

Annual Report FY 2018-19

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



Dan Taylor, President

I continue to be amazed at the level of volunteerism that is within New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFLL). Throughout this report you will note the number of volunteers and key Committee Chairs that give their time and energy so that all members can have the ultimate learning experience that is not bound by classrooms, but only by imagination. Special thanks to Neva Hansen, Coordinator of Community Partnerships, for keeping us on track and providing us with the tools to thrive in a College environment.

Fast Facts:

- **111 volunteers gave 7,310 hours which is a dollar value of \$185,893**
- **189 classes with over 4,000 class registrations processed**
- **451 members which is a 5% increase over last year**
- **New website with the goal of becoming a destination site.**
- **Development of a new strategic plan (see below) by NFLL Council**

Strategic Plan Goals:

1. *Increase methods of communication among the membership, Council and Mesa Community College (MCC) to enhance the role of lifelong learning in the East Valley.*
2. *Continue to expand the range of classes through innovation, technology and vision.*
3. *Focus on making New Frontiers the ultimate volunteer experience*
4. *Enhance the New Frontiers Council structure and experience to foster leadership and sustain the vision.*
5. *Expand the relationship and connection with MCC.*

Within these goals are 29 action steps of which 45% are already ongoing or completed. One of the key elements in the plan was the implementation of a survey. We were pleased to see that 95% of our members have their expectations met and that many want more tech classes and travel opportunities. There is more work to do, but it is exciting to see the enthusiasm of the Council and membership in continuing to be engaged in lifelong learning and giving back to the community at large.

The Spring Annual Membership meeting brought in over 150 members to hear MCC president, Dr. Rich Haney, present his vision for MCC's growth and presence in the community. His support has elevated the importance and status of New Frontiers within the MCC system.



Dr. Haney, MCC President

Treasurer's Report

Greg Master, Treasurer

This year we had slightly more expenses than revenue. We have a cash reserve which allows us to ensure that we can pay our bills. The budget has been simplified to highlight new and ongoing expenses. NFLL revenue is primarily derived from membership fees, so retaining and growing our membership will result in having future reserves.

Revenue: \$18,675 Expenses: \$19,126

Expenses over revenue: \$451

Committee Highlights

Curriculum Committee

Ruth Brooks, Chair

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

- New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFLL) offered a total of 189 classes.
- There were 94 facilitators and 80 guest presenters during the year. Classes were presented by ASU Emeritus and faculty, MCC professors and professionals from healthcare, caregiving, legal, financial, and the arts.
- The committee instituted short title for classes throughout all documents to promote uniformity, efficiency and reduce confusion and created a specific task for key areas with volunteers to support them, i.e., ProClass coordinator, Class Schedule Designer, Open House Coordinator, etc.
- Volunteer hours put in by this Committee this year: 3,300 hours.

Membership Committee

Barbara Dixon, Chair

Barbara Thelander, Co-Chair

The Membership Committee is responsible for producing and distributing nametags, directories, lanyards, and documents to new members at the open houses, including class schedules. The Sunshine Lady sends out cards to members who are ill, hospitalized, or who have experienced a loss in the family.

- The Membership Committee held two open house events, September and January which were attended by over 400 persons. Along with the Curriculum Committee, there were class facilitators and class presenters available with information.
- Two New Member Coffees were held in October and February during which new members met and mingle with current members, MCC staff, NFLL officers and committee chairs and co-chairs.
- Volunteer hours put in by this Committee this year: 685 hours



Scholarship Committee

Diana Pearce, Chair; Dan Scarpone, Sissy Riley

In November 2018 NFLL received 65 applications for our Scholarship Awards. NFLL budgeted \$3,000 and members donated \$2,000 to the Con Downey memorial scholarship fund giving the total to five scholarships. The five scholarship recipients were honored at the NFLL Spring Membership Meeting.

Support Services Committee

Peggy Randolph, Chair

Arlys Medlicott, Co-Chair

Support Services Committee is responsible for the Website, database administration, mailings, publicity/marketing, Newsletter, and Community Outreach communications, which highlights activities by our affiliates in an email to our members.

- The highlight of our year was the unveiling of a new website design by webmaster Allan Zisner. Our statistics show that more and more new members learn about New Frontiers through our website, reflecting the importance of this tool. Refinement of the website continues daily.
- A welcome addition to the committee is our liaison with members without computers. Most of our communication with members is via email, so without this valuable liaison service, the 3% to 4% of our members without computers would not be aware of our social activities or general membership announcements.
- The publicity team continues to expand avenues of reaching the community through presentations, expos, and flyers. In the coming year, we hope to reach a broader audience via networking with MCC and Facebook. Currently, our most effective marketing continues to be members reaching out to friends.
- Support Services has 9 members, who expended a total of 1,749 hours on behalf of the committee.



Allan Zisner, Webmaster

Volunteer Committee

Barbara Thelander, Chair; Cathy McGonigle, Co-Chair

Volunteer Committee provides opportunities both on the MCC Campuses, and in the community, for member participation.

NFLL members participated a number of MCC projects:

- **MCC Connect for Success Mentoring** for students transitioning to College.
- **MCC Empty Bowls**, a national movement to feed the hungry and homeless in collaboration with the MCC Art Department and Paz de Cristo.
- **MCC Theatre & Film Arts**, usher and take tickets at Theatre performances at the Main Campus.
- **MCC VolunteerFest - A Service Luau**, MCC students meet the community representatives with volunteer opportunities that most closely fit the student's educational goals.
- **MCC Annual Dr. Seuss themed literacy effort** for local elementary school children.



Dennis Kavanaugh

A volunteer recognition luncheon was held at East Valley Institute of Technology on April 26, 2018. The Council and several volunteers who provided "above and beyond" were recognized. Dennis Kavanaugh, former 16-year Mesa Councilmember, gave the keynote address and shared his experience of how one person suggesting that he volunteer for a nonprofit organization led to a lifetime of public service. As always, the EVIT students served a wonderful meal.

Social Committee

Peggy Schulz, 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 14 members and who provided 312 volunteer hours.

The committee planned and implemented:

Twelve Out to Lunches (two were breakfast).

Two all member activities - Holiday Party and the Picnic.

Seven tours including - Penske Racecar Museum, Mesa Arts Center, Phoenix Airport Tour, Liberty Wildlife Center, St. Vincent de Paul, EVIT East Valley Campus, Mesa Court House.

Holiday Party can donations for students
(Richard and Sissy Riley and Roland Tanner)

2018/19 New Frontiers Council Members

President: Dan Taylor

Vice-President: Roland Tanner

Secretary: Diane Grogan

Treasurer: Greg Master

Past Chair: Marlin Fried

Member at Large: Mary Boehlen

Member at Large: Dan Scarpone

Member at Large: Anne Stehr

Member at Large: Sandra Whitley

Curriculum Committee: Ruth Brooks

Membership Committee: Barbara Dixon

Social Committee: Peggy Schulz

Support Services Committee: Peggy

Randolph/Arlys Medicott

Volunteer Committee: Barbara Thelander/
Cathy McGonigle



Volunteer Recognition event on April 26, 2019

