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Interviewer	Michael King
Special Notes	with Tim Gallagher

minutes:

Virginia Wonjo Forno bn. Yonkers NY. Graduated from Shaker HS,
0 Kent State. Met married Walter Wonjo
Pete Ramnitz wanted to sell Mustill House and Store, Created-Sell
1 Mustill House Committee
Stan Martin, Group wrote personal checks to buy property, Jim
2 Alkine convinced Akron to buy property from group
3 Lock 15
4 formed committee to develop house
5 luncheon to kick-off project-Seiberling, Deboo, etc
Seiberling & Deboo joined committee. Cascade Locks Park
6 Association
7 Smith, Parker, Coplan wrote Master Plan
8 develop little parks, recreate village
Agie Russell-Painted Lady house (destroyed by arson), fix
9 Mustill, raise \$1 million
10 opinions on store
11 "Whats ahead" idea
3 employees equals success, friendly group, perception was
12 biggest hurdle
13 Howard Street-"nice people don't go there"
14 GAR Foundation
15 300 members, 15 member board, growing group, Phil January
16 "restore" Schumacher Mill and Wheel
17 Chuck Ayers designed wheel. Park wheel ideas.
"Wheel will become symbol of Akron." Didn't really think anything
18 was going to happen.
19 bringing heritage back
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21 Rosemary Raymond -actress-Mrs. Mustill
22 Mrs. Mustill comes to life
23 general store of ole, knowing people, back to basics
24 living history-creates connectivity
25 project is neverending
26 bring house as part of campus, Jenny Vassereilli
27 students are key
28 Goodyear competes for dollars
29 Pat Raymond-"5 fanatics"
30 opening of Store 7/2000
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32 political Saavy
33 dedication
Be able to have financing-very important. Most rewarding project
34 of her life.
35 role of president
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