

The following was added by Jerry King. Jerry thinks he joined NMUG (UG # 518) in the summer of 1997 but it may have been a year later. At that time, UG #s were assigned sequentially.

- Here are some UG #s of early members: Alex Hart # 1, Jim & Mary Stewart # 2, Martin Reff # 3, Dick Graves # 5, Ruth Anderson # 6, Jerry Brubaker # 8, Sue Squires # 13. The original UG #'s for Duke Vasey, Nancy Dykes and Lynn Day were lost, unfortunately, when they were made honorary members.
 - Nancy Dykes and Lynn Day served as acting Presidents after Duke's resignation in February 2002 until the Annual meeting in January 2003 when the following NMUG board was elected: Jerry King President, Terry Lopez-Cruz Vice President, Lynn Day continued as Treasurer, Merle Bauser Secretary. Continuing Directors were Bob Kenedi, Dennis Knott and Bern Wolsky.
 - Other Members who have served on the Board between 2003 and the 2010 Board include: Frank Berna, Bill Nice, Gene O'Meara and Ben Rae. The current Board members are: Vickie Kelber, Jerry King, Georgia Mosier, Don Peacock, George Rubin, Marilyn VonSeggren and Larry Varone.
 - In July 2002 NMUG acquired two (what are now called MobileMe) Internet accounts. The NaplesMUG account was used to replace a prior web site service and hosts NMUG's official web pages. Redirection is used so the URL <<http://www.naplesmug.com/>> delivers members and visitors to the MobileMe site <<http://homepage.mac.com/naplesmug/>>. The web page is managed using iWeb and other tools to produce web pages.
- The other MobileMe account is <<http://homepage.mac.com/naplesmac/>>. This site is used primarily to host information by contributing members that benefit NMUG members. The dominant use of the site is for our teaching members to post class notes for the courses taught each year. The site is managed using iWeb but the primary activity is the loading of the site with class notes by the instructors.

NMUG has continued Nancy Dyke's educational thrust with an active program of courses taught (in Season) each year. In 2010 NMUG conducted 10 weeks of 3-hour courses covering 9 separate topics. There were 122 different NMUG members attending the courses. Total student class hours were in excess of 1200.

- NMUG initiated its email based Discussion Group service in January 2003. With the growth of Internet availability, NMUG wanted a faster way for members to gain answers to questions about the use of their computer than the weekly, Wednesday noon programs. The Discussion Group is a service available ONLY to NMUG members.

Currently over 95% of NMUG's 400+ members participate daily in the

exchange of email messages. If a member has a question about use of a software application, or about their computer system, the member describes the issue in an email that is distributed to the entire membership.

There are 100's of geniuses among NMUG's members who can AND DO respond with answers to the question. Very few questions end up being taken to Apple's Genius bar.

Additionally, NMUG members who have interesting computer news or experiences regularly use the Discussion Group to share the information with all members.

The Discussion Group is a lively forum with hundred's of message each month.

- NMUG has continued the "beginner's Special Interest Group" started by Duke Vasey in 1994 but the format has changed to a Question and Answer structure. This SIG meets on Wednesdays at the library and any attending member can ask any Mac relevant question.

NMUG created an new SIG in 2003 to focus on Apple's iLife suite of software products. One Wednesday noon session is devoted to iPhoto, iTunes, iMovie, iDVD, etc issues faced by NMUG members. Bob Kenedi initiated the SIG activity and George Rubin has continued its activity.

Apple has expanded its product line beyond the Mac with the iPod, the iPhone and most recently the iPad. These products, and the software associated with the products, are a new dimension for Apple's customers. NMUG has decided to devote another Wednesday noon meeting to a new SIG. This SIG will address member questions about use of the software and aps in their iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch hardware.

At this point NMUG devotes 1 Wednesday noon meeting (nominally the last Wednesday of the month) to the iLife software & related technology, 1 Wednesday noon meeting (nominally the 2nd Wednesday of the month) to iOS based products, and the other Wednesdays to general Question and Answer opportunities.

- In 2007 Apple opened two Apple Stores in the Naples area. One is in Waterside Shoppes (March) in Naples. The other is in Coconut Point (February) in Estero.

One of the first hires was NMUG member Terry Lopez-Cruz as a trainer. Terry works in the Coconut Point store and is HIGHLY valued by customers for her knowledge of Apple's software applications. As noted above, Terry was VP for NMUG during 2003 and 2004.

Both Apple stores are very successful. Both are within short driving distance of NMUG's members when here in Florida. One can't beat the ability to drop in to see the newest hardware (AND stand in line for the 1st day release of a new product).

The Apple stores have increased the number of Mac owners in SW Florida

- On January 1, 2010 NMUG started a relationship with the Naples Daily New to

publish a bi-weekly column in the newspaper on Mac issues. The articles, written by Jerry King, reflect answers to questions that members and NDN readers pose about the use of their Mac computer.

An index to the archive of published articles is available by clicking on the Mac 411 tab of NMUG's web site or at http://homepage.mac.com/naplesmug/NMUG/Mac_411.html.

NMUG's visibility, via the NDN articles, has increased NMUG membership significantly.

Seventy (70) of the 122 students taking the 2010 set of classes joined NMUG since 1/1/2010

- NMUG undertook to achieve 501 (c) educational status a few years ago. New ByLaws and controlling documents were created and approved by NMUG's members. NMUG is now a not-for-profit Florida corporation (Naples MacFriends User Group, Inc.) registered with the State of Florida. NMUG has filed the necessary papers with the US Internal Revenue Service, requesting tax-exempt status, and awaits IRS approval.