

NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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NEW FRONTIERS OPEN HOUSE

WHEN:

Friday, January 27 – 1-3PM

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?

- Join New Frontiers
(please bring your photo ID)
- Check out new and interesting
Spring 2017 classes & meet the
instructors.
- Discover volunteer opportunities
at MCC and in the community.
- Invite friends to join you & learn
about New Frontiers.
- Make new friends over coffee
& cookies.

For additional information contact
membership@newfrontiersaz.org



Curiosity Never Retires

NOTES from Marlin Fried

We are well into our 2016/2017 NFs' year. By all reports, our fall term was successful. The **more than 80 classes were well received and attended**. Our Social Committee once again provided interesting tours, delicious lunches, and another wonderful Holiday Party. We served soup and rolls and wrapped bowls for "Empty Bowls" at both the Dobson and Red Mountain campuses.

The spring term will also offer many opportunities. The Spring Class Schedule accompanies this newsletter with again over 80 classes offered – about equally distributed between east and west Mesa. Look it over and get ready. **Open House is January 27, sign-up begins January 31st and classes begin February 3rd.**

You may have heard of **changes contemplated for the Maricopa Community College District** – necessary with declining enrollments and no funding from the state. Colleges may be consolidated by region under one president and administration. Under the suggested change, an "east-region" president may oversee Mesa and Chandler-Gilbert Community Colleges. The goal is to become more efficient and to be able to invest any savings in new ways of strategically serving the community. While there's very little detail provided yet, I don't foresee any significant changes for New Frontiers. There may even be some additional opportunities for us.

Our biggest challenge is filling a number of key committee positions. For several reasons, key committee members are leaving – many having served for years. All of our committees need help. If we cannot get more members to help, we won't be able to provide all of the activities that we have in the past. Please take a look at descriptions of the standing committees found on our web site and find one (or more) where you'd be willing to help. In needed, contact the chair or co-chair of the committee for more information and attend the next committee meeting. The meeting dates and times can be found on the NFLL calendar on the website.



Annual Holiday Luncheon

NEW FRONTIER ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Over 100 NF members gathered at the Windemere Hotel for the annual holiday celebration. The **Social Committee was led by Lois Schaffer and Peggy Schultz with Committee members Peggy Strauss, Janice Overdorff, Judy Wakefield, Marie-France Ganansia, Helen Dodds, Roland Tanner, Helen Jones, Mary Kay Owen, Lorrie Washburn, and Sissy Riley assisting.** Members donated 225 pounds of non-perishable food. **Janice again made three beautiful quilts** for the raffle that raised \$908. The money and food were donated to the United Food Bank. Debbie Coon and Jeff Montgomery provided the entertainment with the special singing of Jingle Bells by members caught by the "badge patrol" without their badges. The poinsettias were a lovely Holiday gift for the members attending.

Just a bit about **Lois Schaffer** who has led this the Social Committee for the past five years. She is stepping down because she has returned to her former position on a part-time basis. She is the mother of two, grandmother of two, great grandmother of four and a foster parent. And she leads the Trailblazers hiking group. Thank you Lois sincerely. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do for New Frontiers members.



Peggy Schultz and Lois Schaffer.



Social Committee

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NF SPRING 2017 CLASSES

Over 80 classes will be offered this Spring semester. The **Curriculum Committee under the leadership of Margo Heaps and Jennifer Wong** have put together a creative variety of classes sure to interest you. Members can hear from ASU Emeritus Professors, explore history with classes such as Arizona Ghost Towns and 60 years of Cuban History. Or you can discover new places to go to through the Travelogues, or examine science, and learn about brain health and healthy living. Don't miss the John Wayne Tribute or the discussion of the first 100 days of the new presidential administration. You can play games or watch movies, spend some time in discussion about books or Great Decisions, or learn to play the piano or write a book. **These are just a few of the opportunities for lifelong learning** available at MCC Southern & Dobson and Red Mountain campuses as well as other locations in the East Valley. **Registration opens January 31 and classes start February 3.**



So many classes - so little time!



NF Hikers on the Siphon Draw Trail, a 4.7 mile, heavily trafficked, out and back trail located in Lost Dutchman State Park near Apache Junction, AZ. The trail is rated as difficult.

New Procedures for New Members

If you have friends who are planning to become New Frontiers members, you might want to pass this along. As most of our members know, joining New Frontiers is a two-step process: **First, you sign up for the “Seniors” class as a student at MCC; then, you are given a New Frontiers ProClass account to allow online registration for classes.** And somewhere behind the scenes the two are linked. This semester we are asking new members to **CREATE THEIR OWN** New Frontiers ProClass account. The purpose is three-fold:

1. Members become more familiar with their account and online registration procedures before registration opens.
2. We eliminate the problem of duplicate accounts, caused when a member already has an account but creates another by clicking on the “New User? Start here” option at login time.
3. We reduce errors when members enter their own information (Is this a “5” or an “S” in this email address?)

New members will be given the opportunity to create their New Frontiers account in the Computer Lab on the 4th floor during Open House while they are waiting their turn in the “Enrollment” line. Volunteers will be available to help.



Directories Available

If you missed picking up your Directory, they are still available at both the MCC Red Mountain campus and the MCC Southern & Dobson campus. At Red Mountain, you will want to go to the Community Partnerships Office in the Mesquite Building (Room 222); at Southern & Dobson, Rosa Pardo is holding the directories for you at the MCC Library, Room 310. An Addendum Directory of members who join in the spring will be given out at our All-Members Meeting in March. Or again, you can pick one up at either the Red Mountain campus or the Southern & Dobson campus.



United Food Bank Tour

NEW FRONTIERS SPRING 2017 CALENDAR

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

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JANUARY

Friday, January 27, 1-3PM – NF Open House
MCC Downtown Center, 4th Floor

Tuesday, January 31, NF Online Registration begins
Go to <https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/Classes.html>

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 3 - NF Classes begin

Friday, February 17 - NF New Member Coffee

MARCH

Friday, March 24, 1-3PM – NF All Member Meeting
Red Mountain Campus

SOCIALS & TOURS

<https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/SocialEvents.html>

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Come Ride The EXCITEMENT with New Frontiers Tours

Turf Paradise *We regret that this tour is full*
Wednesday, January 18 11:30AM-5PM

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

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Monkey Around at the Phoenix Zoo
Thursday, February 9 or Monday, April 10

Sign up for only one of the dates. Each tour limited to 20 people.

Enjoy a personalized walking tour around the Main Lake learning about part of the Zoo's primate collection. Patty O'Brien will share information and animal stories gained during her 30+ years of working and volunteering at the Phoenix Zoo.

Reservations - Patty O'Brien 480-831-5198 or Email
bpob@cox.net

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Sunshine Acres Children's Home
Wednesday, February 22 – 10AM

Tour is limited to 30 people

In 1954, Jim and Vera Dingman opened Sunshine Acres Children's Home, and that became the beginning of the *Miracle in the Desert*. Even today children are not turned away for financial reasons. *Sunshine Acres does not receive government support* for the children and though we are donor funded, we do no fundraising/solicitation for ourselves. Many friends, businesses, churches and volunteers contribute and host fundraising events on behalf of the home – *proof that God is still working miracles in the desert.*
<http://sunshineacres.org/>

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



Shirley Epp

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Friday, January 13 – 11:30AM

Carraba's Italian Grill
1740 S Clearview, Mesa, AZ

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

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Friday, February 10 – 11:30AM

My Big Fat Greek Restaurant
525 S Mill Ave, Tempe, AZ

Reservations – Lorrie Washburn 480-855-4763
or Email: washb_lo@yahoo.com

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Friday, March 10 – 11:30AM

Malee's Thai Bistro
7131 E Main St, Scottsdale, AZ

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

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.

DID YOU KNOW!!

The New Frontiers Governing Council consists of seven elected officers and up to eight committee chairs and co-chairs. The Council meets monthly to discuss and decide on ways to make this organization better for all of us. More than 100 additional volunteers work on committees and facilitate classes. This past year, **our members volunteered over 6700 hours – an amount equal to three full time employees.**

MCC's Pat Esparza and Neva Hansen assist us with room assignments, ordering materials and supplies, and managing the budget. They also provide a valuable link to the College community.

But we need new volunteers to step up and take a leadership role in 2017.

<https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/Council.html>

At this printing, we have the immediate need for:

- Curriculum Co-Chair and Grid Master
- Communications Chair and Co-Chair
- Membership Co-Chair
- Social Chair
- Volunteer Co-Chair

Please take some time to review the duties of each committee on-line. Check the calendar for the next meeting and attend if you can. And feel free to call the current Chair and/or Co-Chair to learn more.

We need you!!

MESA ARTS CENTER Entangle Exhibition

New Frontiers Members were some of the artists.

January 21-February 3

Reception 10-11:30AM, Saturday January 28

Mesa Library, Main Branch lobby

64 E 1st St, Mesa

An exhibition of mixed media sculptural artworks completed by participants in 'Entangle', an 8-week hands-on series held at Mesa Arts Center fall 2016.

How does the act of physically combining forms with one another create not only a new sculptural object but also a ripple effect of new discoveries, connections and intersections? Artworks in 'Entangle' prompt us to ask questions about how we make connections.

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 – Dan Taylor
- Secretary – Gretchen Hirni
- Treasurer – Fred Searing
- Members at Large – Steven S. Johnson, Dan Scarpone & Anne Stehr
- Membership – Kim Gillespie
- Curriculum – Margo Heaps & Jennifer Wong
- 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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