

Jean Bowen Oral History Interview Index

- :36 Discussion of growing up years in Yorktown Heights, New York
- :51 Marriage to Robert Bowen and daughter Kristin, and son Jason
- 1:31 Second husband Tom, and current partner Mike
- 1:49 Lifelong work and voluntarism for women's rights and disability rights organizations
- 2:02 Religion and world view
- 2:41 Importance of horses in her life
- 3:21 Unitarian Universalists
- 4:18 Education, high school and Keystone Junior College
- 5:28 Important issues
- 6:26 People First of Connecticut
- 7:02 Roots of political activism; president of the National Organization for Women (NOW); homemaker and abortion rights, and Equal Rights Amendment
- 8:49 Work for presidents, including Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama, and also work for Hillary Clinton
- 9:13 Feminist term defined and identification with
- 10:00 Unequal pay and objectification of women
- 10:30 Reflection on the 1970s and relationship with the press
- 11:15 Council of Women in Delaware and case of rape victim who was mistreated by police
- 12:00 Train trip from New York to Wilmington, DE, to Chicago, IL to support the Equal Rights Amendment then bus to Springfield, IL for a demonstration
- 12:56 Legislation to support displaced homemakers, and events to highlight women's work; buttons; meetings
- 13:44 Meeting Bella Abzug in Delaware
- 15:09 Was on organizing committee for Dover, DE meeting; approximately 600 people in attendance; caterers were Right to Life adherents; workshops; community leader presence; held at Delaware State College (a HBCU)
- 16:44 Reasons for attending the National Women's Conference and doubts about being a delegate
- 17:48 More about organizing the Delaware state meeting and consideration of different communities within the various parts of the state; partnerships formed with various groups
- 19:15 Impact of organizing the state meeting on herself and her family; childcare provided at the meeting
- 20:11 State and national conferences comparison; lesbian rights
- 21:09 Arrival in Houston and seeing the protesters; orange ribbon worn on arm to show support for lesbians
- 21:45 Notables at the conference such as the First Ladies, and Penny Marshall

- 22:30 Feelings of exhilaration when leaving the conference; cartoons about women at conference; interviews with press
- 23:28 Plans of things to work on after conference such as ERA and employment discrimination
- 23:48 Follow-ups after conference; receipt of report
- 24:05 Memorabilia; has box of items including name tag, program, seating chart, agenda, etc.
- 24:45 Effects of conference on personal and professional life; move from Delaware to New York and working for people with disabilities, including students
- 26:59 The ARK[?] of Connecticut; class action lawsuit having to do with institutions
- 27:50 Media coverage of the National Women's Conference; being interviewed after the conference
- 29:20 The political legacy of the NWC
- 30:54 Title IX
- 31:19 Advice for younger generation; importance of speaking up and voting
- 31:45 Ideas for contemporary agenda for current women's movement should be reproductive rights