

NFLL Social Committee Meeting Notes 04/07/25

Attendees: Helen Dodds, Joanne Handlong, Arlys Medlicott, Greg Master, Diana Yarbrough

Absent: Monica Karels, Roland Tanner

This meeting was held at the Downtown Mesa Library boardroom, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The Spring Picnic, held at Joe's Real BBQ on April 3rd, was discussed. A total of 47 people attended, which is 11 more than attended last year. The picnic was a success. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Many people said they liked the change in location from Desert Breeze Park to Joe's Real BBQ, a more central location. Marie-France Ganasia and Allan Zisner took a lot of pictures which are posted on the NFLL website. Joanne will also post them on our Facebook page. We identified what we would change for next year: 1) The PA system was inadequate; many people could not hear the speakers. Allan has a better system which he can bring next year; 2) We will organize the corn hole teams at the beginning to get more participation; 3) Board games are not needed; 4) Add a trivia question and answer segment in addition to the Ice Breaker trivia. The committee agreed that we will hold the picnic at Joe's Real BBQ again next year.

Holiday Luncheon – We have reserved the date of Thursday, December 4, 2025 at EVIT for the lunch. We will once again have music by the Salt River Brass Quintet for entertainment, donated by Suzanne Brown.

Social activities for the upcoming months were reviewed/planned. The Committee decided to have Study Halls in June and August, and possibly an outing during the summer months. This is a change from what was decided at the March meeting.

Schedule for Remainder of April

4/29 – Study Hall at Spinato's in Tempe – Joanne
(No outing for April)

Schedule for May:

5/8 – Brunch – Crackers and Company - Monica
5/27 – Study Hall – **Place TBD** – Greg
(Outing TBD)

Schedule for June

6/12 – Out-to-Lunch and Mall Walk – Roland (Mall TBD)
6/24 – Study Hall – **Place TBD** – Joanne
(Possible Outing TBD)

Schedule for July

7/10 – Out-to-Lunch – Buca di Beppo – Helen
No Study Hall or Outing in July

Schedule for August

8/14 – Out-to-Lunch – **Place TBD** – Joanne

8/26 – Study Hall at The Perch in Chandler – Arlys

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Diana offered to do the flyers for Helen's and Arlys's activities.

Ideas mentioned for future activities included a dinner in place of the lunch once a year when winter visitors are in town and an outing to ASU for a student sports activity (e.g. tennis).

Detailed Listing of Committee's Tasks – Allan Zisner has asked each committee to develop a bullet-point listing of the services they provide to NFLL. Joanne will compile a draft from the Guidelines we have in place for our recurring activities, and we will review this at our May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting is planned for May 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Downtown Mesa Public Library Board Room.

Respectfully submitted by Joanne Handlong