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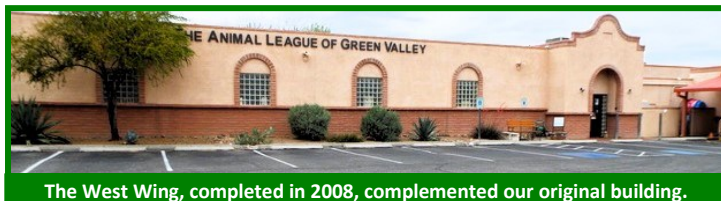
40 YEARS OF TALGV

Part 2: The Expansion Era 2001~2019 COVID & Beyond 2020~2024

After Margaret Roesch retired in 2002, things changed at TALGV. Newly-elected President Carrie McFarland and her Board of Directors agreed to accept strays and surrenders, and the focus shifted beyond Margaret's original vision of providing life care for animals that Green Valley residents could no longer keep. In addition, TALGV committed itself to a greater role in Green Valley's animal care—placing abandoned as well as displaced cats and dogs directly into new homes through a structured adoption process.

A new mission began: A Home for Every Pet

When Jean Davis became President in 2005, she was aided by a host of dedicated volunteers taking direct



The West Wing, completed in 2008, complemented our original building.

care of the animals, as well as folks who stepped up to take leadership roles throughout the organization. The Animal League blossomed.

The physical plant grew by leaps and bounds, almost doubling in size. Adoptions skyrocketed; there were 71 in 2005 and an all-time record of 1068 in 2017. Fund-raising intensified and TALGV was the fortunate recipient of generous bequests from several long-time donors.

The Board grew from three to nine; and people assuming Coordinator roles grew to 30, everything from cat and dog coordinators to photographers and post-adoption support to database management and

estate sales. A bustling, diverse shelter grew, staffed totally by volunteers (up to 500 in 2019), working the equivalent of 70 paid positions annually.



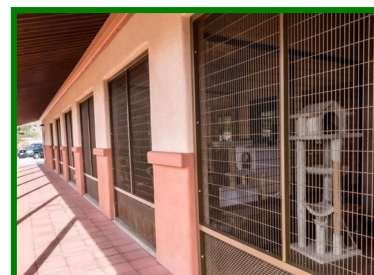
Groundbreaking for the CAT WING—January 2013
Joan Matti, Rose Welliver, Georgia Puttock, Linda Moser, Jean Davis, Kim Eisele, Kareen Kell, Nancy Arnold & Page Repp, contractor

The Animal League was vibrant and thriving

Thanks go to countless individuals across the years who dedicated their time and treasure to make this place the unique animal-welfare organization it has become.

In this issue of Paw Prints, we'll begin a new feature—*Legacy Profiles*—spotlighting some of the leaders who have gone above and beyond in dedication to TALGV.

First up: three of the long-term stalwarts who brought this vision to life—current president Kim Eisele, past president Jean Davis, and Nancy Arnold, who got The Attic up and running. Here are just a few of the projects these women initiated and nurtured during these exciting times at TALGV.



Screened "catios" were a unique feature of the Cat Wing.

TALGV TIME TRAVELER

1984 ~ 1986

- TALGV incorporates in AZ and receives 501(c)(3) non-profit status.
- 1st Annual Meeting for Members; founder Margaret Roesch elected president.
- 48 volunteers provide at-home fostering of all displaced cats and dogs.

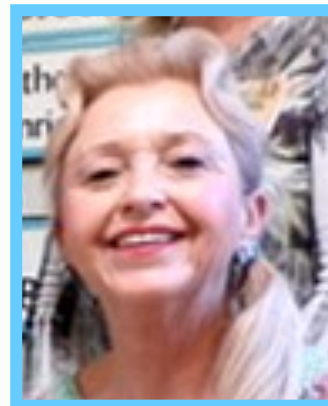
1987 ~ 1991

- Purchase of 1-acre site on Ward Lane.
- Wage a 5-year fight for zoning changes to allow an animal shelter, but ultimately denied permission for building.
- Sell property for \$30,000 loss.

1991 ~ 1996

- Purchase of 2.5-acre property on Beta Street; fund-raising efforts intensify and construction begins in 1996.
- Local apartment developer files a court restraining order to halt TALGV's construction and rescind our building permits.
- Settle out of court with an exchange of properties; TALGV trades Beta St. site for our current location at 1600 W. Duval Mine Rd.

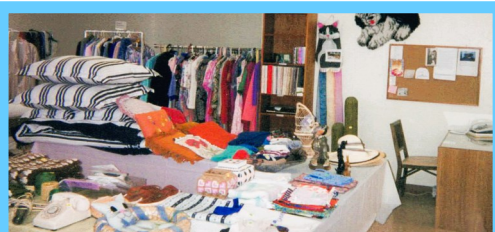
NANCY ARNOLD: The CULTIVATOR



Nancy Arnold started as an Animal League volunteer in 2000, when the original building was under construction. She was a Jill-of-all-trades, and she still considers floor swabbing both contemplative and humbling. A behind-the-scenes participant, early on she settled into two special concerns, The Attic Thrift Store and Outreach Programs.

The Attic Thrift Store

Nancy spearheaded the opening and growth of **The Attic**, whose original total square footage was comprised of that little alcove where the women's tops are now. Volunteers squeezed all the



The Attic had its own corner—four tables, three clothing racks and a bookcase. That's all folks!

As donations grew and expanded in diversity, so too did The Attic, branching out into any available space, including the open courtyard they used on sunny days. As TALGV grew, The Attic continued to spread, ultimately colonizing all the space made available as animals and office staff were moved into new digs.

By 2016, The Attic provided earnings which underwrote around half of The Animal League's operating budget.

All this involved a battery of volunteers to staff the thrift store four hours/day, seven days/week. Volunteers sorted, priced and displayed the donations which arrived in larger and more diverse array. The Attic expanded and sold all sorts of furniture, records and CDs, books, shoes, pet apparel—really whatever Green Valley residents were willing to part with. Now there is even a year-round Christmas room.



Something for everyone at The Attic.

donated clothes, housewares, and miscellaneous treasures they could onto makeshift displays using donated tables and shelving. She and Jean remember fondly the first day they broke \$100 in sales.

The Attic was never thought of as a warehouse; rather it was and continues to be a warm and welcoming thrift store, with something for everyone.

Outreach—Helping Pets Throughout Our Community

Nancy's other passion was **Outreach**. This program, begun in 2006, reached out into Green Valley and surrounding environs, enabling low and fixed-income people to keep their animals in their homes. Outreach provided food, medicine, transportation and vet care when required. In 2008, to reduce the number of unwanted litters, a free/low cost spay and neuter program began. It was wildly successful; by 2024, it had provided spay/neuter for over **1500** cats and dogs in our area.



Always a hands-on coordinator, Nancy frequently visited remote areas, encountering people and pets in need of many services. She directed them to TALGV for spay/neuter services and Sunday clinics, in addition to bringing pet food, cat litter and other necessities.

Nancy has reduced her hours with TALGV but continues to act as Attic Coordinator on Saturdays. She's done so much, working always to find solutions to benefit the animals first. She says she has no regrets from following her passion to help animals, any way she can.

A big thank you for your Legacy, Nancy.

TALGV TIME TRAVELER continued

1997 ~ 2000

- Construction begins for a 7,500 sq. ft. structure with an open courtyard. The finished building will include office space, thrift store, caretaker's apartment and 6 indoor/outdoor kennel rooms.

2001 ~ 2002

- Volunteers move into the building, while interior construction continues.
- The one-room Attic Thrift Store opens.
- Pima County gives permission to house animals at our facility; Misty the cat is our first adoption.
- Margaret Roesch retires; Carrie McFarland becomes president.

2003 ~ 2006

- Building interior is completed, including laundry facilities, insulation & **air-conditioning**.
- Fenced outdoor runs added to all six dog and cat kennel rooms.
- TALGV starts accepting stray animals as space permits.
- Outreach Program begins, providing assistance to low-income pet owners.
- Jean Davis becomes president—215 animals are adopted in 2006.



Do you recognize these volunteers?

They all started
at TALGV between
2000 & 2009



Most of them are still volunteering!



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| 1. *Kathie Kynion | 7. *Kathy Huston | 14. *Nancy Arnold | 20. *Diane Brown | 26. *Georgia Puttock |
| 2. Geoff Knight | 8. *Judy Oestreich | 15. *Rose Welliver | 21. *Patty Fette & Buttons | 27. *Shirley Robison |
| 3. *Patricia Green | 9. *Terry Oestreich | 16. *Mia Lee Cooper | 22. *Sally Caroline | |
| 4. *Janell Duncan | 10. *Kareen Kell & Topsy | 17. *Bob Gonzales | 23. *Carmen Murphy | |
| 5. *Trudi & Tim Shannon | 11. *Tom James | 18. *Anita Rasnake, *Gary Decker & *Nancy Hebert | 24. Lyle Robinson DVM (our Vet for 28 years) | <u>Photos missing for:</u> *Elaine Ryan, *Linda Weiner, *Sandy Patterson, *Sharon Olson, *Kaaren Webster, *Fran Fisher, *Chuck Zacher |
| 6. Roger Nelson & Bliss (Resident caretaker 2003) | 12. Linda Moser | 19. *Vicki Turner | 25. *Ronnie Pine | |
| | 13. Becky Caroline | | | |

JEAN FUER DAVIS: *The BUILDER*



Jean Fuer Davis began volunteering with The Animal League in 2003 and, like so many others, she did whatever task needed doing. By 2005, she had become its president. A tireless

worker, she put in seven days a week, leading the League in a variety of ways. She did fundraising, planned expansions, showed up in classrooms, promoted Outreach, wrote pet bios for the GV News, helped develop procedures for taking care of the animals, and began data collection and management protocols as TALGV grew. Basically she did most everything, especially supporting and encouraging the volunteer corps as it increased from the original 60 to over 500 workers.

Not Enough Room? Add a New Building!

Under Jean's leadership, the physical facility grew by leaps and bounds. Fundraising and building expansion were huge jobs, but she was supported by a very helpful Treasurer, Geoff Knight, as well as many other capable and willing volunteers.

Although our original 7500 sq. ft. building was constructed, its interior was not fully completed. Still, the building was used for *EVERYTHING*— housing dogs and cats in the kennel-rooms, serving as an office and administration area, operating The Attic out of one corner, and providing a caretaker's apartment. By 2006, Jean had raised enough funds to finish the interior, including insulation and air-conditioning,

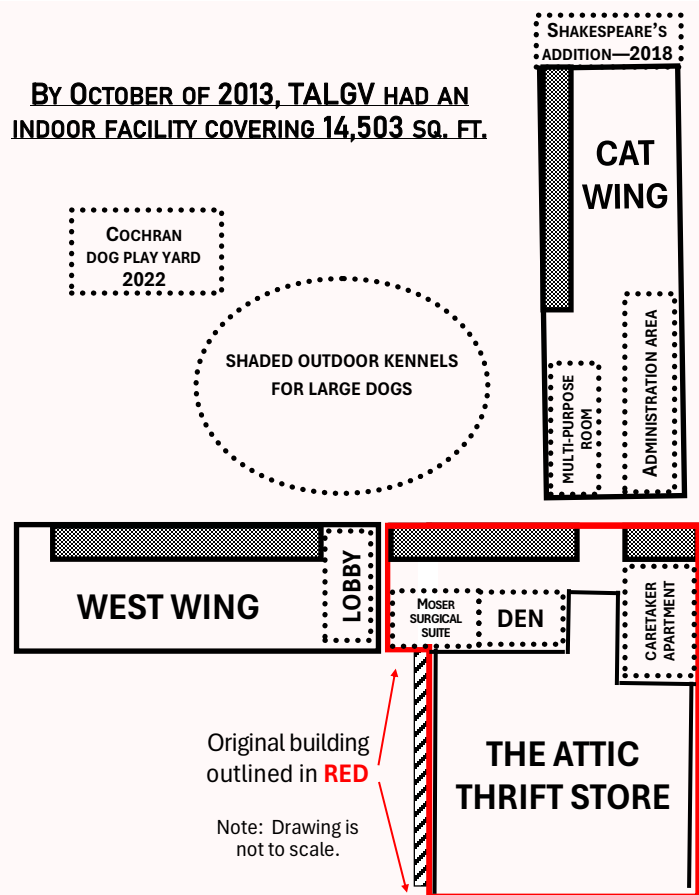
Anticipating future growth, Jean's next project was the addition of the 2300 sq. ft. West Wing, which included TALGV's new lobby, eight indoor/outdoor kennels, kitchen, laundry, and isolation room. Once completed in 2008, TALGV's dogs had their own space, separate from the cats.

Then came the renovation of the original building, putting a roof over the open courtyard, modifying the interior, and in 2011 proudly opening The Attic as we know it today.

The building's six indoor/outdoor kennels now housed only cats and (in what is now the small dog Den) all the office, admin, and adoption space. Resident cat Topsy lived there, too, along with multiple cages housing small dogs or puppies when there was no other place for them.

The animals kept arriving in a never-ending stream, and the two buildings that had seemed so roomy quickly reached capacity and then overflowed.

Tirelessly, Jean and her crew worked their magic again, unveiling the new Cat Wing in 2013. Twelve rooms, half of them "catios" (cat-patios) were built, plus kitchen, laundry, and a medical room. For administrative tasks, there were adoption rooms, office space, and computer work stations. And, a generous grant from Freeport-McMoRan funded a multi-purpose room.



TALGV TIME TRAVELER *continued*

2007 ~ 2009

- Adoptions total 525; intakes overwhelm kennel space.
- Begin construction of 2,300 sq. ft. addition, including a new lobby area.
- West Wing is completed in 2008, with 8 indoor/outdoor kennel rooms, kitchen, laundry & isolation room. TALGV dogs are now housed here.
- Outreach offers free/low cost spay/neuter services to pets from low-income families.
- TALGV donates 1275 lbs. of pet food to GV Community Food Bank.

2010 ~ 2012

- Open courtyard is enclosed and roofed over. The Attic Thrift Store is renovated and expanded, opening in August 2011.
- YIP (Youth Intern Program) starts, with 49 high-school students providing in-house care for our animals during an 8-week summer session.
- Pet therapy team makes monthly visits to assisted living centers.
- "Love on a Leash"—on-site pet care classes for K-4th grade students.
- TALGV pets get a Facebook page. In 2012, adoptions totaled 720 animals.

Buildings Cost Money—Fundraising Was Vital

Jean had a gift for genuinely connecting with people, and it was most evident when it came to fundraising. TALGV's building expansion happened over a 15-year period and was underwritten from contributions provided by literally thousands of individual donors.

Volunteers worked tirelessly on fundraising events, including golf tournaments, dinner dances, and auctions. Pet owners bought commemorative bricks on the Paw Print Path and Green Valley residents put their money into the Dog House Banks

located throughout the community. Grants from the Red Acre Foundation, Freeport-McMoRan, and other organizations helped us so much, and we were especially grateful to receive many bequests from the estates of long-time TALGV supporters.

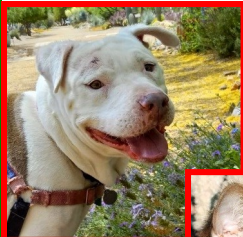
From the time our original building was completed in 2005 through the present, several very generous donors and benefactors each made contributions of over \$200,000. These extraordinary Friends of TALGV deserve special recognition:

Tad & Carolyn Bird
Carol Brett Estate
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Linda Moser
Mary & Joseph Sprinkle
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Nancy Yeager Estate

Their generous support made our growth possible.

The Vet Care for Life (VCFL) Program was Born

In between guiding volunteers, building expansion, and fundraising, Jean and her crew brainstormed and developed new programs, often answering a specific need that had cropped up. And there were many.



Starr and Spaz are older animals available for adoption—both with Vet Care Support for Life



An example: How could TALGV make older and special-needs animals more "adoptable"? Of course, potential adopters were worried about being able to afford these

animals, recognizing that vet bills mounted as animals aged and knowing that special-needs pets usually required specialized and frequent vet care.

To help, TALGV offered to pay medical care costs to adopters who chose elderly dogs or cats. Ongoing medical care for special-needs animals was also offered. It turned out the program was a winner—over 240 animals are currently enrolled. It was so successful that in 2019, an addendum had to be added, limiting expenses covered to a set amount and renamed Vet Care Support for LIFE (VCSFL). In 2024, the program was again altered to include vet support for cats and dogs that had lived at the shelter for over two years.



YIPs from 2012

Youth Intern Program

Another program close to thirty-year-veteran teacher Jean's heart was **YIPs—the Youth Intern Program**—started in the summer of 2011. The first year, 49 students, 9th to 12th graders in area schools, applied to TALGV to work

for eight weeks in the summer, a time when we are critically short of volunteers. YIPs were given three days of orientation and then worked with the cats and dogs shoulder to shoulder with our adult volunteers. They were wonderful—cheerful, dedicated, and hardworking; and many students returned for subsequent summers. Eighty YIPs were in attendance in 2019, including Elliot Li from Beijing, China.

Jean's dedication, vision and special touch can be felt in so many of the League's programs and procedures. She's built quite a Legacy here. Thank you Jean!



Jean and Chet Davis

TALGV TIME TRAVELER continued

2013 ~ 2019

- Begin construction of new building in Jan. 2013, consisting of a cat wing, adoption rooms, administrative offices, IT suite, and multipurpose room. Dedicated in Oct. 2013, this expansion increases TALGV's total area to 14,503 sq. ft.
- Ten fenced & shaded outdoor dog areas are added for housing large dogs. Wading pools are provided in the summer.
- TALGV has record years for adoptions—1007 in 2016 and 1068 in 2017.
- The fire alarm/sprinkler system in the new wing is funded by a volunteer, in recognition of Herbert J. Holly.
- Shakespeare's Room, a 500 sq. ft addition with a quiet room for cat adoptions, is funded by Pamela Ritch and built in 2018. TALGV's indoor facility now spans over **15,000 sq. ft.**
- The summer Youth Intern Program totals 80 teenagers in 2019.
- To make electronic donations easier, an on-line portal is added to our website.

KIM EISELE: The CEO



After ten years of volunteering, Kim became The Animal League President in January 2020. Less than four months later, March 2020, COVID closed down most everything public, including TALGV and its thrift store— talk about

beginning a new job with a trial by fire.

After a few nerve-wracking days of uncertainty for the neophyte leader, Kim learned that TALGV was deemed an “essential” service, and as such we could continue operating. A dedicated core group of volunteers returned to provide vital support to the animals: food, water, walks and litter box emptying. An additional plea went out, and other trusty volunteers stepped up to foster some of the animals in their homes.



Dinner time!

Within a month, adoptions started up again, but by appointment only—masks were mandatory. Demand for pets was high and constant, and adoptions continued apace. Kim remembers *the* time there was only one dog in the shelter, but that only lasted a day. The Attic, a major source of TALGV's revenue, still remained closed to the public.

As general conditions improved and restrictions eased, TALGV struggled to find a new normal. Like every place else, it felt like “everything” changed. The Attic finally reopened, with limited days, in March 2021. By July, the kennels allowed visits from the general public, but still strongly advised making an appointment for the adoption process. The YIPs program was on hiatus until June 2022.

The Animal League is definitely back and energized for the future. There truly have been some amazing new projects undertaken in the last four years. To make sure that TALGV's animals receive vital health care, a long-

time volunteer funded necessary medical equipment for the Moser Surgical Suite. Another donor honored her husband's love of animals by building the Cochran Dog Play Yard, where dogs of all sizes have the opportunity to romp and play with each other (under supervision, of course).



Romping in the play yard

We've integrated a new database program, Shelter Pro, to track the animals from receiving to adoption. The lobby got a make-over, with new furniture and a custom-painted mural. The offices are sleek and functional with compact tables and chairs and up-to-date storage units. New credit card machines, new printers in every building and a modern phone system streamline administrative and financial procedures.

And a first: this year the League added two *paid* positions for part-time vet techs in both the dog and cat wings, taking over day-to-day medical needs.

There are challenges on the horizon. Steering an organization with over 500 volunteer employees and a million-dollar budget, Kim is always very very busy. (Don't forget she's a volunteer too!) Because the League is “built-out” at its current location, she and the Board are always on the look-out for additional property on which to construct a larger Attic and/or more facilities for the animals.



Wonderful, whimsical mural in the lobby

Coordinators are encouraged to keep their eyes open for new volunteers, to prepare and train others to step into their roles as current volunteers retire from their positions. In the business world, it's called succession planning.

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TALGV TIME TRAVELER continued

2020 ~ 2024

- In 2020, Kim Eisele becomes TALGV's president.
- March 2020: COVID pandemic forces closure of entire facility, including sales at The Attic Thrift Store. Visitors to the kennels restricted to appointment-only relinquishments and adoptions. Volunteers continue their daily care of our animals.
- The Attic re-opens March 2021, the shelter in July. YIPs return June 2022.
- Lobby makeover with custom-painted mural.
- Moser Surgical Suite gets new medical equipment, thanks to a volunteer's donation.
- Donor-funded Cochran Dog Play Yard opens in 2022—the dogs LOVE IT!
- By Oct. 2024, adoptions for the year total 563 and TALGV has over 500 volunteers.

What about the future?

- For 40 years, TALGV has been committed to helping homeless cats and dogs, and we plan to continue this commitment into the future.

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And perhaps a new long-range planning committee is in the Board's future, scoping out on a larger scale: where to? what next?



Kim, a true multi-tasker who's on the site almost every day, is both philosophical and optimistic about the future. Making community contacts, she currently serves on the Boards of Paws Patrol and the Chamber of

Commerce. She and other volunteers frequently round up a bunch of our wonderful dogs to attend animal adoption events around town and in Tucson. She's the voice of TALGV on KGVY Radio and in the Green Valley News. And of course, Kim is always looking for new adopters, new volunteers and new programs to benefit The Animal League's cats and dogs.

*Thank you Kim for your hard work and amazing commitment to TALGV.
See you in 2025!*

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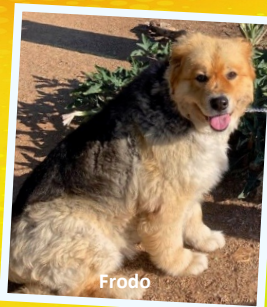
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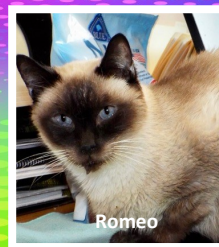
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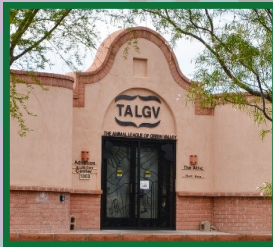


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40 Years of Animal Care Keep The Dream Alive

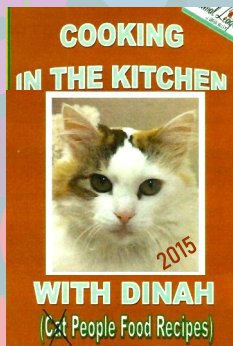


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