NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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NEW FRONTIERS OPEN HOUSE

WHEN:
Friday, September 20, 2019 – 1PM-3PM

WHERE:
MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Southern & Dobson Campus – Library – Rm LB145
1833 West Southern Avenue – Mesa

https://www.mesacc.edu/maps/southern-dobson-campus/

Parking is available in the North West Parking Lot. For assistance from the parking lot, call Public Safety at 480 461-7046 and request a golf cart ride to the MCC Library.

WHY ATTEND?
• Renew your membership (please bring your photo ID).
• Check out new and interesting Fall 2019 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.

Check us out at:
https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO
Welcome to New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning!
New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning is a peer-led membership organization. We hope you enjoy every moment you spend with us whether it be attending classes, participating in a social, volunteering, or attending a function like our annual picnic.
This last year which ended June 30, 2019 produced growth, increased attendance at membership meetings and high energy from our Council and membership. Here are some fast facts that are in the Annual Report (posted on our website).

Fast Facts:

- 111 volunteers gave 7,310 hours which is a dollar value of $185,893
- 189 classes with over 4,000 class registrations processed
- 451 members which is a 5% increase over last year
- New website with the goal of becoming a destination site.
- Development of a new strategic plan (see below) by NFLL Council

The Council created the following Strategic Plan Goals last year:

1. Increase methods of communication among the membership, Council and Mesa Community College (MCC) to enhance the role of lifelong learning in the East Valley.

2. Continue to expand the range of classes through innovation, technology and vision.

3. Focus on making New Frontiers the ultimate volunteer experience

4. Enhance the New Frontiers Council structure and experience to foster leadership and sustain the vision.

5. Expand the relationship and connection with MCC.

Within these goals are 29 action steps of which 45% are already ongoing or completed. One of the key elements in the plan was the implementation of a survey. We were pleased to see that 95% of our members have their expectations met and that many want more tech classes and travel opportunities. There is more work to do, but it is exciting to see the enthusiasm of the Council and membership in continuing to be engaged in lifelong learning and giving back to the community at large.
YOUR INVOLVEMENT

As you know, New Frontiers is totally run by volunteers and more and more research validates the benefits of volunteerism. The Massachusetts General Hospital newsletter published an article, “Secrets to a Sharper Brain: Community Involvement.” The research showed that participants who were active in local community groups gained a mental edge over those who were not! Those who were active in volunteering were found to have higher scores on tests of memory, thinking, and reasoning skills!

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning is a unique organization, nothing else like it in the USA. For it to continue to offer all that is does in education and social events, it needs you! Your talent, your experience, cannot be put to better use. Please join with us in donating a few hours a month to keep New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning the vital community asset it is. Contact any Committee Chair or check the calendar for committee meeting dates and get involved! It will make you feel good! (NF Member B. Dixon,’17)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The easiest way to renew is to stop by the office at Red Mountain (Desert Willow 136-b), and let Neva Hansen assist you. The enrollment center at Dobson and Southern is also available but uncommonly busy at this time of year. If you elect to renew online, you can find detailed directions on our website, https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu. Select “Renew Your Membership” on the home page to get started. If you elect to wing it on your own, go to https://my.maricopa.edu and select “Student Center” from the options, then “Add a Class”. CAREFULLY follow the instructions. New Frontiers’ class number for Fall 2019 is 26352. If you encountered a problem earlier enrolling online, you’ll be glad to know the problem has been resolved.

You may also renew your membership at the NF Open House, Friday, September 20, in the Library in LB245 at the Dobson/Southern campus, from 1 to 3 pm. Please join us and BRING A FRIEND.
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OPEN HOUSE
Friday, September 20, 2019, 1-3PM
Dobson Campus, Library room LB145.
https://www.mesacc.edu/maps/
southern-dobson-campus/

CLASS REGISTRATION
Tuesday, September 24, 2019.
https://reg138.imperisoft.com/NewFrontiers/
Search/registration.aspx/

CLASSES BEGIN
Monday, September 30, 2019

NEW MEMBER COFFEE
Friday, October 18, 2019, 9:30AM
Dobson Campus (Room TBA)

FALL GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, November 20, 2019, 1PM
Dobson Campus (Room TBA)

For detail on Council and Committee meetings to attend, please go to
https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/calendar.html
FALL EVENTS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH:
https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/social_events.html

Friday, September 13, 2019, 11:30AM
Rainforest Café - Arizona Mills Mall, 5000 S. Arizona Avenue, Tempe
**Contact Roland Tanner – 480 295-2010 – rdtanner@gmail.com

Friday, November 10, 2019, 11:30AM
Carrabba's Italian Grill – 1740 South Clearwater, Mesa
**Contact Sissy Riley – 480 892-3542 – rriley18@cox.net

HOLIDAY PARTY: Thursday, December 13, 2019, TBA

** Please make your reservation for lunch with the Contact by noon the day before the lunch.

FALL INTERESTING TOURS:
https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/social_events.html

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 10:30AM
Chandler Center for the Arts- 250 N. Arizona Avenue, Chandler
Contact Linda Ems by 9/20, 602 509-3893 or lhewdineems@aol.com for reservations.

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 11AM
Soleri Bell Foundry, 6433 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd, Paradise Valley
Charge is $15 per person. Please send your check to Helen Dodds by 11/14 at PO Box 2435, Gilbert 85299
NEWS FROM THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Curriculum Chair, Ruth Brooks, reports that for the 2018-19 year members facilitated over 187 classes for New Frontiers members. Presenters included ASU Emeritus Professors and MCC Faculty, as well as members with expertise to share. Experts with a variety of subjects such as history, current issues, technology, the environment, nature and on and on. If there is a subject you are interested in learning more about, Ruth's team has it in the class offerings.

https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/classes.html

NEWS FROM SUPPORT SERVICES/COMMUNICATIONS

New Frontiers has a new website designed to assist current and future members of New Frontiers find activities of interest. Thanks to Allan Zisner, member webmaster who has given many hours to the project. Chair Peggy Randolph is also pleased to announce that NFs now has a member liaison who will provide services to the 3-4% of NF members without computers.

https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/members.html
NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The hardworking Membership Committee under the leadership of Chair Barbara Dixon, donated over 600 hours of volunteer time in 2018-19. Their efforts resulted in 140 new members joining New Frontiers. Total members at year end is 451.

https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/members.html

NEWS FROM THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Off to a fast start, the Volunteer Committee is receiving requests from the College and from the Community to let our members know about opportunities to give of their time. Members can usher in the MCC Performing Arts Center at the Dobson Campus; assist with the student Volunteer Fest by providing “meet & greet” at the front table at the Student Center at Dobson; or help distribute food to students and members of the community provided by United Food Bank at Red Mountain. And we are just getting started said Barbara Thelander and Cathy McGonigle, co-chairs. Please check the website

https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/volunteer.html

AFFILIATES

New Frontiers is pleased to be affiliated with the organizations listed below. Check out their websites for additional opportunities for lifelong learning.

East Valley Adult Resources –
Centers in Downtown and East Mesa –
http://www.evadultresources.org

ASU Emeritus College –
https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/emерitus-college-calendar-events

Mesa Arts Center –
http://www.mesaartscenter.com/creativeaging

Mesa Public Library –
Libraries are Downtown, East Mesa, and Dobson Ranch –
https://www.mesalibrary.org

“When I consider how my life is spent, I hardly ever repent.”
– Ogden Nash
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.

“Education is not something you can finish.”
Isaac Asimov, American writer and professor of biochemistry at Boston University