

Annual Report FY 2017-18

New Frontiers is an organization dedicated to adults wishing to continue their discovery of knowledge, advance their learning and enhance physical wellness.

Greetings,

New Frontiers is a self-sufficient organization comprised of lifelong learners planning, facilitating and taking their own classes! We are now 23 years old with a core group of over 100 volunteers. Throughout this report you will note the energy and vibrancy of our members. Our variety of lifelong classes and social activities are unmatched by any other East Valley organization.

This year has been a one of transition for New Frontiers with four new officers including myself. Marlin Fried, immediate past president, made the transition easy with his overall knowledge and dedication to this organization. We set new milestones this last year - over 100 classes in a semester; over 430 members; great attendance at the open houses, participation in the Human Library Project and over 80% attendance rate at classes.

I want to especially thank those members who serve on the New Frontiers Council for their dedication. The Council is mapping out a successful path for our future growth, innovation and sustainability.



Mesa Community College (MCC) is our sponsor we are grateful for their support and vision by providing a lifelong learning environment in our community. Pat Esparza, Coordinator of Community Partnerships and Neva Hansen, Red Mountain Office Coordinator, help us with all activities, from ordering supplies to arranging rooms for classes and meetings. We appreciate their willingness to provide us with the tools to thrive in a Community College environment.

Dan Taylor, President

Treasurer's Report

Greg Master, Treasurer

This year is the second year in a row that we have a modest fund balance. In fiscal year 2017-18 we were under budget. We now have a cash reserve that will allow us to ensure that we can always pay our bills. Revenue is primarily derived from membership fees, so we want to retain and grow our membership.

Revenue: \$18,400 Expenses: \$17,782

Revenue over expenses: \$618

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Council activities: 1,450 hours

Curriculum Committee: 3,502 hours

Social Committee: hours: 312 hours

Membership Committee: 680 hours

Communications Committee: 1,400 hours

Volunteer Committee: 340 hours

Totals: 133 volunteers 7,684 hours (dollar value \$185,491.76)

Committee Highlights



Curriculum Committee

Jennifer Wong, Chair

The Curriculum Committee role is to develop and oversee classes for each semester.

- During the 2017-18 school year, New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFL) offered, to its members, a total of 205 classes for the 2017 Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. A total of 3,862 members registered for classes with attendance totaling 3,172, representing an 82% attendance rate which exceeded last years by 6%.

- In addition to NFL's class facilitators, many of our classes were presented by ASU Emeritus and MCC professors and instructors as well as individuals who serve within our local community in the legal, financial, health and arts industry.
- There were over 50 new classes that included, but not limited to, Crimea: Its Crisis & Identity, , Technological Advances in Marine Biology, Monarch Butterfly Migration in Arizona, Computer Maintenance, , The Founding Fathers & the Constitution, The Aging Eye and A Closer Look at Autism Spectrum Disorders, Nutrition, Some Real Answers to Those Age Old Questions on Old Age, Turning Points in Middle Eastern History, Jewish Culture, Edward Grieg-Music & Nature, From Fire to Empire - The Remarkable Buckhorn Baths Story, Law School for Everyone.
- During the 2017-18 school year, the Standing Curriculum Committee, consisting of 12 members and 56 class facilitators contributed approximately 3,502 volunteer hours.

Membership Committee

Barbara Dixon, Chair

Barbara Thelander, Co-Chair

The Membership Committee held two open house events (September 15th and January 12th with over 200 persons attending each one. We signed up 43 new members at the Fall event and 52 new members at the Spring event. Our partner in this event, the Curriculum Committee, arranged for class facilitators and class presenters to receive guests' and members' questions about classes. Two New Member Coffees were held in October and February with 50+ person attending each one during which new members met and mingle with current members, MCC staff, NFL officers and committee chairs and co-chairs.



The Membership Committee produced and distributing nametags, directories, and documents to new members at the open houses, including class schedules. The Sunshine Lady (Diana Pierce) sent out cards to members who were ill, hospitalized, or experienced a loss in the family.

Volunteer hours put in by this Committee this year: 680 hours.

Scholarship Committee

Diana Pearce, Chair; Dan Scarpone, Sissy Riley

In Aug. 2017 we received 67 applications for our Scholarship Awards. NFLL budgeted \$3000 and there was a carryover from last year of \$1000 plus giving us the ability to provide four scholarships. The four scholarship recipients were honored at the NFLL All Member meeting. One of the recipients was present. She shared her story about her educational goals and how the NFLL scholarship had helped her.

Support Services/Communications Committee

Peggy Randolph, Chair

Arlys Medicott, Co-Chair

The role of the Support Services/Communications Committee is to provide a network of support which includes newsletter, website, publicity, mailings and database administration for other standing committees to use to carry out their missions.

Highlights of the year:

- Newsletter: Published five times a year.
- Expanded to include Database (ProClass) administration.
- Committee name changed from “Communications” to “Support Services/Communication” to better reflect the mission of the committee.
- Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Volunteer Leadership, which originated in the Communications Committee, joined with members of the Nominating Committee to encourage volunteerism and establish pathways to leadership.
- Work continues on the website, to ensure that it is current, relevant, and easy to maneuver.

Support Services/Communication has 15 members, who expended a total of approximately 1,400 hours on behalf of the committee.

Volunteer Committee

Skip Carney, Co-Chair

The goal of the volunteer committee is to find ways in the community to help others.



Thirty- five volunteers participated in the MCC Empty Bowls event on both campuses.

- Volunteers assisted 5 different nonprofit organizations with a focus on hunger.
- A volunteer recognition luncheon was held at East Valley Institute of Technology on April 26, 2018. The EVIT students served a wonderful meal.





Social Committee

Peggy Schultz, Chair

The Social Committee gives our members other opportunities to stay active and involved. These activities are a wonderful way to let our members get to know each other better.

The committee was fortunate to have 17 members

and who provided 312 volunteer hours.

The committee planned and implemented:

- Nine Out to Lunches ranging from Old Chicago to the Oak Room and the Henhouse Café.
- Two all member activities which included the Holiday Party and the Picnic.
- Eight tours including Musical Instrument Museum, EVIT, and AZ Science Center.

2017/18 New Frontiers Council Members

President: Dan Taylor

Vice-President: Roland Tanner

Secretary: Diane Grogan

Treasurer: Greg Master

Member at Large: Mary Boehlen

Member at Large: Dan Scarpone

Member at Large: Anne Stehr

Member at Large: Sandra Whitley

Past Chair: Marlin Fried

Curriculum Committee: Jennifer Wong

Membership Committee: Barbara Dixon/
Barbara Thelander

Social Committee: Peggy Schultz

Support Services Committee: Peggy
Randolph/Arlys Medicott

Volunteer Committee: Skip Carney



Annual Spring Membership Meeting - Original New Frontier organizers: Barbara Thelander, Nancy Olson, Dan Taylor, Millicent Salm

Picnic attendees having a great time

