

Membership Committee

Fall 2023 Open House and New Member Coffee

November Council Meeting 2023

October 6, 2023, the **New Member Coffee** (NMC) was held at Red Mountain. Five new Members, including a New Member who signed up at New Member Coffee, joined us for refreshments, a NFLL Presentation, and Committee Chairpersons described their Committee function. Then each New Member gave us a brief overview of where they were from, what brought them to Arizona, and their background and/or special interests. As usual, we have an eclectic group of people with diverse backgrounds. Many thanks to Allan Zisner for his help with updating the Power Point Presentation and technical help.

After the NMC, Neva Hansen received an email from a Member. It was forwarded to me as Membership Chair. Following is the email:

Background: Anna and Cherry walk together with Mary A's Group.

I sent an email to Anna apologizing for the rudeness shown to Cherry and I asked for the name and phone number of the new member so I could apologize to her in person or via phone.

Cherry returned my phone call tonight. As it turns out, she and I talked for a while after NMC. I went up to her because she talked about cats during her introduction. We also covered a couple other topics. Cindy, I think you talked to her also. She's the new member on the left in the picture posted.

At NMC: She went to sit at a table with three people. Someone told her the table was for long-time members only, so she sat at an empty table. Two new members joined her. She did notice no one else sat at the "long-term" table.

We are very fortunate that Cherry knows the walkers and that we (other new members, you and me) were very friendly or we would have left a very unfriendly impression.

This infuriates me. Never have I heard of such rudeness extended toward a new member especially at a New Member Coffee!

You may know Anna retired from MCC just before joining NFLL.

I am going to rewrite this for the October Membership Minutes.

Mary Boehlen