



New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning Annual Report 2022-2023

President's Message

What an exciting year New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning had! We had offered a rich variety of classes, increased our membership (we have 226 members as of the end of June 2023), held a successful spring Open House, provided scholarships to three MCC students, had enjoyed numerous social activities, and conducted a member survey.

At our General Membership meeting in May, we had the opportunity to hear from MCC President, Dr. Tammy Robinson, who inspired us with her story and explained her support of NFLL and continuing education. Francisco Heredia, Mesa Vice Mayor and District 3 representative, also spoke to us regarding his appreciation of NFLL and our community involvement.

Our Facebook group is very active. Thanks to Roland Tanner for setting it up and serving as administrator. If you haven't joined Facebook, search for New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning in Facebook and request that Roland add you.

Our MCC partners in the Community Outreach Department provided us with many more resources and assistance. We worked together to get a better understanding of MCC processes and NFLL processes and are now embarking on some new branding. A big thank you to Kathleen Perales, Associate Dean Community Outreach and Enrollment Development; Monica Margaillan, Community Outreach Coordinator; Neva Hansen, program coordinator; and Samantha Rudi-Trujillo, administrative assistant.

Our goals for the upcoming year are:

1. Increase our membership
2. Maintain our focus on lifelong learning through a variety of classes, social activities, physical movement, and volunteer opportunities
3. Continue to financially support MCC students

Thank you to everyone who is part of our New Frontiers family! Regardless of how you choose to be involved, you make our organization successful.

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning is a peer-led volunteer organization of active adult members. We focus on learning as a method for promoting a healthy lifestyle. We provide peer-led classes both in person and online, social opportunities, and movement through hiking, exercise, and travel possibilities for our members.

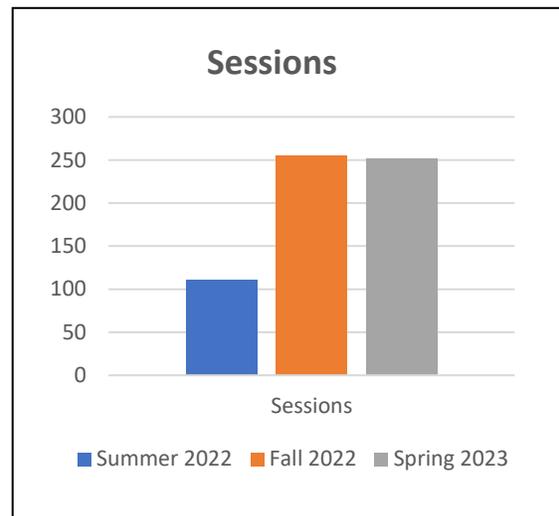


Cindy Schrantz
President, New Frontiers for
Lifelong Learning

Curriculum

Accomplishments:

- Successfully offered a mix of online, in person, and simulcast classes in all terms. Attendance for online or in person is roughly the same, showing how our members have enjoyed having options on how to attend classes.
- Recruited new facilitators.
- Offered classes at 55+ communities 4 times
- Initiated partnerships for online courses and curriculum planning with New Adventures in Learning (Chandler-Gilbert CC) and RISE (Rio Salado College)



Membership

The Membership Committee recruits new members and assists people who would like to become members of New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning. We contact senior communities and attend fairs geared toward seniors. We also give out information about New Frontiers to senior centers, groups, and libraries. Since the Communications Committee was folded into the Membership Committee, we also handle the database for New Frontiers, which includes sending emails to members and mailing class schedules for the Fall and Spring semesters.

Pre-Covid we had almost 500 members and in the Fall of 2020 we had 157 members, which was a loss of 69%. We're slowly building our membership and as of June 2023, we have 226 members, which is a 31% increase.

We are working toward recruiting new members using innovative ways to attract them in conjunction with the Curriculum Committee.

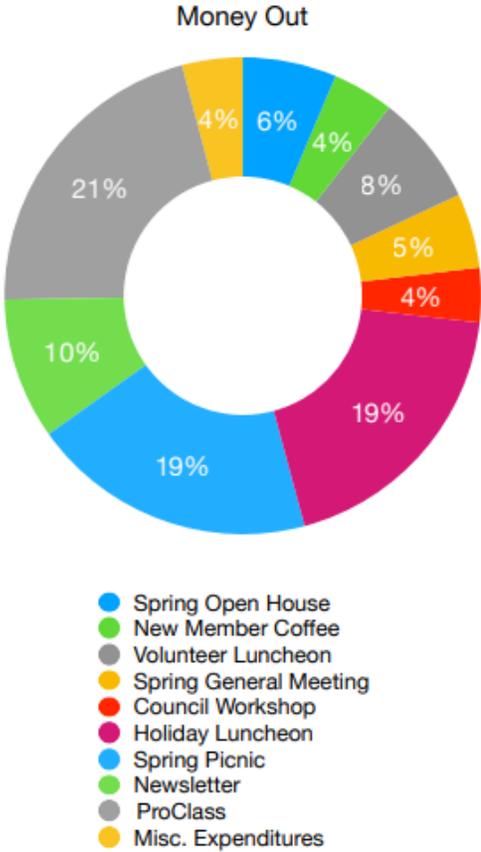
Financials

NFLL Financial Summary for FY 2023

Money In	
Membership Fees	\$10,170
Holiday Luncheon Fees	\$1,100
Spring Picnic Fees	\$645
Total income	\$11,915

Money Out	
Spring Open House	\$662
New Member Coffee	\$433
Volunteer Luncheon	\$784
Spring General Meeting	\$527
Council Workshop	\$384
Holiday Luncheon	\$1,980
Spring Picnic	\$2,011
Newsletter	\$1,000
ProClass	\$2,199
Misc. Expenditures	\$429
Total expenses	\$10,408

Money Left Over	
Income minus expenses	\$1,507



Social Committee

Holiday Party: 53 attended

Spring Picnic: 39 attended

Out to Brunch/Lunch/Dinner:

10 restaurant outings

Attendance varied from 12 to 36 people.

Field Trip Outings:

7 field trips

Attendance varied from 7 to 16 people.

Study Hall:

8 study hall outings since Sept. 2022

Attendance varied from 7 to 14 people.



Scholarships

New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning was founded in 1995 as an extension of the MCC Senior Adult Program. We are a volunteer organization which endeavors to provide lifelong learning to members of our community.

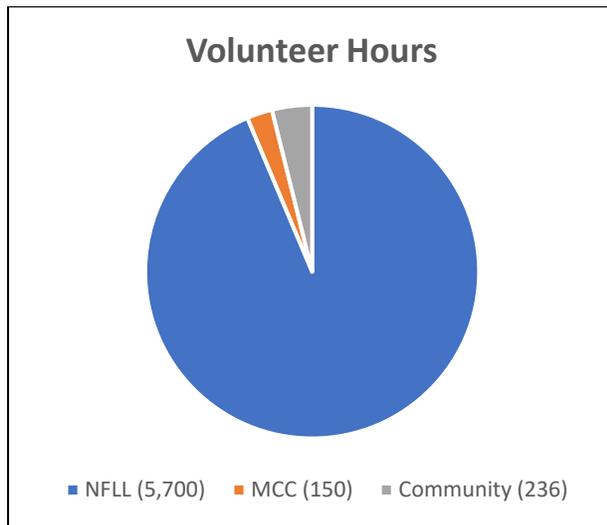
We have offered scholarships for over 25 years working closely with the Financial Aid office at MCC. We have had a long relationship with Adela Bob in Financial Aid, and she has been extremely helpful in making sure we are able to offer the assistance to students.

This past year we were able to offer three \$2000 scholarships to students. The three-member Scholarship Committee (Barbara Thelander, Mary Boehlen, and Shirley Epp) received instructions from Adela and her supervisor on how to access the 49 applications online so that we could read and score the applicants from our homes. That process took each of us around six hours.

Three students were selected to receive scholarships. They are Ranya AbuElian, Paige Kestian, and Erica Marr. Erica and Ranya are both nursing students.

Volunteers

New Frontiers is made up of lifelong learners who also volunteer – for our organization, for MCC, and for our community. In May 2023, we recognized our volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition luncheon. Dan Taylor was the emcee for the event and as usual we were treated to a wonderful meal at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT). Chad Wilson, EVIT superintendent, greeted us with a message of the importance of learning at all ages and an update on EVIT’s future plans. NFLL President Cindy Schrantz spoke about why she volunteers and thanked everyone for all the time, talent, and hours they give.



This year, Council members, committee members, facilitators, instructors, gatekeepers, and countless others supported NFLL with 5,700 hours for a value of \$181,260.

NFLL Council 2022-2023

President, Cindy Schrantz
Vice President, Bob Dukelow
Secretary, Diane Grogan
Treasurer, Fred Searing
Curriculum Chair, Suzanne Brown
Membership Chair, Mary Boehlen
Social Chair, Arlys Medicott
Technology Chair, Allan Zisner
Members at Large: Margo Heaps, Ron Schueman, Allan Zisner
Current Past President, Roland Tanner

Scholarship, Barbara Thelander
Sunshine Lady, Diana Pearce
Newsletter Editor, Marie France Ganansia (now “retired” from the position)

Preventing
Osteoporosis
Class



NFLL booth at a
marketing event last
spring (left)

One of our many
bikers out on the trail
(right)



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