

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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Live The Dream Passover Seder, Lead By Rob Milander

Saturday April 20 **11 am to 4 pm**
Etiquette of Alternative Relationships

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RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE.
JOIN US AT 10 AM for the OPENING PARADE

Saturday May 18, 2019 **11 am to 4 pm**
2150 AD by Thea Alexander-A POLY METAPHYSICAL FUTURE

Note: Items marked with an * are not Live the Dream events.

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 for 3rd Saturday 11-4 events: \$10 for nonmembers, \$5 for members. Bring something healthy and delicious to share for the pot luck lunch. Evening/weekend events will have a different suggested donation listed.

Friday April 19

7:00 To 11 Pm (At Latest)

Live The Dream Passover Seder, Lead By Rob Milander



Call Terry to RSVP before 4-12-19 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 a 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, one serving coordinator, and the single or couple who volunteers 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.

Want to attend the Seder and tomorrow's meeting? Some crash space available.

Items to ARRANGE WITH TERRY as food contributions

(amounts for singles-double for couple)

Gefelta fish for 10 people	3 cans of Macaroons
Vegetable Salad for 10 people	Kuggel for 10 people
2 large bottles of Kosher Dill Pickles	Choroseth
Tsimis for 10 people	24 Hard boiled eggs
Parsely for 25 with red & white horse raddish	Call 818-886-0069 to make arrangements!

Saturday April 20

11 am to 4 pm

Etiquette of Alternative Relationships

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? 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, triad or larger group marriage. All of this is negotiable-- preferably *before* the situation arises...Printed examples of such agreements will be available at this meeting.

1 pm Pot luck lunch Bring something healthy, delicious to share

2-3 pm Get to know each other through a poly type ungame featuring questions designed for quick and deep connection...

3-4 pm socialize in the hot tub.

Saturday May 11

10 am

RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE.

JOIN US AT 10 AM for the OPENING PARADE

Location: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, which is at the Irwindale exit off the 210 Freeway, just east of where the 210 and 605 Freeways cross. BARDIC PLAYS, BAWDY SONGS, PAGEANTRY, UNUSUAL FOOD, SAUCY WENCHES & OTHER DELIGHTS. Opening Parade is at 10 am –Best to meet us there and it is *fun*.

Other Planned activities: May Pole for the May Day ceremony 11 am Queen's Show 3 pm

More on scheduling at Faire or by phone if you RSVP (**PLEASE**) at LTD HOT LINE 818-886-0069.

At faire only you can reach Terry's cell phone at 818-388-5612 to connect with us on site.



Saturday May 18, 2019

11 am to 4 pm

2150 AD by Thea Alexander-A POLY METAPHYSICAL FUTURE

Our hero travels at night in his dreams to a future society when people have clear memories of past lives and of the relationships they had in those lives with present friends and lovers. He brings back real and amazing metaphysical powers which completely change the lives of those he cares about. Learn how jealousy and other relationship issues are handled in such a society. Learn how macro contact (sparkling spiritual powers such as telepathy and healing) can be achieved by love making when your vibrations match...Though the book is presented as science fiction, some very real psychic research has been inspired by the philosophy it discusses. The whole adventure may even have a basis in reality.

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

2 -4 pm Hot tubbing and socializing

Alternative Dating Etiquette by Terry Brussel-Rogers

(Mostly written in 2006 at the time I was in what turned out to be an ill-fated quad)

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

Three in The Car

If you all go out together as three, the wife and single lady should alternate sitting in the front seat if your car has bucket seats. In the case of a couple dating a single man, the gentleman whose car is being driven will usually drive with the lady beside him. Three in front is much better if you have a vehicle which can do it.

Three at a Restaurant

If you are going to a restaurant, plan things so that round booth seating (preferable) or individual chairs avoid the couple sitting on one side and the single on the other. Whether that single is male or female, avoid anything with a two against one feel to it.

Couples Together and Apart

Be sure you not only do the obvious of sitting in cars or restaurants with the opposite sex member of the other couple, but spend time with the same sex one, too. This goes for separate meetings, too. The gentlemen can go to a computer fair together while the ladies go for a drive or whatever. You are *all* in a relationship together if this works out.

Separate Dating--couple with a Single

Depending on the couple's comfort level with it, after getting to know them both on two or three joint meetings, you as a single male could offer to take the lady alone out for lunch, dinner or even a play. This works particularly well if her husband gets to go to some meeting or activity he is really interested in but she is not while you entertain her. You, as the male member of a couple, can also ask the single lady out, assuming this is ok with your wife--best to have your wife assure her that it is especially if your previous meetings have been as three.

What Do We Do When...

You are in a quadrad. You and your husband have a date with a couple you are in relationship with for an intimate evening. The other man in your triad comes in after a sweaty job for a shower. He takes the shower, comes out and gets eye contact with your husband's date (who he has had ample previous contact with) and joins them in bed. They have a lovely time, but when wife #2 gets back from her date with another member of your household, she is angry at not to have been consulted about her exclusion from this date with the couple. This is discovered when the visiting couple go home and husband #2 attempts to come to bed. He finds his clothes etc. tossed outside the door the bedroom of wife #2 with a Do Not Disturb sign on her door. He sleeps with his other wife and husband while she sleeps alone.

Whether wife #2 (who has joined the triad after they had been together four years) has reason to be disturbed depends on several factors: How well does she know the visiting couple? Would they have been comfortable with her being added into the mix? Was she told previously that this would be a private date between the original couple and their guests? Would it have been reasonable for Husband #2 to have disturbed her during her date to ask if it was ok for him to join the other couples in bed? Is she comfortable being by herself upon occasion--or not? Some things are a bit spontaneous at the time and the only way to avoid upset is to discuss a lot of hypotheticals in advance realizing that you can't cover them all. Write down what you will do about the hypotheticals. When one comes up which has not been previously planned for, give your partners the benefit of the doubt and discuss among you how this could best be handled in the future to create a win-win for all involved rather than getting upset that the situation wasn't properly handled this time.

The above situation could have occurred in a triad without the fourth partner. In our case, husband #2 was frequently not included in our dates with other couples or singles for a number of reasons ranging from their comfort level with his extra weight to whether the dynamics of that particular situation made it best for him to be included at that time. He was not interested in being included when the single was male, for example. In other cases where he might have wanted to be included, he accepted that it just wasn't going to happen with this person or couple or on this occasion. We worked all this out long before we became a quad. Some of our standing rules probably needed to be renegotiated or at least clarified with a fourth person in the mix.

Much of what effects the above scenario comes down to whether separate dating is ok at all or if all must be included every time. I am not comfortable with an all or nothing rule. It is too limiting for me, particularly when I have relationships predating any of those I had with my quad. Others accept all or nothing as the price of having committed relationships or a marriage. Some even accept monogamy as the price of such a relationship.

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 (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 (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.

Today, in 2019, I am in a more relaxed situation. My husband Craig and I are in a triad with Marcus handfasted partner to my X (sort of) husband Paul since 2001. Paul and his lady Athena make us a kind of Quint when they visit for a week or a week end. Make that six when our semi residential partner is around. Our big bed has room for four and sometimes five. We can all sleep together or not. Some of us may go off together for a weekend getaway while the others stay home to get work projects done or enjoy some other entertainment together. There is very little jealousy in any of this and what there is gets hauled out in the open and handled as it comes up. I am fortunate to have a primary partner who I call my Poly Prince—he is a plus in almost any situation in bed and out. He respects already existing relationships handles what could be awkward situations in ways which I can learn from even after fifty years of being poly. He brings JOY when he is part of a date, a group house, or any combination of Loves... He is helping me lead the meeting April 20th—come ask him how he does it!

Does your bed have room enough in it for your lovers? *All of them?*

Come see our 8'6" wide by 6'6" long head and foot adjustable, massage at a touch Bed—if you like it, we can get you one...customized to your specific desires. Call 818-886-0069 for more info. Also, arrangements can be made to use the sale of such beds as a fund raiser for your poly group. Finance a weekend retreat, a trip together to Disney Land or whatever would most delight *your* members.

If you have a "What do you do when...?"

for publication here please send or E-Mail it to 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, Ca. 91306. E-Mail address is officemanager@acesuccess.com We will take it 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

First Saturday of every month is Deborah's meet up 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 check out www.meetup.com/Loveopen & www.meetup.com/loving-more
and other SoCal poly groups (40+ groups in the Greater LA Area!)

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

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 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 one block 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 (one block), 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 one block 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,+U](http://maps.google.com/maps?q=8515+Penfield+Ave,+Winnetka,+CA+91306,+USA&sa=X&oi=map&ct=ti)
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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 \$8.00.

	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!*

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

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