NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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NEW FRONTIERS CALENDAR

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH
Friday, November 8, 2019-11:30 AM
George's Wildberries
745 Baseline
Mesa AZ 85210
Reservation by noon the day before the lunch
Peggy Schulz 480-962-9593
mschultz291@yahoo.com

TOUR, SOLERI BELL FOUNDRY
Thursday, November 21, 2019-11:00 AM-12 PM
6433 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd.
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
Reservation by November 14, 2019
Helen Dodds 480-821-4727
grandmadodds@hotmail.com
https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/social_events.html

HOLIDAY PARTY (check flyer page 2 for reservation)
Thursday, December 12, 2019-11:30 AM
Mesa Country Club
660 W. Fairway Dr. Mesa AZ 85201

OPEN HOUSE
Friday, January 24, 2020 -1 PM-3 PM
MCC RED MOUNTAIN Mesquite # 5

REGISTRATION NFLL CLASSES,
Wednesday, January 29, 2020

NFLL CLASSES START,
Monday, February 3, 2020

NEW MEMBER COFFEE
Friday, February 7, 2020-9:30 AM
MCC RED MOUNTAIN, Loc:TBD

SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, March 27, 2020, 1-3 PM
MCC RED MOUNTAIN, Loc:TBD
Annual Holiday Party
Thursday, December 12, 2019
Registration 11:30 AM

Mesa Country Club
660 W. Fairway Drive, Mesa
(North on Country Club Drive to Fairway, then turn West on Fairway Drive)

Entrée Selections (choose one)
1) Sliced Tenderloin in Bordelaise Sauce
2) Grilled Salmon with dill sauce on the side
3) Chicken Marsala
4) Vegetable Lasagna

This year’s menu includes: Garden salad, with choice of ranch or balsamic dressing, cheddar scalloped potatoes, green beans almandine, house made rolls with sweet cream butter. For dessert: White Chocolate mousse with raspberry puree. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be served throughout the entire event.

Canned/packaged food donations are requested and again this year will be donated to MCC’s Food Pantry (for students). Our thanks again to Janice Overdorff for donating two of her handmade quilts for a raffle with proceeds going to the United Food Bank. Raffle tickets are $3 each or 4/$10. Our program will conclude with a few door prize drawings.

To reserve your seat, please mail a check made payable to: Mesa Community College to Lois Schaffer 2051 E. Laguna Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282. On the “Memo” line print your entrée choice(s): beef, salmon, chicken, or lasagna. If you are bringing a guest, include their name and meal choice. All payments received will be confirmed by phone or email. If you don’t get a call or email, Lois hasn’t received your money. Checks must be received by December 1st. Reservations made after the close date will cost an additional $5.00 per person.

Cost for members is $22.00, guests $35.00 (one guest per member). A portion of members’ meal is subsidized by NFLL.
Spotlight on Peggy Randolph, Support Services/Communications Chair

Peggy has been the NFLL Support Services/Communications Co-Chair and Chair for many years. This fall, she is stepping down from her position, but will still be managing the NFLL database in the future. A native of El Paso, Texas, Peggy earned a degree in business and moved with her husband to Arizona when ASU was a small university (5000 students), and Price Road a gravel road with cottonwoods. She first worked as a secretary for two ASU football coaches, Dan Devine and Frank Kush. When her three boys went to school, Peggy felt the need for more activity. One day, she read that people good with puzzles are good with computers. That was during the computer programming with punch cards era, (cards perforated according to a code for programming and entering data into computers). She took all the computers classes she could get at MCC, and she loved it. She then worked for seventeen years in the ASU Computing Services (today, IT, Information Technology), before she retired.

In 1997, she received an invitation from NFLL. She was mostly interested in getting into classes, not so much in the social side of the organization. However, she soon became the Membership Committee Chair. Over the years, Peggy has been in charge of many tasks at NFLL. She installed the NFLL database for membership and online registration for classes through Proclass, a software customizable class management system which is still in use today. Peggy has seen NFLL grow over the years, from an organization with few members, where everybody knew everybody, and camaraderie was the rule, to almost 500 members that we have today. Peggy has always felt that NFLL was important in her life, bringing her knowledge, volunteer opportunities, social interactions and travel at a time when the Southwest Desert Rats were active.

Peggy is a well travelled person, having been to the seven continents. A safari in Kenya and Tanzania remains her favorite trip. The amazing migration undertaken by one and a half million wildebeest accompanied by hundreds of thousands zebras and antelopes as they search for greener pastures, is a fond souvenir. Her second favorite is a journey to Antarctica which still brings vivid memories: the stunning beauty of the ice, and a male Penguin parading to impress a female while carrying a big rock (rocks are used by penguins to build their nests). Peggy is also an avid reader who tries to limit her daily reading to a 30 minutes Kindle use while on the treadmill. There would be many more things to say about Peggy, but I have to limit myself. We all would like to thank Peggy for all she has brought and still brings to NFLL, and we would like to wish her a very happy semi-retirement from NFLL.

Marie-France Ganansia
Soleri Bell Foundry Tour
Thursday Nov. 21, 2019
11:00 am
6433 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd.
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

A visit to the Cosanti Bronze Foundry is a bit like stepping back into the 1960s. According to the Cosanti website, the foundry, in Paradise Valley, Ariz., is the residence and sculpture studio of Italian-American artist Paolo Soleri and his staff. Soleri (later joined by his students) began work on the experimental buildings in the mid-1950s.

Designated as an Arizona Historic Site, Cosanti presents a unique bio-climatic architectural environment. Its structures feature many imaginative design elements, reflecting innovative construction techniques.

- The word "Cosanti" is made up of two Italian words: cosa and anti. Translated, the name means "before (or against) things," a reference to Soleri's anti-materialist stance.
- Soleri's unique, experimental, imaginative buildings made in the '50s are fun to visit and add a layer of education and interest to your visit to the foundry.
- Soleri himself was a character, known not just for his art and architecture but also for his philosophy.

Some of the paths are not paved and are uneven so it may be a little hard for people with canes. There is a charge of $15.00 per person (make the checks out to Helen Dodds.) The deadline is 11/14/19 and needs to be sent to:
  
  Helen Dodds
  PO Box 2435
  Gilbert, AZ 85299

If you have any question please contact Helen Dodds at 480-821-4727 or grandmadodds@hotmail.com
Please remember to wear your name badge.
NEWS FROM THE NFLL WEBMASTER

After months of development by webmaster Allan Zisner in collaboration with Tracy Christensen, the new NFLL website “went live” this spring. Reception of the new website by New Frontiers members has been enthusiastic. Allan is very pleased with the way the site has been running. The information to be posted on the website is sent to Allan from the NFLL committees and photographers.

The work between the committees, photographers and the webmaster has been smooth and efficient. But Allan believes there is always room for improvement and simplification. The website is a community information center and encourages members to offer suggestions and corrections. A minor improvement is to be made at the level of the Google Calendar which has to be kept updated more efficiently.

Pleasing to the eye, the website is easy to explore and navigate. Recently, a Google search specific to the New Frontiers website was added to the menu bar. The initial search results may be overwhelming, but in short order, many of those may be excluded.

So we may say “Well Done” to Allan for the NFLL website!

Marie-France Ganansia

How Do Gatekeepers Work

NFLL Facilitators are important to making our class schedule come to life. Our Gatekeepers are the Hub of communication each semester. When we started with ProClass and online registration about 5 years ago, we thought it would be nice to show Facilitators how to look in ProClass and find their lists of Registrants. While ProClass has much information available, we found the ProClass training to be too complicated for many. We knew we had lost it at “I am having trouble logging in”. So, we asked for a small group of people who would do the interaction with ProClass and communicate to Facilitators and Registrants. Thus our Gatekeepers group was born.

Each semester our class list is divided among the Gatekeepers. We currently have 6 Gatekeepers: Rea Dias, Diane Batchlor, Jane Severin, Jean Bruno, Anita Herl-Peterson and Ann Bloxam. There are generally about 100 classes per semester, so each Gatekeeper is responsible (mother-hen?) for about 15 to 20 classes.

Shortly after Registration begins (that same week) the Gatekeepers spring into action. They send an email to their Facilitators, introducing themselves as the Facilitators' Pro-Class chief guide and interpreter. The Gatekeepers also send an initial class roster. Since Registration continues throughout the semester, the “final” roster is sent to the Facilitator shortly before class starts.

The Gatekeeper sends email reminders to the Registrants 3-7 days before class is scheduled. This reminder includes the name of the Facilitator, the Class, and the date, time and location for the class. They remind the Facilitator to call those that do not have email to remind them. The Gatekeeper at this time sends the Facilitator the “final” roster and a convenient sign-in sheet for the class.

The Gatekeeper also monitors if their classes are full, usually obtaining a larger classroom so everyone can be accommodated. The Gatekeepers will also drop from the classes people who change their mind about attending, and move the next person from the wait list into class.

Thank you to our NFLL Gatekeepers for keeping everything moving as smoothly as possible each semester!

Ann Bloxam
Tribute to the Outgoing Editor,
Barbara Thelander

As the new debuting editor of the New Frontiers News, I would like to pay a warm tribute to Barbara Thelander who has held this position for four years. Barbara came to Arizona with her parents in 1948. In 1974, Barbara became an Evening Student, a night people, at Mesa Community College. In 1976-77 she was the President of the MCC Evening Student Government. She graduated from MCC in 1979, and she then served as Vice-President of the United States Association of Evening Students Governments. She loved the function as she had to travel to many places in the country. Before she graduated, she played an active role in a student project, the creation of what will become a MCC landmark and an identifying sign on the campus, the stain glass MCC Thunderbird which has been a beacon at the corner of Southern Ave. and Dobson Rd. for more than 36 years and which now stands close to the clock tower. From 1981 when she was hired by MCC as Coordinator of Community Education (non credit classes), to 2011 when she retired, Barbara played a role at MCC as
- Director of Community Education
- Executive Assistant to the MCC President

She collaborated with the East Valley Senior Services and she developed the MCC Summer Youth College designed to introduce kids eight and up to MCC. After retiring in 2011, Barbara joined NFLL and served as co-chair and chair in different committees and as a class facilitator before starting to edit the Newsletter in January 2016.

What you may not know is that she was in 1971 co-chair of the Mesa Junior Rodeo, and that she rode a horse down Main St. as part of the Rodeo Parade. Barbara is the happy mother of 3, grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 4. She is a warm person always available for helping people. She has played, through the NFLL Newsletter, a great role in enhancing communication among the now almost 500 members and in promoting NFLL in the Maricopa County. We thank you Barbara!

Marie-France Ganansia

NEWS FROM THE NEW FRONTIERS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Over 40 NF’s members volunteered for six shifts at Southern & Dobson and Red Mountain’s Empty Bowls event. The event supports Paz de Cristo Community Center. Last year Empty Bowls raised close to $12,000 which was used to provide an average of 50,000 meals a month.

United Way Bank is distributing food one day each month at the Red Mountain Campus. Currently seven NF members are covering each month’s shift. Please call Neva at 480 461-6330 if you are interested in helping.

Fifteen NF members are volunteering to support the MCC Music & Theatre venues as ushers, and other support MCC’s, Marisa Estrada tells us.

Mentoring MCC students through the Connect 4 Success program will “ramp up” in the Spring. MCC’s Melissa Turnbull has 14 NF members who have expressed an interest. Please watch for an all member-email after the first of the year for the signup opportunity.

VolunteerFest for students will again happen in the early Spring. Watch for the email or check the NF Volunteer website at https://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/ volunteer.html

And last, over 7300 volunteer hours were given by NF members to make our learning organization “work”, and to support College events. We ask that you please track your volunteer hours for reporting in the Spring. You will receive a request on who and where to send those hours.

Your Volunteer Committee – Barbara Thelander, Cathy McGonigle, Mary McGonigle and Mary Adamick

Volunteering, Empty Bowls
A word from the Membership Committee

We had a very successful Open House with thirty-one New Members enrolling, plus twenty-five New Members enrolling at MCC or On-Line totaling fifty-six+ new members. There were a few hiccups along the way, but we worked through them.
The New Member Coffee started with a bang as there were accidents on 60, 101, and 202. Because of this, we decided to wait one-half hour to start the meeting, but there was still a small attendance. Marlin Fried started with a talk on NFLL, Mary Boehlen gave a short lecture on the workings of the group, Representatives from each Committee gave an overview of their group and Allan Zisner presented highlights of the new website. Our New Members have varied and interesting backgrounds. This year we asked Members to be Table Hosts to make New Members feel comfortable and it was such a good idea that we plan to continue. What started out as an inconvenience ended up being very helpful. People really enjoyed talking before the meeting started, so we'll continue this also.

NEWS FROM THE SUPPORT SERVICES/COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Dissemination of information is critical to current membership as well as new members joining New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning. It begins with database management coordinating the enrollment and registration of all students. Mailings are provided throughout the year to inform members of pertinent events via a newsletter or a catalog of classes offered each semester. Our website continues to be updated with current information and a user friendly tool to assist with information at your convenience. Our goal is to inform our members and the community of the benefits of expanding their knowledge and participating in events that are offered throughout the year. This committee also provides the Marketing, Publicity, and Community Outreach to promote membership. If you have an interest in any of these areas, we are always open to new members joining our committee. Sandie Ward

A word from author Bob Dukelow

The Brandeis National Committee in Phoenix has invited Bob Dukelow, local author and popular New Frontiers presenter to be their featured speaker at their Arizona Authors Speakers Series meeting in November. They want to hear about his book, Four Strong Women which deals with the role of German women who took over after the men left for World War II. These same strong women were instrumental in helping the US Army rebuild Germany after the war.
The date is Monday November 18, 2019 from 12:30-2:00pm at the Jewish Cultural Center, 12701 N. Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale. Check with Bob if you want further information.
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