

# 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*

Happy St Patrick's Day!



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2019      11 AM TO 4 PM**  
**DRAGON RIDERS OF (POLY) PERN BY ANNE MCCAFFERY**

**FRIDAY APRIL 19                      7:00 TO 11 PM (at latest)**  
**LIVE THE DREAM PASSOVER SEDER, LEAD BY ROB MILANDER**

**APRIL 20                                      11 AM TO 4 PM**  
**ETIQUETTE OF ALTERNATIVE RELATIONSHIPS**

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

*Live the Dream*

*March 2019 to April 2019*

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](http://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](http://www.acesuccess.com) or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628)

## EVENTS

*All Live the Dream events are 11am-4pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave in Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified).*

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

**Saturday March 16, 2019 11 am to 4 pm**

### **Dragon Riders of (Poly) Pern by Anne McCaffery**

Led by Dreena Grace, avid SF fan who has been reading the Pern books since they came out.

In a world protected from life destroying spores by genetically engineered fire breathing dragons bonded at their hatching to empathic human dragon riders, the social structure is an unusual one. Queen dragons are ridden by women, Browns and Bronzes by males. However, males as well as females can bond with and ride female fire breathing green dragons. When a rider's dragon makes her mating flight, the passions of their dragons causes the riders to mate in their own way. In the Weyr caves which house dragons and their riders, sexual mores are different from those on the rest of the planet of Pern since dragons may not honor the current romantic commitments of their riders when mating. Since the Weyrs are group living arrangements in any case, children resulting from such liaisons are raised by the "village" with a foster mother and/or father doing the primary parenting.

1 pm Pot luck lunch—corn beef and cabbage provided by your host and hostess. Bring healthy and delicious dishes to share, please

2-3 pm Spring Equinox ritual. Flowers, joy... gratitude for the beauty and abundant fertility of Mother nature.

3-4 pm Hot tubbing and/or listening to Pern inspired music—tends to be pretty Celtic. Schooling on Pern is done by Harpers from the Harper's Hall where musically inclined lads and lassies are apprenticed as early teens to become storytellers, singers, composers and musicians.

More classic St. Patrick's Day music such as Irish Rovers also available.

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.

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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 and maybe Irish 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.

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## Is Pern Poly?

### Our Presenter's Take on Polyamory

Dreena is one of our Water Brothers and gee, her book shelves look just like mine! She and her husband have water brothers and dear friends as well as a very close-knit extended blood family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren over to their home frequently to celebrate birthdays, holidays and special events of all kinds. It is also a group house.

Ann McCaffery is the author who created the original stories of Pern. Those books were poly if you consider that the clearly sentient dragons have intelligent telepathic conversations with their riders. They are bonded to their riders from birth as mental/love mates. The riders also have sexual love with human partners and may acquire human life mates while their dragons' mate and have baby dragons with other dragons. In her son Todd's stories, done in his mother's universe, there are examples of triads as well as intimate networks. Such dialogue as "I don't want to poach on your relationship with Kindan." Answered with "It's only poaching if you refuse to share." from Todd's Dragongirl are about as poly as you can get.

Anne's daughter Gigi, whose first book in that Universe came out in 2018, does not appear to be as specifically poly as her brother's writings have been, though if we consider dragons and their riders as each sentient beings in their own unique ways it is all poly and can't be seen any other way. Interestingly, our presenter today is a water brother of our Nest who considers herself polyamorous without being poly sexual. I can certainly see her point of view. I have experienced the joy of sharing holidays and birthdays with her blood family and other family by choice. She stood in for my late mother at my wedding to Craig last year. She treats me as Family in every way as I do her. She has certainly demonstrated to me that multiple sexual partners is not a requirement of polyamory though tolerance of that choice by others is essential. We will discuss how all of this may be useful in our own poly relationships, expanded family and group living arrangements.

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### Build it and They Will Come

When I was first introduced to someone actually living in a triad (2 men, one woman) through Family Synergy in 1977, I was talking to the legal husband of the lady involved. He had plenty of time to talk to me because this was his night to sleep alone. His wife was with their other male partner. An 'every other night' sleep schedule was not unusual for this kind of triad at that time. He was lonely when it was not his night to sleep with his wife, but truly believed in multiply committed relationships. He had even had his home remodeled to create a meeting space for workshops on group marriage and group living like the one I was attending at his home that weekend.

I decided right then that I was never going to put **anyone** into that uncomfortable position. Also, I would not have been happy separated half the time from my husband who I loved enough to marry no matter who else was in that bed with me! I have been in two long-lasting live-in triads and others which were semi residential lasting off and on for many years. We have always slept in one bed.

I am now in a triad with my legal husband Craig (married April 28, 2018) and my lover since 2001, Marcus, who was in a five-year long triad with my second husband, Paul, and I as well as an ill-fated quad.

Marcus, Craig and I sleep in one bed, a California King. Did you know a California King is actually four inches **narrower** than a King? It is longer, but unless you bed with basketball stars. that may not fill your poly needs.

If you are in a triad, you probably know that a queen or even a king size bed can be a little cramped if you are all sleeping together. For a quad, it is **really** cramped. It might work ok for love making, but not for comfortable, healthy *sleep*.

Here is a strange coincidence (?). A month or so after the big bed arrived, so did a lovely lady who may work out as a 4<sup>th</sup> to our triad. She is an accomplished hypnotherapist, an actress, a dancer and dresses like something out of a storybook. She has just discovered polyamory, but handles it with grace and compersion. She attends Live the Dream meetings and even helps decorate for them (aside from **being** a decoration). She has been with us for about a month at this writing, and finds our bed plenty big enough with the three of us in it!

More on this next month as news develops... Come see our brand new 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...

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## 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](http://www.meetup.com/SoCal-Polyamory) for more info on this meeting

Also 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/>

### 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 August 25-September 2 2019 for details [www.burningman.com](http://www.burningman.com)!

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### 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,+USA&sa=X&oi=map&ct=ti>

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 \$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

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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