

NEW FRONTIERS NEWS

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NEW FRONTIERS SPRING OPEN HOUSE

When:

Friday, January 29, 2016 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Where:

Mesa Community College Downtown Center 145 North Centennial Way - Fourth Floor, Mesa Free parking on the Second and Third floors of the parking garage.

Why Attend?

- Check out new and interesting Spring 2016 classes, and meet the instructors.
- Discover volunteer opportunities at MCC and in the community.
- Invite a friend to join you and introduce them to New Frontiers.
- Meet old friends over coffee and cookies.

For additional information contact: <u>membership@newfrontiersaz.org</u>

MUSINGS with Marlin Fried



The **2015 NF Holiday Party is a happy and warm memory.** Over 100 members attended the luncheon hosted by the NF Social Committee chaired by Lois Schaffer and Peggy Schulz. Mary Kay Owen was the event MC, and Laurie Fagan, accompanied by Richard Palalay, provided the entertainment. The room was beautifully decorated, the food was delicious, and the mood was festive and congenial.

New Frontiers members were generous and donated to the United Food Bank with the raffle of three quilts created by NF member Janice Overdorff, and the food donations brought by members President and CEO, Ginny Hildebrand wrote to Social Chair, Lois Schaffer: "It was very nice to meet you last Thursday afternoon when you were delivering the food and funds collected at the Christmas Party for the New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning organization. You generously gave us 92 lbs. of food and a total of \$989.00 in cash and checks for the United Food Bank. What a generous activity by all of your members to support the work of United Food Bank to feed hungry people at this time of year. Again, please make sure your members know that between the cash and the food donations you provided, your group made it possible for us to provide 4,198 meals to hungry people in Arizona. Good for you!!!"

As of this writing, the **NF members have donated \$1465 for MCC students.** The NFLL Council approved an additional \$535 from the NF reserve to create two additional \$1000 student scholarships. **For 2015-16, New Frontiers will support deserving MCC students with five \$1000 scholarships.** Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Change is coming to the MCC Downtown Center. The **Office of Community Partnerships with Pat Esparza and Neva Hansen will move to the Red Mountain Campus** in mid March. There may be a reallocation of classroom space at the DTC and we will keep you informed as we receive information. While these changes will certainly require some adjustments, we've heard nothing but support for New Frontiers. We will continue to work closely with Provost Patrick Burkhart, Pat and Neva and we will update you as the information becomes available.

For Spring, 2016, we believe we have a **record number of classes**, so take some time to browse the schedule. Along with that, we have a **full social calendar**, we'll be **starting Interest Groups**, and there will be **many opportunities for volunteering** within NFLL, the college, and in the greater community. A Happy New Year to you all and start filling your calendars!