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An Interview with Dr. Linda Silverman

(part two)

by Christopher Mohr

In last month's issue of BEYOND MONOGAMY, Chris Mohr talked with therapist Linda Silverman about her professional practice. Linda specializes in helping people who are involved in alternative lifestyles. In this final installment, Linda and Chris digress considerably from psychological subjects and explore the spiritual possibilities for growth in an open, loving network of intimate friends.

Chris: What are some of the special, exciting things that you see happening to people who get into alternative lifestyles?

Linda: That's a really good question! People begin to explore new avenues within themselves. It's like, we're made up of rooms that we've never opened the doors to. Somebody can come along and see something in us that nobody else has seen before, and whole new worlds of potential within the human being open up. I've seen many cases of just absolute and utter joy, more joy in life than people ever dreamed possible. The new interactions with other people enabled them to grow and see beautiful parts of themselves!

Chris: Can you give me any examples?

Linda: A woman I know has met a man who is a mentor to her. Her professional productivity over the past two years has been greater than what it ever was. Through his continuous support, she's going to write a major book—because he saw that potential within her that no one else had ever seen. And for him, he's exploring new realms of his sexuality that just never would have been explored before. He had been married sixteen years, and though sex was enjoyable, meeting this woman brought about a rebirth of his sexuality. From a spiritual perspective, I believe we are reincarnated, we are connected with many, many beings, many of whom we've been intimately involved with in previous lives. The bonds we form in this lifetime are inevitable; for us to close them off because we're breaking certain mores is really cutting us off from some very natural feelings. That kind of love is a very good, positive force in a person's life—it's not negative at all.

Chris: When things are going well in one relationship, does that energy kind of reverberate through a person's whole intimate network?

Linda: Yeah, everything boils down to one factor. When you're feeling good about yourself, there's going to be this kind of overflow of love from you to other people. The larger the network of people you have to love, the better the effect on the world.

Chris: Yet, you mentioned earlier that a lot of your clients enter open relationships and then break up. What happened?

Linda: That's such a hard one. I think that to have a lifetime commitment to several people, in which you cherish the uniqueness of each relationship, is a monumental task! The people who are interested in open relationships, for one thing, are just very intelligent people. It takes that level of intellect to be able to even conceptualize the abstract complexities of that type of relating.

I don't think open relationships are good for all people. There are stages of development at which monogamy is really the preferable mode. It's much more secure. It's much less complex.

I think that some people simply don't have the security base within themselves to be able to relate comfortably with more than one person. So they get into a symbiotic couple relationship, where if you took them apart they'd be half-people. They don't have an excess of love to give; they have fragments, and they're very needy. The only time they feel complete is when they're bonded together, and they become a monogamous whole. I think most of us are in that state of being; most of the people in open relationships whom I've worked with were in that state. When the person that was completing them started relating to other people, they felt so inadequate, so incompetent, that they couldn't function any more. All kinds of repercussions occurred. I think that in order to be able to pull off a really long-term, committed open relationship, you must first be whole. You must have an excess amount to give, and not many of us are in that state.

Chris: I'm not altogether sure that having an open relationship necessarily represents a higher level of development. It seems to me that a deeply committed monogamous couple can be a lot more human than a person who uses

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Letters to the Editors

In Defense of Christians

Dear Will,

I read with great interest your December 1980 article, "My Father Ventures Beyond Monogamy". I share your concerns about the implications of the recent elections and the steam being gathered by the Moral Majority movement. But I feel the spiratual and religious point of view of the article leaves many BMIs with little hope to connect our pasts with our present and future lives.

I speak as a person who has been a born-again Christian a long time before it became a popular media phrase; before it was associated with political activities. I do continue to have some bitterness within me about the church and the guilt that was used to control my thoughts and actions. But I have the feeling that a lot of people who have chosen alternative lifestyles still feel the need for some kind of spiritual community and wish they did not have to throw out all of the beliefs and symbolism that played a major role in their development.

BMI should not play the same fundamentalist games, taking the single minded point of view. We talk a lot about humanism in BMI. And it seems inconsistent to kick another human when s/he's down, even though we strongly disagree with their point of view. This even applies to Anita Bryant. It is not true that all Christians are against homosexuals or are anti-abortion. Nor is it true that all people who rely on the Bible are mindless, self-righteous sheep.

I assure you there are a lot of Christians who are learning how to capture the original essence of the faith that declares that God is love; that brings a Gospel of liberation for all people; that accepts radical change in people; that understands the frailty of the human race. I do not feel my relationship with God is destroyed because I can love several people. This is unfortunately not true with the established institutional church.

I do not believe it is necessary to be a closet Christian in order to function in BMI. Instead I think a good starting place to face the challenge of the Moral Majority is to explore a positive alternative that comes from the same historical tradition, one that looks to the future of Christianity and not the past. There are a lot of people who need this kind of hope.

Harold Fields
Denver, Colorado

Editor's reply: Perhaps Will was not clear enough in differentiating between Christians in general and the more narrow-minded fundamentalist followers of the Moral Majority. We know that many Christians are not mindless, self-righteous sheep, and we're glad that some fundamentalists can open themselves to new ideas. However, we make no apology for Will's rather mild criticism of Anita Bryant (she and "her husband relied on the Bible for all their answers as long as

they were fighting gay rights. More recently they apparently decided to ignore that same book when they wanted to get divorced. I imagine that most people are intelligent enough to see through their hypocrisy"! She worked hard and successfully to deny the human rights of Miami homosexuals. She does not deserve to be let off the hook easily.

Open Relationships and "Pickups"

Dear Editors:

Four years ago, my wife and I decided to open up our marriage. It was a difficult decision to make, but since my wife's work took her away from home for long periods of time and our social life had become more single than couple oriented, we decided that honest and open extramarital affairs were a realistic alternative for us. Today, although our lifestyle has definitely changed, our primary love relationship is still strong and intact.

After we opened up our marriage, my wife found it easier than I to find suitable extramarital partners. Apparently, men are less concerned than women if a person is married or not. The usual parties, dances, and organized groups that I attended offered only a limited amount of available partners. But soon, both from experience and reading noted sexologist Dr. Albert Ellis's book, The Civilized Couple's Guide to Extramarital Adventure (Peter H. Wyden, Inc., 1972), I discovered the best way to meet a lot of women in the shortest possible time was the pickup.

To be sure, both sexes can use the pickup technique. I've found that it's a lot less expensive than going to dances and bars and a lot less time-consuming since I can pickup a woman at the bus stop on my way to work, at the lunch counter at noon, or just about anywhere I happen to be during the day. I can select from literally hundreds of women. Moreover, it breaks up the monotony of the workday; it's truly adventuresome.

At first, however, I was highly reluctant to approach women in public places. I was afraid of being rejected and thought others would disapprove of my behavior. I told myself that I would feel worse if I didn't try the pickup approach than if I did and was rejected. After a few rejections, I realized that rejection wasn't as unpleasant as I had imagined. Often, in fact, women seemed pleased and flattered that someone, other than a boy friend or spouse, was paying attention to them.

My pickup technique is simple. I actively seek out women and boldly make the first overture. When I spot a desirable female, I approach her in a casual manner and try to get her into a friendly conversation: "Looks like it's going to rain," or "Weren't you in my Spanish class?" Anything will do, of course; I just want to start a conversation. Most important, through conversation, manner, and actions (I believe I'm honest in this conviction), I let a woman

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A Review of Barry and Alice

by Will Mahoney

Although Barry and Alice is subtitled Portrait of a Bisexual Marriage, it will be of interest to non-monomogamous heterosexuals as well as bisexuals. As authors Barry Kohn and Alice Matusow point out, a bisexual marriage implies a non-monomogamous relationship. Many of the issues they have faced are similar to those encountered by heterosexual couples with open relationships.

Barry and Alice were born into upper middle class Jewish families in Philadelphia. They met while students at Temple University and entered a very conventional marriage in 1966. Several years later, Barry began to act on sexual feelings he had had for men since he was young. He eventually admitted to Alice that he was having sex with a man. Alice was terribly hurt and angry. Barry entered psychotherapy in an attempt to get "cured" of homosexuality. Over the next four years, however, he came to accept his attraction for men while remaining strongly committed and attracted to Alice. In the meantime, Alice began to explore previously denied feelings for women as a result of her involvement in the women's movement. Both eventually accepted themselves and each other as bisexual and were able to integrate this lifestyle within their marriage.

This book has a number of strong points. Barry and Alice come across as very intelligent, warm, deep feeling and thinking people. Their honesty and continuing commitment to each other, despite their conflicts, demonstrates their sincerity. It should be obvious to any reader that they are not mindless hedonists out for cheap thrills! They present a very positive image of alternative relationship adventurers in general and of bisexuals in particular.

But, Barry and Alice make no attempt to gloss over the difficulties they have had to work through in their relationship. Their self-disclosure of feelings and life experiences since childhood is excellent. The processes they have been through in opening up their relationship have not been easy. The personal and interpersonal growth they have experienced as a result seems well worth the effort.

Barry and Alice each have had sexual relationships with both men and women since opening up their relationship. For them monogamy does not equal fidelity. Instead fidelity means trust and a commitment to their primary relationship. They have some interesting thoughts on our society's expectations of monogamy: "no matter how couples behave in reality, most people still hold on to the expectation of a monogamous marriage for themselves and others. When two people openly question that tradition, the tendency is to look for flaws in the relationship. Open marriages are still suspect, and the bisexual element brings into account an additional set of questions. It doesn't matter that most marriages deal at some time or another with one or both

partners having an extramarital relationship. No one could grow up in our culture without having a strong stake in monogamy" (p. 162).

The authors have some helpful thoughts on jealousy, aloneness, fighting and other relationship issues. In addition to their own experiences with these issues, they have gained useful insights from working with others. Alice has a Master's in Social Work and is employed as a therapist. Barry runs support groups for bisexual men in Philadelphia.

Anyone living an alternative lifestyle will be interested in Barry and Alice's experiences with telling others about their bisexuality. We all struggle with questions of how much to tell whom. Most of Barry and Alice's relatives, friends and neighbors know about their lifestyle and accept it. They feel that this is because they are sure of and accepting of themselves and, therefore, invoke similar responses from others. Barry and Alice make no attempt to hide their other relationships from their eight-year old son, and he simply accepts that his parents have other close friends.

By calling themselves bisexuals, Barry and Alice invite rejection not only from "straight" society but also from the gay and lesbian communities. Our society has not recognized the existence of a bisexual lifestyle despite evidence that a majority of us are bisexual but have a preference for sexual activity with the opposite or the same sex (see, for example, Alfred Kinsey, Sexual Behavior in the Human Male, W. B. Saunders Co., 1948). Barry and Alice subtly get their readers to examine their own bisexual feelings.

This book got me to look at my own sexual preference. I have always been strongly attracted intellectually and emotionally to a few men but not sexually. Even though I've had a few sexual experiences with men, I find myself so much more physically attracted to women that I rarely consider bisexuality as an option for myself. In a way, I envy Barry. Now that he has accepted himself and gained acceptance of most of the important people in his life, he has the best of both worlds! Maybe that's why many practicing heterosexuals and homosexuals deny that bisexuality exists. They are afraid to admit that someone else might be able to experience and enjoy intimacy with both sexes while they can only handle it with one sex.

My one complaint about this book is that most of the emphasis is on Barry's bisexuality and Alice's and his struggle to deal with it. We do not learn very much about Alice's bisexuality and how Barry feels about it. Alice relates a couple of incidents where she has been sexually intimate with women. It is obvious that she values her close friendships with women. It is unclear, however, whether she has had or would like to have long-term intimate same-sex relationships.

This is a very important personal account not only of a bisexual marriage but

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Linda Silverman, continued

open relationships as a way of avoiding real contact with any one person.

Linda: A non-monogamous person can be as unfulfilled as anyone. You often hear it said that one person cannot fulfill all of your needs—that's why you need other people. I never liked that expression, not from day one. I thought, if that's where you're coming from, looking for someone out there to fulfill you needs, you're never going to make it in an open relationship. And, what I've found is that most of the people running around saying that didn't make it! But, if you come into open relationships from a more whole place, that's a manifestation of love. And there is a lot of love in every human being, tons of it! Unending amounts of love to give out to other people!

Chris: If I may bring myself into this conversation, I'd have to say that by your observations my open relationship should have been a failure. When I was first getting interested in open relationships five years ago, I had a vision of what was possible, and I knew I wasn't there, but I also knew that if I remained monogamous I would never get there. So I didn't have that wholeness you speak of. Still, I thought, if I just go out there and try, then at least my insecurities and all would come out and I'd have something concrete to work with. But, if I stayed monogamous I'd remain insecure and un-whole forever. So opening up my relationship was an opening up of myself to possibilities I had not yet explored, and it worked.

Linda: That's good to know.

Chris: So my experience tells me you don't have to be all the way together to have an open relationship, that you can work your way towards that wholeness you speak of.

Linda: That makes perfect sense to me. When you follow those visions in your life—and we all get them but not everyone pays attention—then the questions become very different. You get a sense of, I'm supposed to be doing this, I'm supposed to be learning from this. Then there's more of an acceptance of the problems as a learning experience. You're more willing to stick with it, because you do want to grow. So I guess I'm back to talking about a spiritual connectedness again, where you are aware of your own spiritual being, and aware of what the process of life is all about. The people who aren't aware that they are spiritual beings and that life is set up with lessons to be learned don't talk about visions. They ask, what can I get out of this that's more than I can get out of monogamy? How can I benefit from this more? It's not a spiritual orientation, and frankly I don't know how to respond to that any more.

Chris: But you have to know how to respond to people like that if you're a therapist.

Linda: Well, perhaps I don't work with these people very effectively. I have had people come to me with that attitude and have told them very bluntly that they are just egocentric. I'm much more effective with people who have some concept of life as a growth process. But, with people who are

purely hedonistic, I don't think I have anything to offer as a therapist.

Chris: It's good to know that.

Linda: I'd probably refer someone like that to a behaviorist who'll show them how to modify their behavior to get more out of their act, and they'd be more in keeping with each other.

Pickups, continued

know that I'm interested in her total personhood and not just in her sexuality. Also, I try to appear as if I'm really not trying to pick her up, and if she thinks I'm not, she just might actually let me do it.

Often, too, I'm genuinely surprised by my luck. Once while visiting Washington, D.C., I was about to use my pickup technique on a well-dressed, attractive woman whom I stopped to ask, half-seriously, of course, where there was a good restaurant. Before I could continue, she pointed to an Italian restaurant right up the street, and then to my surprise, she asked if she could join me. What a switch—she picked me up.

With the pickup, my rate of success has tripled. That is, if I'm persistently assertive, refuse to let myself be hurt by rejections, not afraid to take risks, or be overly concerned about what others may think, the law of averages works to my benefit. I generally obtain a telephone number or a lunch or dinner date from a little less than half the women I approach. The best thing to be said about the pickup is that the odds are on my side. Try it and see for yourself.

Dennis Wainstock
Star City,
West Virginia

Editors' reply: We understand the frustration of meeting people who are accepting of open marriage. At the same time, we do have some questions about the motivations behind Dennis's technique. Perhaps we are misjudging his motivations based on the tone of his language, but there is something about viewing women as potential "pickups" that bothers us. What does he want from his "pickups?" Friendships? A large number of sexual partners? Does he find meaningful relationships or lots of shallow affairs? We do see value in risking and extending one's self to people. Perhaps Dennis's style is genuine and works for him. We would be interested in hearing from our readers about this issue.

Barry and Alice, continued

of a marriage that has transcended society's notions about monogamy and fidelity. For those of us who want to define intimate relationships on our own and not society's terms, Barry and Alice provide us with much needed role models.

Kohn, Barry and Matusow, Alice. Barry and Alice: Portrait of a Bisexual Marriage. Prentice-Hall, 1980 (\$10.95, cloth).

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February 1981 Denver/Boulder Schedule

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Women & Bisexuality Seminar 7:30-9:30 PM	2 Open Relationships Class (started Jan. 25)	3	4	5 Moral Values Class (started Jan. 29)	6	7 Latin American Potluck 5:30-10:00 PM
8 Open Relationships Workshop (Boulder) 9:30 AM-5:30 PM Jealousy Seminar (Denver) 7:00-10:00 PM	9	10 Women's Open Forum 7:30-9:30 PM	11	12	13 Denver Open Forum 7:30-9:30 PM	14
15 EMI Policy Committee Meeting 7:30-9:30 PM	16	17	18 Boulder Open Forum 7:30-9:30 PM	19	20	21 Boulder Potluck & Party 6:30 PM
22 Women's Hot Tubbing 7:00-11:00 PM	23	24	25 Brief Encounters Seminar 7:30-9:30 PM	26	27	28 Movie: Emmanuelle II 8:30-11:30 PM

****Special Jealousy Workshop!****

Sunday April 5, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Governor's Park Condos party room, 777 Washington St., Denver
This will be a one-time opportunity to work on jealousy with Dr. Gordon Clanton of the Department of Sociology, San Diego State University. Dr Clanton is co-editor of the book Jealousy and has conducted a number of jealousy workshops at growth centers in California. Minimum enrollment: 10, maximum: 16. Pre-payment must be received by Friday, March 20! Registration is \$50 for EMI members (\$95 couples) and \$55 for others (couples \$105). Make check payable to EMI and send to Box 12514, Denver, CO 80212 or give to Will Mahoney. For more information, call Will at 399-3326.

Women and Bisexuality (women only)

Sunday, February 7, 7:30-9:30 PM

658 Steele St. (St. blks S of Colfax, 8 blks W of Colorado Blvd.)

A woman does not have to choose to be either a lesbian or a heterosexual! We will explore advantages, problems and experiences of bisexual women in a non-threatening atmosphere.

Admission: \$2.00 EMI members
\$4.00 others

Latin American Potluck Dinner

Saturday, February 7, 6:30-10:00 PM (dinner at 7:00 PM)

2340 Yarrow St., home of Kathy Hoerlein (take Wadsworth Blvd. to intersection of W. 20th Ave. in Lakewood. Go W on 20th 4 blks, right on Allison St., go N 3 blks, right on 23rd Ave. Go E 2 blks, turn left on Yarrow, 3rd house on right, Samuelson on mailbox.)

We suggest that couples and families bring a main dish. Bring soup, appetizers, vegetable or desert if you are coming alone. Bring your own wine, beer, etc. EMI will provide coffee, tea, cups, plates, bowls and utensils. Little people welcome!

Admission: \$1.00 members, \$2.00 others, with a dish or after dinner, \$3.00 extra for dinner if you don't bring a dish; everyone under age 18: \$.50.

Exploring Open Intimate Relationships

Sunday, February 8, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Boulder Community Pres School, room 21, corner of Broadway & Balsam (across from Community Hospital, 8 blks N of Boulder Mall)

Teachers/facilitators: Will Mahoney and Genie Whitaker

This one-day workshop will include an introduction to the open relationships philosophy, the history of Genie Whitaker and Will Mahoney's open relationship, the history of EMI, open relationship ethics and ground rules, jealousy and several other topics according to the interests of the students. We will use a combination of short lectures, group discussions and experiential exercises in our examination of these issues.

Tuition: \$16.00 members (couples, \$30.00)
\$22.00 others (couples, \$42.00)
includes handouts

Coping with Jealousy in Intimate Relationships

Sunday, February 8, 7:00-10:00 PM

2201 Dexter St., St. Thomas Church hall (7 blks E of Colorado Blvd. and 1 blk N of Montview. Use parking lot a SW corner of 22nd and Dexter)

Can jealousy be tolerated, eliminated or simply ignored? Is it a natural human instinct or the result of cultural conditioning? This seminar will include a lecture, discussion and several exercises to get students in touch with their own jealousy. Teacher/facilitator: Will Mahoney.

Tuition: members, \$3/person, \$5/couple
others, \$6/person, \$11/couple

(other activities on the back)

Women's Open Forum No admission; bring wine, snacks, etc. to share
(straight, bisexual and lesbian women are all welcome)
Tuesday, February 10, 7:30-9:30 PM
2826 S. Glencoe St., home of Diane Levin (from I-25 and Yale go 1 blk W on Yale, then 1 blk S on Glencoe)
We are a group of women interested in exploring our feelings about relationships, sexuality, roles and intimacy in a non-threatening supportive atmosphere.

Denver Open Forum No admission; bring wine, snacks, etc. to share
Friday, February 13, 7:30-9:30 PM
12216 E. Amherst Circle, home of Polleke and Andre Siraa (go to intersection of E. Yale and S. Peoria in Aurora. Go E on Yale less than 1/2 mi., turn R on Racine Ct. Turn R on Amherst Circle, then left)
This unstructured monthly discussion group is an opportunity to discuss alternative relationships ideas, feelings and experiences.

EMI Policy Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 15, 7:30-9:30 PM, 658 Steele St.
At this meeting, we will identify problems and issues within EMI which the committee will focus on in the future. The committee was appointed by the EMI Board of Directors last month and includes the following people:

Delegate	Alternate	Delegate	Alternate
Harold Fields	Cyndy Fields	Polleke Siraa	Allen Hagood
Diane Levin	Mike Lusby	Zhana! Stewart	Elaine Cook
Will Mahoney	Genie Whitaker	George Wasyluka	Jim Sachman
Chris Miller	Alan Miller	Susan Wells	Kathy Hoerlein

Chris Miller will chair the February meeting.

Boulder Open Forum No admission; bring wine, snacks, etc. to share
Wednesday, February 18, 7:30-9:30 PM
765 S. 46th, home of Elaine Cook and Zhana! Stewart (1 long blk S of Table Mesa Dr.)
This unstructured monthly discussion group is an opportunity to discuss alternative relationships ideas, feelings and experiences.

Boulder Potluck and Party no admission
Saturday, February 21, potluck 6:30-8:00 PM, party starts at 8:00 PM
3955 Table Mesa Dr., The Bluffs east clubhouse (just W of Broadway, turn N on Stanford), provided by Joe Braddan.
If you are coming for the potluck, bring a dish to share (note: there is a stove but no oven available) and your own drink, dishes, utensils, cups, etc. Bring your own drink for the party.

Women's Hot Tubbing (women only) Admission: \$4.00 in advance if received by Friday, February 13
Sunday, February 22, 7:00-11:00 PM make check payable to Chris Miller and mail to 1740
31 S. Dahlia St. in southeast Denver S. Java Way, Denver, CO 80219.
(corner of S. Dahlia and E. Eastman Ave., \$5.00 at the door
8 blks E of Colorado Blvd. and 3 blks N of Hampden Ave.--US 285)
In addition to hot tubbing, a sauna and massage table are available. Bathing suits are optional. Bring a towel, bathrobe, slippers, something to drink and munchies. For more information call Chris Miller at 922-3377 (evenings and weekends).

Human Values Seminar: a discussion of Brief Encounters Donation: \$2.00 EMI members, \$3.00 others
Wednesday, February 25, 7:30-9:30 PM, 658 Steele St. Seminar leader: Will Mahoney
Authors Smily Coleman and Betty Edwards claim that short-term friendships, love affairs and chance meetings are becoming increasingly common and important in today's super-mobile society. They offer advice on making the most of these "brief encounters." We will discuss their ideas and your experiences with short term relationships. Brief Encounters will be reviewed in the April issue of BEYOND MONOGAMY and seminar participants' comments will be included.

Emmanuelle II: The Joys of a Woman Donation: \$2.50 EMI members, \$3.50 others
Saturday, February 28, 8:30-11:30 PM
Please arrive on time, the show will start shortly after 8:30 PM
Governor's Park Condos party room, 777 Washington St. (7 blks E of Broadway, 7 blks S of Colfax. Enter visitors' parking from 8th Ave. between Washington and Pearl Sts. Use bldg. entrance which faces Washington). Provided by Tom and Marge O'Hara.
The sensuous Emmanuelle and her handsome husband explore the erotic possibilities of an open marriage in this 1975 French movie. This is one of the most tastefully erotic movies ever made. The movie will be followed by small group discussions to address several questions including: How do you feel about a movie in which a woman is clearly in control of sexual situations rather than a man? What do you think of Emmanuelle's philosophy of life and marriage? Did you find the sexual scenes tasteful? Hot explicit enough? Crude? A turn-on? Boring? Emmanuelle II will be shown on several color TV's using a Betamax. Bring wine, beer, fruit juice, cheese or goodies to share.

Wanted Homes or apartment party rooms for EMI potlucks, wine and cheese parties, etc. We will clean up after gathering. Call Will Mahoney at 399-3326.

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