



New Frontiers News

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Annual Meeting Approves New Committee and Elects Officers

Over 100 New Frontiers members attended the October 26 Annual Meeting at the MCC Dobson Campus. **Members approved changes to the NFLL By-Laws, including the establishment of the Communications Committee as a standing committee.** This committee will coordinate various activities like the Web-Site, Newsletter and Speakers' Bureau. **Bob O'Brien** has volunteered to chair the new committee. Please contact Bob if you wish to help. (Phone # in your directory)

In addition, members elected officers for the coming year--**President--Skip Carney; Vice-President--Kathy Krecek; Treasurer--Ray Spatti; Secretary--Mary Andrews; Members at large--Anne Stehr and Dee Newman.** Thanks to these members for volunteering to serve! These officers and the chairs and co-chairs of all four standing committees are the members of the 15-member Council, which gives overall direction to the New Frontiers Program.

Members also heard reports from the Membership, Curriculum and Social/Volunteer Committees. Committees are very active and members are encouraged to join one of the groups.

Skip Carney reminded the group that New Frontiers serves a valuable purpose beyond the classes and social/volunteer activities for members. The most important purpose is to add value and quality to the lives of members through various activities and to help establish friendships and meaningful relationships through the lifelong learning programs. NFLL encourages active participation by all members!

New Environmental Relationship With MCC

Steve Bass from the MCC Geography Department Faculty was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting. Steve outlined the MCC programs related to improved environment and recycling. He said there were MCC organizations working on a variety of ecology issues and he invited New Frontiers members to participate.

Please call Tammi Taylor Bryant, Campus Recycling Coordinator at 480-461-7263 for more information. Specific projects will be developed for members in the coming months.

Adopt-A-Family Program Needs Your Help!

This year the Mesa Community College Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program will be one of the primary community service projects for New Frontiers. NFLL will adopt three families screened and selected on the basis of need by MCC. In the past, these have been families of MCC students with serious financial need.

Individual families will have specific needs and NFLL will work to match their needs with the available contributions. The Holiday Party is the primary time for individual NFLL donations. **Please bring non-perishable food items to the Holiday party. In addition checks payable to MCC will be used for buy food baskets and grocery store gift cards.** Last year over \$500 in donations by check and over 200 pounds of food was collected.

NFLL members are needed to assist with the holiday shopping and delivery of gifts. Please contact Peggy Carney for more information and to volunteer. (Her phone # is in your directory)

[AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS, PLEASE WEAR YOUR NF BADGE TO ALL NF EVENTS](#)

Curriculum Committee

by Pat De Blake, Committee Chair
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Our new semester of classes is in progress and everyone is involved in keeping their minds and bodies actively alive. It is important to note how much time and effort by volunteers was extended to make this type of program available to you. This semester the committee had to adjust to many "behind the scenes" changes, and they did it all with smiles because they firmly believe in what New Frontiers provides. We can all be so proud of this committee!

Now comes my pitch...please get involved by taking part in sharing your talents with us, introduce a guest speaker, or serve on a committee in any way that you feel comfortable. **In February the positions of Chair and Vice Chair will need to be replaced. Please contact any one of the facilitators with your interest to help fill these positions,** or to be of service in any way to keep our wonderful program strong.

Plan ahead for the Winter Semester - remember that the deadline for class proposals is **December 1, 2007.** Remember you may submit your proposal via our website, www.newfrontiers-mesa.org. All suggestions are welcomed!

Membership Committee

by Jacque Marchant, Committee Chair
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Open House What a great time and 'fete accompli' at the fall open house and registration. MCC was abuzz with New Frontier guests and members anxious to enroll in the abundance of classes offered at the event, as well as meeting new people and renewing old friendships. **Over 50 new members enrolled that day which brings our current enrollment to over 260.** Thanks to all.

It's amazing what can happen when volunteers and members pull together to help make our annual membership drive and registration a success. Enrollments were still coming in as we were preparing for the annual meeting and the next semester.

New Member Coffee A 'New Member Coffee' was held Oct. 5th, at MCC and the committee representatives and council members were able to get acquainted with the new members and enjoy sharing a continental breakfast along with learning more about each other.

Volunteers Welcome With the Spring semester right around the corner, **we are looking for members to join our Membership Committee** and enjoy the special camaraderie that develops when achieving goals of the organization. Just give me a call. (Her phone # is in the directory)

Social Committee-

by Mary Jochen, Committee Co-Chair
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Empty Bowls A big "Thank You" to all who volunteered for the "Empty Bowls".

Socials Our next events are:

The Holiday Party at the Windermere in Mesa is on December 6th The cost for members is \$17.00 & guests \$25.00. **Deadline for checks is 11/15.**

The Messiah at the Mesa Arts Center is on December 15th The Tickets are free for the performance but there are a **limited number available, so contact Peggy Carney ASAP.**

The New Year's Brunch at the Shalimar County Club in Tempe is on January 1, 2008. The cost for members is \$10.00, guests \$15.00. **Deadline for checks is 12/11. Send all checks to Mary Jochen & contact her with all your questions** —(Her phone # and address is in your directory).

Meet NF's Two New Council Members

Kathy Krecek— Vice President

Kathy & her husband retired here 15 years ago, following 3 of their children, as they moved this way from the Rust Belt in Western Pennsylvania. Kathy loved the desert and low humidity from the very first.

Kathy joined New Frontiers 10 years ago, for she, too, is one of those who still has much to investigate and learn. She was lucky enough to come under the wing of some of the 'legendary founders' of New Frontiers and worked in the Membership and Curriculum committees for a number of years... until she needed a 'sabbatical'. Newly energized, she is looking forward to again becoming a contributing member and working with our elected officers to further the mission of NFLL.



Dee Newman—Member At Large

Dee's been a member since 1996, though at that time her name was Gaskins. Then, she changed it back to her maiden name of Newman a couple of years ago.

Her family migrated here for health reasons in 1941. She grew up in Phoenix--and has seen lots of changes.

Advisement Centers Semi-Annual Request for Volunteers by Phyllis Kramer

This is for all who have or would like to volunteer for this fun activity. We can use all the help we can get. The dates are as follows: **Dobson Campus-January 7 - 15th; Red Mountain Campus- January 14th & 15th.**

At the Dobson Campus, the hours are from 8 to 5, in three-hour shifts (8-11, 11-2 & 2-5) Mon. thru Fri. and 9 to 12 on Sat. At the Red Mountain Campus, the shifts are 8-10, 10 to 12 and 5 to 7 each day.

All new people will work with an experienced person, so give it a try. This is a fun thing, it involves meeting students, answering questions and pointing the way--be it to the right computer or the right building. If you don't know the answer to a question, there is always someone to help you out. **We do not advise students on which classes to take.** We merely help them get through the registration process as quickly as possible.

For more information or to sign up, contact the following people: Dobson Campus—Phyllis Kramer; Red Mountain Campus—Diana Pearce. (The phone #s are in your directory)

Many thanks to NF's Mail Team Volunteers!! Members would never receive their Class Schedules, Directories or Newsletters without them.



Laura McLeod
Coordinator of
Mail Team Volunteers



The September mailing of the Class Schedules and Newsletters was a morning of fun, laughter and great teamwork.

Some of the volunteers that morning were: Clockwise from left: Sharen Kellogg, Shirley Ouellette, Katherine Paty, Mary Mazzocco, Gerry Conrad, Peggy Carney, Carol Stanton, & Norma Taliaferro.

Look for the next Newsletter in January of 08

New Frontiers Officers

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Dee Newman

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Phone #s for Council Members &
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**New Frontiers for Lifelong
Learning Newsletter**

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 call the person listed to make your reservation.

November 9, 2007, 11:30 a.m.

Annabelle's Restaurant

425 S. Power Rd, Mesa

(Located in the Arizona Golf Resort SE corner of Power and Broadway.

Entrance is on Broadway)

For Reservations call:

Elaine Shea

No Out to Lunch Bunch in December because of the Holiday Luncheon on December 6th.

January 11, 2008 11:30 a.m.

Cheesecake Factory

Mesa

(Located at the Superstition Mall Complex. From Power Rd. go west on Hampton Ave. towards Dillards. It is a free standing building

located just north of Dillards).

For Reservations call:

Elaine Shea

(Phone # in your directory)

Please note: You must make your reservation by 12:00 noon of the Thursday before. The restaurants need the exact count in order to accommodate us. Thank you.