



New Frontiers Membership Soars

An additional 50 new members or returning members joined our ranks after the spring Open House at Red Mountain, bringing our total current membership to 348. Kudos to members who invited their friends and neighbors. The green survey sheets show that word of mouth is still our best resource for bringing in members,

New members, aka the Class of '09, were spotlighted at the All-Members Meeting on February 27th. Our newest members will sport name badges that bear the year they joined New Frontiers. Plans are to eventually replace all members' nametags with new ones bearing the year joined.

A critique of the spring Open House and plans for the fall Open House in September will be on the agenda for the next Membership Committee meeting on Thursday, March 5, at 9:30 am, downstairs in the Kirk Student Center of the Dobson/Southern campus (the building with the clock tower). Members who may have an interest in helping with Open House or other Membership Committee functions are encouraged to attend. Submitted by Peggy Randolph, Co-chair Membership Committee

Communications

Dear Fellow Members of New Frontiers. The email INFO LIST was created just a year ago. The stated purpose is to keep our members informed about the latest and greatest things happening with New Frontiers, and Mesa Community College. This means we don't inundate you with emails about community events, playbills at the Mesa Arts Center, nor ads for used cars. Is this enough for you? Or, do you want to receive current information about other events in the local community? Yes, this is a survey. Please let us know your thoughts. Just send an email and give us your opinion. *(No, you still won't be able to advertise your garage sale!)* The email address is: communications@newfrontiers-mesa.org

We have over 70% of our current members registered to receive emails from the INFO LIST. This means 30% don't get the most current information. They have to wait till the Newsletter arrives in their mail box. Would you do all of us a big favor? Please encourage your fellow members to give us their current email address. Yes, a few don't use the computer, or emails. But most of us do. So please help. Ask them to send a message with their current email address to either the Communications Committee or to the Membership Committee, or both! The email addresses are:

communications@newfrontiers-mesa.org OR membership@newfrontiers-mesa.org Submitted by
Bob O'Brien—Communications Committee Chair

Curriculum Corner

By the time you read this, about one half of our spring session will be about fifty percent completed. Again, as usual, we have many more interesting courses than I have time to attend. Not to be idle, Pat De Blake is already planning the summer session. So all you hearty souls that enjoy all the heat get out your course material and let Pat know you are available to teach many and varied subjects in the cool of a classroom. There are always those good Arizona 101 information subjects like: Are there any frog farms in Arizona? or Where do the buzzards go during a dust storm? Maybe next summer I will teach a course on how to feed an Arizona burro a slice of bread without getting your fingers bitten.

Facilitators stay alert. The Facilitators luncheon is on for May 21. It is a week later than usual. The Wagon Train is out of town the second week so we gave them some time to wheel back to civilization. Shiela and Lynnea are checking out scrumptious eating places. So stay tuned for the winning location. Of course many thanks to all you facilitators and contact assistants for keeping the courses running smoothly. Submitted by Archie Millhollon– Curriculum Committee Chair

Kathleen Hibbet's presentation

"Two Millennia of Mysticism: Christians of Light & Darkness"



NF Policies & Procedures

With the beginning of a new semester it is rewarding to see so much happy involvement in classes and activities. As we welcome new members, too often we presume they understand the policies and procedures that have been adopted by New Frontiers in the past. In order to lessen misunderstandings, each issue of the newsletter I will explain a policy or practice of our organization. In between issues, feel free to contact me about policy issues to eliminate any misinterpretation among members.

This issue I will clarify our practice of having some of our classes off the MCC campuses. The MCC student enrollment strongly affects the availability of classroom space for our use. It was necessary for us to seek free space off campus at places that were interested in lifelong learning as our curriculum grew. As a thank you to these locations, we permit the attendance of their members to our classes. The location may charge their members a small fee to attend our sessions which helps supports their center. It is a win, win arrangement for both sides! It also provides an added benefit to our organization through awareness of the quality of our offerings to non-members, the sharing of some of their classes, and often new members. Submitted by Pat DeBlake–

Vice president



Volunteer Effort Rewarding for Members of New

ADVISING

A cadre of almost 50 New Frontiers volunteers went back to college this year. But instead of being students, we used our expertise and commitment to our younger generation by helping students get a good start with their studies at Mesa Community College.

We greet them when they enter the Advisement Center and try to determine what they need and direct them to the right place. Our aim is to prevent them from standing in the wrong line while waiting for service. Some students just need a catalog and are surprised when we give them what they want right away, and with a smile.

Volunteers help at the start of the Fall and Spring semester, and typically work at the Advisement Centers. But we also do other jobs, like working with ID cards and parking permits and rescuing students who are lost at the computer. If a student feels he or she has been given the run-around, we listen carefully to what they have to say. Sometimes students really do not know themselves what they need, but with a little patience the problem can be figured out. Personal attention and care for students never fail to elicit a sincere thank-you. Students really appreciate what we are doing. But they are not the only ones who benefit from the exchange: the volunteers get tremendous satisfaction from helping and being useful, and for having eased the way for a lost or frustrated student.

There will be opportunities again for you to be part of this wonderful program in August and next January. Watch out for future announcements in the Newsletter and INFO LIST. You can volunteer as an Advisement Volunteer at either the Dobson or the Red Mountain Cam-

pus. Submitted by Suzanne Steadman-Advisement

Empty Bowls

Paz de Cristo sent a letter to New Frontiers thanking the volunteers for another outstanding Empty Bowls.

They wanted to let us know that we helped Mesa Community College raise over \$14,000.00, and that in these economic times, that amount was exceptional.

The letter went on to say that they are only able to continue to support those less fortunate because of people like us.

They ended it by saying "Please know that all of us at Paz appreciate everything that you provide. Thank you for thinking of us and those we serve."



Judy & Lou Petty served soup at Empty Bowls, in November, at the Red Mountain

Social Committee

FRIENDSHIP – BIG PART OF NEW FRONTIERS

If you have been a member of NFLL for more than a year, you've probably discovered one of the benefits of joining the group are the friendships that develop.

We are all more comfortable being with the people we know. Take a moment to consider what it's like to be a new person at a class or social event when you don't know anybody there. The key to making a person feel truly welcome is as simple as being included in a conversation or offered a place at your table. And who knows, you may find another friend.

Thank you for helping make all members (new and returning) feel special. Submitted by Lynnea Diehl Social Committee Chair

New Frontiers Walkers

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Editorial Policies:

No phone #s for Council Officers,
Committee Chairs or members are
listed for privacy/security reasons.
They may be found in your Directory.

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



L-R Jerry Rumley, Elaine Shea, Phyllis Johnson, Jean Moore, Vern Carpenter, Mary Masyga, Fred & Judy Beck & Pam Campbell

Fred & Jan Beck started a walking group for those of us who enjoy AZ's scenic outdoors, yet prefer mild exercise to hiking rough terrain.

The above picture was taken during their first walk. It was around and through Kiwanis Park. Subsequent walks were at ASU Research Park, Town Lake Beach Park and Indian Bend Wash.

Submitted by Chris Dugandzic—Newsletter Editor

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

March 14, 2009 (Saturday) Irish Rovers

Mesa Arts Center – Ikeda Room upstairs

8:00 p.m. show time

Reservations closed

April 16, 2009 (Thursday) New Frontiers Annual Picnic

Desert Breeze Park

660 N. Desert Breeze Boulevard

Mesquite Pavilion

11:30 a.m.

\$8.00 members \$11.00 guests

Directions: Route 101 south, west on Chandler Blvd., north on Desert Breeze Blvd., park is on the east side of road.

We will have a catered BBQ meal, games (stand-up & sit-down!), Bingo, raffle, and book exchange -- bring a book(s) to take a book(s). To reserve your spot send Lynnea Diehl a check made out to **Mesa Community College**. **Deadline for reservations is April 2nd.**

May 11, 2009 (Monday) Diamondback Baseball Game

Batter up!! The game against the Cincinnati Reds will begin at 6:40 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online only. The price is \$20 per person. Thirty tickets have been set aside for us in Section 132. Below is the web link with the sign in and password to purchase your tickets. Deadline for purchase is April 24. Once we have finalized the list we'll decide whether to drive or take the light rail. Questions, call or e-mail Mary Willingham (info can be found in the directory).

June 10, 2009 (Wednesday) Junefest

MCC – Dobson Campus, Kirk Student Center

Kiva Room

11:30 a.m.

Members no cost, Guests \$5.00 +

Reservations called to Lynnea Diehl by May 28, 2009

What is a Junefest? We made it up just for fun! Each member attending is asked to bring a hot or cold appetizer, finger food, tapas, aka hors d'oeuvre, to serve 8-10 people. Also bring your recipe to share with those that want to write it down, and a serving utensil. Beverage, napkins, and paper plates will be provided.

Also "just for fun," members are asked to bring an unusual or obscure object or gadget from home. You will have a chance to stump the group with your what is it item. Fabulous prizes will be awarded to members that produce a stumper!

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.

March 13, 2009

Famous Dave's

101 North Dobson Rd., Mesa

(Located in Mesa Riverview next to Bass Pro)

Reservations – Elaine Shea

April

No Out to Lunch Bunch scheduled

Remember NFLL Picnic – April 16, 2009

Reservations – Lynnea Diehl

May 8, 2009

T. C. Eggington's

Brunch @ 9:30am

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

The logo for "LUNCHEON" is centered at the bottom of the page. The word "LUNCHEON" is written in a blue, serif font. It is enclosed in a white rectangular box with a thin black border. The box is surrounded by four colored squares: an orange square at the top-left, a green square at the top-right, a blue square at the bottom-left, and a red square at the bottom-right.

LUNCHEON

NEW FRONTIERS ANNUAL TRIP – 2009

Alaska Hubbard Glacier Cruise
Round Trip – Phx/Seattle – Departure Sept 11, Return 9/18. 2009

Mark Your Calendar – **WELCOME ABOARD**

Celebrate a cruise on Celebrity Infinity, embarking from Seattle, WA. Enjoy cruising Hubbard Glacier. Visit the ports of Icy Strait Point, Juneau and Ketchikan, Alaska and Victoria, B.C. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a unique trip with excellent food, celebrity theatre, all shipboard amenities. The true connection to Alaska is it's people, culture, history, wildlife and fantastic scenery.

CRUISE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- R.T. air between Phoenix/Seattle. Airline to be arranged by Celebrity. Carrier unknown at this time.
- Transfers between airport and pier arranged by Celebrity.
- Seven night cruise in an ocean view cabin-Celebrity Plaza Deck.
 - All meals and shipboard entertainment.
 - Port charges and taxes.
- Cruise Travel Insurance is mandatory and is included in package.

Not Included: Alcoholic beverages, shore excursions, gratuities for dining staff and cabin stewards, aircraft luggage fees if applicable.

Proof of Citizenship: You need to have a valid passport for reentry in the U.S., that does not expire until six months after the completion of trip.

PACKAGE PRICE: \$1375 per person (double occupancy). Cancellation penalties apply.

This trip is open to all members of New Frontiers. You may bring a guest.

Dinner: Main seating at 6:15 PM.

Maximum of 20 cabins have been reserved. Dee and Molly need to have a minimum of 10 cabins sold to secure this travel package. Celebrity is offering a \$50 on board credit per stateroom.

(OVER)

If you would like to join the group:

1. Please send a deposit check for \$275 per person made out to Marlene Krmpotich, 1250 E. Bishop Dr. Tempe, AZ 85282 (ph. 480-967-0503)

Send your check at any time. This deposit is due APRIL 27, 2009. Cabins will be filled according to when we receive your deposit. If you are bringing a guest we will need the name, deposit, address, and passport info.

3. Final payment of \$1100 is due June 16, 2009. You will be reminded.
Please include any out-of-town address, if applicable.

This check should be made out to Boulevards of Travel, and mailed to Marlene (Molly) at the above address.

The first deposit needs to be made out to Marlene (Molly), however the balance of \$1100 may be paid by credit if you wish. The way to do this is to contact Nanette Grace at Boulevards of Travel, 1-800-690-8728.

Should you have questions of the travel agent, feel free to call her or contact by e-mail: NanetteG@blvdsoftravel.com.

Please detach and include this form with your deposit—use your full name as it appears on your passport. (If you don't have a passport, you still have time to obtain one.)

Name of 1st person _____.

Name of 2nd person _____ If sending

deposit for two, rooming with _____

If you need a roommate, please check here _____. Subject to availability.

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Required Passport info:

NAME _____ NAME _____

PASSPORT NO: _____ PASSPORT NO: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____