The New Frontiers Council has unanimously approved a $10 Membership Fee Discount for all returning and new members paying the annual membership fee early. The current fee of $70 will be reduced to $60 if payment is received by Mesa Community College by June 30, 2009.

The current Annual Membership fee of $70 was scheduled to go to $75 on July 1, 2009 because of a $5 increase in MCC registration charges. However, because of difficult economic times, Council voted to not increase charges to members next year. Annual members will pay the same fee ($60 prior to June 30 and $70 after July 1). Semiannual membership will not be increased from the current level of $50.

New Frontiers Council hopes to increase the number of members through the "Early Bird" discount program and other stepped-up marketing efforts of the Membership Committee including marketing to those participating in the recently closed Community Education/Senior Programs at Scottsdale and Chandler/Gilbert Community Colleges. Additional new members will help offset additional MCC fees and activity costs.

Telephone registrations for the new year begins Monday June 1. Please call MCC Community Education at 480-461-7497 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Additional registration information is available at www.newfrontiers-mesa.org. Payment must be made by June 30 to receive the $10 Early Bird discount. Registration is also required in order to take full advantage of the outstanding offering of New Frontiers Summer Classes and activities extending through August.

Please contact any New Frontiers Council Member is you have questions or need additional information. Submitted by Skip Carney—President

This issue I will address New Frontiers’ members need to turn their attention to deadlines to assist the Committees in providing you with educational, interesting and fun activities throughout the year. Being a Senior myself, I know I like to put off making decisions until the last moment, but the “old fashion” idea of RSVP or making reservations is extremely important to an organization especially when it involves the preparation of food. When you receive information regarding the dates of events, please mark the deadlines on your calendars so you will not be turned away from a good time. This effort will make all our magnificent NF volunteers much happier and more willing to work for you. Submitted by Pat De Blake—Vice President
Patty O’Brien gave NF members a memorable tour of the Phoenix Zoo.

Below: Bruce & Joy Reid led the AZ Wagon Train to the Palm Springs Air Museum.

NF’s two photographers, Bill Stills & Bob O’Brien, captured each other in candid shots.

Rt: Loretta Gray inside a Boeing B17 during docent led tour at Palm Springs Air Museum.

Patty O’Brien rode a dolphin on NF’s cruise last fall.

Gabby Shaul celebrated her 78th birthday by sky diving.

Above: Suzanne Steadman took NF members into Phoenix on the light rail to enjoy the Phoenix Art Museum.

Below: Molly Krmpotich (Rt) took a group to the Chihuly glass exhibit at the Phoenix Botanical Gardens. She’s shown here with Lois Gaylord.
2009-2010 Scholarship Winner

Tia Brown, a young widow, and daughter Kylee were guests at the New Frontiers All Member Meeting. Tia is currently holding the New Frontiers scholarship, and she expressed her gratitude to the membership for helping her complete her education in Business. She is a full-time student, and she is holding a job. Her goal is to prepare herself for a fulfilling career in business so she can provide for herself and her daughter. Our scholarship makes things just a little easier for her. New Frontiers is proud to contribute to Tia’s success, and we wish her and Kylee the best for the future.

Submitted by Suzanne Steadman

MCC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP INCREASED TO $3,000

New Frontier Scholarship Fund to MCC students has been increased from $1,000 to $3,000 for the school year beginning July 1, 2009. The scholarships are awarded to deserving MCC students based on need and academic achievement. Increasing need for financial assistance due to the current economic situation and reduced assistance from other scholarship funding sources make our financial contribution especially helpful to MCC. Suzanne Steadman and Diana Pearce will co-chair the Scholarship Committee working with the MCC Student Selection Committee. NFLL members desiring to serve on the Scholarship Committee should contact Suzanne or Diane.

NFLL MEMBERSHIP NEARS RECORD NUMBER!!!!

Current year New Frontiers membership has scored the #3 highest yearly membership number in the thirteen year New Frontiers history!! The 352 membership number this year was very close to the all time highest number (361) set in 1999. In contrast to declining MCC enrollment numbers, NFLL membership continues to increase. The Membership Goal for next year is to break the all-time record and to begin setting new all-time membership and volunteer service records!!!

MCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FREE TO NEW FRONITIERS MEMBERS

MCC Alumni Association membership and benefits are free to New Frontiers Members. The Association offers a variety of activities, events and publications throughout the year, including a valuable Alumni Membership Card.
New Frontiers Picnic Well Attended

Comfortable temperature, sunny sky, friendly people, ample food, and fun added up to equal a great spring day on April 16th. Sixty-five NFLL members and guests gathered at Desert Breeze Park in Chandler for the annual picnic. The Hawaiian barbecue picnic lunch seemed to be well received by the crowd. The food was catered by Moki’s, a Mesa eatery. There were many different activities available to amuse and entertain anyone up for a challenge. NFLL member Debra Burns led a group line dancing lesson. Even those who just watched seemed to have fun. Who said, “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks?”

A great big thank you shout out to everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make this event come together. The Social Committee, headed by Lynnea Diehl, especially would like to thank the NFLL Council members for donating door prizes, and everyone who brought the games for all to enjoy. Your support was a necessary ingredient to the success of the 2009 picnic.

If you have any feedback to offer about this year’s picnic, please contact a member of the Social Committee.

Caroline Cline & Charlie Kreiling play Baci, while Bill Stills scores at Ladder Golf. (Below)

Marian Moore, Diana Pearce & Pauline Cabaniss at the buffet table.

Everyone enjoyed Moki’s Hawaiian Barbecue food.

Line dancing isn’t just something you do at weddings. It’s fun at picnics too!

Pauline Cabaniss, Jerry Rumley & Pam Campbell register members for the picnic.

The book exchange was another way to recycle and “Go Green”.

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ACTIVITY ROOM WANTED

The Social Committee is searching for an off-campus, no cost place to hold an indoor event in late October. The space probably needs to be able to accommodate up to 50 people. If you have a place available at your apartment complex or HOA please call Jerry Rumley (listed in directory).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

May 11, 2009 (Monday) Diamondback Baseball Game Reminder

Play ball. Tickets had to be purchased on-line by April 24. The game against the Cincinnati Reds will begin at 6:40 p.m. This is an opportunity to use the Metro light rail. It takes about 50 minutes to get to Washington & Third Street from the Mesa Sycamore station. If you have any questions, call or email Mary Willingham, event coordinator. (Info can be found in the directory)

Junefest—Get Acquainted Event

June 10, 2009 (Wednesday)

What is a Junefest? We made up the name just for fun! Basically it’s a “pot luck” hors d’oeuvre and get-to-know-you party. Each member who attends is asked to contribute a hot or cold appetizer that will serve about 8-10 people -- and don’t forget a serving utensil. Also bring your recipe to share with those that want to write it down. Beverage, napkins, and paper plates will be provided.

Members are asked to bring one unusual or obscure object/gadget from home. Keep what you plan to bring a secret. You will want to stump the group when everyone tries to guess what your thing does? Fabulous prizes will be awarded to members that bring a stumper!

MCC – Dobson Campus, Kirk Student Center

Kiva Room—11:30 a.m.

Members no cost, Guests $5.00 +

Reservations called to Lynnea Diehl (Info. In directory) by May 28, 2009

COMMUNICATIONS

The votes have been counted, and the results are in. Our members have asked us NOT to send them any additional information in the INFO LIST emails. We will continue our policy of keeping you informed only about happenings with New Frontiers and events at Mesa Community College.

Many of our members leave for few days, or months in the summertime. You can continue to receive the current news by accessing your INFO LIST emails while traveling. We’ll do our best to keep you up to date.

Have you gotten your MCC Student ID yet? It’s easy. Just call the Community Education office (480/461-7493). Let them know you want to pick up your ID. Then wait a day till they update your information in the system. The next day, go to the Student Services desk in the Kirk Center. They will take your picture (Smile!), and print out your ID while you wait – just takes a few moments. So be patient. It’s worth the time. You can get student discounts at such places as the Phoenix Art Museum, or the Botanical Gardens. BTW – let us know where else you use your student ID for reduced fees. We’ll spread the word to our other members too!

Have a great summer. See you in the fall! - Bob O’Brien
Sunshine Lady

Please call our Sunshine Lady, Anna Bennett if you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized, etc. or has had the misfortune of a family death. She will mail them a home made card from NFLL

Submitted by Diana Pearce

Thank You

Charlotte Fox would like to extend a thank you to all who attended her workshop "And Then There Was One" which she gave on March 13, 2009 at the MCC Red Mountain Campus, with Pat Heisler as her New Frontier Facilitator. If you have any further questions about the workshop, you can contact Pat Heisler by e-mail or by phone. Both are listed in the New Frontiers Directory.

Submitted by Shiela Millhollon as requested by Charlotte Fox
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Come and join other New Frontiers members for lunch on the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Please note: You must phone your reservation to the person listed by 12:00 noon of the Thursday before the lunch date. Phone numbers are in your directory. The restaurants need an exact headcount in order to accommodate us. Thank you for your cooperation.

May 8, 2009
T. C. Eggington’s
Brunch @ 9:30 a.m.
1660 S. Alma School Rd., Mesa
(south of US 60, turn west on Isabella Ave.)
Reservations – Elaine Shea

June 12, 2009
Landmark Restaurant
809 W. Main St., Mesa
(southwest corner of Main and Extension)
Reservations – Elaine Shea

Lunch Bunch will resume in September.
Have a great summer.