Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

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Interviewer: Tramanh Vu
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Time Log

Track 1

00:47:58     Mrs. Nhunh Phan talks about herself, her family and her Catholic background.
02:19:71     She talks about her life and her childhood home.
05:57:71     She remembers that she liked Cải Luong and a lot of Vietnamese traditional games.
08:50:12     She talks about her Tết Festival when she was a child.
09:47:40     As an oldest sister in her family, she was very strict with her siblings.
10:57:08     She was able to dance and sing in churches when she was just a little girl.
13:08:02     She enjoyed drawing and cooking.
16:05:12     She worked as a volunteer at Legio Mariae Group when she was 13 years old.
24:27:20     She explains how the arranged marriage of her parents happened
28:10:45     She explains why she doesn’t think that her mother was totally satisfied and happy in marriage life with her dad.
33:10:03     She used to think that she was not going to marry anyone because of the lack of happiness in her family those day.
36:46:82     She talks about the day when she and her family left Việt Nam.
41:20:79     Her family’s life as Vietnamese Boat People.
44:09:57     She explains why they decided to leave Việt Nam.
She talks about her life in Denver, Colorado.

She met her first love who is her current husband in a local church.

She talks about her part-time and full-time jobs when she was in Colorado.

She explains why her family moved to California and she talks about her life here.

She talks about her marriage life and her children.

Track 2

Her left arm got hurt when she tried to do a hard job at work.

She explains the way she taught her children.

She wishes she could teach them with more Vietnamese way.

How her family celebrated occasions annually.

Good memories about her family.

She talks about her first house that she and her husband bought and sold.

She explains why she decided to buy the 2nd home.

She wishes both her sons-in-law will be completely Catholics.

Her point of view about Communism in Việt Nam and Vietnamese Communist Party.

Her right to vote and she states that she did not vote for Barack Obama.

She talks about her pro-life point of view about abortion and why she became a leader of Viet Respect Life, a non-profit organization.

Not all her family’s members support her pro-life acts.

Other activities that she and her husband did for Vietnamese community.

She talks about her relatives who still live in Việt Nam.

She states that she doesn’t go to Phước Lộc Thọ frequently.

Track 3

She hopes that Vietnamese community will improve effectively.

She thinks Vietnamese Youth should have more power in political environment.

She talks about the meaning of the Oral History Project that she participates.
10:15:48 Her last thoughts in the interview.

*Track 4*

01:23:64 She talks about her husband and how she met him.

05:18:54 Good memories about her husband

09:10:39 She talks about his background and how it effects his personality.