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Donna Kasznel Interview

CB: Can you repeat what you said?

DK: Oh no.

CB: Yeah.

DK: My friend Leanna and her wife were really upset about the outcome of the election, of course, and so were we. And she was saying that she wanted to do something, you know, and she knew—she asked me if I was thinking about—had heard about the march. This was before Thanksgiving. And I said that I had and that my sister and I were planning on going, which was true. And so we decided to look around for flights and found a cheap flight back to Philadelphia and my sister—we made arrangements to travel with my sister and another friend of mine from the Philadelphia area down to D.C., and then we made the arrangements to stay with my sister's in-laws. So that's what we did. We flew on—Leanne, Tammy, and I flew from Nashville to Philly, and then we picked up my friend, Debby, and my sister, Linda, met us in D.C. with another friend of hers. And so we ended up—there was six of us staying in the house, six of our group. And then Michelle, the wife of Kevin—she had another group of friends who were staying—this is a big house. So there was like thirteen of them that were on the other floor.

CB: Oh, wow.

DK: I know. They have seven bedrooms. It's huge. So we walked to the metro station and we bought our cards for the next day and then we thought, "Oh, we'll just leave at 9 o'clock and," you know, it starts at 10. We had no idea the volume of people that would be there. We knew it was going to be big, but we didn't know. We couldn't get onto the metro the first couple of stops. We were at the Cleveland Park, I think is the name of the stop that we were at. And the first few trains that came through—there was not enough room for all of us to get on. So we ultimately had to split up, and we all got on the same train but we were at different doors. We just kind of pushed in because there were literally so many people. It was crazy crowded. It was just—it was kind of a little—but everybody was completely upbeat and really nice and super supportive. Did you have that experience as well?

CB: Yeah! It was...

DK: They were just—everybody was just really nice and polite and happy, even though they were like—we could see the doors open and there's like not enough room for a piece of paper to get in there and people like, "Come on in! You can get in!" So we all got in and the women that I was standing with were from Michigan and they were all like kind of getting claustrophobic because the train stopped for a while, and I guess there were so many people they had to stop for

a minute. And they were all saying, “We’re not used to these kinds of crowds.” And I’m like, “Nobody is used to this.” You know? This is different than anybody who-- unless you’re from Hong Kong or something. I don’t think anybody is used to this kind of crowds. But it was super fun and when we got off at Judiciary Square where we got off. The doors opened and everybody came out. There was just so many women, mostly women, some men. And very peaceful, you know. Everybody got out and we just kind of all got a look at each other, you know, for the first time and this big whoop went up in this echo-y metro station. Everybody was just cheering because we were so excited to be there. And it was the same way—it was frustrating that we didn’t know exactly where to go or where—but because, you know, it was so crowded we couldn’t get close to wear the speakers were or anything like that. But it was cool to see everybody had a sign and it was just a really positive energy that was going around. There was no—I’ve been to plenty of, you know, music festivals and things like that. I’m old. There were lots of times when people are, you know, grouchy or negative. And this was more people than I’ve ever been in contact with in one time in my life. And it was-- even though it was a little frustrating because we couldn’t really move. There was no actually marching although we tried to—we kind of moved from one area to another. It was not negative at all. People were chanting different slogans and stuff like that which we thought were really funny and some were really empowering and stuff like that. Go ahead. I’m sorry to...

CB: No, it’s okay! I—we can do this at the end and my questions are on here.

DK: Okay, sure.

CB: So I’m going to have my ipad up. But do you mind...?

DK: Saying who I am?

CB: Yeah! And spelling your name so that I can get it right?

DK: Sure. My name is Donna Kasznel, and my last name is K-A-S-Z-N-E-L.

CB: Okay. So before we get started, I just wanted to get you to okay on recording that you consent to having—or to me donating the interview to archives.

DK: Yes, I consent.

CB: Thank you! So do you want to just tell me a little about yourself? How you—I’m assuming you’re not from Bowling Green, originally.

DK: No, I’m from Philadelphia, outside of Philadelphia area.

CB: Okay.

DK: I lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania for most of my life, and I moved to Glasgow with my partner in 2011. And I got a job here at [Western Kentucky University] thank goodness. And

so we moved to Bowling Green in 2013. So we've lived here since then. And so I'm relatively new to Kentucky.

CB: What are your impressions of Kentucky?

DK: I like it. I mean it's a lot—I mean geographically, it's very similar to Philadelphia. It's way more, obviously—Pennsylvania, I should say. It's more rural than it is. PA is a lot more crowded except for the center part of the state and the north. That's a little more rural, but in the Philadelphia and Pittsburg area are, obviously, pretty highly concentrated sources. As far as geography, weather, it's a little warmer here. Doesn't get as much snow except for the last few years. It's been a little snowy. But people are super nice. I guess the biggest difference I would say in people are: they're really polite and people wave to me all the time when I'm walking in the morning and stuff like that. But also, it's a little bit more religious than where I'm from. Not so much the people aren't religious in Pennsylvania, but they don't talk about it as much as they do here. People—I never—we were just discussing this last night about something. I would never in a million years go to grocery store and have somebody ask me what church I go to. But that was one of the first things that happened when I moved to Glasgow. So I was kind of taken aback. I thought that was kind of, "Well, that's none of your business." But that's more of a common thing here. I don't think it's rude. it's just that's the way people are.

CB: That's an easy way of grouping people, I think.

DK: Exactly. That's a good point. That's a good way of putting it.

CB: So what about maybe your educational background, your—also, do you—is this the first time you—well, let's start with educational background.

DK: Well, I have a bachelor's in English that I got at Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, and I have worked in a bunch of different kinds of capacities before I came to WKU. I used to be—I started out working in a management position for a pharmaceutical company and I worked there until I had kids. And after my two children were born, I worked part time at night for a while, and then I went back to work full time, I started working as an office manager for an original equipment manufacturer. And I worked in that capacity for about fourteen years. And then, unfortunately, the economy that went down south. I shouldn't say down south but the economy had, you know, in 2008 things started to go bad. And this company manufactured equipment that was major capital expenses and a lot of the mom and pop food manufacturers that used it couldn't afford to buy new things. And so the company started to go downhill and they closed their doors in 2011. And I was looking for another job for a while, but hadn't been able to find things because it was a little tough. And I had had some illness at the time, nothing serious, but some things that made me reevaluate what I wanted to be doing with my life. So when Cath and I got together, and she suggested that I come here and look for a job, I started looking in, you know, WKU and seeing if there was anything. And I was very lucky that I found a position that was working for a graduate program, and I was lucky enough to get hired. That's how I started here.

CB: What is your job here?

DK: Right now I'm what's called a Distance Learning Specialist. I work for DELO which is the division of extended learning outreach. And I do—I work for WKU on demand specifically. And we do—we assist students with on demand courses which are self-paced classes.

CB: Nice. And you mentioned that you had kids?

DK: I do. I have two children. I have son who is 27 and a son who is 24.

CB: Okay.

DK: And they both live—one lives in Delaware and the other lives in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. They're both—my older son is a graduate student, but he works fulltime for a bank, and the other one is a fulltime graduate student. He works—he's in a PhD program. So, yeah.

CB: Oh, nice.

DK: They'll take care of me when I'm old, I hope.

CB: So why did you decide to attend the Women's March?

DK: Well, honestly, I—the entire time of the election—I've always been a Democrat. And I was born and raised by a Democrat who later turned out to be a [Democrat in Name Only]. My dad started voting for Republicans when Raegan was in office, and he died that way. He was always a registered Democrat but he said that he didn't leave the party. The party left him type thing. But my sister and I are still very liberal politically, and my— but half my family isn't and the other half have is conservative. So we're kind of—we don't talk about politics at the family gatherings anymore because it's too heated. But we—I've been—I consider myself to be liberal politically. And although I voted for Republicans occasionally, if I thought they were the better candidate. And in this case I really believed that I thought Hillary would be a good candidate for president, and I thought she was the most qualified. And when I saw—we don't have cable television at home because we just don't. And so I don't usually watch commercial television or the news. I watch-- I get my news from other sources. And so the only time I was exposed to watching some of the antics that were going on during the Republican primary was when I was at the gym. And I would see this without sound and think and shake my head thinking, "What the heck is going on here?" And I would hear the radio, listen to NPR, and I would just be astounded at the level of discourse, the low level of discourse that was going on. And I even talked to my brother who is very conservative. And a year ago, more than a year ago, he was like, "Well, there is no way he can win. It just can't happen." But he's saying things like everybody says who believes, who supported him was that—he says the things that other people are afraid to say. And I'm like, "They should be afraid to say them. They shouldn't speak those words. They are not appropriate. They're not right. They're not correct, and he shouldn't say them. Just because he's speaking candidly doesn't mean that he's right or has--." And nobody seemed to think that he would win. It just didn't—but the closer it got to it, the more nervous I was. I said, "He's literally,"—as soon as he won the nomination was like, "He's one step from being president of the United States." And all my friends are like, "That's crazy. That'll never happen." And so I—I

voted and was very excited that I could vote for who I thought would be the first female president and not just the first female but a really good candidate. I was really confident that Hillary would be somebody who would do a good job as a president. And when the election results started coming, I had been to—I guess, I’m trying to remember whether I was at the gym or where I had been, and I was coming home—I think I might have gone to yoga class. That was it. I went to yoga. And I was—I stopped at the grocery store and my mom called me on the phone and she’s like, “Well, Kentucky just went for Trump.” And I’m like, “Well, that’s not a surprise, mom. You knew that was going to happen.” You know, my mother’s from Pennsylvania, and she’s like, “You know, it’s a very red state. The polls close early here. I’m not surprised that it went that way.” And then when we started watching the returns and they started coming in, I was just like, “What’s going on here?” And my friends and my kids and my sister and I were like, “What the hell is happening?” And finally it was like midnight, and it was clear that it was going to go the wrong way. and I was really disappointed from Pennsylvania because that was the last state I guessed to go Trump. And really, it could have gone the other way. And my son, who is—lives in Delaware. His vote—I think he actually might still be registered to vote in Pennsylvania because he just moved, and he voted for Gary Johnson. And he actually has always liked the Libertarians. He really prides himself on being Independent. He doesn’t like the two party system. And I said to him—I told him before—first of all, I never thought it would be this close, and nobody knew it was going to be this close. And the next day he was devastated. I mean he called me at like 6 o’clock in the morning and he’s like, “I can’t believe that this happened. I feel terrible.” I was like, “Why?” And he’s like, “It’s my fault. I voted for the guy.” And I’m like, “Honey, you and like 75,000 other people. I don’t think you—It’s not like you were being a dilatant voting for this guy. This is somebody you thought would be okay.” Although, I don’t know why. But, you know, he wasn’t really—he was really upset about it. He’s still very upset about it, and so we talked a long time about it. And he’s like, “What can we do?” “Well, people like you who are 27. You have to start thinking about running for office. This is the only way we can do something to energize the Democratic Party or even to—I don’t think it’s feasible—I’m not much of a political wonk, but I don’t think it’s feasible that a third-party candidate could win the presidency at this point in time. It’s going to be decades before that becomes a possibility. So if you want to effect change. Now you’re going to have to do something within the one of two parties that exist. The one party that I think would be the right one would be the Democrats.” But he—so, you know, he’s trying to become more politically active, and he’s definitely—they’re both—both my kids are very educated, but we were all devastated. I’ve never experienced anything like that. I’m 56 and I voted in every election since I was 18 years old, and I have never experienced the kind of—it was like a hangover gone wrong. It was the worst. I just—for days I couldn’t believe this is true. I still could not say that person’s name, and we’ve had a couple—I used to call him Voldemort, but now we have a different name for him. It’s not—it’s not—it’s not a curse word, but it’s definitely a word—we don’t use his name so I just—nothing that he’s done since he’s been in office has made me think any less of him or any more of him! I think he—it’s just worse and worse. I think the hardest thing isn’t so much that he got elected but what could have been. The fact that that was snatched away is—it was really hard to accept. So, you know, anyway.

CB: Do you have—did you have a history of being involved in politics in some capacity?

DK: Well, yeah, a little bit. Not so much, but when I was growing up I mentioned that my dad was a Democrat. He was also very politically active and he used to be a Democratic committee person in our township. And so when we were little, I grew up distributing literature for different candidates like that's how we made money when I was, you know, like 7, 8, 9, 10 years old. My dad and his friends would get us, a bunch of kids, together and we would have flyers and they'd pay us a dollar. And we would go canvas different neighborhoods and run up and down the streets and they would drive around and come get us and take us down another street. And we would put—knock on doors. I was little, little when we did this. I don't know if I was—probably from the time I was maybe 10 until the time I was 16. And then when I was 16, I used to go pick people up and take them to the polls. My mom was a judge of elections, my dad was still active in the Democratic committee where we lived, and so in that way, yes, I was active. But after, as an adult, I mostly just stayed active by being an active voter, but I didn't do anything else. And I regret that now because I don't know if that would have made a difference in this case. But it would, I think—I don't know. But go ahead.

CB: In the future, has this kind of—I know you attended the march, but do you think that in the future you will be more active in the next election?

DK: Oh, yeah! We definitely have. We are staying up with the actions that the march has us doing, and, also, I joined the—what is called? Woman's network of Kentucky? The Barren River branch. And I've been going—I'm on the web, the Facebook page for the Bowling Green—I don't even remember what it's called. Sorry. I should know but I don't.

CB: Are you talking about the Clearinghouse?

DK: Yeah. So I'm just trying to keep—I go to the Fairness things on Tuesdays when I can, when I'm not away for work. So I try and trying to keep aware of doing—we sent the Ides of Trump, I said the name, postcards. Did you do that?

CB: Yes.

DK: Things like that. I mean I don't know if any of it is going to make any difference, but it makes me feel better to do something. And, also, I like to get, continue to be more involved and do things. Maybe not necessarily—I'm not—I've been making phone calls and leaving messages. I actually do something for a pharmaceutical company. I do—so on February, in February I went to Capitol Hill and was working with a lobbying group about something to do with obesity. And so I got to visit different congressmen's offices and talk to their staff for that, in that capacity. So I can see that it's not that hard to do. And you're, as citizen, you're entitled to be able to meet with somebody on your congressman or senator's staff. So I can see myself—I'm not, most of all, are 25 years old or younger. I mean I don't know if you know that, but the people that work on Capitol Hill are really, really young. They're very smart, but they're not—I'm not intimidated by them because, I mean not because I'm—they can be just as dismissive of me as they wanna be. I don't care, but at least if I go there, I can say something. I feel like I wouldn't be afraid to do that. It's just regular people. They're people. They can listen. I don't know—like I said, I don't know if it would make a difference, but what have I got to lose? It's already as bad as, hopefully, it's gonna get. Maybe not, I don't know. That's all.

CB: Well that's—I think it seems like a lot of people are really ready to get in offices and talk, get their voices heard.

DK: Well, I think that—I think we were kind of floating along. When I was at the march. I mentioned that there were another family of people—Hey, Nikki—that were visiting at the same time, and the guy who was there works for a nonprofit in Wisconsin. And he knows the wife, Michelle, because they work for the same—they work for Michelle Obama, and so when he was—when we were talking after the march, we were saying, “What do we do now?” and what he said was, “Give money to the Democratic Party and get good candidates.” And that's what I feel like being part of this Women's Network is doing. I don't have a lot of money to give. I mean I think they probably need somebody who's way more well-endowed than I am. I'm sure grassroots is great but they definitely need bigger patrons than somebody like me. But as long as I can do some—I remember when I used to go to church, they used to say you could donate your time, talent, or treasure. I don't really have much treasure. I don't know how much talent I have, but I have time so I can do that.

CB: Are you interested in running at all?

DK: No, I'm too old. Well, I don't know. I said that to somebody when I was in D.C. last month—or in February. I was—this young woman and I were talking about it and she was saying the same thing, “Would you be interested in running for something?” And I'm like, “Eh, I'm too old.” And she was like, “Oh, you're not too old.” And I'm like, “Eh, I don't know. I mean I don't know if that would be something I would ever do. I would support other people who wanted to do it because I know they have that Emerge Program.” Do you know that?

CB: Mhm.

DK: And I think Dr. Mintor is involved in that right now. She's someone I would support. I think she's got a lot of good ideas.

CB: Nice. So I'm assuming you went to the D.C. march because you have family in that area.

DK: I did.

CB: If you hadn't—do you think if you didn't have family in D.C., do you think you would've gone to a local march in like Louisville or Nashville?

DK: Oh yeah, definitely. I just want—I—when I heard about the march, I actually heard about it through a friend who's in Nashville, and she was talking about they were going to a march in Nashville. And so I was like—so I started doing a little research. This was like immediately after the election and she—so I said, “I'm not sure that they're going to do one there. So I definitely want to go to where...” At first I was thinking—I thought well if it turns out that it doesn't pan out and they don't get the permits and things like that, at first. I thought, “Well, at the very least I'll visit my family.” So at least I'll have tickets to go, but I bought the tickets before thanksgiving. I mean I bought them as early—to fly home and thinking that one way or the other,

I was going to go. My sister and I were both impassioned. We were definitely going somewhere. So if it was going to be Philadelphia or D.C. or wherever or Nashville. I would have definitely gone somewhere.

CB: Are you glad that you went to D.C. instead of a local march?

DK: I don't know. I mean, D.C. was a great experience because there was a lot of energy there and we got to meet a lot of other women and that part of it, being—I love D.C. Have you been there before?

CB: Yeah.

DK: Yeah. So I liked just being there, but it was hard because it was so many people there. It was hard to hear the speakers. Plus, I wasn't really wild about the people they had speaking there like Madonna. I hate her. I don't want her to be my spokesperson so it's kind of like Al Sharpton being your spokesperson, so no. And I shouldn't say hate. That's a strong word. I really don't like her. So I would have been okay with—what is that?!

Nikki Roof: Bread and sugar.

DK: Yum.

NR: Would you like some?

CB: Hi.

NR: Hello.

DK: Do you know Nikki?

CB: Yes.

NR: That's Chloe.

DK: I'm good for now. I have to eat my lunch.

CB: No, thanks.

DK: How is your jury duty?

NR: I got selected, but I'm, apparently, too discriminate. So I got out early because they can't pick me for the jury anymore because I don't qualify.

DK: Lucky you.

NR: I am biased.

DK: That's a good way to be. I'm sorry. So you were saying? What's the question?

CB: Explaining why D.C.

DK: Oh, I think I just wanted to be where the action was, and my friends, Leanne and Tammy—they've been married for probably about—they got married about a year before the Supreme Court made their decision. Then they got married in Metropolis, Illinois and the reason they got married is because they have twins and Leanne is the non-biological parent. And she is very, very concerned that something is going to happen to her parental rights. She has adopted the kids. Informally, they have been adopted about a year and a half ago. She adopted them. We went to the adoption ceremony, and it was really exciting. But she's just really concerned as a same-sex couple, that she and Tammy won't have the same protections that are offered to, you know, normal heterosexual couples. Not normal, that's not the right word I want to use. But, you know, to heterosexual couples and that she wanted to be in D.C. So when she found out that I was going, then she came with. They had never been there before so that was kind of exciting. So it was fun for them and I'm like, "Are you sure you don't want to go?" And they are like, "No we're just happy." Everybody on the street—this little street they all had—like people had cut out lots of Barak Obama on their porch and stuff like that. They were definitely more—like lots of people with rainbow flags and stuff like that hanging. So it was very welcoming. Whereas, sometimes around here not so much.

CB: Yes. So how would you describe your march experience in general?

DK: I think that it was exhilarating and affirming and really peaceful. My mom was really worried because the day before the march, they had those protestors that were arrested for smashing a window at the Bank of America at the inauguration. She was thinking—the way that they were showing the same, apparently, they were showing that same feed on news over and over again in a loop, and she's thinking there's rioters down there. And I'm like, "Mom, I have never seen anything more peaceful." I'm old, like I said. I was born in 1960 and I was 15 during the bicentennial. And I was in Philadelphia in the bicentennial which had more people than I've ever said up until this point in my life. And because President Ford was there and it's the Liberty Bell and everything. We went downtown on the trains and it was the same kind of deal, where there's a million people packed into trains and I remember standing on the Mall by Independence Hall. And I've never seen so many people. It was also a nice, positive experience, but not nearly as upbeat and everybody being kind to each other and everybody—this was, I remember, I was really proud of us for not being a place where people were doing destructive things because it totally wasn't. It was people giving each other lots of positive affirmation and lots of, you know, positive messages. I don't think anybody would have been embarrassed to be there or, I mean there was nothing negative. I don't know what was reported in the news because, like I said, don't watch it. But I think to me, it was—we started a—do you know what a GroupMe is?

CB: No.

DK: It's a thing on your—it's an app on your phone that you can use—I've got a couple friends who aren't into Facebook for or anything like that. So we just started a GroupMe group with just

the six of us or eight of us who were at the house. And we talk to each other about actions that we're doing, things, opportunities that are available, letters that we're sending. My sister's a lawyer. She wrote letters to the senators in Pennsylvania and gave us copies of it so that we could use some of the language that she uses to talk to Mitch McConnell and Paul, Rand—Rand Paul, excuse me. And, you know, so we've been—that's another way that we've been supporting each other. We call—let me see. There's this place that we ate dinner on the way home from the march because we were exhausted because we've been out there since 9 o'clock in the morning. It was like 5 o'clock at night. And the weather was a little bit—it wasn't cold but it was a little raw because it was kind of rainy. So we stopped at this place to eat on the way home that's called Medium Rare. It's right on the corner by the metro stop she we call ourselves the Medium Rare Nasty Women, and that's the name of our group. And so that's how we correspond with each other. Like Leanne will post things so that my sister and her friend can see it and my friend Debbie. So we talk about different huddles that we belong to because we're from Pennsylvania. My sister is a part of central PA. Debbie is from Philadelphia. Leanne and Tammy are in Franklin. I'm from here so we're kind of spread around a little bit. We just talk about different opportunities and what we can do.

CB: So who's idea was it to start the GroupMe?

DK: That was my idea because Leanne's not—Leanne and my sister and Leanne's partner, wife, they—Leanne's wife does do Facebook but mostly just to put pictures of their kids up there. And—but my sister and Leanne don't do Facebook anymore so I wanted to find something where we could talk to each other instead of constantly using text messages because it was a little—it's hard to keep track of it and who's getting it and who's seeing it. So we can see everybody who is using it. And everyone is kind of on the same page. So we have fun. It's a good way to post funny things and also, mostly, call the action things, saying this is what we're doing. And we couldn't find, at first—we were trying to find a Huddle near here and I didn't. I went to one in Nashville because there wasn't one in Bowling Green and then they did one in Bowling Green and my sister was having a difficult time finding one even where she lives because she lives in the central part of the state. And it's very conservative there in Pennsylvania. So even though Pennsylvania's usually a blue state, it's where she lives is more Pennsatucky. So that's where we've been doing stuff like that, keeping—plus she has a little girl. She has a nine-year-old and so her life is more complicated. She can't just pick up and go somewhere because she's got to pick Natalie up after school and take her to her Oboe lesson or something.

CB: Why did you feel like it was important to create this group?

DK: Because I think that having been—I think that it's important to sustain our momentum. We have—I think... I remember when George W. Bush got elected and I was disappointed, but I actually wasn't afraid. I thought that when he was elected, I wasn't—that definitely wasn't what I wanted, but I thought, "Well, at least he's got a strong support team with him. He's got people who have been in government and know what they're doing and they're known entities. They may not be somebody that I would like, like Chaney or Rumsfeld. But, at least, they're somebody's who's worked in Washington and has a feeling for how things work." I don't feel that that's the case in this situation. I don't know what this person's agenda is, and I do think that he's frightening because he has the power to do things that could have a big impact on people

and the negativity that he stirred up really makes me nervous. So I feel like we need to definitely keep an eye on what's going on and do whatever we can to make sure our voices get heard the next time. And I think it's easy to become complacent. That's what they say about them: Americans don't like war because they get bored with it after a while. I don't want to get bored. And so I thought that the group would be a good way for us to—I had weight loss surgery a couple of years ago. And so I belong to a support group for obesity and the easy part of losing weight is losing the weight. The hard part of maintaining that healthy lifestyle is doing it for the rest of your life. And I think that's the same way with this. It's easy to get angry when things hurt and they're really bad, but it's hard to sustain that for a long time. So we have to figure out a way to do that, not the anger but the action.

CB: The energy to keep going. So what message did you want to send by attending the march and do you think that that message was communicated effectively?

DK: Well, I don't know. I mean the fact that we were there, yes. What we wanted to say was, "This is what Democracy looks like." That's what they were chanting a lot and there was a picture of me and Leanne and Tammy and Debbie, we're all gay. And they had, you know, my sister and her friends or allies. That's what we wanted to communicate. It was that we had as much value as everybody else does and therefore, you need to be respectful that we are citizens and you have to respect our rights too.

CB: Do you think that—I know that...

DK: I have to answer this. Excuse me.

CB: Oh, no, you're fine.

DK: [phone call]. Sorry to keep you.

CB: No, you're fine. So how did going with a group of people change your experience?

DK: Well, I think it was way better. I mean, to me, it was—because we got to—one of the things I was really looking forward to and going to was seeing everybody, to hear what other people had to say. It was also really gratifying because I don't know if I mentioned the other family that was staying in the house that we were with, had like there was four adults and nine kids. And they were ranged in age from probably about 10 or 11 to 15? And they were making signs up and they were also—the funniest thing was the night before when we were making the signs and talking before the march, they were singing all the words to the Hamilton soundtrack which I really love, and so they were all—a lot—it was funny. It was a lot of language from the Hamilton—like the libretto was on signs all over the place. Did you see that too?

CB: Yeah.

DK: So we were laughing about that and saying that—you know, it was cool to see kids being empowered and listening to what they had to say and what they—it wasn't just parroting what their parents said. It was they had some really good ideas. And I think that's important for

people. One of my friend's sons, about—I think he's 22. He's a little—he's 22. So he thinks all baby boomers should retire so we can give him his job. I was like, "That'd be great if you support me. I'd be retired. I actually need to work." But he was like, "It's time for you guys to step aside and let us run the country." I'm like, "Okay. Well that's not really a productive attitude." I said, "We all have to work together and respect each other. I am definitely interested in hearing what you have to say." But mostly what he has to say is we ruined the world. And I'm like, "Yeah, nobody's ever said that before." No generation has ever said, "The parents have ruined everything." I'm like, "Every generation says that." That's everybody's experience. So you just have to—what was good for me to see people from everywhere and not just women but men too. But lots of women, like tons and tons of women. I had—I broke my foot in December, and I was wearing a boot to the march and it never occurred to me once during the time—I mean I broke my foot after we already bought the tickets. So it didn't occur to me not to go. It was never part of the dynamic that I wouldn't go and go with everybody. So I'm walking around with a boot on my foot whenever we're marching. So it was—but it was fun that we got to be with other people and it felt like we were doing the right thing. So that's to me going with a group of my friends made it more—it made it more special. It was, like a said, a way for us to connect and also to keep connecting now that we have that shared experience of being there together and doing that together. And we kind of bring that energy back her into our everyday lives.

CB: So most of the—I'm a younger queer woman and I know how I felt after the election. I'm wondering how it felt for you. How does your identity as a gay woman change this whole dynamic?

DK: Well, I think—it is scary, you know? It is scarier for me, but I also have the benefit of being a middle-aged, so invisible to most people. Seriously, most people. I remember seeing a T.V. show—there was a show called six feet under, and there was somebody on there—it was like a middle-aged woman. And she was stealing from a store, you know like shoplifting, and her sister was horrified that she was doing it. And she's like, "I can do whatever I want. Nobody sees me." And I was like kind of—there's a little liberation in that. Many people don't give me as much crap. And so I—so I have that luxury, but I also see that other people don't. When I see my friend Leanna and I see her being genuinely scared about her future with her family, I want to do something about it. So I think—I'm cautiously optimistic that the people I see on an everyday basis who know who I am, suddenly their eyes are opened. They're not so judge-y. And I'm hoping that I've never experienced—except I got fired from my job once, but I have never experienced anything where anyone has been rude to me personally or physically I felt threatened or violated or anything like that. So I'm hoping—I'm always optimistic about everything in my life. So generally I'm not a person that's not doom and gloom or anything, but I'm hoping that the awful people I see on T.V. are really limited and that they just—it's like the whole thing about if it bleeds, it gets on T.V. People see it more often. But I really don't think most people are like that. Do you, in your experience?

CB: I guess the family that I came out of is kind of coloring the way I see this whole thing, but I've been—I'm in very positive community here in Bowling Green. So I'm pretty optimistic too.

DK: Yeah, I think that—I'm very optimistic about younger people. I think that they are—I was very optimistic up until November 8th and things kind of like—I—and also found out that one of

my college roommates is a Trump supporter and it just—I can't be friends with her anymore. I mean I'm still friends with her on Facebook. We don't talk because we're not—we just haven't talked much lately anyway, but when I saw her going to Trump rallies and things like that, I was like, "Who are you? You're definitely not the same person that I knew when we were 20 and 21 years old." I don't know what changed for her and made her think—and I do know people—like I would see people that I knew when I was back in Pennsylvania who put on their Facebook page that they had gone into the voting booth with tears in their eyes. I'm like, "Because you're really sad about what you're about to do?" No. They were happy. And I'm like how is that—how is that even possible that you can look at that person and think of that as a respectful human being? How is that possible? I don't—I literally don't understand it, and I'm trying, but I don't. I understand that some people didn't like Hillary and I get that. But the fact that they could think of this person as a viable alternative is just beyond my ken. I can't get it.

CB: So you—the group is called Medium Rare Nasty Women? Why do you embrace the term 'nasty woman' and what does that mean to you?

DK: We don't have to be polite to get to—I think that a lot of times, I was lucky. I went to a girls' school when I was in high school. That's where I met my partner. When I realized that I was—when I was in grade student, I was smart. And I started to get the feeling that there were times when I wasn't being heard because guys were trying to shut me up. Or not just me, but all the women. It's not that they were actively—I'm sure it didn't even go through their thought process: I need to shut her up because she's a woman. They just thought, "I'm a guy. I'm talking. Shut up." And—because I have boys and I don't think that people—it's a cultural thing. It doesn't have anything to do with them. It's not a cognitive thought process. They just don't think about it, and I think that that's the problem. They have to think about it. And I don't think we have to be disrespectful or rude, but we're not going to sitting there, keeping our mouths shut anymore. And that's why I think nasty women, to me, is definitely something that I want to embrace and be—nobody ever says that men who are powerful and forceful are—they don't give them negative stereotypes or bad—the language that they use to define them is not negative. But for women it is. And I think that needs to stop. So that's why I embrace it.

CB: Did you make signs for the march?

DK: We did, but I don't think we have any pictures of them because we were kind of lazy. We were going to make—well, first of all, we were flying so we couldn't bring anything with us. We had—I can't remember. We had some rainbow things that we pinned on our shirts and stuff like that. But basically they were—I have to—we might have taken pictures at the house. I'll have to go back and look at them, but they were mostly just the ones we were making with the kids because we had crayons and markers and stuff like that. So we didn't have any really good signs. We were mostly taking pictures of other peoples' super cool signs.

CB: Do you remember what yours said?

DK: I think 'this is what Democracy looks like.' That was one we like the most. And I think there was like 'talk more, smile less.' I think that was another one that we used.

CB: Did you wear a pussy hat?

DK: I did not. I don't like hats so I just—we didn't wear them. We wore pink. I have a shirt that I got at the Human Rights—it says, "Love Conquers Hate." I wore that. But we didn't wear hats.

CB: What do they hats mean to you? They seem—they're like a symbol of the march now. So what do you think that they mean?

DK: To me, it's basically a protest for the language that that person used and the way that he objectifies women. I think it was a way of them taking that back and saying, "No, thanks, not you." And so I think people—they call them vagina hats. And I'm like, "No. They're like cats. They're like pussycats." But, yeah, I think that to me it was just amazing that there were so many of them that people knitted for other people. It was really cool that they did that. I just don't like to wear hats. So I didn't want to wear a hat, that's all.

CB: But you think they're a positive symbol?

DK: Oh, definitely!

CB: Yeah.

DK: And I also didn't—we didn't prepare enough in advance to—I can't knit. I don't know how to get one so we're like, "Eh I don't like wearing hats anyway so I wouldn't even do it." That was all.

CB: So I only have a couple questions left.

DK: Oh, that's okay.

CB: Do you—so while you were there, I know that you're a part of—I'm trying to think about community. So I know that you formed your own smaller group of the people who went to the march, and you are involved with the stuff that's going on in Bowling Green.

DK: A little. As much as I can be right now.

CB: Yeah.

DK: I'm trying to be more involved, but go ahead.

CB: So do you think that the Women's March kind of formed communities for you?

DK: Absolutely.

CB: Do you think that it formed its own community?

DK: Absolutely. I think that going on to their webpage and being able to find—having it be like a single area that you can go and look for different—that’s a—I was getting frustrated when I first came back because they were saying, “Form a Huddle and do that.” And, at first, I literally thought I was going to have to do it here. Because I said, “I can’t be the only person that wants to do this here.” But Leanne and Tammy were like, “You’ve got to do it. You do it.” I’m like, “No.” So I talked to Cindy who actually turned out to be my boss now. She wasn’t my boss at the time, and I sent her a message and I said— like she’s very liberal and I know from Bowling Green and I said, “Do you know any kind of thing that’s going on?” And Cindy didn’t know anything and she’s like, “If I do a Huddle, will you come?” and she’s like, “Yeah! I know some people that could come.” And then the other person sent me the link to Kristina Arnold and the other people who were doing stuff, who—and so that’s how—because I was like, “How would we know about this unless…” Because I’m actively looking and not finding stuff and so how would I know? And Jennifer was the other person I told. She was the one who forwarded, got me in touch with Clearinghouse.

CB: How would you describe the Huddles that you went to?

DK: Well, the one in Nashville was different because—it was funny because a lot of the people that were there, like we met in East Nashville and I would expect there to be—there were many more lesbians at the one in Bowling Green than there were in Nashville which is funny because me and my friend Mary, who lives in Nashville now, we were the only ones that were there. And we were like, “mm.” But there were a lot of people who were transplants to Nashville, lots of Yankees who were transplants to Nashville. But also a lot of people who were—it was a lot of people. There was probably 50 or 60 people. There were a few men there too. But they were really focused on local politics in Nashville which really does not apply to me at all. and so I was hoping to find some place closer to home and that’s when I was really excited to go to the Bowling Green one. But they all had the same—they were all doing the same activity of what kind of things you want to see in the future. And I think—I don’t know. I think it’s good to have a good leader because I’m not a good leader. I wouldn’t know what to begin to tell people to do. And so I think—I thought they were—it was nice to see the wide variety of people. And the funny thing was the day they had the Huddle at the library, I had been in a meeting all day with this woman who sat next to me and we had a nice conversation. She’s younger than me, and she was a single mom. We were talking about different things about that. And then she’s there at the meeting with her two sons and I was like, she was like, “I didn’t know you were coming.” I was like, “I didn’t know you were coming.” We were like, “Nice to meet you,” you know. Because it’s kind of nice to—sometimes when after the election, I was a little afraid to say anything around here because I didn’t know what side of the aisle people were on and I don’t want to be offensive. We don’t talk about politics at work because—I mean Cindy and I do we don’t—it’s not appropriate. So I don’t want to offend anyone or make anyone feel uncomfortable. So they know how I feel. They’re—I mean everyone in here knows—and everybody kind of agrees with—I shouldn’t say they agree. But like my other boss, Tonya, and I are both like, “What the hell happened?” And she knows I don’t like him so she always makes jokes like, “Oh, your favorite guy was on T.V. again last night.” Stuff like that.

CB: Does the size of the groups there—is that kind of reaffirming?

DK: Yeah, definitely! Don't you think? I mean when I went to that Woman's Network thing, I couldn't go to the one in because I had to work that night, but I went to the one in February. And there were over 50 women there, and they were over—and a lot of them were different from the people who were at the Huddle. They were, like a little bit older group, maybe. There were younger people there too which made me feel a little better because not that I mind being the oldest person where I go. I don't mind that, but it was kind of reassuring to me to see other mature women who were there. And I just went to the opera last night for my partner teaches a society for lifelong learning class here at WKU. And they were going to see Carmen. So we ended up having dinner with this woman and she's from Maine. She's like 75, and she's like, "I kind of want to get involved, but I don't know what to do." And I said, "You have to come with me to this Women's Network meeting." And she's like, "Why?" And I'm like it's at a church. And she's like, "I don't go to church, and I don't like church things." And I'm like, "It's not a church meeting. It's physically in a church but that's the closest thing that you get to it. They only reason they use it is because they have a meeting room downstairs. So nothing church-y about the meeting at all." And so she's going to go with me on next week when they have it here. So, yeah, it's kind of cool to be able to bring other people into it and to hear the topics that they talk about and things like that.

CB: What day do they meet?

DK: The 18th.

CB: Okay. I might go to that too.

DK: Yeah. It was the first meeting. They had this really—I like that it's about women and about organizing for women candidates for the Democratic Party. And I think that a lot of the things that I saw right after the election were people saying, "We have to adopt the Tea Party strategy and go to meetings and scream at people." And that's not me. And I don't know—I was like, "I try and read a variety of different things from different news sources because I think that the biggest mistake that can be made is just doing confirmation bias and read the things that you agree with all the time. And so even though I find it hard to read and sometimes I look at things on the National Review and stuff like that and see what they're saying about us and about what's going on in the country now. And I remember reading one thing where they were saying about—they were talking about the Women's March and how it wasn't as peaceful as everybody said it was. And I'm like, "It was. I was there. I was all over the place." I didn't see anything negative at all. nobody even raised their voices except to cheer and be happy. And so they were also saying, "Well I've been to plenty of Tea Party events where they were just, it was just very exclusive." And I'm like, "You're full of shit. That's not true." And they don't have an agenda. Yeah they do, especially if you decide that you're not an evangelical Christian. They don't have any time for you. So there's no—no. it's definitely people that have different opinions, and I don't think that—I think that maybe adopting their strategies is a good idea like make sure that people, elected officials realize that we're not going to go away and that they better pay attention to us. But I do think—I like the idea. I've been listening now, I heard on NPR about a couple of things where women who are running for election, and—do you belong to the Pantsuit Nation?

CB: Yes.

DK: And things like that. You see people who are running in their local offices. That's definitely encouraging. So hopefully some of that will start to change the way things are being done. Maybe they had to be—things had to go bad before things would go good. I personally have always believed that a lot of the pushback is because the Supreme Court ruling on the marriage act. I think that, to me, that was—it kind of happened and people were like, "It's a done deal. We can't do anything about it now." And then when they had started coming out with that [house bill]-whatever-it's-called in North Carolina

CB: Trans bathroom bill.

DK: I think that those—all of that kind of stuff was a pushback from the ruling of the Supreme Court and it's—it changed faster than people thought it was going to happen. And I think it was great that it happened, but I also think that this is probably should have been expected. Because I remember when I was going to the **Verace** meetings back in 2012, because it was before I lived in Bowling Green, I went into one over in Snell Hall. They had one, and they were talking about Nate Silver predicted that by the time all the states adopted the legislation to allow same sex marriage, it would be 2020. And Kentucky would be one of the last ones that would go, and so that happened.

CB: Kentucky and Mississippi.

DK: Yeah. It happened a lot faster than people thought it would and maybe this is the reaction to it. I don't think it's all about money. I think it's about people getting them to force things that they weren't ready for, maybe. Too bad, you know. They didn't think that black people should have equal rights either, and so sometimes you have to be legislated into doing the right thing.

CB: Do you see any overlap between the Fairness Group and the Women's March movement?

DK: Oh, yeah, definitely.

CB: Are there a lot of the same people there?

DK: Mhm.

CB: So...

DK: I mean, I don't know everybody who went to Fairness marches, but Leanne's husband—husband, yeah right. Leanne's brother is—he didn't go to the march because he watched her kids while she was there, but he goes to the Fairness things. He was in—they had a picture of a hashtag and people were in rainbows that said—what was the hashtag? I guess, I'm trying to remember. I have the picture on my phone that Charles wore. He's the one that got the students dressed up in that outfit. It was really funny. Well, it wasn't funny. It was—what did I do with the pictures? I know I took them. Maybe I deleted them. Maybe they're on my Twitter because I hardly ever tweet, personally. I just do it for work because I'm...

CB: Western has a very active Twitter account.

DK: Do they?

CB: It just seems that every office has a...

DK: I know. I'm the one that's supposed to do it for here. And so one time—I also have an Instagram account that I never do anything with, personally. I never personally do anything. And I accidentally thought I was posting a picture of my cat on Twitter and I actually posted it on our department's Facebook page or Twitter page. Not Twitter, Instagram page. And I was like wondering what happened to it because it wasn't—and somebody's like—and then I had all these people following me because the picture of my cat, not me, WKU's page On Demand. I can't figure out where it is. Sorry.

CB: It's okay. You can describe it.

DK: Oh it's just a picture of Charles and his friends. How do you figure out which ones you've done? These are...

CB: Are you on Twitter?

DK: Yeah.

CB: If you go to 'Me' it should, yeah, you should be able to scroll and find it.

DK: This is it.

CB: Oh.

DK: This is the real Bowling Green Massacre. That's Charles. That's—this is when we were outside. That's the...

CB: That's great. That's outside of the courthouse?

DK: Mhm. Where they have the council meetings.

CB: The Fairness meetings? Yeah. I wish I could go; I have night classes and so I can't make it.

DK: Yeah, and now they've moved the...

CB: Meeting time.

DK: ...to the end of the where I can be difficult for people.

CB: So you rode—you went on an airplane. I saw a lot of stuff on Facebook about women going to the march and you would have an entire airplane...

DK: And we didn't see that. It really wasn't—I don't think there was anyone else on our flight that was necessarily, wasn't necessarily march related because we went the day before and flew into Philly. So I'm not sure if that would be a big destination for people.

CB: Yeah. So the day of the march, if you just want to briefly just walk me through because I know that there wasn't one route and everyone congregated at different places. So what did your day look like?

DK: Well we got up, left about 9 o'clock. We walked to the metro station and took the metro to the Judiciary Square stop, got off, and then we walked to where the Capitol was and we were kind of being directed. There weren't a lot of—there wasn't a big police presence or anything like that. And there wasn't a—it was so many people though and we got separated a little bit and I got a little scared because the cellphone was spotty. We were sending texts like: Where are you, by this white van. There were just so many people so we wanted to try and stay together. And not that we couldn't have found our way back to the house, we did have the key and everything. It wasn't a problem, but it was more that we wanted to be together and experience it together so we ended up walking from in front of the Capitol down towards—if you were going towards the Washington Monument and then we turned and go towards the old castle Smithsonian building and there was just nowhere to move. After that, we didn't know where the speakers were exactly. We were trying to get closer to them. We did, ultimately, get onto the street where they were. We were at the other end of it and it was like a crush. I started to get a little bit of an anxiety attack because it was so crowded. I could have fallen and not gone on the ground because there were so many people there. So we decided to move. Do you know where all the plastic flooring they had out for all the chairs for the inauguration?

CB: Yeah.

DK: They were still there, so we went back on the Mall in between the front of the Capitol and walked around and talked to people and looked at their signs. And my friend, Leanne, is a photographer so she took a million pictures. So she's got in our GroupMe a link to her pictures of 250 of them and all the different places she—the pictures she took. Sorry, let me see if I can find it. But she—and so she took—we—she took the pictures and then we walked. They did detect some movement probably around 1 and things started to move towards where the White House was. And so we got in to the pack of people who were kind of moving. And we walked for about two or three hours. We moved about a block, and, I might have told you, my foot was broken and I started to get to the point where I just—it was almost 4 o'clock, and I just said I can't do it anymore. And so we moved. I said to my sister, "Do you think that..."—we were really so close to being at the White House. It just wasn't moving. And I said, "No, I think I need to sit down." And so she's like, "Yeah, okay. We'll go." And so we went back on the metro to where her brother-in-law's house is. And it took us about an hour and fifteen minutes to get there, and then—I can sign for it. And then my friend, Leanna, and her wife and Debbie, there like, "Oh, you should have stayed. As soon as you left things started to move." And I'm like, "Of course they did." But I literally—like my foot was killing me and I just thought I was going to have a hard time. My sister and my—like I said, it took us a really long time just to get back to the metro stop and just to get on the train. When we did, we went to get something to eat and felt much better. I actually thought I was getting sick that day so I didn't—because I was really,

super cold when I got home and I took a bath even because I was like—I guess being outside for...

CB: All day.

DK: All day, and we didn't really—I was afraid to drink water because there's not a lot—there were a lot of port-o-potties, but I was mostly thinking I didn't want to use one of them. Not that I have any big hang up about that kind of thing. I peed in the woods plenty of times. Mostly, I'm just thinking like if I didn't get to one in time. That would be pretty bad.

CB: And there were really long lines. It could take an hour to use the bathroom.

DK: Yeah, so I was trying not to drink a lot of water because I didn't want to use the port-o-potties but also I think that made me a little dehydrated. Did you have that experience as well?

CB: We actually ended up stopped—we stopped and had lunch just because we didn't know where the route was going and we felt like we were walking in circles.

DK: That was the frustrating part, but we went—my sister and I ended up in D.C. literally a month later and we went to this hotel that was right down the street from the—she got a really good deal on hotel.com or something. And we went to this hotel that was right down the street from the Capitol. We could see it from the hotel and we were like, “We were just here.” And the guy who was waiting on us is like, “Yeah, I was here that day. It was hell. It was the worst day.” And I'm like, “Really? Was it that bad?” He goes, “Oh, we were busy”—I think he was—I can't remember how many thousands of people he served that day, and he said that it was just nonstop, all day. He said that it was great. People were super positive and it was a great vibe but he was exhausted. So we were like, “Well, it was a lot of money.” And he was like, “Oh, yeah.” He was happy about that.

CB: Whenever you ate dinner with your friends, was it also really packed?

DK: Oh yeah. And that's the other thing I should tell you about. The night before, we went to check out the metro stop to buy our tickets to make sure we had the cards so we wouldn't have to wait in line that morning. And we went to a pharmacy and bought bottles of water, snacks, and things. And everybody was like, “Oh, is this for the march tomorrow?” and like they were 100% positive and they were all saying about how—this was inauguration day, we were there on the day of the inaugural. There was nobody around. It was really quiet, and like everybody is going home because nobody wants to be here for it. And then all the—when we were at the metro—it was packed at the restaurant we ended up eating at the bar which was fine. The people were like, “You went to the march? Great! How was it?” Everybody was super positive and affirming about it. All the people that were in the restaurant were people who had been there so it was kind of cool.

CB: Wherever—we went to—after the march we were just like, “We need a beer.” And so we went to a restaurant and they had these TVs—it was a sports bar so they had TVs all over and

they kept showing different images of the march, and every time it went a new picture would come up of a different city, every woman would just start yelling. It was great.

DK: That is cool. It does—didn't it make you feel like you were a part of something that was important?

CB: Yeah.

DK: Yeah.

CB: And it was apparently the largest march in history.

DK: Yeah. I know. I mean especially the fact that there were people all over the world that were doing it. That was really cool. So I just hope that it's not what you say or what you do; it's what people think. And so you have to make sure that—you have to keep giving a consistent message. Hopefully that will help. I don't know.

CB: Well the last thing I've been asking people to do is just kind of in a couple sentences, sum up your take-aways. I know that the march, there's a lot of feelings associated with the march so what are kind of the first associations that pop into your head?

DK: I guess—it sounds stupid to say—sisterhood. I really felt a sense of community with all the women because we were all women. I mean it was primarily a woman's march and I liked the fact that women were feeling like they were empowered to do something like that and not just stay home and—not afraid, but I mean I'm old enough to remember when women couldn't get credit cards in their own name. I mean that was still going on when I was 20 years old, and people couldn't get mortgages and things like that. They didn't admit women into ivy league schools until I was in college. And so that—it doesn't seem possible when I talk to my son about Mad Men and things like that. And I'm like, "This kind of thing happened when I was growing up. This is the images that I grew up with." You don't think that it's that long ago that women were relegated. And the kind of institutional bias that exists for a lot of minorities, still exist for women. And so I think it's important to feel like they could get together and use their power to be heard. And I like the fact that the original people who had started it were still able to have a diverse enough group...

CB: So you were just telling me about your take-aways.

DK: Oh, yeah. I think the other thing is—and this is something that the women said at the Huddle that we went to when we were at the Bob Kirby Branch—she was saying, "I voted. I always thought that made me a good citizen and I've never done anything more than that since then." And that's the way I felt too. I mean I never—I've always been politically aware and I think I try to be an educated voter, but I think there's more that we need to do than that. And that has to be—we have to become more engaged citizens. There are also some people—things are different now. I remember when Obama got elected against John McCain and I didn't hate McCain. And I remember looking at the whole election process and when it went through, and I thought, "He is redefining the way elections are being—are going to be run. It's going to be all

different from now on.” And I think it’s continuing to change in a really fast pace especially with technology. It can be manipulated in a different way than they used to be and that’s frightening to me. So I think it’s even more important that we become not just receivers of information, but people who actively seek out and do things. Rather than just, “Okay let’s see what they’re doing and I’ll make a decision based on…” You know, you used to get a thing that people would say, “He believes in this. He believes in that.” I don’t think we can trust that kind of thing anymore. I think we have to be more active in figuring out what our future is going to be. I think that’s definitely something that has changed for me and for my sister, and I don’t—Leanne and Tammy think different because they have babies. Their kids are four. It’s harder for them to—they still think about a lot but they also got to be active parents for little kids that are at home. It’s not the same as somebody like me who—I had the luxury of only thinking about what I have to do right now. My kids are grown up and I don’t have to—I have to get the dogs and take them out. I’m not like—I don’t have to worry about taking care of somebody else right now, and this is a good time in my life to become able to do something more for other people. So that’s what I want to do. That’s what I’m taking away from it: is that why not me? Who else is going to do it? I don’t really care if somebody who doesn’t see me and I’m invisible to them. I don’t—I think I’ve got just as much rights as everybody else does, and so my—don’t dismiss me. I think that’s what I get out of it. Sorry, didn’t mean to ramble.

CB: No, that was great! So I’ve asked all the questions that I have. Is there anything that you haven’t said that you think should be included in this?

DK: no. I probably talked way too much. I’m really sorry.

CB: No, it’s great.

DK: So did you have a good time?

CB: Yes!

DK: How did you—what were your impressions of it?

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