



# New Frontiers News

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## **NF Ambassador-Speaker Team (NFAST) Begins!**

A new initiative has been launched to inform East Valley Citizens about New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning and to recruit more NFLL members. The New Frontiers Ambassador-Speaker Team will provide guest speakers to a variety of groups, including civic clubs, social organizations, professional associations, retirement groups and other informal gatherings. NFLL Council Vice-President Mary Kortvelesy will coordinate the program. Speakers will be experienced NFLL members who wish to volunteer.

All members are encouraged to support the program in two ways. First, **each member is asked to provide names and contacts for groups** which may be interested in a guest speaker presenting information about New Frontiers. If possible, contact the organization to determine their interest. Then provide the information to Mary.

Second, **consider volunteering as a member of the Ambassador-Speaker Team.** Members will receive information and training about presenting the NFLL story to groups. Visiting with citizens about the NFLL is a wonderful way to share the exciting news about our organization.

In addition to group presentations, members will have opportunities to help by volunteering at special events, like the Winter Visitor Expo at the Mesa Convention Center. These events offer unique opportunities for residents to have a first hand look at New Frontiers and to receive informational flyers.

**Please contact Mary Kortvelesy or Skip Carney for more information.**



## **Special Grant Awarded to New Frontiers!**

**New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning has received a special \$4,000 grant from the East Valley Lifelong Learning Society.** The award was made in recognition of the uniquely balanced program offered to NFLL members. No other lifelong learning program in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area provides the unique combination of wide-variety quality classes, superior array of social activities and a strong commitment to volunteer and community service.

The grant is designated to provide general support for the NFLL program and is not for any specific project. The East Valley Lifelong Learning Society is an informal group of local citizens dedicated to recognizing superior lifelong learning efforts.

In accepting the grant award NFLL President Skip Carney thanked the Society and acknowledged the unique nature of New Frontiers which sets it apart from other traditional lifelong learning programs. He also said that the grant is the first major financial gift to New Frontiers beyond Mesa Community College and support of member's dues.

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## **Membership**

I'm sure you'll all agree the spring open house and registrations at Red Mountain was a successful and enjoyable get together for over 70 guests as well as our current members. We enrolled 51 new and returning members. **Our membership now stands at 308.** The publicity part of our committee is made up of three outstanding volunteers; Phyllis Johnson, Shirley Ouellette, and Maryalice Bentley. They are already preparing for next fall's events, getting their media contacts outlined.



Remember, each of you are welcome to attend the membership meetings held the first Thursday of every month at the Dobson location. By Jacque Marchant

## Spring Training – Baseball Game



The social committee has purchased 40 tickets for a spring training baseball game - Arizona Diamondbacks vs. the Chicago Cubs. The game will be Thursday, **March 29** at 12:05 p.m. at Hohokam Park, 1235 N. Center, Mesa, AZ. Great seats, lots of fun.

The ticket price is \$20.30 per person. Make check payable to Mesa Community College. On the memo line on the check indicate "baseball game". Mail to **Mary Willingham**

**Checks must be received by Thursday, March 8. No exceptions.**

If more than 40 people are interested in attending the game, a lottery will be held to determine those people who will attend.

## Annual Picnic

The annual picnic will be **Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 at Chandler Desert Breeze Park, 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd, at the Mesquite Pavilion in Chandler. The park is just south of the Ray Rd, between Rural & McClintock. Enter the park from McClintock by going west on Desert Breeze Blvd. You will come to a parking lot. The pavilion is north of the parking lot.



Tom's BBQ will cater the event. In addition to the picnic, there will be a book exchange. Bring books that you've read and exchange for different books. Bingo will be played - 25 cents per card per game (winner takes all). Other games are planned too.

The price will be \$6.00 for New Frontiers members and \$12.00 for guests. Make checks payable to Mesa Community College. On memo line insert "picnic". Mail checks to **Mary Willingham**. **Checks must be received by Wednesday, March 28. No exceptions.** Plan to join us for a fun afternoon. By Mary Willingham

## New Frontiers Tea

New Frontiers is hosting a **Tea and 'White Elephant' Silent Auction**, on **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30pm on the Dobson Campus. It will take place in the Kiva Room of the Kirk Center. A surprise raffle will follow the auction. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served.



**Please bring something for the Silent Auction.** It should be a gently used item that has enough value that someone else would want to own it and therefore several people will bid on it.

The price for New Frontiers members is \$5.00 and non-members is \$10.00. Make checks payable to Mesa Community College. On the memo line indicate "Tea". Mail checks to **Mary Jochen** Checks must be received by **Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>**. **No exceptions.** By Mary Jochen

Mary Jochen



The fact that there were approximately 1300 individual registrations for classes this semester, assures the Curriculum Committee that members appreciate the classes that are being offered. We were able to provide second sessions for waiting lists, or move a class to a larger room and in some cases facilitators requested the extension of the number of sessions scheduled.

There will be a new proposal form available soon. It is easier to send the information via e-mail that permits copy/paste as an easy solution. **The absolute established deadline for proposals is August 1, 2007. No exceptions** to this date will be considered.

Continue to expand your world through New Frontiers classes! By Pat DeBlake

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## **All-Member Meeting Is Huge Success!**

The All Member Meeting at Red Mountain Campus, on February 23, was a wonderful success. Over 100 members attended the session which was highlighted by guest speakers from the Superstition Area Land Trust, a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving the Superstition Mountain natural desert areas.

The Superstition Mountains are a favorite of New Frontiers members who use the area for hiking and other outdoor recreation activities. The program outlined the ways that volunteers can help with the preservation and conservation efforts, as well as the role of various government and private agencies. Reports from New Frontiers committees were given at the meeting and members completed a survey about the NFLL Newsletter.

Survey results showed high interest in the newsletter and many members indicated that they read the newsletter from cover to cover! There was also high interest in producing the newsletter in an electronic form for those members able to receive E-mail. The Council will follow up on survey results.

Members were encouraged to become active in committee work. Various members were thanked for specific volunteer assignments accomplished during the year. A special drawing was held and prizes included free concert tickets and unique gifts from Branson stars Andy Williams and Lawrence Welk. By Skip Carney

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## **OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION**



A huge **Thank You** goes to the volunteers at the Advisement Centers at the MCC campuses of Southern & Dobson and at Red Mountain. As usual our members demonstrated their flexibility and ability to cope with somewhat less than ideal surroundings.

At Red Mountain, the weather was on the chilly side so Carolyne Hostetter, as a beginner, really got an initiation for her first time endeavor.

The group at Southern & Dobson had to cope with their own set of problems. The Advisement Center, which we had become accustomed to using, was getting new carpet and tile, which gave us limited use. With our usual ability to "make do" we survived and enjoyed ourselves in the process.

Again many, many thanks for jobs well done. We hope you will join us again in August.

Phyllis Kramer

Phyllis is giving some help to MCC student, CHRIS LOGAN.  
Taken on Monday, Jan 8, 2007



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