

Big Top Oral History Project

Interview Log

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Interviewee: Jill Jones
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Minute Mark Topics presented in order of discussion on recording

00:00:00	Introduction
00:00:30	Place of birth, high school graduation, moved to Sopher, OK
00:01:09	Siblings, parents
00:02:18	Dreams of becoming a lawyer
00:04:11	High school classmates involved with the circus
00:04:47	Work at Angie's Circus City Diner
00:06:36	Managed reading program in schools, moved into advertising, other office positions
00:08:23	Hired as office manager
00:08:40	Interest in circus routes, mentored by David Rawls
00:09:14	Structure of circus work
00:09:57	Kelly-Miller sold in 2006
00:10:16	Worked on 2007 route, show purchased by John Ringling North II
00:10:52	Primary job-routing show, running office
00:12:22	Every-year sponsors
00:12:37	Every-other-year sponsors and want dates
00:16:11	Developing the perfect route
00:16:43	Schedule holes
00:17:40	Avoiding gray roads
00:17:58	Booking agents
00:18:49	Excluding towns
00:20:40	Traveling side of the circus, mileage
00:24:06	Small office
00:24:33	Behind the scenes work
00:25:54	Sponsor packets
00:27:56	Kelleys Island, OH
00:30:27	Winter quarters work
00:31:45	Work harder than people think
00:33:14	Importance of communication
00:33:24	Contracts
00:35:06	Use of computers
00:36:02	Perfect lot layout
00:37:39	24-hour man
00:38:07	Working with sponsors
00:40:59	Ticket sales percentage
00:43:57	Employee characteristics, communication
00:44:52	Employee characteristics, dependability
00:46:10	Changes in work
00:48:42	Changes in the next 10 years
00:50:18	Internet
00:51:39	Play circus

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Customer service
End of interview