

NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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A LITTLE HISTORY...

On **October 26, 1998**, the Mesa Community College, New Frontiers for Learning in Retirement Reader's Theater Group presented ***Le Movement, a morality play in one act***, written by then **Chancellor of the Maricopa Community Colleges, Paul A. Elsner**. The production was supported with costumes and sketches by **former chair of the MCC Theatre Department, Lyn Dutson**.

Appearing in the play were members: Bill Harriott, Mel Fruggia, Sherry Sheldon, Donna Walker, Anne LeSueur, Lucille Hansen, Marie Allen, Nancy Olson, Irene Weafer and Tierney Knox.

Behind the Scenes:

Bill Harriott, Lyn Hochstadter, Anna Thoennes, Jean Oiler and Lyn Dutson.

Since that time, our name has changed and some of our friends have moved on to other pursuits. But we **welcome Nancy Olson back to New Frontiers**.



Nancy Olson



Richard Riley and Duane Oakes

FROM NF PRESIDENT DAN TAYLOR

New Frontiers provides the most comprehensive array of lifelong learning classes and activities in Arizona. There are almost 400 members just three months into the Fall semester. Soon you will be receiving an email request to fill out an online survey. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and provide us information about your areas of interest. This is one piece of our strategic directions; we will take your responses and utilize them, so you can continue to have a fulfilling experience.

On Friday November 9th at 1:00 p.m. we will have our Annual Membership Meeting. Duane Oakes, Faculty Director of the Center for Community & Civic Engagement, will join us to talk about the importance of working together to inspire individuals to be engaged citizens.

Our volunteers are truly dedicated in many areas. In October, NF members participated in Empty Bowls at both MCC campuses. A big thank you to our point person, Koni Christopher, and the over 40 volunteers who participated in this annual event.

We were saddened by the recent passing of one of our premier instructors, **Con Downey**. Con usually taught 4-6 classes every semester which were enjoyed by many students. Thankfully several of our members have volunteered to teach his classes; none of them had to be cancelled. The family encourages donations in the memory of Con Downey to the New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning scholarship program for Mesa Community College students: <https://www.mesacc.edu/give-online>. You will receive a letter in November with details.

Remember the best way to increase our image and membership is by word of mouth. Tell your friends and neighbors about us and encourage them to get engaged in our world.

“Aging is not ‘lost youth’ but a new stage of opportunity and strength”
Betty Friedan



East Valley Institute of Technology, East Campus – Tour

NEW FRONTIERS FALL OPEN HOUSE



Lorna, Sheila, and Diane



Merrill



Sandy, Nancy and Steve



Kathy



Peggy



New Frontiers welcomed 56 new members on September 21st.

NEW FRONTIERS CALENDAR

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

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NOVEMBER

Friday, November 9, 1PM-3PM - Fall Membership Meeting

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

Friday, November 9, 11:30AM – Out to Lunch Bunch

Rosita's Fine Mexican Food, 2023 W. Guadalupe Rd, Mesa
Please call or e mail Helen Dodds to reserve.

Friday, November 30 – SkyDive Arizona Tour

4900 North Taylor Street, Eloy, AZ – Car Pool: gather by Sears Store at Fiesta Mall,
Alma School/Southern at 8:30AM. Please call or e mail Peggy Schultz by
November 26 if you plan to attend.

DECEMBER

Thursday Dec 13, Registration 11:30AM – Annual Holiday Party

Mesa Country Club, 660 N Fairway Dr., Mesa – please make your \$20 check payable to Mesa Community College
with a note for lunch choice of Beef Tenderloin, Salmon, Chicken Piccata or Roasted Vegetable Stroganoff.

Please mail your checks to Lois Schaffer (check the directory). Deadline is Thursday, December 6.

JANUARY

Friday, January 11, 11:30AM – Out to Lunch Bunch

Olive Garden, 1261 West Southern Avenue, Mesa - go to
<https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/SocialEvents.html> for more information

Friday, January 25, 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.

<https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/Mem-Calendar.html>

NEW FRONTIERS NEW MEMBER COFFEE



New Members



Helen Dodds and Mary Kay Owen



Barbara Dixon



Membership Chair, Barbara Dixon, presented the overview of New Frontiers to the new members.

MEMBER PROFILES

Cathy McGonigle was looking for educational classes when she retired in 2015 from the Flinn Foundation, a philanthropic, grant making organization which works in the areas of arts and culture; the biosciences; civic leadership, and college scholarships. She was previously an administrator at the Arizona Board of Regents, the City of Chandler and Arizona State Government. Cathy said when she found the **New Frontiers website** she thought it would be a good fit because it provided not only classes but volunteer and social opportunities as well. She joined New Frontiers in 2018 and she says the NF has been a perfect fit. She especially appreciated how welcoming members were when she joined. Cathy serves on the NF Membership Committee and volunteers at her church. Before she retired, Cathy was actively involved on various boards, advisory groups and committees in the community. For fun, she likes to spend time with friends, travel, and exercise. She said what we wouldn't guess about her is that she once made a hole in one!



Mary McGonigle had taken many night classes as well as Special Interest Classes at MCC over the years. **So when her sister, Cathy,** brought NFLL to her attention, she said she realized this was what she had been looking for. Mary joined in January 2018, and she says the classes are interesting, the members are friendly, and it's nice to be back on the MCC campus. Mary retired for the City of Scottsdale where she was responsible for water/sewer rates and other city fees, as well as budget and long-range capital planning. She has also worked in financial management for Garrett/Honeywell, City of Phoenix and the State. Mary has volunteered at Sky Harbor and the Assistance League of the East Valley. She likes to research and plan trips and spend time with her friends. Mary said what we might not guess about her is that she obtained her private pilot's certificate over 40 years ago. Mary believes New Frontiers has been a good choice for her and she encourages others to join.



Allan Zisner learned about New Frontiers after reading about the Open House in Mesa's AZ Republic. He joined and signed up for the Trailers and Trailblazers hiking groups because he was planning to hike the Arizona Trail. Before Allan retired he was a customer service representative for a company that sold spare parts to the semiconductor industry. Allan volunteered to take on the difficult role as NF webmaster. And, because he says he was no expert with HTML, he has taken MCC credit classes to learn how to enhance his skill. Currently he is working with an MCC student in the development of a new website for New Frontiers to display the NF site more effectively on personal computers, tablets and mobile devices. When not in class or working on the website, Allan likes to read, work with wood and hike. He also enjoys traveling with one of the special people in his life, his wife. What you may not know is that Allan was raised in Chicago and did not experience the outdoors until his son join the Boy Scouts. He calls that time with his son his second childhood. Hiking, backpacking and learning new lifelong skills.



NEWS FROM MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



MCC HALL OF FAME recognition
Nora Amavisca Reyes, Ed.D.,
Vice Provost MCC Red Mountain Campus
<https://www.mesacc.edu/alumni/hall-fame/2018-hall-fame>

Currently the Vice Provost of the MCC Red Mountain campus, Nora is known for her strategic planning as well as tireless efforts mentoring staff, leading initiatives at RM and engagement in helping students succeed. She began as a second grade bilingual teacher and then joined MCC as a residential Education faculty member. She has been assistant chair and chair of Education Studies Department, acting dean of Innovative Learning and Academic Affairs, and chair of the MCC Department Chair Association. Nora has served as Education Instructional Council and Articulation Task Force chair; Guanajuato and Xalapa Study Abroad director; and project administrator for a two million dollar US Department of Education grant supporting professional development for teachers of language learners. Nora graduated valedictorian from Antelope Union High School in Wellton, Arizona and from ASU she earned a Bachelor in Education, an M.Ed. in Multicultural/Bilingual Education and an Ed.D. in Curriculum & Instruction, Bilingual Education.

RM FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday in Acacia Village at MCC Red Mountain
<https://www.mesacc.edu/news/press-release/alumnus-brings-farmers-market-mcc-red-mountain>

MCC DOBSON ART WALK

<https://www.mesacc.edu/community/art-walk>

MCC DOBSON PLANETARIUM

<https://www.mesacc.edu/departments/physical-science/astronomy/planetarium>

MCC DOBSON ROSE GARDEN

<https://www.mesacc.edu/community/rose-garden>

MCC DOBSON ARTS

Music:

<https://www.mesacc.edu/arts/events/music>

Dance:

<https://www.mesacc.edu/arts/events/dance>

Theatre:

<https://www.mesacc.edu/arts/events/theatre>

Art:

<https://www.mesacc.edu/arts/events/art>

MESA'S LOST ARCHITECTURE CLASS



Presenter, Ron Peters

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.



New Frontiers members thank Patricia Esparza and wish her success in her new position.

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President – Dan Taylor
Vice President – Roland Tanner
Secretary – Diane Grogan
Treasurer – Greg Master
Members at Large – Mary Boehlen, Dan Scarpone, Anne Stehr, and Sandy Whitley
Past President – Marlin Fried
Curriculum – Ruth Brooks & Nancy Olson
Social – Peggy Schulz
Membership – Barbara Dixon & Barbara Thelander
Communications – Peggy Randolph & Arlys Medicott
Volunteer – Skip Carney

Assistant Provost – Dr. Nora Reyes, 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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