NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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NEW FRONTIERS
SPRING OPEN HOUSE

When:
Friday, January 29, 2016
1:00pm to 3:00pm

Where:
Mesa Community College Downtown Center
145 North Centennial Way - Fourth Floor, Mesa
Free parking on the Second and Third floors of the parking garage.

Why Attend?
• Check out new and interesting Spring 2016 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.

For additional information contact:
membership@newfrontiersaz.org

MUSINGS with Marlin Fried

The 2015 NF Holiday Party is a happy and warm memory. Over 100 members attended the luncheon hosted by the NF Social Committee chaired by Lois Schaffer and Peggy Schulz. Mary Kay Owen was the event MC, and Laurie Fagan, accompanied by Richard Palalay, provided the entertainment. The room was beautifully decorated, the food was delicious, and the mood was festive and congenial.

New Frontiers members were generous and donated to the United Food Bank with the raffle of three quilts created by NF member Janice Overdorff, and the food donations brought by members. President and CEO, Ginny Hildebrand wrote to Social Chair, Lois Schaffer: “It was very nice to meet you last Thursday afternoon when you were delivering the food and funds collected at the Christmas Party for the New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning organization. You generously gave us 92 lbs. of food and a total of $989.00 in cash and checks for the United Food Bank. What a generous activity by all of your members to support the work of United Food Bank to feed hungry people at this time of year. Again, please make sure your members know that between the cash and the food donations you provided, your group made it possible for us to provide 4,198 meals to hungry people in Arizona. Good for you!!”

As of this writing, the NF members have donated $1465 for MCC students. The NFLL Council approved an additional $535 from the NF reserve to create two additional $1000 student scholarships. For 2015-16, New Frontiers will support deserving MCC students with five $1000 scholarships. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Change is coming to the MCC Downtown Center. The Office of Community Partnerships with Pat Esparza and Neva Hansen will move to the Red Mountain Campus in mid March. There may be a reallocation of classroom space at the DTC and we will keep you informed as we receive information. While these changes will certainly require some adjustments, we’ve heard nothing but support for New Frontiers. We will continue to work closely with Provost Patrick Burkhart, Pat and Neva and we will update you as the information becomes available.

For Spring, 2016, we believe we have a record number of classes, so take some time to browse the schedule. Along with that, we have a full social calendar, we’ll be starting Interest Groups, and there will be many opportunities for volunteering within NFLL, the college, and in the greater community. A Happy New Year to you all and start filling your calendars!
NEW FRONTIER'S QUILT LADY – Janice Overdorff

Janice has created her quilts to be raffled at the Holiday Lunch for the past two years to benefit the United Food Bank. She also creates quilts for her family and friends. One quilt can take up to one month to plan, gather the material, cut the squares and sew.

When asked why, she said she started with the quilts as her way of helping service members and veterans touched by war with comfort and healing. She creates and donates quilts through the Quilts of Valor Foundation. http://www.govf.org/

Janice retired in 2012 as a Nurse Administrator for Scottsdale Healthcare. She joined NF soon after. Thank you Janice for all you do for others.

CALENDAR

Please check the New Frontiers calendar at: http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/Mem-Calendar.html

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH* –
When: Friday, January 8,
11:30am – 1:00pm

Where: Stats Sports Grill at Sheraton Mesa Hotel
860 N Riverview, Mesa (Just East of Cubs Ballpark, off of Rio-Salado Parkway)

Reservations: Peggy Strauss (480) 366-4840
Or email pkstrauss@gmail.com
http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/pdfs/Social.pdf

PHOENIX-GATEWAY AIRPORT TOUR* –
When: Tuesday, January 12,
Meet 9:45am, Tour begins at 10:00am*
Tour is limited to 25 members

Where: Meet at Airport Administration,
5835 S. Sossaman Road, Mesa

Reservations: Call or email Sissy Riley
(Please check the directory)

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When: Friday, January 29,
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: MCC Downtown Center,
145 N Centennial Way, Fourth Floor.

Meet and visit with the class instructors and/or facilitators; check out the social activities and volunteer opportunities available; bring new friends to explore and join. Refreshments will be served.

Need Online Registration Help?
Help will be available in the Computer Lab (DTC Room 213) during Open House to render assistance if you are still not sure how to login to ProClass Online Registration and select your classes. For additional information contact: Mary Adamick or Mary Lindberg (Please check the directory)
NEW FRONTIERS
CLASS REGISTRATION OPENS –
When: Tuesday, February 2,
9:00am
Register on-line at http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/Courses.html For Spring 2016, 87 classes are available
for NF members.

Need Online Registration Help?
Help will also be available at the lab (DTC Room 213) from 9 am until noon on Tuesday, Feb 2 - the day
that registration opens for most classes. Note that registration opens early for a few classes that start
before Feb 2.

MCC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXPO –
When: Wednesday, February 3 & 4,
9:00am - 1:30pm
Where: Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room,
MCC @Southern & Dobson

MCC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXPO –
When: Wednesday, February 10,
9:00am - 12:00pm
Where: Mesquite Bldg., M200, MCC @ Red Mountain

Attend and/or volunteer for the “Rock the World
through Service” Community Engagement Expo to
meet with agencies excited to recruit eager volun-
teers and service-learners!
Contact: Dawn Rhodes at drhodes@mesacc.edu
or (480) 461-7763
http://tinyurl.com/MCCExpoVolunteer

NEW MEMBERS COFFEE –
When: Wednesday, February 10,
9:30am - 11:00am
Where: MCC Downtown Center,
145 N Centennial Way, Fourth Floor

For additional information contact: Mary Adamick
or Mary Lindberg (Please check the directory)

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH* –
When: Friday, February 12,
11:30am - 1:00pm
Where: Four Peaks Brewing Company 1340 E. 8th
St. #104. Tempe, AZ (West of McClintock, South of
University)

Reservations: Helen Jones (480) 496-8553
Or email: heljo7006@yahoo.com
http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/pdfs/Social.pdf

HEARD MUSEUM TOUR* –
When: February (Date TBD)
Where: 2301 N. Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ

Your visit to the Heard Museum includes 12
exhibition galleries; free guided tours; outdoor
sculpture gardens; a renowned café, a contemporary
art gallery and trading post style shopping,
plus much more. http://heard.org/

Please check http://newfrontiers.mesacc.edu/pdfs/
Social2.pdf for more detail as it becomes available.

*NOTE: Remember that if you make a reservation to
attend an activity or a class, please let the facilitator
know if you are unable to make it. You may open up
a space for another member who is on the wait list.
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY – December, 2015
GOOD WORDS FROM THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
Co-Chairs – Margo Heaps and Sharon Greer

Over **90 classes were offered this past Fall** from New Frontiers, Mesa Active Adult Center and the Mesa Arts Center. Included in that number were classes taught by ASU Professors Emeritus and MCC Faculty. We had close to 2,000 NF members registrations for the NF classes.

**For Spring, we have 87 NF classes with a wide array of interest areas designed to catch your attention and provide for your lifelong learning.** The Mesa Active Adult Center will offer about 20 classes, and the ASU Professors Emeritus and MCC Faculty will again be with us to offer their expertise to the curriculum.

In an effort to assist members in **finding classrooms on the Dobson Campus**, we have prepared a layout of the campus on a grid. So if you are looking for the MCC Dobson Library, Room LB145, the indicator would be B:4

We wish to **thank the NF Facilitators** for their willingness to present a class or facilitate for our guest presenters. Any member is welcome to become a facilitator and make a contribution to the variety of classes that are offered to our members. Join us the Thursday, January 7, for the Curriculum meeting at 10:15 AM in the MCC Downtown Center Classroom 212 to see how you can become a part of this vibrant group of volunteers.
AFFILIATES by Pat DeBlake

MESA ACTIVE ADULT CENTER
Each New Year we tend to look back and think of how we should make a greater effort to do something good in the New Year. Today my thoughts turned to one of New Frontiers longest and greatest affiliates – Mesa Active Adult Center. We are aware of New Frontiers classes taught on their site, but do we consider the other interesting/helpful/wonderful things that take place there? On the comfort side there are the healthy meals, the snack store, the lounge to meet friends. Besides the services and opportunities to help others there are special monthly events that you might enjoy.

To make you more aware of the possibilities here is their website www.evadultresources.org (This site also includes Red Mountain and Apache Junction locations.) Click on it at least once a month and find something of interest to attend and express your/our thanks for how they help us.

MESA ARTS CENTER
SPRING OUT TO LUNCH CONCERT SERIES

You are cordially invited to join the fun and attend the FREE afternoon concerts in the Wells Fargo Garden performance area on the Shadow Walk at the Mesa Arts Center. Concerts begin at 12:30 p.m. in Wells Fargo Garden at Mesa Arts Center. Seating is limited so you are encouraged to bring your favorite comfortable folding chairs, cushions and/or blankets. Life of the Party Catering will be onsite for each concert offering a nice selection of hot and cold lunch selections. Beverages and delicious desserts will also be available. You may of course pack and bring your own yummy picnic lunch.

ASU EMERITUS COLLEGE
Please take a moment and check out the ASU Emeritus College schedule of events. Please note that The College’s colloquiums are open to all and the next one is February 17th. The Short Talks require an RSVP as a meal is involved ($10).

Please watch for additional information via the all member e mails that Gary Kleemann sends out on a regular basis. https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/emeritus-college-calendar-events
An adjective meaning determined, having a goal

Bruce Reid, Marlin Fried, Richard Riley, and Skip Carney attended a meeting with Duane Oakes and Dawn Rhodes of the Center MCC Center for Community & Civic Engagement in December.

The Center is responsible for Service Learning, Civic Engagement, America Reads, and Phi Theta Kappa. The Center works with community organizations to connect MCC students to meaningful, purposeful service opportunities.

Following the meeting, Volunteer Chair Bruce Reid stated “what we heard at the meeting was an emphasis on what was most significant. For example, for me the greatest significance was the admonition to be outwardly focused. It has special meaning to volunteering. It raises the number of opportunities greatly and makes the process even more important.”

New Frontiers growing collaboration with the MCC Center allowed 18 NF members to join others for the JaKelle’s Christmas Box on December 7-12. The annual event provides holiday gifts for over 2700 children in the Arizona Foster Care System. Our members helped foster families pick out gifts for each child in their care, organize and restock merchandise on the display tables.

Please check out the Center’s Calendar of Events and choose what you would like to do to be “purposeful” in your life.

https://www.mesacc.edu/community-civic-engagement/events-opportunities/mccservesorg

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

• Membership Co-Chair
• Membership Recorder
• Inquiry Assistant

Please contact Mary Adamick or Mary Lindberg if you can help.
(See the Directory)
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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Remember, New Frontiers is peer led and NF volunteers, people like you and me, make this organization work!

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