



# NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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## 2007 Offers Great Opportunities!



January 1 is the traditional time for New Year's Resolutions and new beginnings. New Frontiers has been blessed with a rich history of outstanding leadership and exciting activities, all focused on the lifelong learning concept and the theme of helping fellow members in every way possible. In addition, NFLL continues to strengthen our relationship with Mesa Community College---our strong partner in these efforts. Thanks to everyone---during the past eleven years--for giving so much to these worthwhile goals and activities! I hope every member will be actively involved in NFLL as we launch 2007!

Because of our exciting history, NFLL is positioned to be of even more service to our members---and to recruit even more members in the years ahead. We all know what great value we have received from our organization and each one of us is always willing to share the NFLL success story with others.

There will be exciting new activities and events in the year ahead. The Curriculum Committee will continue to add new classes to the Class Schedule. An exciting new Catalogue Publication will launch the Spring Semester. The Arizona Wagon train Adventures Travel Program will also begin this Spring. Other committees and individuals are thinking of ways to make NFLL an even more exciting program for current and future members.

Please share your ideas with members of the Council and also consider volunteering to participate in one or more NFLL activities. In order to expand activities, each member is invited to volunteer for one or more activities or events.

One challenge to each member is to visit with at least one group, organization, neighborhood gathering or other club about the NFLL Program. Informational brochures are available for these sessions. Coupled with your effort to tell the good news about our organization, please recruit at least one new member during the year. Those who recruit new members will be entered into a drawing for special awards at the Annual Meeting!

Have a Great 2007! Please let Council members hear from you on issues of concern, suggestions and questions!

## Social/VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE NEWS BY Mary Willingham



The Adopt a Family program was a huge success. Our generous membership donated \$526 in cash, \$45 in gift cards and over 210 lbs. of staple products. Through our willingness to donate to those less fortunate, many families at MCC had a wonderful Christmas. Thanks to Peggy and Skip Carney for chairing this worthwhile project.

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"Due to limited space, articles submitted may be edited."

## Theatre Outback News by Caroline Cline

New Frontiers members will be able to attend 3 plays during the spring semester at a student's price of \$6 for each play. Check the course schedule book for details. Lyn Dutson, director of the theatre, has agreed to conduct explanation sessions the week before each production. More details on the time and place for these explanation sessions will be given out as you buy the tickets at Open House. A fourth play will be available for New Frontiers members to attend for \$8 a ticket. The Stage door Players are presenting a comedy called "Picasso at Lapin Agile" by the actor Steve Martin as a fund raiser for scholarships. The play will be presented at the Red Mountain campus in the conference room on the second floor of the Administration Building on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 P.M. The production will also be done at the Southern & Dobson campus on the Black Box Greenroom Stage at the Theatre Outback on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. To attend this play, you need to **register and pay for the tickets at the Open House.** There will be a limit of 16 tickets at the \$8 price for each date.

## KNIT OR CROCHET By Terry Neal



Marcie Wooton

Beyond Knit & Crochet was (and will be again this spring) a great learning experience for those who wanted to learn new stitches and techniques, learn how to read, follow patterns and learn how to improve their knitting or crocheting skills. Some students felt that a knitted dishcloth was a major accomplishment, yet one with a more adventurous spirit was willing to take a giant leap and design her own piece. Each class offered the students an opportunity to explore, feel and even work with the many different types and textures of yarns that they never even knew existed. They were told about a variety of books, magazines and websites for patterns and other related information. One class was partially dedicated to designing their first project and each class offered guidance and assistance on whatever their current problem might have been.

In any gathering of people who share a passion, there are always memorable moments, and this class was no exception. One day the students had the golden opportunity to see and touch a variety of unique and very old crochet hooks. Another day brought a story about a barn full of sheared sheep's wool. This led to an unexpected lesson on "wet felting" the following week. The most memorable part of this class was watching others learn, and in turn sharing their own knowledge. What started out as a room full of strangers ended up being an exchange of information; a reaching out with a helping hand, a smile, or a few words of encouragement; and possibly a new friendship

## Out To Lunch Bunch



The out to lunch bunch will meet Friday, February 9th at 11:30 AM at Grandma's Kitchen, 19 N. Robson in Mesa (1 block north of Main between Country Club and Center). For reservations please call: **Mary Willingham,**

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The 2006 Holiday Luncheon on December 7th was a big success. Over 100 members attended the annual celebration at the Windemere Hotel in East Mesa. The event opened with an appropriate remembering of Veterans' and Pearl Harbor Day. Food was wonderful and the Social/Volunteer Committee did a great job with arrangements, live entertainment, door prizes and a record-setting collection for the MCC Adopt a Family Program.



Members contributed over \$500 in cash, checks and gift cards. In addition over 200 pounds of food items were donated. This year MCC is distributing the collected items to more than one family, so we do not have a specific NFLL family. All donations were taken to MCC after the luncheon.

## Upcoming Social Events

A theatre production, **RÉALTA!**, is an Irish Musical Celebration which will be available to New Frontiers members and their guests on Wednesday, March 7th at 3:00 p.m. in the Piper Theater at the Mesa Arts Center. We have 40 tickets reserved. Price per person will be \$21.75 for New Frontiers members and \$31.75 for guests. Make checks payable to MCC. At "memo line" indicate **RÉALTA!** Mail checks to Mary Willingham

**Checks must be received by Friday, February 2nd** so an exact number of tickets can be purchased. Don't miss this opportunity to see this all new production spotlighting music from Ireland.



See enclosed flyer for more information.

## DAY AT THE RACES



Spend a day at the races on **Tuesday, February 13th** at Turf Paradise. Cost per person is \$16.50 which includes admission, Turf Club seating, parking, program, how to wager card and lunch. Make checks payable to MCC. At "memo line" indicate Turf Paradise and your entree selection. \*\* Mail checks to Mary Willingham

For more information, see enclosed flyer.

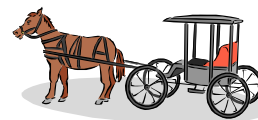
**Checks must be received by Tuesday, January 30th.**

## TRAVEL PROGRAM

Arizona Wagon train Adventures Begins.

Arizona Wagon train Adventures is ready to hitch up the horses beginning with the Spring Semester! New members Bruce and Joy Reid have agreed to facilitate the travel program. Plans include local day trips as well as other trips to Arizona destinations--and beyond.

Additional information will be coming in the weeks ahead and at the January 26 Open House. Bruce and Joy invite your suggestions for trip destinations and your assistance in joining the AWA Committee to help plan the activities. Just as in the Pioneer Days, success of all Wagon train travel depends on each participant helping with the work and supporting the team effort!





**HELP WANTED** Volunteers are needed for **“Welcome Week”** both at Southern & Dobson and Red Mountain campuses. Tuesday Jan. 16 and Wednesday Jan. 17 between the hours of 7am and 7pm. The volunteers help students find their class rooms, hand out maps and other material offered by the college. Choose the hours you can work by calling Heather Miles.

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## Empty Bowls

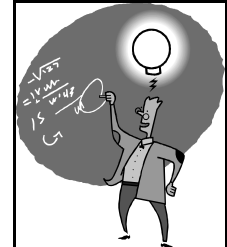
The MCC Empty Bowls events this Fall were a great success. The Art Department would like to thank Ceramics faculty member Linda Speranza for all her work to make the Empty Bowls another successful fund raiser. We were able to raise \$17,750 for Paz de Cristo. We also raised \$3000 for the Child Crisis Center at ASU.

Many thanks to all who bought the bowls and helped raise funds for these organizations.

Sarah Capawana  
Chair, Art Department

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## Quantum Physics for Dummies



This spring we will be offering a course in “Quantum Physics for Dummies” facilitated by Rose Frankfort. Most people prefer to avoid learning physics because they are intimidated by mathematical equations—this course won’t use any! Physicist are mainly interested in things they can measure. They then discover the relationships between the things they are measuring and use equations to make predictions and do useful work (who hasn’t heard of at least one equation, that is,  $E = mc^2$ .)

There are many dimensions of the universe we can measure: space, time, energy, light etc. This course will focus on the dimensions not of every day things or of the cosmos but of very tiny things such as atoms and particles. This is the realm of *quantum physics*.

Our modern technology (computers, chemistry, space travel, communications) are based on quantum physics. You will find that in the world of the very tiny, things are not as they seem. You will encounter new phenomenon which you won’t want to believe but will enjoy discussing.



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