

NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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NEW FRONTIERS OPEN HOUSE

When:

Friday, September 9, 2016

1PM to 3PM

Where:

**Mesa Community College
Downtown Center**

145 North Centennial Way
- Fourth Floor, Mesa

Free parking on the 2nd & 3rd floors
of the parking garage.

Why Attend?

- **Renew your membership (please bring your photo ID)**
- Check out new and interesting Fall 2016 classes & meet the instructors.
- Discover volunteer opportunities at MCC and in the community.
- Invite a friend to join you & introduce them to New Frontiers.
- Meet old friends over coffee & cookies.

For additional information contact
membership@newfrontiersaz.org



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NF Council Meeting - August 2016

NOTES from Marlin Fried

There is a new maxim: "Spend at least one hour each day learning something new." With **79 classes this fall** – everything from The Accelerating Universe to Women of the Bible – New Frontiers can help with that. All told, these classes amount to 545 total classroom hours. That should go a long way toward finding something new to learn.

Please consider helping with one of the New Frontiers committees. It takes a lot of effort to keep New Frontiers going and a few people work very hard doing it. Having more people helping would make it easier everyone. Each of our five standing committees as well as our technical and ad hoc committees can use help. Go to the "Committees" section of our web site: <http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/Commtees.html> and contact the chairpersons. We could also use some fresh ideas to keep our organization current and vital.

Enjoy our fall season.

CURRICULUM NEWS

by Margo Heaps

We would like to **thank Sharon Greer** for her fine work with our committee. She will step down after Open House. She has been a great help during her tenure as a member and co-chair. We would like to **welcome Jennifer Wong** who is joining the Curriculum Committee as co-chair. She and her husband Sam have been a great help getting the fall classes ready and creating the signs for open house.

Charles Barry has turned over the statistics collection to Ann Bloxam and we would like to thank him for his many years of fine work also.

Summer Classes numbers were up from last summer. We had 17 classes for the hot summer months for those of us who endure the heat. We would like to **thank Roland Tanner** for his excellent work. He did a great job getting the classes arranged, on the web and running.

Fall classes are in and we will have 79 classes for our members to take. We are using 49 facilitators to man these classes. As you can see our members step up to help with the classes. We rely on our members to provide for these classes. You really make this organization work.

For your information, we are holding **43 classes at the Dobson campus, 18 at Red Mountain Campus, 7 at the MAAC, and 11 at other venues off campus.**

The printed schedule mock up has been distributed for editing and the final will go to print after **Dovie Bryant** makes the final changes necessary. The class schedule for fall will appear on the website as soon as possible. We need to wait for final classroom assignment so that your information is accurate.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Kim Gillespie

Remember that wonderful feeling of crisp fall air and the excitement of starting a new year of study. Well, it's the Valley so we don't have cool fall weather. We do have a **new fall semester of classes** to anticipate—and we don't have to worry about our G.P.A.s.

Over the summer Membership has been learning about the enrollment changes at MCC and helping to draft communications with Members and instructions for posting on the web site. Thank you to the many Members who took our advice and enrolled early. If you haven't yet enrolled, please join us at the Open House. **Please don't forget your photo ID so the College enroll you and continue to protect your identity in the future.**

We also learned that it is a good idea to update your **Personal Information** in MCC's automated system every year. In particular, you should know that if you want to receive emergency texts from MCC, you must list your cell phone number as your primary phone.

We are busy preparing for **Open House, which will take place on Friday, September 9 from 1:00-3:00.** We look forward to welcoming new members and greeting returning Members. We hope to see you there! We have allowed a full week after Open House for returning Members to enroll before class registration begins.

CALENDAR

Please check the New Frontiers calendar at: <http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/Mem-Calendar.html>

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NEW FRONTIERS KEY DATES FOR FALL 2016



SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 9, 1-3PM – NF Open House
MCC Downtown Center, 4th Floor

Tuesday, September 20, 9AM - NF Online Registration begins
Go to <http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/Classes.html>

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 5, 9-11AM – New Members Coffee
MCC Downtown Center, 4th Floor

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 4, 1-3PM - NF Annual Membership meeting,
Location TBA

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 8, 11:30AM- NF Annual Holiday Party
Tentative date and location TBA

Members are welcome at Council and Committee meetings

HELP WANTED! by Gwyndolynn Gentry

The volunteer committee is looking for people who like having fun and giving back to the Mesa community. In exchange for your time and energy, volunteers are able to mingle other New Frontiers members, begin lasting friendships, or at least leave with that warm fuzzy feeling of doing good. We enjoy a wonderful reputation as being reliable and energetic as we help the younger crowd find their way at the community college. (Also, I am looking for someone to Co-Chair this committee! Please contact me if you have a passion to make a difference.)

Here are some **upcoming events** that might be of interest:

Community Engagement Expo –

Tuesday, September 6 and

Wednesday, September 7 at Southern & Dobson

Tuesday, September 13 at Red Mountain

Please sign up by going to this site:

<http://tinyurl.com/MCCExpoVolunteer>

The Community Engagement Expo is a FREE fair-style recruitment event is your chance to engage students to volunteer or complete their service-learning.

Volunteer functions: staff welcome/information table, assist agency representative, set-up, cleanup, distribute items, take photos, etc.

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Empty Bowls –

Wednesday, October 19 at Red Mountain

Wednesday, October 26 at Southern & Dobson

This event helps feed the homeless in our community by purchasing one of a kind pieces of art - Empty Bowls.

Here is more information: <https://www.mesacc.edu/events/featured/2016/10/empty-bowls>. We will have a sign up for this soon, maybe even at our New Member Orientation.

Please direct any questions or suggestions to Gwyndolynn Gentry at gwyndolynn@gmail.com.

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FUN STUFF from the Social Committee



Out To Lunch Bunch –

Come and join other New Frontiers members for lunch on the 2nd Friday of the month usually at 11:30 a.m. (Times may change for certain events.)

Please note: You must phone or E-mail your reservation to the person listed by 12:00 noon of the Thursday before the lunch date. No exceptions! The restaurants need an exact headcount in order to accommodate us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Friday, September 9 at 5PM – NOTE Time Change *Red Mountain Café*

4410 E University Dr. Mesa, AZ

Reservations – Peggy Schulz 480-962-9593
or Email: mschulz291@yahoo.com

Friday, October 14 at 11:30AM *Elephant Bar*

3405 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ

Reservations – Peggy Strauss (480) 366-4840
or Email: pkstrauss@gmail.com

Friday, November 11 at 11:30AM *Kabuki Japanese Restaurant*

2000 E Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe, AZ

At Tempe Marketplace across from Barnes & Noble on the "mall"

Reservations – Janice Overdorff 602-840-7243
or Email: joverdorff1@gmail.com

FALL 2016 TOURS

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE
AIRBASE ARIZONA



Commemorative Air Force Airbase Arizona Thursday, September 29 at 10AM

The **museum of restored aircraft** and museum exhibits are on display for a unique atmosphere. It is located at **2017 N Greenfield Road in Mesa**. It is on the southwest corner of the Falcon Field Airport and at the northeast corner of the intersection of McKellips and Greenfield Road. The parking lot is only accessible from Greenfield Road and does not have access from McKellips at all.

Our senior group rate will be \$ 10.00 providing we have a group of at least eight. To join the group, please mail a check made **payable to Helen Dodds** by September 22, 2016. See directory for her address.

Reservations – (checks due by September 22) to Helen Dodds

Questions: (480) 821-4727,
or Email: grandmadodds@hotmail.com



Arizona
Railway
Museum Inc.



Arizona Railway Museum Inc. Thursday, October 27 at 10AM

The Arizona Railway Museum is located at **330 East Ryan Road in Chandler**. It was founded and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1983. It is dedicated to the railroads of Arizona and the Southwestern United States. It has an extensive collection railroad rolling stock and artifacts. Two of items on display are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, they are the "Southern Pacific Railroad Locomotive No. SP 2562" and "Tender No. 8365", and the "Railroad Steam Wrecking Crane and Tool Car".

It is important members know of the **steps up into the railway cars**. Cars are not connected, so you have to enter and exit each car, but members can choose to wait in the museum if they don't want to tour the cars, and then be brought to the dining car by cart, after the tour is finished.

Our **tour will include lunch** served in the dining car with

tablecloths & china. Cost is \$ 13.00. Please mail a check made **payable to Helen Jones** by October 19th, 2016. See directory for her address.

Reservations – (checks due by October 19th) to Helen Jones

Questions: (480) 496-8553,
or Email: heljo7006@yahoo.com



UNITED FOOD BANK
It's the Giving Season.
\$25 provides 100 meals for hungry families.
Donate Today!

United Food Bank

Wednesday, November 16 at 10AM

Established in 1983, **United Food Bank began operation at 245 South Nina Drive in Mesa**. Their mission is to provide access to nutritious food for those who are without, serving as a community bridge between those who want to help and those who are in need. United Food defines its work as "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Our decision making is always measured by our values which promote the alleviation of hunger, the importance of nutrition, outcomes of self-sufficiency and independence, while preserving at all times the self-esteem and dignity of the individual.

New Frontiers has generously donated food and cash each year from **donations collected during our Holiday party**. Come join us now as we tour the warehouse of the United Food Bank and see how this operation works to provide more than 51,000 meals to hungry people every day in Arizona.

And in case you would like to volunteer your time. . .

Volunteers are essential to the United Food Bank and great for team-building activities, individuals and families! Be part of the change and help us fight hunger across the East Valley and Eastern Arizona! They are always looking for volunteers, either on a one-time basis or on a regular basis!

Sign up for the tour by either calling or emailing Sissy Riley and letting her know you would like to join the group.

Reservations – Sissy Riley 480-892-3542
or Email: rriley18@cox.net

Check for the latest information on the NF website at
<http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/SocialEvents.html>



Sharlot Hall Tour - July 26, 2016

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MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATES



Dr. Nora Reyes

Patrick Burkhart has been reassigned to the Maricopa Workforce Development office as their Provost. Thank you and you will be missed Patrick.

Welcome to **Dr. Nora Reyes**, Associate Provost for Red Mountain and the Downtown Center. She has served as the Interim Dean of Innovative Learning for the past 17 months, and provided leadership and support for the Library, Center Teaching and Learning, Learning Enhancement Center and the eLearning program. Dr. Reyes is located at the Red Mountain Campus.

NF Liaison **Pat Esparza**, Coordinator of Partnership Programs, is currently a loaned executive to the Mesa United Way for their Fall campaign. She will continue to assist us as needed. Pat is adjunct faculty in MCC's Business Department.

In addition to all she does for New Frontiers, **Neva Hansen**, Office Coordinator, is a returning college student studying business administration. In her spare time she volunteers for the Child Crisis Center.

Both Pat and Neva are located Mesquite Bldg, Second Floor at the Red Mountain Campus.



Pat Esparza & Neva Hansen

The Mesa Arts Center has filled their fall calendar with some great new & long time favorites...



Work-in-Progress
Tuesday's, September 6 – December 6, 9-11:30AM

These sessions are for anyone looking to develop an independent, creative practice. You'll bring artwork at any stage to these sessions and receive group feedback. No experience necessary.

Instructor: Tessa Windt, Visual Artist
 Mesa Arts Center - Multi purpose room



Gracefully Flamenco • Flamenco for Older Adults
Tuesday's, September 6 - October 11, 10-11:15AM

As we age we have life experiences to share. This class guides you to tell your story through movement, song and dance, through the mystical language of Flamenco. No Experience necessary.

Instructor: Angelina Ramirez, Flamenco Dance Artist
 Mesa Arts Center – 2nd Floor Studios 5

Entangle
Tuesday's, September 27 - November 22
(no class Oct 11), 9-11AM

Eight hands-on sessions creating mixed media, abstract sculpture that prompt us to ask the question of how we make connections. No experience necessary.

Instructor: Tessa Windt, Visual Artist
 Mesa Arts Center - Multi purpose room

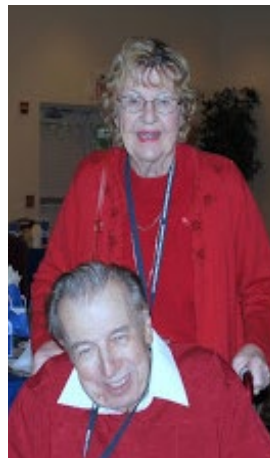
Mature Moving Me
Thursday's, October 6 - December 8, 9-10:30AM

Creative movement for the Mature Mover age 55 plus. Exercise your mind, body and creativity in a joyful, supportive community environment. No experience necessary!

Instructor: Allyson Yoder, Dance Artist
 Mesa Arts Center - 2nd Floor Studios

The MAC **classes are free** and NF members can register at engagement@mesaartscenter.com The MAC is located at One East Main Street in Mesa. Box Office & Registration: 480.644.6500

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FOND MEMORIES
by Pat DeBlake

As we grow older memories increase and their meaning is appreciated with fondness! Therefore, it is important to remember with an appreciative heart. Today let us think of the person who led New Frontiers Wagon Train trips, was Volunteer Council Chair, served as Council President and

Past Council President. Let us think of **Bruce Reid** with gratitude for service cheerfully given to our organization in such a dedicated way. Due to health reasons Bruce must slow down so therefore will no longer be a member of our organization. And yes, also thank you to his wife Joy, who is always at his side. Thank you from all New Frontiers members for many jobs well done, Bruce and Joy Reid!

And, it is with sadness that I share that former member **Joe Milner** has died at age 87. Joe was an ASU professor emeritus at the Cronkite School. Members who knew Joe are grateful for his friendship and teaching contribution to our organization.

NEW FRONTIERS FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

New Frontiers is an organization dedicated to adults wishing to continue their discovery of knowledge and advance their learning. Founded in 1995, New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning was created through the sponsorship of Mesa Community College.

The 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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- President – Marlin Fried
- Vice President – Richard Riley
- Secretary – Sharen Kellogg
- Treasurer – Fred Searing
- Members at Large – Helen Jones & Con Downey
- Membership – Kim Gillespie & Nora Reyes
- Curriculum – Margo Heaps & Sharon Greer
- Social – Lois Schaffer & Peggy Schulz
- Volunteer – Gwyndolynn Gentry
- Communications – Barbara Thelander & Peggy Randolph

Remember, New Frontiers is peer led and NF volunteers, people like you and me, make this organization work!

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