



THERESA DAWSON - Board President

Theresa is a Sergeant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and has been employed with the department for almost twenty years.

In addition to her career in law enforcement, Theresa has received special training in the area of domestic violence and fully understands the impact on our victims and their families.

Her hobbies are painting, camping, going to the movies, and traveling. She has obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

Theresa joined the Board of Directors in March 1999. She is married and is the proud mother of three daughters.

SHAWNTRICE WATKINS – Director

Shawntrice Watkins is a graduate of Channel Islands High School in Oxnard, California. In 1996 she joined the Los Angeles Police Department. She has been a police officer for over fourteen years.

As a police officer she encountered many scenarios of domestic violence. She understands that domestic violence does not distinguish between color, economic or educational lines. It can affect anyone. She vowed that she would do more to impact the lives of people affected by these situations. She has found a place with Valley Oasis to be able to reach out more and educate the community about this rapidly growing epidemic.

She wants people to realize that if you find your purpose in life, understand how to achieve that purpose, and work hard, everything is within reach.

MICHELLE FLANAGAN - Director

Michelle Flanagan is a native Californian who moved to the Antelope Valley in 1989. She has been in the escrow/real estate industry for 25 years. Michelle is a recent past President of the Escrow Associates of the Antelope Valley which is an affiliate of the California Escrow Association. She currently manages the Antelope Valley Branch of Federal Escrow Inc.

Other interests include raising funds for the Valley Oasis Domestic Violence Shelter of which she's been on the Board of Directors for the past two years. She is currently the President of the Valley Oasis Amigos which is an independent group of people that raise money for the shelter.

For fun she runs a ranch for Mammoth Donkeys, Mules, Mustangs, chickens, various breeds of dogs and Sophie the wonder Goat. The animals make her laugh and distress. The motto of "getting your hands dirty is a great way to keep your mind clean," is her favorite and she lives it as often as possible!

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JIM LOTT - Director

Jim Lott, a native Texan is the father of six children, stepfather of three, grandfather of thirteen and great-grandfather of three.

Jim has thirty-nine years of experience in education, including classroom teach (specializing in science), head teacher, curriculum coordinator, principal, assistant school superintendent for Keppel Union School District, Junior College and university instructor.

Jim believes in giving back to the community and has helped to organize many organizations. Jim is the co-founder of the Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council and A.V. Conservation Council. He has donated to many organizations and has sponsored many youth programs.

Jim was recently elected to the AVUHS District Board and is currently the Board President. Jim joined the Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council, Board of Directors on September 5, 1983. He is an active board member serving on the Nominating and Board Development Committees.

KIM PERKINS - Director

Kim was raised in Granada Hills and graduated from Kennedy High School in 1984. She moved. Today she remains in the financial industry as the Business Development Officer for First City Credit Union. Her current position allows her to develop new business relationships as well as help today's youth learn about financial literacy. Kim is happily married to her husband.

Kim was elected to the Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council board of directors in October 2008. She also conducts group sessions in the agency's emergency shelter program helping residents with financial literacy.

R. "TED" WILSON - Director

When Ted was eighteen years old he joined the Navy for 4 years. When his tour of duty was over Ted started working at General Motors in Van Nuys, California. He worked there for more than 34 years and retired as a Supervisor in the Tool Department.

While working at General Motors, Ted joined a bowling league and it was there he met his wife. She and Ted have been married for 50 years and have a daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Ted serves on the Town Council.

IRENE WILSON - Director

Irene has worked at Montgomery Wards, Sears in Glendale and the Telephone Company where she was promoted to the legal department in downtown Los Angeles. While working at the Telephone Company Irene joined the staff's bowling league where she met her future husband. Irene and Ted have been happily married for the past 50 years. In addition to a loving and supportive husband, they have a lovely daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Irene studied Sign Language for several years, interpreting for Pasadena College and some of the local schools. She started a bowling class for the deaf and mentally challenged children. Today, she still teaches sign language.

Irene is very involved with the Littlerock Town Council. Ms. Wilson joined Valley Oasis Board of Directors on March 14, 2006 and is a very active member.

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LEILA MCCAULEY (formerly Leila Bleecker) - Director

Leila currently is full-time dedicated to raising her first child, while also working as a coach and consultant in media and personal development. Leila spent more than a decade in radio and TV, in the positions as television news and talk show host, producer, reporter, anchor and director. Leila holds two master's degrees: Psychology and a trained Marriage and Family Therapist; specializing in work with leaders, teens and families.

She has been a board member of Valley Oasis for more than five years and was instrumental in the agency's celebrations around its 25th anniversary. Leila believes the way to create more peace in the world in general, is to foster peace in each home. That is why she contributes her time and efforts to Valley Oasis and its mission of eradicating domestic violence and homelessness for children and families.

KATHY TERRY - Director

Kathy has 35 years in the field of real estate, title insurance, mortgage and escrow. She worked as the first female title representative for Chicago Title Insurance and California Counties Title. Kathy was a Certified Assistant Escrow Officer for Western Mutual Escrow before she and her late husband opened California Coast and Coastline Escrow.

She has been Assistant Manager of Warner Center Realty and Relocation Director for Better Homes & Garden Realty. She has been a full-time residential and commercial sales professional in the Antelope Valley for the past 6 years and is currently with RE/MAX All-Pro, with offices in both Palmdale and Lancaster and nationwide. Kathy is dedicated to making a difference in the community and enjoys giving back to the community.

CHERYL ROSE - Director

Cheryl has worked for Antelope Valley Hospital, Rockwell International on the B-1 program, Keppel Union School District in Littlerock. Cheryl is now the Antelope Valley Regional Manager for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) where she assists new and existing businesses with supportive services.

In addition to her full-time job, Cheryl is also an Adjunct Instructor at Antelope Valley College where she teaches business classes including Business English, Marketing, and Women in Organization.

Cheryl Rose is a graduate of California State University, Northridge (CSUN) with a B.S in Organizational Systems Management and Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Cheryl and her husband are the proud parents of two sons and two beautiful granddaughters.

PAM POTTER - Director

Pam Potter is a graduate of the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena with a BFA in Advertising and also is certified Interior Designer.

Upon graduation she has held the following titles: Assistant Art Director at Lizardi Witte, a division of Chiat Day Advertising; Art Director/Designer of Cal Auto Stores in the San Fernando Valley Graphics Director of Occidental Petroleum in Westwood; and Designer- Creative Division at The Los Angeles Daily News for 15 years.

Pam trained artists and art directed covers for major department stores and the Pasadena Design House. At present she is the 1st Vice President and Dean of Chairman of the Lancaster Woman's Club, Public Relations Chairman, and Domestic Violence Chairman. She is also the Life Long Learning Chairman of the California Federation of Woman's Clubs (Sierra Cahuenga District). She was also honored to be the 2008 Lancaster Woman's Club Woman of the Year.

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