now spends much of his time in Phoenix with his lifemate, Athena, they stay a part of the group house through frequent visits like this one...while Terry and Marcus share the home with Terry's new husband, Craig. Polyamory and group living offer many options.

This event is at the beautiful Altadena home of Rolf & Cynthia. Beautiful pool, hot tub, yard and house: ALL clothing optional!

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

3139 Ridgeview Dr, Altadena, CA 91001

We will be celebrating Paul's 65th birthday today!

1-2pm Pot luck lunch

2-4pm Hot tub or pool as people wish.



Saturday February 16, 2019

11am to 4 pm

Choosing, Finding and Attracting Your Lifemate(s)

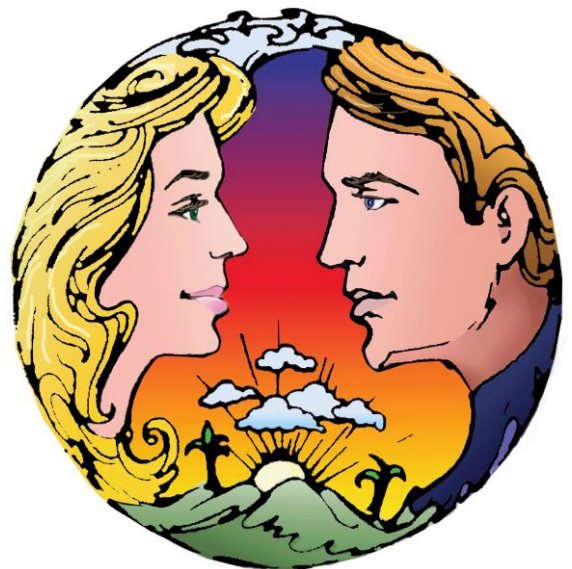
Led by 4th generation matchmaker & Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist Terry Brussel-Rogers with her lifemates Craig Brussel Rogers and Marcus Brussel Jenkins

Are you a single man or woman looking for a primary partner with whom to form an open committed relationship? Are you a couple looking for a delightful single, couple or moresome to join in your lives for anything from loving friendship to group marriage? What kind of partner(s) would bring you the greatest happiness? First, we'll discuss how to figure out what you are actually looking for in terms of type of relationship and who you want in that relationship. Then, we'll go into how to find them in your community-- poly, science fiction, swingers ready for poly, Ren Faire, Pagan gatherings, etc. What is the best way to use Social Meetup groups and dating sites on line? Bring your laptop for this part. Are personal matchmakers still around and why or why not use those?

Terry does a Love Magnet Guided Meditation at 12:30. All who attend receive her Attract Your Special Someone(s) hypnotic recording and the poly supplement to her book Matchmaker's Corner.

1-2 pm Pot Luck lunch—bring something delicious you would make (or buy) to delight your Valentine(s).

2-4 pm Socialize in clothing optional 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 and is quite affordable for most people.

Summer of 1978: I visited a child centered cooperative household just north of San Diego. My daughter was 4 yrs old, her brother, 2. The four children of this house were a bit older, but they all became friends over the years. My first glimpse of Rick Daniel: He was expounding on the subject of group living. Seven adults were present and four children. We were introduced by the family friend who brought us there. I asked Rick who the four children belonged to. He told me, "All of us". While that coop broke up as a group house within a few years, Rick stayed in my life as a lover for over thirty years. He stayed in touch with every member of that group house. The two children not his own biologically turned to him for caring and counsel as often as his own son and daughter, well into their adult years, and were never turned away.

April 1979: Passover at Family Synergy's model group living example, the Allot House. Synergy's co-founder and president, Hy Levy, lead the Seder (though not living at the house itself). It is the first time I had seen one done with full Jewish ceremony. Hy was the man who helped my children to understand their Jewish heritage in years ahead. I learned that when the Allot House had a room available, the potential tenants were invited to spend some weekends with them learning whether they fit in with those who were living there and whether they were really ready for group living. It usually had all rooms rented and the participants enjoyed shared activities from movies, festivals and holiday celebrations to permissive pool parties in their backyard. This particular house did not engender long term commitments. It was adult only and ended under disturbing circumstances when the owner changed location due to job opportunities and did not keep the rent paid. Some of the tenants moved into other places together. One of these tenants is our speaker for Live the Dream's January 2019 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 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 and those who were the kids of dear friends in science fiction fandom. They were en loco parentis whenever needed. These kids bring *their* kids to holiday gatherings, etc. to this day and on it goes...

1995: A friend of a friend stayed with us a while in our 1100 square foot home in Sylmar, CA, to help edit my System of Hypnotherapy for use by other hypnotists. The "while" became 16 years, between two houses, until he passed on in 2011. Back to the Sylmar house-2000: My then-husband Paul and I met artist Marcus Jenkins at a Family Synergy gathering in our home. We came to love him and were handfasted with him in a Braiding ceremony in 2001. He moved into that small home. My Dad had some heart issues and stayed 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 100 in October...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. At present there are myself, my husband Craig (computer systems analyst and musician, married 4-28-18), Marcus (in a triad with us), John DeChancie (a widely published SF writer) and Rita, a retired nurse who helps us with office work and housekeeping. John's fiancé, Crystal (also a nurse), spends 2 or three nights a week with us. Paul and his life partner Athena visit every month or so for a few days. We are all involved in SF fandom except Rita.

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. Sound good?

Make your fantasy a reality!

At present, we lost Melissa and her two-year-old son (who moved out after six months in mid-December 2018 to accept a job in northern California) but are not looking for a new housemate as we are using the extra space just vacated for a music/computer room. We may have an opening in the future—let us know if you would like to be on a waiting list. 818-886-0069.

Meet Ups & Other Group Events

First Saturday of every month is Deborah's meetup at Fuddruckers
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 checkout www.meetup.com/Polyglamorous & <http://www.meetup.com/loving-more>
and other SoCal poly groups (IE, OC & SD all have groups too!)

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](http://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 in West L.A.

Burning Man Festival August 25-September 2 2019 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 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, 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 and 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>

Look for the red Meetup signs!

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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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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