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NEW FRONTIERS CALENDAR

Be sure to check our website regularly and check your email. That's where you will find additional information and/or updates on the items listed below!

OUT TO LUNCH

Typically held the 2nd Thursday of the month.

STUDY HALL

Typically held the last Tuesday of the month.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

[10:00 AM] Friday, May 3
MCC Library LB145
Southern & Dobson

COUNCIL MEETING

[9:30 AM] Monday, May 13
Online or at the MCC Downtown Bldg.
See the calendar on the website for Zoom link.

NFL SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN

Monday, June 3

COUNCIL MEETING

[9:30 AM] Monday, June 10
Online or at the MCC Downtown Bldg.
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JUNTEENTH HOLIDAY

No classes
Wednesday, June 19

INDEPENDENCE DAY

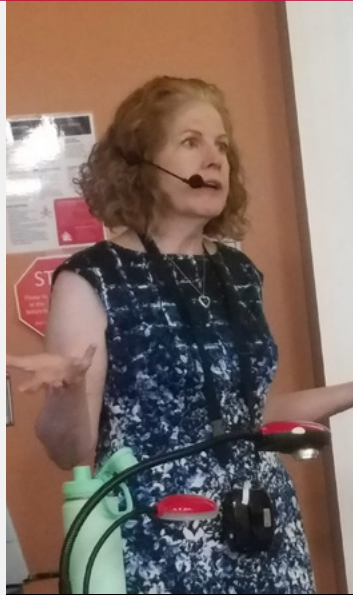
No classes
Thursday, July 4

FALL CLASS PROPOSALS DUE

Monday, July 15

NFL SUMMER CLASSES END

Thursday, July 25



INTRIGUING CLASSES

Katrina Shawver enlightened NFLL members during two separate classes. "Polish Heroes" and the "Parallels between the Start of WWII and Today's Political Situation in Eastern Europe".



CAPTIVATING SPEAKERS

Jay Mark, a long-time NFLL presenter who draws a large crowd, talked about 19th century Arizona and one of the grandest land-fraud schemes ever in the US.



ENLIGHTENING ACTIVITIES

Fearless Joanne Handlong hands off the snake during NFLL's visit to the Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary.

CURIOSITY NEVER RETIRES

Come Join Us!

Membership is open to anyone interested in lifelong learning. While the majority of our members reside in the East Valley, we have members from all around the greater Phoenix area. Winter visitors are also welcome.

NFLL Benefits

You may not always think of our classes as a “benefit”, but they are. Our 2022 member survey showed

97.6% of our members attend classes!

There's something for everyone at NFLL.

- *Variety:*

We have almost 200 classes each year, covering everything from intellectual, university quality programs to fun and quirky presentations and activities.

- *Flexibility:*

Take as many classes as you want, year-round (Fall, Spring, and Summer). We offer in-person and online options.

Members can attend as many classes as they want during the year.

- *Convenience:*

Classes are held at various locations for your ease, including both MCC campuses (Southern & Dobson and at Red Mountain); Aster Center downtown Mesa; Leisure World and various venues (like museums).

- *Great Instructors:*

Learn from a wide range of interesting people including: academics, writers, business owners, retired executives, former educators, hobbyists, bookworms, and more!



Kate Mohler, MCC Faculty presented valuable information and her personal experiences with mental illness. An active discussion and idea exchange was also part of the class.



Randall Harabin entertained us with his insider's view of the National Park System. During his career he worked at over 20 sites!

In Memory

Jill Freedman passed away peacefully at home on March 2, 2024, at the age of 84. Many of our members knew Jill from the art and music history classes she taught for NFLL.

Jill led a fascinating life and began teaching classes for NFLL after she and her husband Harry (who passed away in 2022) moved to Arizona in the 1990s. Her passion and interest in art, music, and history shone through in her classes. Gloria Bruce (current NFLL member) remembers Jill as a most endearing person who was passionate about the classes she taught.

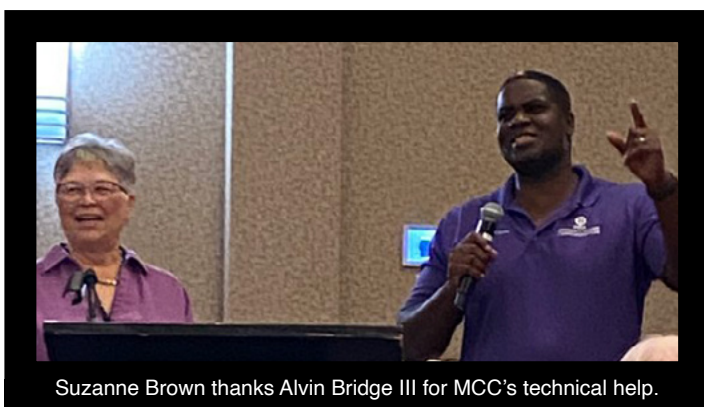
A celebration of Jill's life was held March 16 at Leisure World. Her family also wrote a loving memory of her in the March issue of Leisure World's newsletter which you can read on page 80 of this link:

https://issuu.com/lwca.com/docs/lwn_0424-web

Volunteer Recognition

On April 26, 2024, New Frontiers held its Volunteer Recognition at EVIT with 40 people attending. Our members provide tremendous support to ensure that our organization has the largest array of classes, events, outings, etc. Dan Taylor opened the program with comments about the importance of our volunteer involvement. It truly is what makes New Frontiers so powerful and dynamic. Chad Wilson, EVIT Superintendent, shared that EVIT will be opening a 64-room dorm for foster kids that age out and have not finished high school. It will be the largest one in the country. Kudos to Chad!

Several special guests were introduced including Neva Hansen and Sammy Trujillo and their new supervisor, Dr. Sherrie Licon, Manager of Early Outreach and Community Connections who joined the team in January. Suzanne Brown, Curriculum Chair, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the College of Technology Services for their assistance. Cindy Schrantz, President, thanked all the Council members, various committees, especially Curriculum, Membership, and Social. She also gave a big shout out to Allan Zisner for his great work on the website. Jacki McDugle and Pat King shared their story of their long-term friendship and how their involvement in New Frontiers is keeping them busy. Margo Heaps lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The EVIT's Culinary students served a delicious meal. It was a great time to relax, catch up and break bread together.





John Bishop, Cathy Bishop, Rose Dukelow, Helen Lentz, Bill Lentz (and his "new" hair)!

The Spring Picnic was "Far Out"

NFLL members showed up in their grooviest outfits for the spring Hippie themed picnic! The trivia game to match song titles with the artist proved to be a challenge. Sharko's catered our lunch and once again provided great food.

Check out all the fun these hippies had.



Trying to figure out the answers to the trivia questions.



Peace and love ... and Ruth and Roland Tanner.



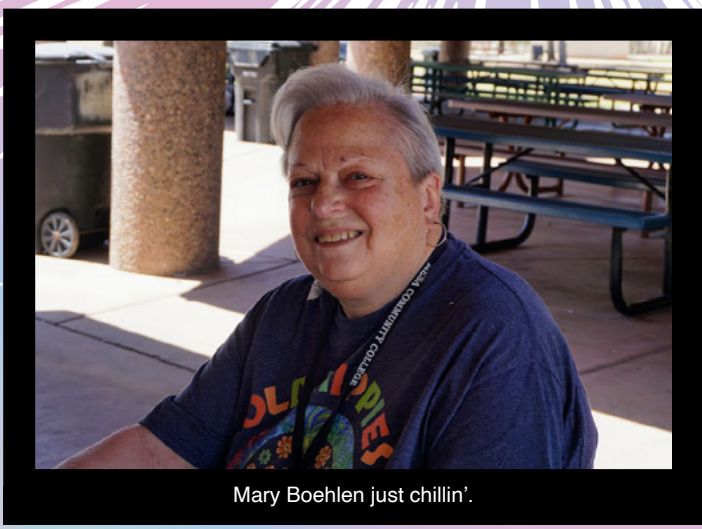
That was an awful lot of tie-dye in one place.



Margo Heaps and Carolyn Follett look like they arrived in a VW bus.



Marie France Ganansia & Monica Karels brought the flower power.



Mary Boehlen just chillin'.



The Trailers hiking group enjoying the spring in AZ and traversing the Tonto Forest.

New Frontiers in Action

New Frontiers members take a variety of photos to share their experiences. Find more photos of this semester on our website or by joining our private Facebook Group. Search "New Frontiers For Lifelong Learning" on Facebook to learn more!

Check out some of the highlights!



Susan & Larry represented NFLL at the Healthy Living Expo.



Our members got to meet Mesa Mayor Giles!



Handing out food during We Care Wednesdays at MCC on Dobson.



Our members regularly show up at We Care Wednesdays.



The Walkers group at Red Mountain Park.

NEW FRONTIERS FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning is a Mesa Community College non-credit, community education program designed by and for our active senior community. With over 225 active participants, NFLL members serve as MCC ambassadors to our growing community of active adult learners; providing peer-led classes (in person and online), social events, volunteer opportunities, and physical activities like hiking, biking, and walking groups. Learn more about NFLL at newfrontiers.mesacc.edu or calling 480-461-7497.

Mesa Community College is located in Mesa, Arizona and serves the communities of the East Valley of metropolitan Phoenix. We are a peer-led, self-governed organization with interests in volunteer opportunities, travel, hiking, and healthy lifestyles.

Discovering new, lifelong friendships is an added bonus.

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LEARN MORE



OUR COLORFUL THURSDAY MORNING BIKE GROUP READY TO RIDE!

The Thursday bicycle rides are a maximum of 15 miles along the multiuse canal paths in the east valley. Any bicycle will do. Contact Allan Zisner for additional information.

NEW FRONTIERS GOVERNING BODY

President – Cindy Schrantz
Vice President – Bill Lents
Secretary – Pat King
Treasurer – Fred Searing
Members at Large – Jan Lorette, Lois Schaffer, Carolyn Follette
Past President – Roland Tanner
Curriculum – Suzanne Brown
Membership – Mary Boehlen
Volunteers – Mary Adamick
Technology – Allan Zisner
Scholarship – Mary Boehlen, Shirley Epp
Newsletter Editor – Cindy Schrantz
Photos – Bob Dukelow, Marie-France Ganansia, Mary Kay Owen, Bill Lentz, Monical Karels, Suzanne Brown, Jacki McDugle, Cindy Schrantz

MCC Program Coordinators – Neva Hansen, Sammy Rudi-Trujillo
MCC Career & Community Connections – Kathleen Perales, Associate Dean
MCC Early Outreach & Community Connections – Dr. Sherrie Licon, Manager

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