

November/December 2021

# 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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***LTD Winter Holiday Party***

**Must RSVP 818-886-0069 by 12-12-21 if attending live event so we can buy supplies**

**Proof of Vaccination required to attend all LIVE events. Bring your card!**

**ALL LTD MEETINGS ARE NOW ON ZOOM!**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 317 597 1626      Passcode: Heinlein

Find us *Always* here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 11A-12:30P Pacific Time. This will be our Zoom ID from now on.

*Live the Dream*

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Please visit the Live the Dream website at [www.livethedream.org](http://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](http://www.acesuccess.com) or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628)

**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*.

## EVENTS

*All Live the Dream LIVE events are 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at:  
8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified)  
For all events: RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069*

The silver lining of Safer at Home experience: From now on, all our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday meetings will be available on Zoom for those who can't get to us in person. Some will be hosted by speakers in other areas, too.

We are doing Zoom 11-12:30 Attending Live meetings requires proof of vaccination.

Suggested Donation for those attending Live: Ladies free with pot luck dish to share—same donation as gentlemen otherwise. Gentlemen (pot luck dish appreciated): Paid members of Live the Dream: \$5. Non-Members: \$10 events. Evening events same price. If you join Live the Dream day of meeting, \$25 for singles, \$40 couple or group at same address, donation for one event or both on same day is included.

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*Building a Friendship Group/Intimate Network*

Have you ever asked yourself why others have the kind of friendships (and perhaps lovers) which you could delight in if they were yours? Some of those who come to me as a hypnotherapist (and often during the 40 years I also ran my family's matchmaking business) tell me that they have no friends, some adding that they do have acquaintances, but not real friends. They may also not have the love relationship(s) they desire. Sometimes this happens because a person moves to a different geographical location than they grew up in. Often, though, the complaint comes from people who have lived in one area most of their lives. Why do some people have all the relationships they can fit into a busy life (and more) while others are miserably trying to survive in an isolated state--water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink?

Learn how YOU can build such a loving circle of your own.

1 PM Pot Luck lunch—bring something healthy and delicious to share

2-4 Socializing in clothing optional Hot tub

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**Wait until you see what Craig can do with Tennessee Waltz!**

We will also have some of Kathy Mar's songs on the subject, Gaia's Consort, etc. Do bring any Poly Filk you have created or possess from books or the internet. Your voices, instruments and or questions/discussion topics are welcome here. Come talk to some kindred spirits who have discovered it is possible to joyously love more than one special person in your life by being inclusive rather than exclusive. Some of us, originally inspired by such writers as Robert Heinlein, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Spider Robinson, and Robert Rimmer, now LIVE such alternative lifestyles as group living, group marriage and open committed relationships. If you are among those people or just want to learn more about it, join us for this event.

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**Many of those who have chosen a lifestyle of multiply committed relationships now called Polyamory were inspired by the writings of Robert Heinlein. Whether you are among them, came to this life style through some different Door or are just discovering the possibilities of loving more than one Significant Other, you will find both practical answers and food for thought during this discussion. We will present a guide to what aspects of the poly lifestyle are shown in each of these novels and how they might help you with specific challenges or quests for discovery in your own real life relationship choices.**

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

2 pm Hot tubbing and socializing

We will watch a poly movie, play the Poly Game of Getting Real or perhaps some episodes of Poly: Married and Dating (as those attending desire) until the party starts.

**Saturday December 18 6:00 pm until 11 pm Live Only**

***LTD Winter Holiday Party***

**Must RSVP 818-886-0069 by 12-12-21 if attending live event so we can buy supplies**

**(Crash space available by arrangement when you RSVP)**

Pot Luck Dinner 6 pm Bring your favorite holiday dish from childhood (or now)—enough to share with 10 people.

Latkes provided by Live the Dream, along with Apple Sauce and Sour Cream

Songs about the Maccabees, dreidels, lighted up Christmas miniature houses, and a Winter Solstice ritual. We'll light the Hanukkah Menorah—way late since Hanukkah is early this year.

Did we forget a ritual important to you? Tell us and we'll add it!

**Bring stories/songs/poetry to share, wrapped science fiction, fantasy or magical gift (\$5-\$10) for the GIFT EXCHANGE.**

Sharing our holidays is part of what weaves the bonds of Family in a group like ours. Understanding what is important to each of us during this festive season and how we celebrate it is a way to grow closer and delight in our diversity.

**Clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) available all evening—bring sandals and towels.**

Cost \$5 for paid members, \$10.00 for non-members.

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## STRATEGIES OF FRIENDSHIP

By Terry Brussel-Rogers

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I am blessed with a friendship circle of people who I love and care for and who care deeply about me. This did not happen by accident, though it did begin with the good luck of meeting fellow science fiction fans on a school bus at the age of fifteen and interrupting some disagreement they were having relating to Star Trek with my own (somewhat unwelcome) opinions. One of them became my first water brother (see *Stranger in a Strange Land*) and over forty years later is still my closest friend. We formed a teenage "gang" of SF fans (many of whom also dabbled with writing the stuff). We had parties and kidnap breakfasts, lunches together at school, skinny dipping by remote waterfalls (before any of us identified as nudists) and all kinds of horseplay kids usually engage in. Birthdays were remembered and celebrated by all, as were all the usual special holidays. Our parties and other activities, however, could turn at a moment's notice or anyone's need into a sensitivity group of empathic listeners willing to share tears, joy and group hugs. I learned what friendship meant through high school sensitivity training combined with reading *Stranger* for the first time at age 15 and having kindred spirits with whom to practice the teachings of real and lasting commitment, deep sharing, and a love which could include many special others.

If you did not have the good fortune to blunder into a group like this as a teenager it does not mean that you can't have it now. You can call those who you would like to be closer to and invite them for dinner at your home or call a few such someones and invite them to a party. You are reading this out of an interest in the poly lifestyle which may be anything from a new exploration for you to a lifelong identification. You have a group of kindred spirits to share your interests with-- Live the Dream (or any other poly group you are involved with), nudist resorts and naturist gatherings, your local Church of All Worlds Nest, Science Fiction Fandom, and any special interest group you go to. Go to the meetings/conventions of the group you are involved with. Meet people. Get names, phone numbers and E-Mail addresses. [Even if these are in the group's directory, getting that info from each individual is an invitation to contact them *personally*.] Offer to give a party for those whose birthdays are the same month as yours or your spouse's--publicize it in the group's newsletter or through E-Mail. Have a Thanksgiving Day pot luck or an Easter Egg hunt with adult prizes or personal gift certificates hidden in the plastic eggs. Offer to lead a meeting, an activity or plan a group get-away weekend. [Get involved at the volunteer level in a position which involves reaching out to other members and put something extra into the communication even if it's just a message on an answering machine--leave your own phone number for questions.] Have a sensitivity exercise as a party game or after meeting activity and see how it flies.

HAI (Human Awareness Institute) offer a wide variety of weekend and one day workshops including special couples workshops. Go ahead and "steal" ideas and exercises to use with your own friendship group.

The bottom line is to be someone who brings joy to others and is known to care about them. Be someone who remembers birthdays and anniversaries and invites the gang to celebrate them together--at your place, someone else's, a restaurant, a local park--anywhere. Be someone your friends know is *there* for them when needed. Schedule regular times to get together individually or at least be sure the next date is on calendar--same with friends as with lovers (who are hopefully friends first). To have friends, be the best friend you know how to be to those you choose to draw close.

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WHAT EXPERIENCES/BOOK REVIEWS, ETC. THAT YOU CAN SHARE RELATING TO THE POLY LIFE STYLE?  
We'd like to run it here or have you bring those questions to one of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday events.

Please E-Mail to: [newsletter@mail.livethedream.org](mailto: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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## Meet Ups & Other Group Events

Check out [www.meetup.com/Loveopen](http://www.meetup.com/Loveopen) & [www.meetup.com/loving-more](http://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](http://www.lovemore.com) [www.polyevents.blogspot.com](http://www.polyevents.blogspot.com)  
<http://openingup.net/resources/local-organizations-u-s/>  
The Human Awareness Institute [www.hai.org](http://www.hai.org)

Other groups friendly to Polyamory  
KARL HESS CLUB [www.karlhessclub.org](http://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

For details [www.burningman.org](http://www.burningman.org)!

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Loscon 47  
"Putting the Science in Science Fiction"

Confirmed special guests

Barbara Hambly	S.P. Hendrick
David Brin	James C. Glass
J. L. Doty	Nicholas Meyer
Dr. Ashish Mahabal	Steven L. Sears
Alvaro Zinos-Amaro	

more to be announced as they confirm



**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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

	<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Couple/Family</b>
<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:**  
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**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