

Fisher Body Historical Team

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Interviewee Diana Vallenta

Interviewer Jerry Smith

Married = Divorced

= Seventy 1983 Fisher 1981 Corporate

First Day = C Trim Luggage Racks on
2nd Shift. Vinyl Tops, Utility.

1/4 glass. then into Skill Center.

Hired in at automobile layoff for 17 months
then came to Fisher Body.

Born in Flint in a car.

From Houghton Lake originally
strikes - 1 day over the contract.

Reason for hiring at Fisher = wanted to
work here for years since the 60's

Father worked here also retired in 70's

Dinner in Plant = Dinner for Oklahoma
City storm, Ice cream socials and
donated money to Verlander schools etc.

Volunteered at gate collections, United Way etc.

Union involvement = Election Committee and
Conservation + Recreation Committee.

Election Committee = she was chair for
a time but had good members.

Drives 1/2 M. cars in part and
still in the future.

Plant name changes she felt were
the wrong way to go. Always

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★ From Aldsmobile to Fisher Body = Management at alds was bad. Fisher Mgt worked with her on her jobs, and were always dealt with respect.

Union representation = 65% vs 60%.
65% was good with union on her first job, but went downhill. 60% is the best she has seen, but not in the beginning. First she met Gary Bernath - who later became President
Plant Closings = Greenville (Ebitlux) is going to Mexico. Doesn't want to see Fisher Close but does understand.

★ Special Moment = People come together for Oklahoma Bombing to volunteer. Mgt and union worked together. Her fellow employees through a birthday party for her unannounced. Also employees always helped her in all departments she has been in.

Nickname = Ma or Mom was given that has stayed here with her.

Pranks = Jenn Smith received an E-mail was a joke and she didn't get it.

★ Currently works in the Skill Center Helps people with TAP for school
Aunts out movies and books. and computers are shown how to operate.