

THE MARIA ROGERS

Oral History Program

MARCH 2001

NEWS FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Attending the March Oral History meeting were Mary Jo Reitsema, Anne Dyni, Miriam Felt, Susan Becker, Lise Cordsen, June Holmes, Wendy Hall, Jung Soo Kim, Jon Raese, Barbara Dolder, Dorothy Ciarlo, June Howard, Nicky Lee, and Jim Cox.

New Interviews

Susan registered seven new interviews in February and completed processing on four of them. See the box at lower right for details about the four interviews newly available for public viewing or listening. These interviews include the milestones of our 1,000th and 1,001st interviews! Several volunteers finished additional interviews in February:

- Jon finished his interview with scientist Gilbert White and assisted Boyce Sher by filming an interview with Alan Cass.
- Dorothy completed work on an interview with Glenda Conder and is working on an interview with Bill Dennison, both of whom were former Rocky Flats workers.
- Anne Dyni interviewed Boulder scientist and Secretary-General of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics Jo Ann Joselyn.
- Miriam completed her first interview, which was with Ava Hamilton, President of the Native American Producers Alliance.

Planned Interviews

Volunteers have plans for quite a few interviews in the near future. Among those on tap are:

- An interview by Lise with Gordon Wickstrom, who is involved in the annual Shakespeare Festival and whose father owned the Boulder Bakery.
- An interview by Wendy with Wayne Arner, whose grandfather ran the Simpson Mine in Lafayette.
- Jung is hoping to interview either Chris Mueller, former owner of the Red Lion Inn, or Nancy Van Loon, former owner of Nancy's Restaurant.
- Nicky is setting up her interview with Elfriede Gamow to take place at the Carnegie Library and also hopes to interview Francis and Virginia Shoemaker,



The new Oral History Program logo, shown above, will begin appearing on Oral History materials

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

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

OH 0998-V: An interview with **John E. Hill**, conducted by Dorothy Ciarlo, about his work at Rocky Flats, from 1953 to 1984, as a radiation monitor and industrial hygienist. (video)

OH 0999-V: **Steve Bosley**, longtime CEO of the Bank of Boulder and founder of the Bolder Boulder Race, talks with Nicky Lee about the history, philosophy, and human element of these two Boulder institutions. (video)

OH 1000: Anne Dyni interviews Boulder resident **Jo Ann Joselyn**, who has been named the first woman and first American to head the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG). Ms. Joselyn also talks about her involvement in running the Boulder Share-a-Gift program. (audio cassette)

OH 1002: Recording of a speech given by **Jo Ann Joselyn** to a PEO chapter about her position as Secretary-General of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics. (audio cassette)

(Meetings take place the first Saturday of each month)

Next meeting:
Saturday
April 7
9:00 a.m.

who were involved respectively with the library commission and literacy programs.

- Anne Dyni is planning to interview LaVern Johnson, whose great-grandparents helped to settle Lyons, where she has been a tireless community activist.
- June's interview of Marcelee Gralapp should be completed by the time this newsletter comes out!

Showcasing the Oral History Program

Wendy reported that plans are proceeding for our "1001 in 2001" celebration of the Oral History Program in August. Current ideas include a display on the Bridge of the Main Library, which will include historic photos and quotes from oral history interviews (a smaller, similar exhibit about the program is scheduled for April at the Meadows Branch); a se-

ries of handouts that will highlight interesting oral history interviews for a variety of topics; newspaper coverage of the program; and a reception at the Carnegie Library for people who have volunteered for the program, been interviewed, and other interested members of the public. The reception will introduce people to our new digital archive system, may include entertainment such as people in costume playing the parts of historical figures in Boulder County history, and will certainly include refreshments!

Susan and Barbara are working on the "Interesting Interviews" handout project, with Barbara listening to many old interviews from a list of possibilities assembled by Susan. They are seeking the best OH interviews on each subject. Jung has volunteered to help with this process of

listening to and categorizing interviews, and we invite all volunteers to make suggestions of any interviews that they think should be considered for the handouts.

The production of a printed piece that tells the public about the Oral History Program is nearing completion, and the Oral History Program now has its own letterhead.

Digital Archive

Jim is back in action and is working hard on getting the data in the Digital Archive cleaned up. Current projects include making sure that all interviews have operational sound files and fixing inconsistencies in the way the interviews are cataloged in the database.

Next meeting is Saturday, April 7. Hope to see you all there!

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

Maria Rogers Oral History Program
Carnegie Branch Library
1125 Pine St.
Boulder, CO 80302

PHONE

Carnegie Library: 303-441-3110
Oral History Voice Mail: 303-441-1981

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Wendy (program coordinator): hallw@boulder.lib.co.us
Mary Jo (volunteer coordinator): reitsemam@boulder.lib.co.us
Susan (archivist): Lextra@earthlink.net

MORE INFORMATION ON THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM:

www.boulder.lib.co.us/branch/carnegiemariarogers.html