

Fisher Body Historical Team

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Interviewer Cheryl McQuade

Interviewee = Barb Rossi

Security 2-1-81 (hourly)

Married = Yes No children

Military - none

First Day = Overwhelmed (Use Replacement) ^{agreed}

Education BA MSU (76) Masters in Mgt though (86)

Working at Unemployment office, salary job opening came up at Fisher Body.

On the factory floor = she wore a dress with stripes and was called (Candy Cane)

#3 Continues teaching each and every day.

* Now she will be teaching Local 602 and 657 with an office in Building #66.

Tuition Assistance was used for her degrees.

#4 Plant manager = Don Chenoweth, was a task master, Frank Shatters was totally opposite of Don Chenoweth. Under Frank Mgt tried to merge 657 and 602 but Frank said no. Jim Zuhkus totally opposite of Frank Shatters. Amy Farmer is just about the same as Jim but she has compassion and ~~was~~ accepted us as we were.

The consolidation in 1985 was a bad time for both plants and managers.

* Women to Men ratio from 1981 - Present. Omix has a man strategy for business

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The news on exception to the rule, changes are being made in the plant closing in 2005

* Home Changes = The stationery was hard to change so it was made uniform. Still is Fisher Body to her.

* Best Advice = Listen first to the customer, and make sure everything is in order. Joak at the dealerships, also talks to them.

* Favorite Memory = ~~Patsy~~^{Betsy} ~~Sege~~^{Ceasar} helped her through when there were problems in the office or on Barbs job.

she was an exception to the rule. Major difference from 1981- to present in Ratio.

Capital of Quality is the reason we get along so well and work together.

She was a major player in the talent show that was in the past. She would make the cakes for birthdays by herself.

She is a volunteer for Diocese of Lansing.

Her and her husband would take crafts to the terminal ill at the diocese of Lansing

Remarking to her is letting her know she has done a good job. Compliments cost nothing but are worth anything and everything.

Office Culture = Very hectic, problems arise on a daily basis, but everyone respected each other and got the job done.

Don Chenoweth would have his holiday parties at his house, all others were at hotels, banquet rooms etc.

She has always drove GM vehicles.

She is from Lansing, St Theresa grade school and Catholic Central high school. Barb never crossed a picket line but was involved in a strike. But she spoke about the local media was pestering representatives

Plant Closing = Very sad that the culture is not going to be the same at the new plant.