

12-6-05 12:00 Dona Jean Graham-Gillespie

Recording Secretary

Cheryl McAnaid, Doreen Howard, Marilyn Coulter

Manuel, 3 Kids, BA - ~~BA~~

~~Seniority~~
~~Date~~ July 2, 1981

Aug 94 started @ Fishes Body - Huge building
1st Job - ^{Front} Side Door glass trim dept
G.M Gypsy - 1981 @ metal Fab
1984 @ Chassis

1981 - Metal Fab - Crank shafts - laid off

1984 - Chassis - Recalled - Instrument Panels,
back seats. 1987 - laid off

~~1994~~ 1994 - Recalled to Fishes Body

People - No one ever talked about union employees
at other plants, Here people talked about the union.

1st Time at Union Hall - Put a yard sign out for a
political candidate. Start of Union Activism.

Family Life - Plants all in Lansing Area. Parents took
care of child during younger years. Afternoon shift
didn't see kids & family a lot.

Laid off - very hard on you personally.

Set up layoff process for employees during
mass layoffs. What to expect.

Work family - bond with fellow employees,
you know a lot about your partner - Personal,
spiritual, etc. You know everything.

Relationships outside the plant - not really
only at Union Activities.

Feb

1st Plant - Isolated, not a lot of interactions

2nd Plant - Chassis - more people, more contact

602 Plant - Closest to the people here.

Woman in work place - never an issue with her.
Proved herself.

Recording Secretary - 3rd ~~term~~ term, 9 years.

Editor at Lansing Labor News - Take others letters
and make over to put into News letter.

Recording Secretary duties - minutes ~~at~~ at Executive
& Union meeting also attendance records.

~~She~~ rewrites minutes then put to archives.

Activist ~~role~~ role in Union.

Husband - Met in a Union Meeting ¹⁹⁹⁴ Oct Union Meeting
Thanked Union Membership for helping laid off 650
employees. 10 years later married @ 602 Hall.
Flies, food instead of gifts, pot luck. Dog in wedding.

Other plants - newer,

People were the difference, working conditions
were worse here than at other plants.

Pot lucks, fundraisers were prevalent here.

Family members at Plant. Husband, Sister -
Diane Husted.

Pranks - glove ball fights, hid something
on the employee - lunch box.

Yellow tape for every item in plant. Did
supervisor's office. Harmless. Notes. Jokes

Supervisors-

Good - Came from line sometimes was better.

let you do your job and stayed ~~of~~ out of the way.

Personality & Personal Values

Smoking ban - get outside more. 1 1/2 with out a cigarette.

Meet many people in her job.

Saddest time in plant - last layoffs - trim dept.

~~the~~ Layoff information. Would like to know what happened to many of the low seniority employees. How did they make out? Deaths, suicide, divorce, etc.