

LIVE THE DREAM

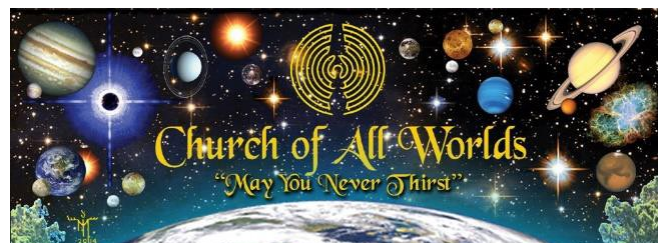
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Founded in 1987 by Terry Brussel and Brian Gitt

Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy,

Founded 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday July 20, 2024 Live: 11 am-4pm PDT, Zoom: 11-1 PDT

Group Living, Intentional Communities and Polyamory: How Can YOU Create the Group House or Intimate Network of Your Dreams?

Saturday August 17 2024 Live: 1 am-4pm PDT, Zoom 11-1 PDT

Atlas Shrugged: What If Ayn Rand Had Made Her Characters
As Poly as She Was?

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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 Meetup (www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3rd Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm PT + special listed events during the year & the ones given first Saturdays of each month 5:30 to 8:30 pm PT 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 July 20, 2024 Live: 11 am-4pm PDT, Zoom: 11-1 PDT

Group Living, Intentional Communities and Polyamory: How Can YOU Create the Group House or Intimate Network of Your Dreams?

Today we will discuss group living, its advantages/disadvantages, whether it would be right for you, and how you could put together a group house if that is your desire.

Penfield House (about 3500 sq. feet) has been a group house since 2003. It actually got it's start from an unintentional group house, bursting at the seams in 1100 square feet, consisting of Terry and Paul (a married couple) adding a third (Marcus) to make a triad, with Water Brother Carl Dietz, and (sometimes) Terry's Dad. I raised my two children there, but it was not big enough for 5 adults!

The move to a bigger place was made possible by the addition of Will Jarvis (still a household member today, May of 2024, after caring for my best friend Glen's father for a few years until his passing at age 103). The 2003 move happened as a result of one of those exercises we will be doing at this meeting in which everyone writes down where they want to live and what they could come up with financially to do that. The exercise is

used to show the kind of wonderful upper scale home a group can buy when they do not have to pay for 4 hot tubs, 4 kitchens, 4 living rooms etc. Sometimes the exercise results in a real group house getting together, as ours did.

In the 21st century, it is becoming more and more common for those of retirement age to put together intentional communities of like-minded people, some of which are poly.

The May Moon Magick Festival we attended for Oberon and Rhiannon's wedding was held on the grounds of a multi-generational intentional Pagan community, Cerren Ered, which we had the pleasure to be part of during our few days at the festival. Many of the Cerren Ered members are poly, since the Neo-Pagan community is much affected by the philosophy of *Stranger in a Strange Land* (the inspiration for Church of All Worlds, the first legally recognized Neo-Pagan religion in the USA), and by the example of CAW's founder, Oberon Zell, who has been in two triads and Ravenheart, a residential group marriage with up to five adults at a time in it. He is a firm believer in Polyamory. His wife, Rhiannon, is closely connected to the Pagan group who hosted the Festival and has agreed to speak to us during the Zoom part of this meeting. We will also have David and Eileen Maxfield, who live in the Songaia Cohousing Community and have been actively poly for most of their 40+ year marriage.

Burning Man is an excellent example of an intentional community which has all ages in it, from families with small children to the 60+ crowd. It includes singles, couples, triads and morads. Though it exists as a physical community only temporarily, for about 10 days a year, many of those involved in it attend events and interact with other Burners year round. There is lots of Polyamory in this group; for example, one of the camps is called Poly Paradise. As of 2024, according to frequent attendee Harold Goldstein, the poly theme has grown into a village within Burning Man of about 10 such groups.

The kids of Burners are growing up in this environment. How does that affect their future lives and personalities?

Some Burners and their kids have formed group houses of their own inspired by Burning Man philosophy.

Saturday August 17 2024 Live: 11 am-4pm PDT Zoom: 11-1 PDT

What If Ayn Rand Had Made Her Characters As Poly as She Was?

Ayn Rand married Frank O'Connor in 1929. In 1954, she began a passionate relationship with Nathaniel Branden. It is widely reported that both Ayn Rand's husband and Nathaniel Branden's wife approved of this affair; thus, it would now be considered a polyamorous relationship.

In Ayn Rand's book *Atlas Shrugged*, Dagny Taggart deeply loved three men in her life—great men who could live up to *her* greatness. Francisco was her first teen love, whom she adored with a passion and who shared with her the knowledge that sexual love was something to be gloried in without shame or guilt; something which it was right for these two free spirited youths (with world changing destinies) to learn from each other.

Francisco loved Dagny his whole life long, though he spent many years apart from her pretending to be a playboy for purposes having nothing to do with romance and everything to do with Brains on Strike. She thought her relationship with him was over for many years and had found no other man worthy of her attention during that time.

Already in her 30s, her love was again IGNITED with top Industrialist Hank Rearden, a married man whose wife did not share with him nor support his devotion to his Steel business nor approve of his shameful need for sex with her. It was Dagny who helped him realize he had a right to delight in his sexuality and that his choice of her as his Lady was in complete alignment with the other excellent values which made him the Business Man she so respected.

Finally, there was John Galt, the brilliant inventor of a motor which could gift the world with limitless energy—at the price of respect for the mind which created it. It was to him she finally gave her heart and her body to the exclusion of Hank and Francisco who continued to love her and were compassionately understanding of this Highest choice of the man both of them loved and followed. A beautiful story... of ENTIRELY NEEDLESS sacrifices by characters who supposedly had learned not to make sacrifices, created by an author who knew better!

Dagny Taggart could have found John Galt, then realized that Francisco had behaved honorably in all the years they were apart, holding his love for her as a sacred fire within himself. Since Francisco loved and was deeply committed to John already, a triad between the three of them could have worked out perfectly. When Francisco found her miraculously alive in the Valley after believing she had died in a plane crash, she could have told him all that she felt with complete honesty, letting him know that there was room for both him and John to be her primary partners. Later, Hank could have been added either as a live in lover for Dagny or as a beloved non residential secondary partner always welcome in their home. No one gets hurt.

There was certainly enough of Dagny living, breathing, and willing to satisfy the desires of men who had lived mostly with only their fantasies of her to sustain them for many years. The love and respect all the men involved had for each other would make jealousy unlikely and (if it did come up) something to be dealt with like any other emotional illness rather than something to base one's life on. Had John and Francisco offered her this option, she might have been too happily engaged in carrying it out that she would have stayed in the Valley her first time there rather than choosing to go back to a rapidly disintegrating world of looters who had taken charge of the US government, and who would not permit her to do what was needed to keep her railroad physically safe to ride upon for passengers as well as financial viable for herself and those who invested capital into it.

Dagny could even have had a child by John and then by each of the others, if they wanted one. Additionally, John, Francisco, and Hank might want to consider spreading their excellent genetic materials (and their unbridled affections) to other fine Ladies who were available in John's Gulch...

Think about it; limits on wealth and production were unacceptable, but limits on Love were unexamined and unchallenged. The very people who did not take what the Experts said to be so as a given in their businesses and their political lives had swallowed hook, line and sinker the looting of that most precious aspect of living—romantic Love and Joy.

How many unexamined assumptions are *you* carrying around to mess up your life?

Are YOU Ready for Group Living?

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.

Our present group house was bought in 2003.

An RV with its own kitchenette is available in group house in the West San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles, with access to the kitchen, dining area, and living room in the main house.

Penfield House is the home of Terry Lee Brussel-Rogers, founder and organizer of Live the Dream. Our home is a beautiful one in a nice neighborhood. It has two fireplaces, a high ceilinged grand living room, dining area and big country kitchen. A washer and dryer are available. We have a clothing-optional hot tub which frequently has good company available and music of your choice playing in it.

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 fireplace 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 hot tub with good friends, join a lively discussion in the living room or cuddle by the fire.

We share meals, holidays, birthdays, special occasions and hugs as well as household chores.

Sound good? **MAKE YOUR FANTASY A REALITY...**

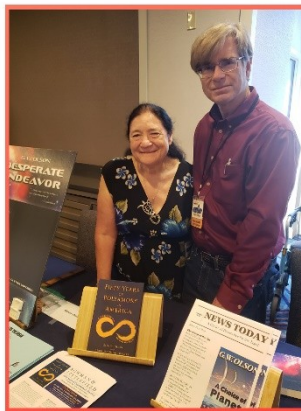
If you have an interest in being part of a group house with warm, caring, like minded people, call (818) 886-0069 for more information.

RENT: \$975 for a single, \$1195 for a couple. Includes internet access. Utilities to be negotiated.

Optional: \$75 a week each person for food and sundries. Tell the grocery shopper what you want bought or be the grocery shopper. Several meals are shared ones and the rest is fixing your own from what's in the fridge.

There are two cats in the residence, but no pets will be allowed in the RV. **NO SMOKING** or Vaping **ABSOLUTELY**.

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 a fascinating read, and is being used in academic research papers on the subject. 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.

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, from Woodstock right on into the 21st century. The book is available at on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and many other places—even internationally!-- just by Googling its title.

The publishers are continuing to put this book in more and more universities and libraries! Students are using material from it in Masters theses 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 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/

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 Kitchen Restaurant,

4130 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Washington), Culver City. Phone: (310) 645-0456 West L.A.

Burning Man 2024 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/>
