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<b>Subject</b>	Chuck Knaack (517071)
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<b>Interviewer</b>	Bonnie Chiurco
<b>Special Notes</b>	Zoar and canal corridor

**minutes:**

born in Cleveland in 1940, West Liberty graduate, Bolivar teacher for 4 years,  
0 Washington DC to teach  
taught junior high and adult art classes, moved back to Bolivar after one year, retired  
1 in 1996  
current role: Tuscarawas County Lands Committee, complete six miles of the  
2 towpath, I-77 to Zoar to Route 800  
involvement: attended meeting, appointed by Bruce Babbitt, real liking for Zoar and  
3 canal  
4 produced money for towpath trail, committee put together with other members  
5 Engineer of bridges also a member of the committee, good community support

6 importance: economic development, more people are using it, new bike shop built  
changes: Town Hall \$440,000 project, educational projects, distance learning,  
7 DVD's, really blossomed  
8 canal museum on first floor of Town Hall, photos and archives  
originally first floor fire equipment, second floor Zoar items all donated, Timken  
9 Foundation springboard to other monies  
Federal grants very difficult because a lot of paper work, mayor not working as  
10 committee member  
11 all support with fundraising refurbished Town Hall  
\$62 thousand for technology, education program, CD walking tour, parking lot (\$53  
12 thousand)  
five series books (\$41 thousand) Akron University students did an archeological dig,  
13 outbuilding project  
14 raise almost 1 million and was involved from very beginning  
15 traveled around the United States to see canal projects  
16 landscape change: Town Hall became museum  
17 public meetings for Hotel project (2.4 million to renovate)  
18 money springboard 6-7 Hotel committee members, all volunteers  
19 benefits change economy bring people and prosperity  
20 expectations lots of time and commitment  
21 foundations small amounts of money  
fundraising projects: Christmas in Zoar, Harvest Festival, Garden Tour, Behind the  
22 scenes, Civil War Reactment  
23 I-77 link takes time  
24 10 years from now hopefully it will be completed  
25 1967 Zoar Community Association formed  
26 tough raising money, received \$23,000 grant  
27 restored interior and exterior of the school house  
28 Board of Trustee changed  
29 pushed grant writing, Timken Grant became springboard  
30 school house rental

31 August: Harvest Festival gave \$2,000 a year to fire department, restored springhouse  
Christmas in Zoar homes are opened, civil war reenactment, garden tour, behind the  
32 scenes tours

- 33 third year with behind the scenes tours, future plans to repaint buildings
- 34 gutter system, new lighting, outbuilding classroom project
- 35 Sardelli (Superintendent of Tusc. Valley School 1965)
- 36 1969 to Washington DC area to be close with family
- 37 job available back in Zoar, retired later with 31 years in teaching
- 38 1870 house he restored
  - paid \$5 an hour for 5 years to help complete restoration, moved in log cabin (1870
- 39 house), mayor 1972-1991
- 40 took rubber stamping class wife became interested
  - over 600 customers with rubber stamping business, most museum items came from
- 41 Bolivar citizens
- 42 donations to museum after home visit
- 43 \$40 Joseph Bimiler document
- 44 always getting new stuff
- 45 grants: Timken, Hoover Grants become springboard
  
- 46 story about receiving grant from Mr. Buckingham (Roadway trucking CEO 1990s)
- 47 funded \$10,000
- 48 National Foundation in Cleveland told story of car hopping
- 49 Stark County Library has 12 shelves of foundations books
- 50 took classes on grant writing, learned more himself
- 51 Learn the tricks of the grant writing trade
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