

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning Annual Report

FY 2020/2021



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

Fast Facts:

- **Fifty-six volunteers gave 3,864 hours which is a dollar value of \$110,278**
- **Support from MCC provided the tools to utilize WebEx for virtual classes**
- **Development of over 123 new virtual classes with over 1,850 class registrations processed.**



Greetings from the President Roland Tanner,

Over the past year New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning (NFL) responded to the pandemic by developing a full array of virtual classes. As we moved into FY 2021/22, we have developed a hybrid approach with both in person and virtual classes. We are in the process of making some of the classes simultaneously online and face to face.

The last year saw several programs pause, i.e., “Out to Lunch”, Open House, etc., which left some of our committees without major tasks; we plan to restart those for the 2021/2022 season. The year 2020/21 hit our overall membership hard reducing our numbers by 50%, but we are resilient. Our Curriculum Committee continued to find new and innovative classes and their efforts made it possible to maintain a wide array of classes.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and stuck with us. We are now ready for a growth mode, and we welcome everyone back. We encourage you to participate, expand your knowledge, discover new friends and grow together with the most comprehensive lifelong learning organization in the East Valley. Check out our website for current classes and activities.

2020/2021 New Frontiers Council Members

President: Roland Tanner

Vice-President: Bob Dukelow

Secretary: Diane Grogan

Treasurer: Greg Master

Past Presidents: Dan Taylor, Marlin Fried

Member at Large: Allan Zisner

Member at Large: Margo Heaps

Member at Large: Ron Schueman

Member at Large: Fred Searing

Curriculum Committee: Ruth Brooks,
Suzanne Brown

Membership Committee: Mary Boehlen

Social Committee: Peggy Schulz

Support Services Committee: Peggy
Randolph/Arlys Medlicott

Scholarship Committee: Sissy Riley

Volunteer Committee: Barbara Thelander/
Cathy McGonigle

Treasurers Report

Greg Master, Treasurer

For the year 2020-21, New Frontiers had a significant decline in expenses due to the cancellation of all the open houses and membership meetings.

The cash reserves allowed us 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.

2020-2021 Revenue: \$6,485

2020-2021 Expenditures: \$8,753

2020-2021 Expenditures over Revenue: \$2,268

Curriculum Committee:

Chairs: Ruth Brooks, Suzanne Brown

During the 2020-2021 school year, all NFLL classes were held online except for outdoor classes. Members were able to adapt and learn new skills to attend classes either by Zoom or WebEx. Procedures were modified to adjust to online classes. Class schedule was only posted online Fall 2020, Spring 2021 & Summer 2021. There were increased efforts to communicate changes to members. Volunteer hours from Curriculum members for year were estimated as 1,300 hours.

<i>Semester</i>	<i># of classes</i>	<i>Multisession classes</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Guest Speakers</i>	<i>Facilitators</i>	<i>Hosts</i>
Fall	49	25	615	16	26	22
Spring	55	25	933	14	22	19
Summer	19	11	202	2	12	9
Totals	123	111	1,750	32	60	50

Curriculum accomplishments:

- Creation of videos & written resources posted on NFLL website for using and joining WebEx and Zoom classes.
- Small online classes to assist members to learn how to use and interact with Zoom and WebEx to join a class or host a class.
- Organized hosts and facilitators with clear directions on their role in providing classes online.
- Adapted gatekeeper role to provide members with links and reminders for classes.
- Recruited new members for leadership roles within the Curriculum Committee including: Chair – Suzanne Brown; Co-Chair – Cindy Schrantz; Gridmaster – Lynn Sapyta; ProClass Coordinator & Lead Gatekeeper – Rea Dias; DVD Coordinator - Greg Master.
- Updated Ops procedures and provided orientation to new leadership members.

Scholarship Committee:

Sissy Riley, Chair

The Scholarship Committee for the year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021 was composed of Sissy Riley, chairperson, and committee members Dan Scarpone and Richard Riley.

New Frontiers has provided three \$1,000 scholarships to full time Mesa Community College students dating back several years.

Each year in the early fall the committee meets and uses a rubric to select the students that best fit the criteria the committee is looking for. The rubric is composed of questions on the following: Essay question on financial need; Essay question on academic goals; Essay questions on current employment, extracurricular activities, leadership, and volunteer or community service experience. There are usually three \$1,000 scholarships given out, but this year a fourth was added due to funds contributed by members.

Scholarship recipients: Tyler Stewart was able to join the Spring NFLL virtual meeting on March 26, 2021, to express his thanks and to share his dreams of using his drafting talents in manufacturing. Karen Olson, Maximillian Rockwell and Marena Younan were unable to join us, but Karen sent a letter that expressed her thanks and her hopes to work on a BSN at Grand Canyon University.

Photos of events, i.e., hiking, biking, etc., during the year.





Volunteer Committee:

Barbara Thelander, Chair; Cathy McGonigle, Mary Adamick, Mary McGonigle

Merriam-Webster’s definition to **volunteer**, is to give of yourself in service to a cause. It is about freely giving your time to help an organization, your community, or an individual. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills.

New Frontiers is a **volunteer lifelong learning organization founded in 1995**, and sponsored by Mesa Community College, one of the Maricopa Community Colleges. Member’s source and facilitate classes both online and in person, provide support for the operations of New Frontiers, and volunteer for MCC activities.

Members track their volunteer hours and report back to New Frontiers in the following manner. First, hours volunteering to support the New Frontiers Operation in leadership, facilitation for classes, and organizational support for the numerous activities of the group. Second, hours volunteering for MCC activities such as ushering for the Theatre Outback, assisting with the Wednesday Food Distribution, and donating to the MCC Food Pantry. And last, volunteer activities within the community are also tracked as noted.

MCC Liaisons:

New Frontiers is fortunate to have Neva Hansen and Michelle Chambers as our link to MCC. They provide direct assistance on literally everything this organization is involved in. Thanks to both of you. You are the best!

