

### Valeria Medina Zuniga interviewing Wilma Tucker Jones clip 3

#### Topic: Employment

[Wilma Tucker Jones answering a question about her career with Avon.]

**Wilma Tucker Jones:** I moved my way up I started as a key puncher, and then I moved up as an auditor, and then later as a team leader, sort of like a semi-supervisor because I had eight ladies under me that had to report to me. I traveled a lot for them, to different parts wherever Avon was, we had plants in Pasadena, California, Springdale, Ohio, Morton Grove, Illinois, Atlanta, Georgia. So if they were implementing some new program, then I would have to go and travel to teach the people on the other branches, along with other people from other places, we would go train them on that. When they had the President's Club they always had these big, big award things, sometimes they would go on cruises, but when they had the events in the United States, they would let some of the employees go. And one year so I got to go to up in Connecticut, I think it was up in Connecticut to this casino but we work now don't get me wrong it wasn't all play, we worked and we got paid for it. And I went up there and then when they went to Las Vegas, I was like, "Oh my Gosh I would love to go to Vegas!" and I was like in there talking in my little cubby hole and the supervisor was sitting there I said, "I wish I could, like if they would call my name to go I love Vegas!" 'cause I've been several times. Well the next day he comes over and says, "Guess what Wilma, pack your bags you're going to Vegas!" I said, "What?" and so I went and we stayed at the Bellagio, and each one of us had our own room, we didn't have to room with anyone. But we worked, I mean I worked, and I still got you know I got paid for it, but I still had a little bit of time little free time to you know look around if I wanted to. But Avon, I loved working there, and I would have stayed if they hadn't they closed the plant; but, because of my age, I was 65 almost then, I don't want to relocate and if you did, with Avon it wasn't like you could bump somebody. So like if I was a team lead here, I couldn't go to say Atlanta or wherever else they had and bump that person, you'd have to start from whatever position they had so I said, "Nah I'll just go ahead and retire." But I, you know if they were still open I would still be working, I loved, they were could very good benefits and when I made the 25 year club, every year they would take us different places, one year we went to Annapolis, Maryland for the day, one year they took us to the Baltimore Inner Harbor and then at night we went on the boat, they took us to plays in New York and all over the place. And then you got nice little gifts, I know one time I won like \$100 gift card to, right here in Newark down at a Café Gelato, and I shared it with some of my friends like on my birthday I took them out on my birthday with my gift card, but they were very good, they were good, and um I loved working there.