

Annual Report FY 2019-2020

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

Fast Facts:

- **101 volunteers** gave 6,825 hours which is a dollar value of \$185,893
- **189 classes** with over 4,000 class registrations processed
- **480 members** which is a 7% increase over last year
- **Development of over 50 new online classes** to meet current conditions of COVID-19.



For the first nine months of this fiscal year New Frontiers was on a roll; we enrolled over 480 members which was a new record. We had a record number of new members attending our New Members Coffee and over 90 classes offered in the spring. We had new ideas for volunteer leadership and a Council that was really functioning on all cylinders. It was exciting to see. And then bam!

Over the final three months of the fiscal year the New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFLL) Council had to totally devote themselves to making unprecedented changes in our overall system. We cancelled the last part of our spring classes and most of the planned summer classes. We had to evolve quickly, and the flexibility shown by the Council and especially the Curriculum committee was remarkable. We sent out a survey inquiring about interest and ability to take online classes and found that over 70% of the respondents said they would participate online classes. The Curriculum Committee conducted several online classes this summer and over 50 are planned for the 2020 Fall Semester.

We are fortunate to have tremendous support from the MCC staff and administration: Neva Hansen, Program Coordinator; Michelle Chambers, Program Assistant; Lori Berquam, Interim President; Kris Bliss, Interim Associate Dean; and Nora Reyes, Senior Associate Vice-President.

My term as President was exhilarating and went by faster than I could have imaged, I felt very fortunate to have had a very committed Council and one willing to move this organization in a way that ensures its sustainability. We will endure!

Dan Taylor, President 2017-2020

2019/2020 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: Mary Boehlen

Social Committee: Peggy Schulz

Support Services Committee: Peggy

Randolph/Arlys Medicott

Volunteer Committee: Barbara Thelander/
Cathy McGonigle

Treasurer's Report

Greg Master, Treasurer

For the year 2019 – 2020, New Frontiers had a significant surplus of revenue over expenditures. This surplus was the result of the cancellation of all spring social activities and the deferral of the traditional annual scholarship contribution to immediately following the close of the year.

The surplus provided us with the ability to reduce the membership fees for the year 2020-2021 without jeopardizing our financial position. We have a fund account balance that, along with our renewing memberships, will allow us to accommodate our anticipated expenditures for the coming year.

We hope that our members remain loyal and renew. New Frontier's revenue is derived solely from membership. Retaining and growing our membership will allow us to maintain and improve our ongoing activities.

2019-2020 Revenue: \$19,570

2019-2020 Expenditures: \$11,796

2019-2020 Surplus of Revenue over Expenditures: \$7,774

Committee Highlights

Curriculum Committee

Ruth Brooks, Chair

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

During the 2019-2020 school year, New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFL) offered 100 classes for Fall 2019 semester. Spring 2020 semester 88 classes were scheduled but classes were cancelled for the rest of the semester on March 12 due to MCC closing campus amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty-seven classes were held prior to campus closing. The hiking groups continued their weekly hikes. Thirty multi session classes and 19 single class offerings were cancelled as of mid-March. Fall attendance was 1692. Spring attendance was incomplete due to COVID



For Fall semester there were 46 facilitators (including 8 new facilitators) and 38 guest presenters, while in the spring there were 45 facilitators and 29 guest presenters for the schedule at the beginning of the semester before COVID pandemic. Curriculum Committee provided over 2,000 volunteer hours through the various functions of the committee.

Membership Committee



Mary Boehlen, 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, etc.

The Membership Committee held a Fall Open House & New Member Coffee at the Dobson Campus and a Spring Open House

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& New Member Coffee at the Red Mountain campus. We signed up 56 new members at the Fall Open House and 73 new members at the Spring Open House. Having Table Hosts at the New Member Coffee helped the new member meet NFLL members to make them feel welcome. The Spring Open House at the Red Mountain Campus drew over 200 people.

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:

- **Empty Bowls event** Over 40 NF's members volunteered for six shifts at Southern & Dobson and Red Mountain's The event supports Paz de Cristo Community Center. Last year Empty Bowls raised close to \$12,000 which was used to provide an average of 50,000 meals a month.
- **United Way Bank** is distributing food one day each month at the Red Mountain Campus. Seven NF members assisted on a monthly basis.
- 15 NF members are volunteering to support the **MCC Music & Theatre** venues as ushers and other support MCC's Marisa Estrada tells us.
- **Mentoring MCC students** through the Connect 4 Success program was to "ramp up" in the Spring. We have 14 NF members who have expressed an interest.

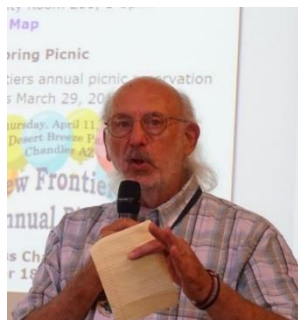
Support Services Committee

Peggy Randolph, Chair

Arlys Medlicott, Co-Chair

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This year Marie France Ganansia assumed the role of editor of New Frontiers' Newsletter. Printing was moved from AlphaGraphics to the print shop at Mesa Community College, resulting in considerable savings in the budget. Webmaster Allan Zisner continues to update the website on a regular basis, ensuring that it remains fresh and relevant. Our statistics show that more and more new members learn about New Frontiers through our website, reflecting the importance of this tool.

A new canopy and tablecloth gave New Frontiers greater visibility and a more professional look at local Expos in early fall, bringing more potential members to our January Open House. The pandemic has limited activities within New Frontiers to online classes since March of this year and our members without computers have been particularly hard hit by COVID-19, since all communications and classes since March have been via email.

Scholarship Committee

Sissy Riley, Chair; Richard Riley; Dan Scarpone,

- Yearly Scholarship amount: Three \$1000 scholarships budgeted (\$500 in the fall and \$500 in the spring) with a possibility of another \$1000 scholarship collected by donations from NFLL membership
- Application Process: Creation of a new application specific to the NFLL Scholarship, a rubric to be created by Melissa, an essay question created by committee members, and a notation on the application that recipients would be invited to our spring membership meeting with attendance highly recommended
- Tentative Timeline: Funds would be sent to MCC by mid-July, Scholarship would open August 1 and would close September 1. Melissa would meet with committee and go over the scholarship review process and implement the rubric. The committee would review and score all applicants. Scholarships would be awarded by the 1st week of October.

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.



- We had a great year as long as it lasted. Hopefully, we can start planning new activities in the near future.
- We had 14 great committee members to plan the super events.
- Seven out to lunches (one was breakfast and one was dinner)
- Holiday party with 128 members attending
- Tours included: Heard Museum, Soleri Bell Foundry, Boat ride at Canyon Lake, Chandler Center for the Arts,



Dan Taylor and Diane Grogan



Richard and Sissy Riley