

NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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NEW FRONTIERS OPEN HOUSE

WHEN:

Friday, January 12 – 1PM-3PM

WHERE:

Mesa Community College
Red Mountain Campus
7110 E McKellips Rd, Mesa
Community Room,
Mesquite Bldg #5

WHY ATTEND?

- Renew your membership (please bring your photo ID).
- Check out new and interesting Spring 2018 classes and meet the instructors.
- Discover volunteer opportunities at MCC and in the community.
- Invite a friend to join you and introduce them to New Frontiers.
- Meet old friends over coffee and cookies.

For additional information, please email neva.hansen@mesacc.edu



New Member Coffee - October 13, 2017 - Welcome New Members

NOTES from Marlin Fried, President

We are well into our Fall Term and all reports are that it's going well. In addition to another successful Open House and New Member's Coffee, there have been wonderful classes, interesting tours and friendly lunches and dinners. **Thanks to everyone who made this happen.** There are still a lot of classes, tours, and lunches coming up, so check the schedules and take advantage of the opportunities. Don't forget the Holiday Party on December 14. And while you're at it, check out all the other events going on at MCC Red Mountain and Dobson plus the other lifelong learning events in the East Valley that the Communications Committee tells us about. There's no reason to be bored.

New Frontiers will have a significant change in leadership this fall. We'll have a new president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, one new member-at-large, and several additions to the standing committees' co-chairs. I'm very excited about the people accepting these positions and am looking forward to new directions for New Frontiers. We not only provide activities for our members, but support the college and serve as an outreach arm into the greater community. I believe we are one of the few organizations who can and should advocate for our generation. The college gives us a great deal of leeway. Make your desires known and get involved. There's always need for more help.

This is my last missive as your President, and **I want to thank all the great people who have made New Frontiers such a wonderful organization.** Sometimes it's been a challenge (sometimes staying up late writing missives), but all-in-all it's been rewarding. Thanks for the opportunity. I don't think I've screwed it up too badly and anyway, the new leadership can straighten it out. I'll see you in class – or at an outing – or at lunch – or at a party.

NEW FRONTIERS CALENDAR

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

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NOVEMBER

Friday, November 3, 1PM-3PM – Fall Membership Meeting

Mesa Community College Dobson Campus, 1833 W. Southern Ave. Library – LB145
Please join us for the annual Membership Meeting and election of officers.

Friday, November 10, 11:30AM-1PM – Out To Lunch Bunch

RigaTony's Italian Restaurant 1850 E Warner Rd, Tempe
Please call or e mail Peggy Strauss before Nov 9 to reserve.

Wednesday, November 29, 1PM-2PM – Sandra Day O'Connor Home Tour

Sandra Day O'Connor Home located on the grounds of Arizona Heritage Center
at Papago Park, 1300 N. College Ave Tempe, AZ
NO COST, but donations are gladly accepted. The tour is 15-20 minutes, limited to 30 people.
Call or e mail Janice Overdorff for reservation.

DECEMBER

Thursday Dec 14, Registration 11:30AM – Annual Holiday Party

Windemere Hotel & Conference Center 5750 East Main Street, Mesa
Mail Your Check for \$20 payable to: Mesa Community College to Lois Schaffer
and indicate beef, salmon, chicken or pasta. Deadline is Thursday, December 7.

Questions? Please call Lois (check the Directory) or check the NF Calendar
under the Social Tab for complete information.

<https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu>

JANUARY

Friday, Jan 12, 11:30AM-1PM – Out To Lunch Bunch

Midwestern Meats 4308 E Main, Mesa
Please call or e mail Peggy Schulz before Jan 11 to reserve.

Friday, Jan 12, 1PM-3PM – New Frontiers Open House

Mesa Community College Red Mountain Campus 7110 E McKellips Rd, Mesa
Community Room, Mesquite Bldg #5

Check the NF Calendar for Council & Committee meetings and attend if you like.

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CURRICULUM by Jennifer Wong, Chair

To date, **NF has over 2400 seats filled** in classes for Fall. And, it is not too late for members to sign up for classes in offered in November and December. **Please remember, if you register for a class and cannot attend call the facilitator.** Another member may be waiting for that seat to open up so they can attend.

Classes offered Fall 2017 included "Wildlife of Arizona", offered a tour of MCC's cienega - a small wildlife refuge at the Red Mountain campus. NF members did some armchair traveling with our very own tour guides, Gary Kleemann, Margo Heaps, Isabelle Main and Marie-France Ganansia, and guest presenter, Jay Mark, as we visited the Cather Trail, Macchu Picchu, China, England, The Volga, Cuba and Tuscany. A little closer to home, members visited "The Arizona Trail" with Allan Zisner who hiked the Trail this past Spring. History, current events, and presentations about health, wellness and finance continue to popular with NF. And, the NF Hikers keep moving along so look for pictures in this Newsletter.

For **Spring 2018**, New Frontiers will continue to offer a wide array of classes and presentations guaranteed to interest you, our members. Those classes will begin in late January, early February. So please don't wait to sign up for your choice(s).

A sad note and a caution for hikers: In wonderful Arizona, we are fortunate to be able to enjoy our beautiful mountains and deserts for most of the year. We have been recently reminded that even the shortest ventures into our outdoors can be dangerous, as one of our members is still missing in the mountains of Utah. So, for this reason we give this reminder to all our members. Even though we only mean to go for a short walk to stretch our legs, we need to constantly be aware of our surroundings, noting land marks so we can easily backtrack our footsteps. At the very least, take water and snacks. And tell someone where you're going and when you will return.



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Musical Instrument Museum Tour

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MEMBERSHIP by Barbara Dixon, Chair

Are you short-changing yourself? Sure, you have taken a few classes and perhaps attended a couple of social events. But are you getting the most out of your membership?

A member relayed this experience to me: *When I joined, I didn't know another single member. I went to classes, but didn't remember anyone's name, nor they mine. But then I volunteered to co-chair one of the committees. I was like a deer in the headlights at first. But gradually I learned the job and suddenly, when I walked across campus, people were saying "Hi" and calling me by name. Now everyone knows my name. I can't tell you the difference it has made.*

This statement could have been made by me! The "difference" is that this member jumped in with both feet and volunteered so that New Frontiers will continue to be the kind of organization she wants it to be. And it sounds like she is enjoying it!

So, ask yourself, what is it I'm able to contribute? What skills can I use to organize, facilitate, or help other members on a wide variety of tasks? Are you up to a new challenge? **To get the most out of your membership, please contact any Committee Chair or Co-Chair to offer your services.** You can find us at <https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu>, on the last page of this Newsletter and in your NF Directory.

Don't be short-changed and miss out. You will get more out of your participation than you can imagine.



EMPTY BOWLS

For more than two decades **MCC's Art Department**, in collaboration with local businesses, schools and community groups, has offered **Empty Bowls** to garner support for a national movement to feed the hungry and homeless. All proceeds from MCC Empty Bowls events directly benefit those served by **Paz de Cristo Community Center**, the nonprofit providing anti-hunger and empowerment support for the East Valley's homeless, unemployed, working poor and their families.

Special gratitude is extended to the wonderful ceramics students who donate their time and talent and the local organizations that make contributions to help feed the hungry and homeless in our community. **Among the sponsors/volunteers for the two events in October were members of New Frontiers.** Skip and Peggy Carney worked with the College to organize NF Volunteers.



MCC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

For a number of years, **New Frontiers has provided a \$1000 scholarship to three MCC students.** The College Financial Aid Office reviews the student applications to ensure they meet the NF Guidelines of: completion of 12 credit hours; have a cumulative GPA of 3.0; be degree seeking; demonstrate financial need; and be currently enrolled for 6 credit hours or more. The **NF Scholarship Committee** of Diana Pearce (Chair), Dan Scarpone and Sissy Riley, make final selection of the three recipients. For Fall 2017 the Committee reviewed 67 applicants which took almost a week to complete.

You are invited to add to the NF Scholarship Fund so that we can help additional deserving students. MCC is a tax exempt educational institution, so your contribution to the Scholarship Fund is confidential and tax deductible. Please call the MCC Office of Development at 480 461-7200, or check out the webpage at <https://www.mesacc.edu/give> or get more detail from one of the NF Scholarship Committee Members.



Sissy Riley, NF Scholarship Committee, with Alex Follett, Areli Miller, Victoria Errani, 2016-17 Scholarship recipients.

A NEW VERSION OF PROCLASS by Peggy Randolph, Database Coordinator

The NF vendor for member class registration has provided us with a new version of their registration software, called ProClass.. NF members use ProClass to register for classes and other activities. Next time you login to your New Frontiers account, expect to see some differences in the screen, although functionally it performs as usual.

Some of our members have encountered problems with their screen display, depending on which browser they are using and which type of computer. Symptoms include distorted screens, the inability to advance screens, and similar anomalies. The bottom line is, if you believe gremlins have infiltrated your computer when you login to sign up for a class, try a different browser. One of our members resolved the problem by clearing the history buffer from both Windows and Chrome. Refreshing your screen frequently resolves problems that revolve around your view of the screen. You can right-click on the web page to see a "Refresh" option - typically a circle with an arrow.



**DIANA PEARCE –
NF Scholarship Chair**

Diana has been a **NF member and volunteer for over 13 years**. She is currently the Scholarship Chair, is on the Membership Committee and serves as the Sunshine Lady. She joined New Frontiers as a new resident of the Valley looking for **opportunities to travel, which she loves**. Diana retired as benefits manager for a large French Bakery Café. She taught preschool and kindergarten, and has also been a real estate agent and an office manager. Special people in her life are her children, grandchildren and Dan.



**NANCY SPENCE –
NF Teacher**

Nancy joined New Frontiers in 2016 because she saw a NF article with **two of her favorite things to do, hiking and learning**. She teaches NF classes, has taken NF members on hikes and showed them how to clear a trail. She is a Wilderness Steward Volunteer for Tonto National Forest and a member of the Arizona Hiking & Travel Club helping lead their "Adopt-A-Trail" project this Fall. Special people to Nancy are her Dad, her two daughters and son-in-laws, and her special and brilliant grandchildren. In addition to square dancing, **she dances with the Ecstatic Dance, East Valley Conscious Dance in Tempe**.

Thank you to our Volunteers at Fall 2017 Open House:

*Margo Heaps
Mary Adamick
Diane Bachelor
Con & Cathy Rutherford
Phyllis Johnson
Cathy Ruch
Mary Ann Spishock
Diana Pearce
Jane Osborn*

*Marlin Fried
Sissy & Richard Riley
Peggy Randolph
Dan Scarpone
Marcie Wooten
Monica Hale
Kim Gillespie
Peggy Strauss
Shirley Epp*

*Jennifer & Sam Wong
Arlys Medicott
Bob Becker
Marianne Haggerty
Kathy Mitchell
Debbie Skelton
Jacque Judge
Carolyn Follett
Greg Master*



**MARY ADAMICK –
NF Facilitator**

Mary moved from Connecticut to be close to her family and says it is the best thing she has ever done. **She joined New Frontiers in 2009**, and has been an active volunteer primarily with the Membership Committee as recorder, co-chair and chair. She taught elementary school, worked for a construction office and in a doctor's office as well as a variety of other positions throughout her career. What you may not guess about Mary is she loves to dance. She says a plus of living in the Valley is the variety of dance venues available to her including **west coast swing**.



**ANN BLOXAM – NF Facilitator,
Gatekeeper and Statistics Officer**

What we would never guess about Ann is, she worked her way through college at **a shop that made coffins**. Her job was making pretty pillows and frills for the inside of the coffin. Later, she worked as a Medical Technologist, and Field Customer Service Manager for a large lab that made equipment to test blood. Ann joined NFs in 2014 and volunteers in a number of roles that support New Frontiers learning opportunities. She wants to attend as many classes as she can because **she wants to “just be able to let the information flow over me. No roll call, no tests, no grades. Just learning for the sake of learning”**. Special people to Ann are her husband Mike, his mom Sharon and her best friend Sue.

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 – Vacant
- Secretary –Gretchen Hirni
- Treasurer – Fred Searing
- Members at Large – Steven Johnson, Dan Scarpone, Anne Stehr & Sandra Whitley
- Curriculum – Jennifer Wong
- Social – Peggy Schulz
- Membership – Barbara Dixon
- Communications – Peggy Randolph
- Volunteer – Dan Taylor & Skip Carney

- Assistant Provost – Dr. Nora Reyes, MCC – Red Mountain
- Program Coordinator – Patricia Esparza, MCC – Red Mountain
- Administrative Specialist – Neva Hansen, MCC – Red Mountain

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

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