



New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning Annul Report 2014 / 2015

All-in-all, it was a good year for New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning. We celebrated our 20th anniversary and during our fall Membership Meeting, Millicent Salm, one of our founding members and still very active, gave a presentation on how we've progressed from 1994 to the present. Twenty-three Founding Members organized New Frontiers in 1994. In the fall of 1995, NFLL put on 10 classes for 69 charter members. Last fall, we offered 70 NFLL classes plus 37 classes by our affiliates for our 446 members. We also elected a new slate of officers during the fall meeting. Helen Jones and Con Downey were elected members at large, Fred Searing treasurer, Richard Riley vice president, and Marlin Fried president. Sharen Kellogg was later approved by the Council to be our secretary. The mix of new officers plus experienced committee chairs proved effective in keeping New Frontiers running smoothly.

Our classes are the core of our organization and we very much appreciate the work of the Curriculum Committee co-chairs, Margo Heaps and Sharon Greer, all of the facilitators and presenters and all of the other committee members who volunteered nearly 5700 hours to arrange them. We offered a total of 147 classes last year: 70 in the fall, 64 in the spring, and 13 classes last summer. In addition, our members could participate in another 90 classes and activities by our affiliates, the Mesa Active Adult Centers and the Mesa Art Center. All told, we provided over 950 hours of classes and our members spent more than 15,000 hours attending them. Although the majority of our classes are on the MCC campuses, we continue to reach out to the community by holding some classes in adult centers, city libraries, retirement communities, and other venues. This gets the New Frontiers name out in the community and helps us attract new members. We're grateful for the cooperation and support of these other affiliates and we are especially grateful to the non-member presenters who gave their time and talents to our program.

The Social Committee gives our members other opportunities to stay active and involved. Last year they organized 10 lunches, the annual Holiday Party and our spring picnic. They also organized six very popular excursions to nearby places of interest including a trip to Wickenburg, to a local distillery, the Sky Harbor fire department, and St. Anthony's Monastery near Florence. These activities are a wonderful way to let our members get to know one another better. Co-chairs Lois Schaffer & Peggy Schultz have done a great job increasing the functions available to our members.

Our Membership Committee keeps our ongoing and new members informed of upcoming events and opportunities. Our popular Open Houses allow our members to meet presenters and learn about upcoming classes and other activities. They help our newest members understand and join our organization. New Member Coffees, also in the spring and fall, provide an opportunity for these new

members to meet the officers, committee chairs, and MCC support staff and for us to get to know the new members. Much thanks goes to co-chairs Mary Adamick and Mary Lindberg and to their 40 committee members who arrange these events.

Publicity and communication are essential to the success of New Frontiers and the Communication Committee was very busy and successful. Our Speakers Bureau enlightens groups throughout the east Valley about New Frontiers. During 2014/2015, the Communication Committee published 5 newsletters and maintained our website to keep our members informed. Chairperson, Barbara Thelander, worked with Service Learning students from the MCC Digital Arts program to develop a new design for our newsletter and provide graphic design guidelines for all our publications. They gave our publications a cleaner more consistent look. Recognizing that we cannot provide every opportunity to our members, the Communications Committee periodically notified our members of other lifelong learning events in the area including many put on by MCC.

Our volunteer program suffered from lack of a chairperson for much of the year. Nevertheless, we were able to contribute about 500 hours to help with MCC student registration, Empty Bowls and MCC Open Houses. This is in addition to 110 members contributing over 11,000 hours to making New Frontiers run efficiently. In the spring, Bruce Reid volunteered to chair our Volunteer Committee. We've had meetings with the MCC Center for Community & Civic Engagement to see how we can coordinate our activities with their programs and look forward to a full schedule in 2015/2016.

Recognizing that our needs have changed and grown, we decided that our Volgistics database software wasn't adequate for our organization and formed an Ad Hoc committee to find a replacement. After an exhaustive search, the committee recommended that ProClass software was a better fit for us. The council approved the purchase of a ProClass license for 2015/2016. We are implementing it for both membership records and class scheduling for fall 2015. Our thanks go to Peggy Randolph who has worked tirelessly on both the selection and implementation of the software.

Finally, we are very thankful to the support we get from Mesa Community College. Patrick Burkhart, Provost of Red Mountain Campus and the Downtown Center, spoke at both of our membership meetings, at our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch and led a focus session for our Council. He's been a good friend of New Frontiers. Neva Hansen, Downtown Office Coordinator, and Pat Esparza, Coordinator of Community Partnership Programs, have helped us with all of our activities from ordering supplies to arranging rooms for classes and meetings. We could not function without them. Other people at MCC help us in many ways. It's wonderful working with such a competent, dedicated group. Special thanks go to Neva, Pat, and our treasurer Fred Searing for straightening out and making our financial position understandable. Our expenditures, including three \$1000 scholarships to MCC students and \$15,610 Support Reimbursement to MCC exactly equaled our revenue. I've attached committee reports and a summary of our financial activities for a more complete understanding.

Marlin Fried, President

Curriculum Committee 2014/2015 Annual Report

The New Frontiers for Lifetime Learning (NFLL) provided 66 courses in the Spring 2015 semester. An additional 30 classes were offered in conjunction with our affiliates the Mesa Active Adult Center (MAAC), the Red Mountain Active Adult Center (RMAAC), and the Mesa Art Center. During the Fall 2014 Semester NFLL offered 70 courses and 37 through our affiliates the MAAC and RMAAC. Our 2014 NFLL summer program, Under the Yellow Umbrella, provided 31 classes at the MAAC with the majority being sponsored through the MAAC. The cumulative total of courses offered throughout the 2014-2015 academic year by NFLL was 136 courses, with many more courses and activities made available to our members through our affiliates MAAC, RMAAC, & MAC.

The 2014/ 2015 NFLL student body total enrollment in all classes was 3983. The actual attendance for all classes was 2972 for an average of 74.6 % in attendance. New Frontiers men and women taught many of the classes and facilitated for all of our guest presenters. There were also many ASU and MCC emeritus professors and instructors as well as other local subject matter experts at the NFLL podiums. We are happy to report 5,672 hours of volunteer contributions from the curriculum committee to NFLL and MCC.

Unusual courses offered during the Fall Semester included, but definitely were not limited to: a lecture by emeritus professor Dr. Jay Braun on "Art Appreciation through Neuroscience", and other interesting topics such as "The Africa You Never See on TV", travelogue, gardening, and classes on estate planning. For those feeling hearty enough to venture out, we offered opportunities for hiking the many trails and back roads around our beautiful state.

The Spring Semester included classes as diverse as "Whatever Happened to China", "Emergency Preparedness" and "Vampires and Zombies and Witches, Oh My".

Most of the courses were very well received. No class was cancelled for lack of interest although some were poorly attended. .

The MCC staff reassigned rooms in the Spring to provide larger classrooms for the most popular NFLL courses. We have revised the process for signing up for classes so size limits and waiting lists will not be a problem.

Challenges that were reported during the past year included multiple changing of classrooms to meet larger than expected enrollment, balky technology and locked classrooms. We still need improvement in these areas.

The Curriculum Committee and the numerous class facilitators volunteered 5672 hours as reported above. Many of these people also serve on other NFLL committees. There is no shortage of helping hands to make NFLL a wonderful organization.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Greer & Margo Heaps

SOCIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

The Social Committee met on the first Monday of each month, August thru June. The primary function of the committee is to plan and present social events for the enjoyment of all NFLL members.

The social events give members the opportunity to socialize, become better acquainted and enjoy new fun filled activities. Some events are partially subsidized with NFLL funds while the majority is self-paid by those attending.

Committee advertising efforts consist of Social Committee calendars and articles that are inserted into the Newsletters along with flyers that also go out in mailings. Announcements and reminders are also sent on the Web through the Info list. There is an events display /table at Open House, All Member Meetings and New Member Coffees.

Reflections

The 2014 – 2015 year was very successful, due to the cooperative, outstanding, commitment of the members working diligently as a team. This team effort was especially appreciated by the Chairman and Co-Chairman. The committee was sad to have lost a couple of long time members, but was glad we have several new members joining us.

The volunteer hours for the committee totaled 774.50 hours for the year.

We wish to give a big thank you to Peggy Strauss for her service as secretary again this year. She keeps the committee's facts straight and documented. All committee members have contributed wonderful suggestions, donated many planning hours and worked hard at the functions. We were so grateful for their help.

Goals

- To encourage new committee membership
- To continue the committee "team working" relationship
- To strengthen interaction with our MCC Sponsorship, Council, Curriculum, Communication, Membership and Volunteer Committees
- To give members a fun time for interaction through social events

Calendar of Events

Out-to-Lunch Bunch had luncheons on the 2nd Friday of the month. Attendance ran from 25 – 35 members. Again this year we had Out-to-Lunch continue during the summer months. Attendance stayed up. Members continue to enjoy having luncheons in the summer. Restaurants this year were:

July Painted Mountain Golf Resort
August Cracker's & Company Cafe

September Mekong Palace October Bavarian Point

November LaFamiglia Pizza & Pasta December No lunch – Holiday Party

January Tom's BBQ February Pier d'Oleans March The Harp Pub

April No lunch – Annual Picnic
May Manual's Mexican Food
June Mimi's – for brunch

September 24 – Copper City Bourbon Tour (Arizona Distilling)

A tour and a chance to purchase a shot of bourbon distilled here in Tempe, AZ.

October 13 – Behind the Scenes Tour – Sky Harbor Fire Station

We were escorted to the Fire Station to see the living quarters where the fire fighters live and train while on duty. Included in the tour we saw the latest equipment and newest fire engines now in service.

November 12 - Out Wickenburg Way - Wickenburg, AZ

An outing to the Hassayampa River Preserve where we enjoyed a docent led tour of the preserve. Marilyn Reiling pointed out the birds, and we enjoyed our brown bag lunch in the picnic area. After lunch we toured Desert Caballeros Museum and topped the tour off with a trip to the Homemade Ice Cream shop before heading back home.

December 10 – Holiday Party - Windemere Hotel & Conference Center, Mesa.

After registration, members and guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon. We were entertained by Les Kohl. 108 members and guests attended. Lovely poinsettia plants were given to "winners" who had the winning ticket inside their table favor. Quilts made by Janice Overdorff and given for raffle drawings netted a nice sum that was donated to the United Food Bank along with several pounds of canned food.

January 28 – Tour of St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery – Florence

Those attending experienced a wonderful tour of the Greek Orthodox Monastery, with our wonderful guide Marilyn Reiling. After the tour, we enjoyed lunch at Mount Athos Greek Restaurant. Marilyn also led another tour for those unable to attend this one

March 20 - Sloan Park (Chicago Cubs Stadium) Tour - Mesa Riverview

Fifty members enjoyed a guided tour of the baseball park.

April 18 - Annual Spring Picnic, Desert Breeze Park, Chandler

Lunch provided by Sharko's Catering with a BBQ menu. Various, non-strenuous, outdoor games could be played. Bingo with prizes. Other events included the annual book exchange of gently used books. Puzzle exchange was started this year also. We continued with brown bag door prize drawings. 72 members and guests attended

April 24 - Martin's Auto Museum

The museum is an organization dedicated to the preservation of collectible and rare automobiles for education purposes. An enjoyable tour was experienced by the 22 members who attended.

Members Having Served This Year

Lois Schaffer, Peggy Schulz, Peggy Strauss (Secretary), Janice Overdorff, Helen Jones, Mary Kay Owen, Judy Wakefield, Pam Campbell, Jerry Rumley, Marie-France Ganansia, Lynda Higgins, Diane Schaefer, Sharon Greer, Marilyn Reiling, Joy Reid, Pauline Cabaniss, Marion McDaniel, Roland Tanner, Sissy Riley

Committee Gratitude

The committee thanks the NF Council members for their support and approvals.

The committee thanks NF members for their attendance support at events and words of appreciation. If you have not participated, open a new door for laughter, relaxation and allow your circle of friends to grow.

It has been a pleasure and honor to be the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Social Committee. Being involved in a committee or Council helps one appreciate the NF organization and the membership.

Respectfully,

Lois Schaffer - Chairman Peggy Schulz – Co-Chairman

NFLL Social Committee

NFLL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

The Membership Committee continued to hold Open House in September and January and The New Members Coffee in October and February at the MCC Downtown Center's 4th floor venue using the atrium and various classrooms that offer the ideal accommodation for these events.

New Frontier's current membership is 446 with expectations for continued growth as we reach out into the Community to share the rich benefits MCC and NFLL have to offer. Much appreciation goes to Pat Esparza and her assistant, Neva Hansen, our New Frontiers liaison with MCC who are supportive in all NFLL functions.

Our Membership Committee continues to reach out to all current members using our five yearly mailings containing newsletters, flyers and class schedules. The NFLL class registration we initiated through our web site has lessened the burden on MCC's staff. Open Houses held in September and January host about 60 guests who attend orientation, meet and question class presenters and enroll into MCC/NFLL. We continue to use our group email system for quick reminders about class registration and other communications. This supplements the information our web site provides insuring current information reaches members quickly.

The Welcome Program successfully continues. A current member makes a phone call to personally welcome new members to NFLL, answer questions and invite the new member to the New Members Coffee. That event is where they will meet those who direct the operation of NFLL and learn the intricacies of this wonderful, volunteer organization. We have found the New Members Coffee gives new members the opportunity to share their experience and skills with current members, especially Council and Committee members in attendance. The Mixer held at the end of this meeting allows members to become better acquainted with one another and provides a resource of talent for our volunteer needs.

During this past year the 40 plus Membership Committee members and helpers have offered 1,703 volunteer hours. Their many suggestions and energetic contributions insure the continued health of New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adamick Membership Committee Chair

NEW FRONTIERS ANNUAL REPORT * 2014-15 Communications Committee

The Communications Committee coordinates the flow of information about activities and events to members and prospective members. Information is disseminated through the use of the web site, a newsletter and an electronic e-mail distribution system. The committee also maintains a Speakers Bureau to conduct presentations to organizations and groups interested in our organization. We also reach out to community organizations offering lifelong learning opportunities for our members.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- > MCC's continuing sponsorship of New Frontiers through the Office of Partnership Programs at the Downtown Center.
- > NF's **outreach to lifelong learners** in the community with the Speaker Bureau, press releases, and continuing interaction with MCC's Office of Community Partnerships and the Institutional Advancement office.
- > NF's **affiliation** with ASU's Emeritus College, the East Valley Adult Resources Center, and the Mesa Arts Center.
- > Our work with a team of Graphic Arts, **Service Learning Students**, to provide NFs with graphic design for the Newsletter, and the first draft of a graphic design guideline.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- > Create a guide so that all active NFs members including Council and Committees can become **outreach presenters** for NFs and MCC.
- > Explore ways in which the NF website can be up-dated to provide **quick**, **one-click**, **access** to information for the public for general information, and for NF members for **NF documents that are password protected**.
- > **Go green!** Return to two mailings each year, September and January, and utilize the web for all communications in between. Use all member e mail for Newsletters, announcements and informational flyers.
- > Collaborate with MCC's Center for Community and Civic Engagement so that NF members can participate in meaningful volunteerism.
- > Continue to work with **Service Learning Students** to refine the graphic design guidelines.

The Communication Committee volunteer hour total is around 300 plus hours for the year.

Submitted by Barbara Thelander, Communications Committee Co-Chair

8/18/15

2014 / 2015 New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning Financial Summary:

Expenses:

Communications: Budget \$2,000, Actual \$1,284; Favorable Variance \$716 Council/Overhead: Budget \$7,140, Actual \$8.544; Unfavorable Variance \$1,404 Curriculum: Budget \$3,200, Actual \$2,041; Favorable Variance \$1,159 Budget \$7,840, Actual \$5,785; Favorable Variance \$2,055 Social Committee: Budget \$625 Actual \$198; Favorable Variance \$427 Volunteer Comm.: Membership Comm.: Budget \$4,080 Actual \$3,918; Favorable Variance \$162

Revenue:

On the Revenue side we see Revenue from parties & picnics that was Budgeted to be \$3,740 with actual of \$3,195 an Unfavorable Variance \$545.

Membership Net Revenue was Budgeted to be \$17,450 with actual of \$18,575 a Favorable Variance \$1,025. (This transfer was made June 2 and included in the May monthly report.)

Combining Revenue and Expenses paid and accrued to date we have a favorable balance of \$3,695.

The Postage Charge was not paid in June as anticipated due to District changeover to new system. This amount of \$3,858.81 has been included in 2014-2015 reported expenses in the Council to reflect our total expenditures and commitments for the year ending June 2015.

Our yearend Fund Balance is \$26,331 after accruing the Postage Expense to be paid in July as noted above.

Fred Searing Treasurer

	Communication C	ommunication	Curriculum	Curriculum	Membership	Membership	Social	Social	Council - OH	Council - OH	Volunteer	Volunteer	2014 - 2015	2014-2015
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
REVENUE														
Membership (annual)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,800	\$29,685	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,800	\$29.6
Membership (semester)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$4,8
Revenue from programs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,740	\$3,195	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,740	\$3,
Transfers In from Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,800	\$34,185	\$3,740	\$3,195	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,540	\$37,3
EXPENSE					,			, , , , , ,						
Advertising	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
TOTAL ADVERTISING	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
Ikon/Alpha Graphics	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650	
Social Print	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$90	\$0				\$0	\$90	
Membership Print	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$980	\$455	\$0	\$0	\$140	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,120	\$
Curriculum Print	\$0	\$0	\$2,200	\$1,778	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,200	\$1.
Newsletter Print	\$1,280	\$1,125	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,280	\$1
Council Print	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Postage	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$3,859	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$3
TOTAL PRINT	\$1,930	\$1,141	\$2,200	\$1,778	\$980	\$455	\$90	\$0	\$1,640	\$3,859	\$0	\$0	\$6,840	\$7,
Social Committee Socials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,100	\$5,729	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,100	\$5.
Volunteer Committee Socials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$279	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$
New Member Coffees - 2 (Membership Committee)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$725	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800	9
Membership Open House (Membership Committee)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,600	\$1,396	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,600	\$1
Curriculum Facilitators	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-
All Members Meetings (Council)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Open Purchase Orders	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,750	\$1,049	\$0	\$0	\$1,750	\$1
TOTAL SOCIAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,954	\$7,100	\$5,729	\$1,750	\$1,049	\$0	\$0	\$11,250	\$9
Supplies: Social Committee	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650	\$56	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$650	
Supplies: Membership	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$700	\$509	\$0	\$0	-			\$0	\$700	
Supplies: Curriculum	\$0	\$0		-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0	\$1,000	
Supplies: Communications	\$70	\$93	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0	\$70	
Supplies: Council	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				\$0	\$0	
Supplies: Volunteer	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-	-	-	\$198	\$1,375	
Supplies: Open Purchase Orders	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL SUPPLIES	\$70	\$93	\$1,000	\$262	\$700	\$509	\$650	\$56	\$750	\$0	\$625	\$198	\$3,795	\$1
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Academic Scholarships	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0		\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	-			\$0 \$0	\$3,000	\$3
MCC Support Reimbursement	\$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0		\$14,350	\$15,610	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	+-,	+-,		\$0	\$14,350	\$16
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