

OPEN HOUSE

The 2012 Spring Open House will be held on January 27, 2012. We are pleased to announce that the Open House will be held in a **NEW HOME**.

After lengthy discussions with New Frontiers Council and Mesa Community College personnel, the Open House has been moved to the **MCC DOWNTOWN CENTER**. This new location provides our members and guests with more and better lighted rooms, covered parking and elevators for better access.

Please note our NEW LOCATION:

WHERE: MCC DOWNTOWN CENTER
145 NORTH CENTENNIAL WAY
4TH FLOOR
MESA, AZ 85201
480-461-6100

HOURS: 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
PLEASE NOTE NEW LONGER HOURS
DOORS WILL NOT OPEN BEFORE 1:00 P.M.

WHEN: FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH



Signs will direct you to the parking areas, elevators and the rooms for the Open House on the fourth floor.

PARKING: SIGNS WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE 2ND AND 3RD LEVELS
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE RAMP LEADING TO THE 2ND LEVEL

The Curriculum Committee has over 70 classes for you to choose from.

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS.

COME JOIN US TO ENROLL IN NEW CLASSES, MEET FRIENDS AND ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

SEE YOU FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Rose Frankfort

Your Council would like to wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Along with your other New Year's Resolutions (most of them tend to focus on more exercise and less dessert) we hope you resolve to join us in the many classes, activities and events that we will be presenting to you over the coming year. Our organization is growing in many ways. We are at our highest number of members to date—in fact, for our January Open House, we outgrew the Community Room at Red Mountain. Fortunately, we were offered a great meeting place at the Downtown Center and hope you will bring along your friends to experience what we have to offer in classes, social activities and volunteer programs.

We continue to provide an even wider array of courses than ever. Although the majority of our courses are facilitated by our own members—we are a very talented group of people—many others are led by guest presenters from around the East Valley who share their knowledge and expertise with us. We are proud of our relationship with Mesa Community College—it is a “two-way street.” They provide guidance and services to us while we assist in fulfilling their mission of engaging the community. Our members dedicate many hours volunteering to MCC and we are happy to be able to provide student scholarships each year. This year we would like to expand our volunteer efforts to the college in gratitude for their sponsorship of New Frontiers. All that we do depends on the energy and sustained effort of you, our members, and we greatly value your enthusiasm and support.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Anita Petty



The Social Committee would like to extend a happy and prosperous New Year to all NFLL members and their families. All social functions were well attended in 2011. The Holiday Banquet had the largest attendance to date with 108 members enjoying an afternoon of festivities. A wonderful meal was provided by the staff of the Windemere Resort & Conference Center. We collected \$335.00 and 180 pounds of groceries for the United Food Bank.



Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the banquet.

We are in the planning stage for the annual picnic to be held on April 19. Keep the date open and check the flyer for information on the picnic and the Out To Lunch Bunch dates and locations.

New Frontiers Reaches Out to MCC Students

Some of our new members may not know that New Frontiers has a scholarship program that helps support deserving students each year. We started with modest awards of \$250 and \$500 many years ago, but this academic year we were able to help three students with \$1,000 each.

The awards are advertised in August of each year through the Development Office of MCC. A scholarship committee consisting of New Frontiers members Suzanne Steadman and Diana Pearce along with Deb DeVore, from the Development Office, selects the successful recipients. Students are ranked by academic excellence and by the quality of their application that includes a statement in which they must demonstrate what they want to accomplish with their education and why they need and deserve financial support.

You may meet some of our scholarship students at the All Member meeting in March. It is always a pleasure to get to know these young, and some not so young, scholars and to hear them testify how much they appreciate the help they have received from New Frontiers.

This year, we had a pool of 16 applicants; all were deserving, but the three finalists are indeed great students. New Frontiers is proud to play a part in their lives and studies this year.



Written by Suzanne Steadman
Scholarship Committee



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE *Bruce Reid*

Among the actions of your Volunteer Committee last month were the adoption of our mission statement, the support of the Paz de Cristo's Empty Bowls event and Lou Petty joining us as the co-chair on February 1st.

Our next committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17th at 9:30 A.M. at MCC's Downtown Center in room 103. All are welcome.

Our Mission Statement

Devise and sustain volunteer opportunities that support and benefit Mesa Community College and interest NFLL members.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Archie & Shiela Millhollon



Can you guess the topic for this news article? You got it “Risk Forms.” I am sure this is the topic everyone has been waiting for all these months. We have good news and not so good news. The good news is -- you may not need to sign as many risk forms in the future. The not so good news is that you still have to sign some and we have to keep them on file. So here is the story of the risk form. It all started in grade school when you, as a child, and your children as well, had to get a parent to sign a permission slip before going on a school trip away from the schools grounds. The risk form is our personal adult “permission slip.”

The philosophy of this “permission” is twofold. First it is to advise us of new risks that are possible due to activities or travel not experienced in the usual class room setting of being seated and listening to a lecture. These new risks could include: vehicle accident, being struck by a vehicle while crossing a street, falling on the steps of an unfamiliar building, falling on a nature trail, being exposed to hot or cold weather, rain, snow, ice, wind, etc., being exposed to wild or unfriendly animals, eating tainted food in an eatery, etc. So the first factor of risk advisement is to give us a picture of these risks so we can make a judgment about our capabilities and desire to participate in a particular activity or trip.

The second factor of the risk form is that it establishes a shared responsibility between MCC and us, as MCC students, in the event of a mishap. MCC and New Frontiers still have a major responsibility for the welfare of its students/members, however, when we individually sign the risk form we make a risk assessment. We concur that we understand the risks and deem ourselves capable of safely participating in the “risk” activity or trip. In the event of an accident, and assuming negligence is not a factor, MCC will not be solely at fault in a lawsuit situation. Our signing of the risk form accepts our share in the responsibility for costs of any accident. Another benefit to New Frontiers is a secondary insurance that MCC retains. MCC currently charges New Frontiers \$20 for each member. Part of that \$20 fee pays for the MCC secondary insurance. As registered students of MCC we can file claims with MCC for accident expenses that come out-of-pocket as a result of co-pays or coverage gaps in our personal insurance. The caveat is, you need to be a registered and paid MCC/New Frontiers student/member.

To administer the copious number of risk forms that have to be collected and kept, we are working to group similar activities into three or four activity types. Activity types would include such things as hiking and biking, one for dancing and another for vehicle trips. Once you sign a risk form for that activity type we will keep it on file and you will not have to sign another risk form for that activity type as long as you are a paid member of New Frontiers.

We will keep you posted on our progress. That’s all folks.

See you at Open House.





Christmas on the Pecos

Wagon Train Trip

by Bruce Reid



On November 30th the Arizona Wagon Train embarked on a 5-day adventure to Carlsbad, New Mexico where the town joins together for one of the nation's more unique celebrations of Christmas. A boat ride treats visitors to wonderful views as they decorate riverbanks with unique and gorgeous Christmas scenes. We

were made comfortable with blankets contributed by the local townsfolk.

Our journey was made even more enjoyable by stops along the way. Some were educational, others were interesting and others were just plain beautiful. Mary Willingham arranged a series of adventures for us. In Las Cruces we visited Old Mesilla, the original Mexican town where a guide led us through the town and regaled us with great stories of ghosts and notable events of the past.



In the morning we had a sobering tour through the Bataan Death March Memorial. The names of New Mexicans who died in the wars were listed on plaques. It seemed endless and everyone felt the emotion it instilled.

On to White Sands National Park and Alamogordo for our second night and more adventure. The White Sands is really gypsum and spectacular. We also visited the space museum where, again, we had a docent led tour. The White Sands area played an important role in space development as well as the atomic bomb beginnings.

On our way to Carlsbad we stopped briefly in Artesia to view the statues recalling the cattle-drive-beginnings of that area and the later oil exploration that occurred there. Some of us visited the solar observatory along the way.

A trip to Carlsbad would be incomplete without a cavern tour. Again, Mary arranged for a guide who led us into the spectacular caverns and explained the history.

After a stop in El Paso, our seven car caravan made its way back home.



Want to know where we're going next? Plans are in the works for a trip to Yosemite. On the way, we will visit the Sequoia National Park and Monument to see the giant Sequoia tree with a road through it. We also hope to include the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California.

Our next trip will be sometime in late March or early April. Make plans to join us!

Social Activities

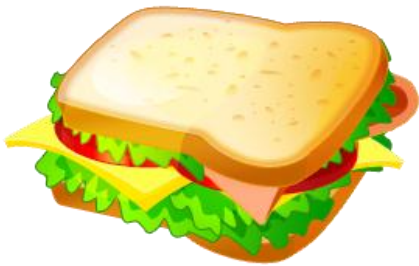
Annual Picnic Thursday, April 19th

Mark your calendar **now** to save the date for this NFLL social event. This year we will return to Desert Breeze Park in Chandler. Our March newsletter will have complete details along with directions to the park.



Check-in for the picnic starts at 11:30 A.M., lunch is served at noon, outdoor games, door prizes, and miscellaneous activities will take place. Don't forget to save your used books for the book exchange.

Please note, the reservation deadline most likely will be much earlier than in the past. Members will be asked to send payment well in advance of the actual picnic date. This is necessary because our caterer asked to be paid on the 19th. MCC needs a minimum of two weeks to deposit our checks and process payment for our vendor in a timely manner.



Out to Lunch Bunch

Come join other New Frontiers members for lunch on the 2nd Friday of the month at 11:30 A.M.

January 13, 2012

Old Chicago Pasta & Pizza
1656 S. Alma School Rd., Mesa
(just south of US 60 on Alma School)
Host – Elaine Shea 480-654-5426

February 10, 2012

Crackers & Company Cafe
1325 N. Greenfield Rd.
(north of Brown Rd. in Mountainside Fitness Plaza)
Host – Elaine Shea 480-654-5426

March 9, 2012

Seafood Market
3406 E. Baseline Rd., Mesa
(northwest corner Val Vista & Baseline)
Host – Pam Campbell 480-838-7323

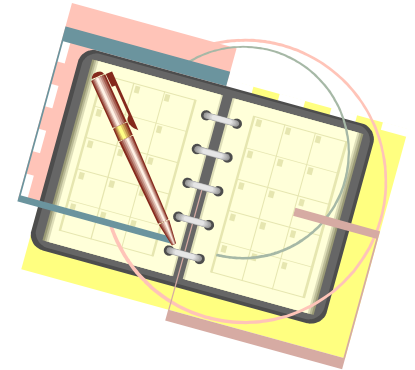
Please note: You must phone your reservation to the Host by noon on the Thursday before the lunch date. The restaurants need an exact headcount in order to accommodate us.



People may not remember
what you did for them, but
they remember how you
made them feel.

Please note on your calendar:

**New Frontiers All-Member Meeting
Red Mountain Campus
March 2, 2012
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.**



New Frontiers Officers

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