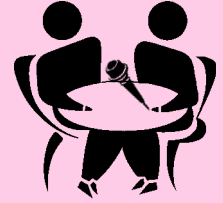


THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

MAY 2001

NEWS FROM THE MAY ORAL HISTORY MEETING • • • • •



Attending the May Oral History meeting were Mary Jo Reitsema, Tiffany Carlson, Jill Quick, Barbara Dolder, Ann Bramhall, Miriam Felt, Marvin Woolf, Jewell Wolcott, Wendy Hall, Roland Wolcott, Susan Becker, Jon Raese, June Holmes, Nicky Lee, and Guy Errickson.

New Volunteers

We are pleased to welcome two new volunteers to the Oral History Program: Tiffany Carlson and Jill Quick. Tiffany has lived in Boulder since 1993; has undergraduate and graduate degrees in sociology, with a focus on aging; and has completed oral histories of her own family. Jill is new to the area, having moved here recently with her husband from California. Her undergraduate degree was in history and she has a graduate degree in educational research. In the course of her professional life she has done a lot of interviewing, although this is her first foray into oral history. Welcome!

New Interviews

Susan registered five new interviews in April and completed processing for four interviews, which now are available to the public for viewing or listening (see box on other side for details).

Planned Interviews

Although no one turned in new interviews this month, our members have a passel of plans for the near future:

- Nicky hopes to have her interviews with Virginia and Francis Shoemaker, who have not been in good health, set up soon.

- Miriam will interview Tom Meyer to discuss his research about Native Americans.
- Marvin plans to do his next interview

IN MEMORIAM

On May 7, some of us were able to attend the funeral of Jim Cox, who died on Thursday, May 3, 2001. Jim previously had spoken to many of us about his philosophy of living life to its fullest and of approaching death unflinchingly and with calm acceptance. These attitudes were more than just words for Jim—they truly were the way he lived his life and the way he met his death. All of us involved with the Oral History Program are tremendously grateful to Jim for the many, many hours that he devoted to interviewing fascinating members of the community, teaching people who considered themselves “electronically challenged” to feel comfortable with digital cameras, and nurturing the development of our cutting-edge digital archiving system.

But his contribution was more than just the hours that he put in. We will remember him as much for his attitudes as for his actions: for his cheerful, enthusiastic eagerness to take the program in new and exciting directions, his unfailing accessibility and patience with helping each of us when befuddled by technology, and his tireless attention to detail. We will miss his technical expertise and his energetic, sunny, caring personality equally.

As a tribute to Jim's efforts to bring the oral history archive from idea to reality, we plan to alter the screen saver for the archive computer to dedicate the digital archive program to him. Additionally, we would like to extend an invitation to all of you who knew Jim to gather together at the library after the June 2 Oral History meeting to tell stories of your remembrances of Jim on camera so that we can create a tape—digital, of course!—to add to our collection and to donate to Jim's family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We invite anyone who would like to share memories of Jim Cox to join us in making an Oral History recording after the June 2 monthly meeting. We'll get started about 10:45 a.m.

1001 in 2001. Hold this date! September 9, from 2–5 pm at Carnegie Library there will be a celebration of the Oral History Program, which now has more than 1,000 interviews in its collection.

(Meetings take place the first Saturday of each month)

NEXT MEETING:
Saturday
June 2
9:00 a.m.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

Interviews added to the collection in April and available to the public include:

OH 1008V: **Richard Cameron McLean** talks about his election to the RTD Board, the historic importance of U.S. 36 in the development of Boulder, and the mass transit issues that Boulder currently is facing. Interviewed by Marvin Woolf. (video)

OH 1009V: **Quigg Newton** discusses his tenure as President of CU from 1956–1963. Interviewed by Marvin Woolf and Gerald Harrison. (video)

OH 1011V: Boulder native **Gordon Wickstrom** talks about growing up in Boulder in the 1930s, CU in the post-WWII environment, and the CU Shakespeare Festival. Interviewed by Lise Cordsen. (video)

OH 1012V: **Elfriede Gamow** describes her arrival in Boulder from Germany in 1960; her marriage to Igor Gamow; her business, Elfriede's Fine Fabrics; development of the Pearl Street Mall into a pedestrian mall; and changes in Boulder since 1960. Interviewed by Nicky Lee. (video)

Please stop in at the Carnegie Library during our regular hours to listen to or view any of the above interviews or any of our 1,000-plus other interviews.

with Bob Bush, the son of the owner of Bush's Drive-In, which was one of the first drive-in restaurants in town and was open from 1942 to 1973.

- Wendy will interview Pete Clements, who was the principal of Pleasantview School from 1955-57 and was part of the Ski Patrol at Lake Eldora.
- June Howard plans to interview

Fred Ditzel, a Boulder native who lived in the Newlands Neighborhood for many years.

- Jon Raese hopes to interview Cole Kugel, a Longmont pilot who is 99 years old! Richard Sigismund will do an interview with Jon in August, when his spectacular flower gardens are in full bloom.
- June Holmes hopes to find

time soon to schedule her interview with botanist Bill Weber.

- Guy's first PLAN-Boulder interview will be with Al Bartlett.
- Roland suggested interviews with Howard, Pug, and Margie Loomis; as well as interviews with people about the Andrews Arboretum.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ORAL HISTORY? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

If you would like to know more about the Oral History Program, call Mary Jo Reitsema at 303-441-3110

The Oral History Program has volunteer opportunities for people who would like to interview, people who would like to film interviews, and people interested in entering interviews into our new computerized digital archive system. Training is provided in all areas.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Catherine Childs, volunteer coordinator for the library, at 303-441-3114.

LOCATION

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MORE INFORMATION ON THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM:

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