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Interview: Roxanna Klein- Growing up in the 1950's

1. What kind of household did you grow up in?
WE LIVED IN A THREE-BEDROOM HOUSE THAT WAS ABOUT 110 SQUARE FEET. THERE WERE FIVE KIDS, ONE BATHROOM AND NO T.V.
2. What kind of neighborhood did you live and how were the people and the families.
WE LIVED IN A MIDDLE CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD. ALL OF THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY TOGETHER, BUT NONE OF THE PARENTS REALLY INTERACTED. THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAD A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIOECONOMICS. THERE WERE REALLY RICH PEOPLE AND REALLY POOR PEOPLE.
3. What kind of toys did you play with?
I PLAYED WITH HULA HOOPS, ROLLER SKATES, BICYCLES, AND POGOSTICKS. I ALSO HAD A SANDBOX AND WE HAD PETS, BUT MOSTLY I PLAYED WITH THE REST OF THE KIDS.
4. What was one toy that every kid had?
WELL, IT WASN'T REALLY A TOY THAT EVERYONE HAD, BUT I KNOW THAT EVERYONE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD HAD A ROCK COLLECTION.
5. What kind of school did you attend?
THERE WERE ABOUT 25 PEOPLE PER CLASS. IT WENT FROM KINDERGARDEN TO EIGHTH GRADE, AND THERE WERE ABOUT FOUR CLASSES PER GRADE LEVEL. OH AND THERE WAS NO AIR CONDITIONING AND I LIVED IN PHOENIX ARIZONA.
6. What kind of things did you do with your family?
WE LISTENED TO RADIO PROGRAMS TOGETHER FOR ABOUT AN HOUR EACH NIGHT.
7. How much spending money did your parents give you?
NONE. I HAD TO START EARNING MONEY FOR MYSELF.
8. What did you do to earn money?
I STUFFED ENVELOPES FOR A PENNY A PIECE, I WORKED IN THE CAFETERIA FOR 25 CENTS A DAY, AND MOST ALL KIDS COLLECTED BOTTLES TO GIVE TO THE GROCERY STORE FOR 2 CENTS A BOTTLE.
9. Were there cliques at your school?
THERE WERE THREE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS: THE MEXICANS, THE RICH COUNTRY CLUB PEOPLE, AND THEN ALL THE REST. TO BE IN A CLIQUE YOU HAD TO BE WITH COUNTRY CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD.
10. What was considered juvenile delinquent behaviour?
THE JUVENILES PRACTICED BREAKING AND ENTERING AND WHEN MARKERS CAME OUT THEY ALL SNIFFED MARKERS.