Greetings from Dan Taylor, President

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning is having a record year with a great variety of classes, dedicated volunteers and a supportive MCC staff. The success of New Frontiers is truly due to our dedicated corps of over 100 volunteers that plan programs, teach and facilitate classes, etc. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity just contact the office at 480.461.7497 or email: newfrontiers@mesacc.edu.

On January 24th we held our open house at Red Mountain Community College. Over 200 persons attended and 96 persons registered to become members. This brings our total to 477 members which is a 6% increase over last year. The day our class registration opened, there were several classes that filled quickly. Key volunteers have been working with the instructors and facilities to reduce the number on the waiting lists and have been very successful; please be patient. If you are one of those on the waiting list for a class, there is a good chance you will be able to attend. A reminder email was recently sent out by Roland Tanner, Vice President, regarding our survey. If you have not already done so, please fill it out and submit. This information provides New Frontiers with ways to improve your experience with us.

We have our Spring General Membership Meeting on Friday, March 27th at 1:00 p.m. at Red Mountain Community College. Our presenter will be Mesa Public Schools Deputy Superintendent Andi Fourlis. The topic will be, “The Portrait of a Graduate”, this is a path that Mesa Public Schools have been developing over the past year. In addition, we will get updates from our committees and elect officers and at-large members for this next year. Mark your calendar to attend this event.
Thank you to the MCC Red Mountain students who provided popcorn to the Open House.

Franck Rickey & Larry Morrow

Cindi Holt & John Overdorff

Larry Merrill, Ruth Brooks, Karen Wartick
ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC, Thursday APRIL 2, 2020
Desert Breeze Park
660 N. Desert Breeze Boulevard Chandler
Mesquite Pavilion
11:30 AM check-in
Cost $12.00 /Members, $15.00 for Non-Members
Deadline for reservations is March 23, 2020

We suggest attendees to wear some Hawaiian clothing.

Registration is by check made out to Mesa Community College (MCC). On the check “memo” line write NFLL picnic. Mail your check to Lois Schaffer, 2051 E. Laguna Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282

Directions to Desert Breeze from MCC Dobson: Route 101 (Price Freeway) south; exit on Chandler Blvd. and drive west; turn north on Desert Breeze Blvd. The park is on the east side of the road. We have reserved a three large pavilion with restrooms nearby.

You will be asked to sign Risk Form #1 (outdoor activities). Various (non strenuous) outdoor games and BINGO will be available for anyone interested. To take part in our annual book exchange we suggest members bring only one or two gently used books. Each book you bring will entitle you to take a book. Any not chosen after the exchange will be donated. Please no puzzles this year. We will again be doing a white elephant gift giving. Bring a gift in a sealed brown paper bag. We will be giving out these gifts by raffle after eating. Bring one get one.

Lunch is served around noon. We invite everyone to take this opportunity to socialize with your fellow NFLL members, have some fun and make this a fabulous day.

Menu
LUAU BUFFET ENTREES: Cantonese Pepper Steak Beef top sirloin steak sliced thin, then coated in a savory sauce and stir fried with fresh green & red bell peppers, mushrooms and onions. Teriyaki Chicken Broiled marinated chicken breast topped with teriyaki glaze. SIDES: Tossed Garden Salad with Mandarin Oranges and Crispy Wontons. Stir Fry Vegetables Broccoli, snow peas, carrots, green beans, red bell peppers, onions. Fried Rice, watermelon and bakery fresh rolls and butter. For dessert cookies, mini lemon and brownie bites. We will have water and lemonade.
Walk in the Park

Kim Baker

Jane Severin & Lois Halverson

Ron Schueman & Gregory Master

Camp Creek Fall

ACTIVITIES
**Peggy Strauss**

Peggy is stepping down as secretary of the Social Committee. She has held the position for nine years.

Peggy spent her childhood in Brooklyn. She was raised in a conservative Jewish family. She was very busy as a little girl, spending the afternoons, three times a week after school hours, at the Hebrew school. Each summer, the family took the train to the Catskills for vacation. Peggy graduated from Brooklyn College with a major in European literature.

After graduation, Peggy and a friend spent two summers in California where she finally moved. She first worked for a firm that bought steel from Japan (learned from them how to use chopsticks!). Later, she worked in the accounting department of Bullock’s, a department store which operated then in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Peggy got married in Oakland. Two sons were born. The couple opened a restaurant for one year. Peggy was doing the bookkeeping and occasionally the Sunday brunch. It is only when her children were teenagers that Peggy started a professional career that she will enjoy for twenty-five years until retirement. After completing a course in Medical Technology at Pierce College in the San Fernando Valley, she worked in medical transcription for several neurologists. She loved the job, the people she worked with, and when, in 2005, she moved to Arizona to follow her sons (students at ASU), she missed her work a lot.

Peggy was introduced to NF by a friend who invited her to the Tuesday games at the Church of the Resurrection in Tempe. Peggy has been a NF member since 2009. She is now a happy retiree with her family in Arizona: two sons and two grandchildren, a nine year old grandson and a thirteen year old granddaughter. Peggy is busy with NF, and as a usher at the Mesa Art Center. She has traveled to Alaska, Panama. She loves mysteries and puzzle books.

Thank you, Peggy for all the work you have done for NF!  
*Marie-France Ganansia*

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**Molly Krmpotich**

I met Molly when she first joined New Frontiers just a few years after the organization started. I got to know her well when I needed a partner to help lead the New Frontiers travel program. The New Frontiers travel program started in 1998 and alternated cruises with land vacations. Despite the fact that, at that time, she didn’t own a computer and didn’t have email, she was a wonderful partner. She kept in touch with all our travelers while I made the arrangements.

Molly planned local trips for New Frontiers members for many years. Unfortunately, on the day of her last trip to the Jerome area in 2018, she had a very bad fall at her own home that ultimately led to her death in February 2020.

Molly lived in Tempe where she had many friends and was a member of Resurrection Church. She particularly liked to go to local Symphony Concerts in the area. If you wanted to go somewhere and wanted a companion, Molly was the one to call.

She had a second home in Jerome and many New Frontiers members visited her there. She was always a great host—particularly in serving us the pies she baked from the fruits in her own garden. She was avid gardener—in fact that was her major hobby when she summered in Jerome. She was friends with the owners of Nelly Bly’s Kaleidoscopes and helped the Jerome Humane Society with their Annual Brunch.

By profession she was a skilled nurse including the years she had 3 young children. After she retired she donated her services to a program that sent doctors and nurses to South American countries. Molly was always helping others without any fanfare and she will be sorely missed.

*Rose Frankfurt*
Volunteers Needed

Two volunteers are needed.

When? On Saturday March 29, at 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM

Where? Falcon Field Airport, Mesa

Why? To help Caroline Cline and Dan Scarpone put up a canopy and a table for the Falcon Field Open House. NF will have a spot displaying information.

If willing to help, please contact Caroline Cline at ccline4@mindspring.com, 602-818-7557, or Dan Scarpone at danscarpone@gmail.com, 480-663-3384.

Thank you.

Free Food Distribution @ Red Mountain Campus

Volunteers are needed March 4th and April 1st, Saguaro Mall, MCC Red Mountain, 12:00 PM.

Hello,

On behalf of the students at Mesa Community College, we would like to thank you for your generous food and hygiene product donations to the Mesa Market, MCC’s food pantry on campus. We’ve recently remodeled the Mesa Market, and because of your kindness, we were able to make sure that our new space was stocked and ready for the students to begin classes this week. We look forward to continuing our partnership with New Frontiers, and we hope you all have a wonderful new year!

Thank you again!

Beth Ann Wright  Mesa Community College  Program Advisor/ Student Life & Leadership

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

We had a very successful New Member Coffee with a record number of forty-four new members attending. As of Monday, we had seventy-three new members and twenty-two renewing members. Mary Ellen and I hope everyone becomes involved in NFLL and enjoys the group as much as we do.

We want to extend our best wishes to our Greeters: Phyllis Johnson, who broke her hip at the gym and Marcie Wooten, who had a heart attack Friday afternoon. Phyllis is in rehab and Marcie is at home resting. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at the next Open House.

Mary Bohlen

Bronze casting process, Soleri Bell Foundry Tour

SOLERI BELL FOUNDRY TOUR

Twenty-six members attended the visit of Paolo Soleri’s Cosanti, an Arizona Historic site located in Paradise Valley. The group followed a very informative tour of the bronze bell foundry, of the ceramic studio and of the site which used to be Soleri’s residence.

The visitors watched the dramatic bronze casting process of the wind bells using an 8,000 year old technique where the bronze is heated in a crucible to 2,150F and poured into sand molds. Then the group strolled along a bio-climatic environment created by Soleri, with experimental earth-formed structures, some located underground, naturally insulated structures, other, the apses, oriented to be passive energy collectors. A big thank you to Helen Dodds, our facilitator.

Marie-France Ganansia
Mary Kay Owen and I, with several NF members, volunteered on a very cold morning of February, at the Volunteer Fest, at MCC Red Mountain.

We were greeted by Kelley Stewart, Staff, Center for Community & Civic Engagement.

There, we met with Landon Peterson, a MCC student and the vice-president of the Red Mountain Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Landon is also recognized as a recipient of the All-AZ Academic Team award. The Honor Society provides, among other things, scholarships to students who join it, and it was part of the Fest.

There were 23 vendors looking for student volunteers in organizations focused on helping children (Future For Kids, Sunshine Acres, Volunteer Abroad), the elderly (Comprehensive Hospice and Palliative Care), the poor (Homeward Bound Pathways Out of Poverty).

The Mesa Fire and Medical was looking to recruit connector volunteers. The GreenLight Solution Foundation was there to enroll volunteers to collaborate on sustainability projects.

There were many opportunities for the students to get involved in the life of the Community.

Mary Kay Owen & Marie-France Ganansia
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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Isaac Asimov, American writer and professor of biochemistry at Boston University

Education is not something you can finish.