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PREFACE

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Dudley Grove: ...Dudley Roulette Grove.

Blanche Touhill: Dudley, would you talk about your early life, you know, when you were a child, who did you play with; did you play with boys and girls both; was there somebody in your family, like your mother, your father, did you have siblings, did you have grandparents, did you have cousins, talk about your family life and how you played and how was your relationship with other kids or something of that nature.

Dudley Grove: Okay. My family moved here when I was two, when my father came up to be a resident at Barnes Hospital and they always thought they were going back to the South so we had lots of connections back in Nashville, Tennessee and Florence, Alabama. In fact, I had 13 aunts. They weren't real aunts but very close family friends of my mother because in those days, all the cousins, first, second and third cousins lived out on farms and plantations in the South where education basically stopped at 8th grade. And so they would come and live with my mother and her family and grandparents in Nashville while they went to high school and then on to Vanderbilt often. So I grew up in a summer place where family...we had 14 cousin cottages and just the run of the place for a month or two, depending on how long my parents were there, or they would send me and then me and my next sister...there were five of us...to stay with my grandparents and a huge influence on me, this grandmother who lived on a farm and I would go spend time there and be part of her day and part of the life of the farm and it was an incredible experience. Then in St. Louis, my dad and mother built houses with another doctor and his wife and between us, we had nine children on our lane, and so I always had people...friends, go outside and there were people to play with and you were gone for the day. My dad had four daughters and he always wanted a baseball team...a boy and a baseball team, so we became his baseball team. For Christmas we got fly fishing rods and my mother was always involved, with five kids, you were busy all the time. So, there was lots of family, lots of expectations and role models that were pretty significant. My grandmother, as I said, was a huge role model, very capably managing her life and the life of the farm and her family and always with a smile. The cup was always half full or maybe three-quarters full and she found the joy in every moment. My mother, who was evidently a real risk

taker, which I learned more about when I actually found her letters from when she ran away to be in World War II and sent letters home to my grandmother and my grandmother squirreled them all away in a box which I then inherited years later and then finally opened the box and realized that here was a whole description of a side of my mother I never knew.

Blanche Touhill: What did your mother do in the service?

Dudley Grove: She was with the Red Cross. She, as I said, ran away and my grandmother had a best friend who was with the Red Cross and when my grandmother found out where my mother had gone, to enlist in the Army or some part of the war, she called this woman and said, could she help my mother. And in the interview, my mother was asked if she could type and she said yes. Now, my mother had never been near a typewriter so she was living with a cousin in Washington, D.C. and they borrowed a typewriter, a very low cost one, maybe a buck or something from somebody and she taught herself to type at night while she went to work for the Red Cross and was put in the Recreation Department and then sent overseas.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, my goodness!

Dudley Grove: And attached to hospitals which is how she reconnected with my father, who...in those days, in the war, they would organize hospital units by universities so all of Barnes Hospital had one and all of Vanderbilt Hospital had one and my mother was attached to Vanderbilt and my father to Barnes but they were stationed at the same place at one point, and then eventually ended up in North Africa where they married.

Blanche Touhill: Did she know your father before she went overseas?

Dudley Grove: Yes, he was in her older sister's class and she had helped do (Rush for the Betas?) and my father was a (Beta?) so they had met but there was no connection. There was that couple year difference but they were on the same boat going to England.

Blanche Touhill: So they reconnected?

Dudley Grove: They reconnected there and then he got transferred to Africa and then the Vanderbilt troop got transferred to Africa and she eventually asked

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for a transfer which they did and this was all over two years so then got married.

Blanche Touhill: Now, when she got married, I've heard of the brides, that they used the parachute for the dress?

Dudley Grove: This was mosquito netting because that was the only fabric they had. They didn't have parachute silk but they did have this wonderful...it's French cotton but it was what they used for the mosquito netting at the time and it was wadded up in a bag in the top of my closet for years and years. I tried to get cousins and sisters and siblings invited to wear it but nobody was interested. So finally I pulled it out, I thought, this is just...I mean, literally wadded up in the...

Blanche Touhill: Did you know what it was?

Dudley Grove: Yeah. It was at my house, up there, but I couldn't figure out anything to do with it and, in all that time and lack of care, there was one tiny little hole in it. This material was just amazing. So we were in New Orleans at the World War II Museum and there was a little sign saying they were looking for things for the softer side of war. Well, I had transcribed all these letters of my mother's and I had pictures of the wedding and I had the wedding dress so it all got given to...which was wonderful.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, how wonderful!

Dudley Grove: So I spent a lot of time trying to match, in this life, getting things into their right spot so that they'll last on because I know the kids these days don't have room or time or...

Blanche Touhill: No, they don't, no.

Dudley Grove: I think as you get older, one cares more about the heritage of things.

Blanche Touhill: Well, and if they want to see it, they can go down and look at it.

Dudley Grove: Absolutely, and it will be well taken care of. Somebody mended that hole.

Blanche Touhill: Is it on display at all?

Dudley Grove: It's been on display. They did a Valentine exhibit about two weeks after we gave it. They called and said, "Can we put it on exhibit?" I said, "Well, sure."

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Blanche Touhill: Well, I did a display when I was a history teacher here...

Dudley Grove: Oh, that's right.

Blanche Touhill: ...and I did it on weddings and people brought in their wedding pictures and one woman brought one in and it was that she was married in North Africa...I thought it was North...I don't know where it was. It might have been France...no, it might have been Europe and they didn't have any silk or anything...

Dudley Grove: That's right.

Blanche Touhill: ...and they had a parachute...

Dudley Grove: That's exactly right.

Blanche Touhill: ...and somebody made the dress out of the parachute.

Dudley Grove: That's right, that's exactly correct.

Blanche Touhill: And they put up her picture and she was a nurse and she married a doctor.

Dudley Grove: Uh-huh, same kind of idea.

Blanche Touhill: Yeah.

Dudley Grove: Must have been a lot of that.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, yes.

Dudley Grove: The romance of...

Blanche Touhill: Well, the fact that they went as university hospitals, don't you think made a big difference? They were together and they were a whole...

Dudley Grove: Right, that's right, a unit.

Blanche Touhill: They knew how to work together, yeah.

Dudley Grove: Yeah. But anyway, great childhood, just lots of outdoor things with my parents.

Blanche Touhill: Who said to you, you have this ability or that ability?

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- Dudley Grove: I think, being the oldest child...and my father was a real promoter, very high expectations but very encouraging and challenging, not in a negative way, and my mother too, I mean, both of them, and my grandmother. Everybody was. My grandmother's husband was a doctor so it just was part of our life and I think also being the oldest of five...and there were four of us in five years...so quickly you had responsibilities and were expected to do things, pick up and go and do.
- Blanche Touhill: Yeah. Did you have a boy in the family?
- Dudley Grove: Yes, number four, and then another girl, big family, spread all over the United States like families are these days unfortunately.
- Blanche Touhill: Did you play boys and girls together?
- Dudley Grove: Yes, certainly for a long time.
- Blanche Touhill: You played dolls?
- Dudley Grove: I did not. I had a doll collection but it was more dolls from around the world.
- Blanche Touhill: That Lady Alexander or Madame Alexander.
- Dudley Grove: Two of my sisters went to Conway Elementary School through the 4th grade and actually met my husband there in 2nd grade. He says I threw sand in his face but we were friends from...
- Blanche Touhill: From the beginning.
- Dudley Grove: Just from the beginning. He was just a nice man and he still is a wonderfully nice man, wonderful to live with, but that's another story. I always ended up being treasurer of the class or whatever. There was something I was always...
- Blanche Touhill: But you went to Mary Institute, right?
- Dudley Grove: In 5th grade.
- Blanche Touhill: In 5th grade and he probably went to Country Day.
- Dudley Grove: Country Day, yeah.
- Blanche Touhill: Did you keep in touch or no?

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Dudley Grove: Always, and with dancing classes you'd go find Jimmy Grove. He wouldn't dance. As long as you promised you wouldn't dance and would sit by the punch bowl, he'd sign your program.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, that you had danced?

Dudley Grove: No, you had to have your dance card in those days. That was a long time ago but he was the safe, easy-going, great...he was comfortable always.

Blanche Touhill: Did you date while you were in high school?

Dudley Grove: I started my senior year, when he came back to St. Louis.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, he was a little older than you?

Dudley Grove: He went off to boarding school and hated it, just hated it so he came back and enrolled in Ladue High and told his parents he wasn't going back. That was that and I think at that point they were moving on.

Blanche Touhill: But when you went to Conway School and Mary I, you were a leader in both schools?

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm, and I did a lot of sports.

Blanche Touhill: What sports?

Dudley Grove: Oh, field hockey or tennis, basketball, all of them.

Blanche Touhill: Did you play other schools or did you just play within your own school?

Dudley Grove: No, always.

Blanche Touhill: What schools did you play?

Dudley Grove: Played the whole league here in St. Louis, then there was always a team from Kansas City and [inaudible 10:26] from Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Downer and Kansas City. I can't remember what they were called.

Blanche Touhill: And what was the sport?

Dudley Grove: That was field hockey particularly and then the other ones, you had leagues and so I played on whatever the team was, the varsity teams.

Blanche Touhill: Was it popular for girls to play in leagues?

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Dudley Grove: Yes. Well, the thing is, the Mary Institute, because of being single sex...and I know there's a lot of discussion about it as a philosophy but it certainly was a good thing for me and I had lots of male friends. I was very lucky that at Country Day, that I had in my class lots of men that were...we were good friends.

Blanche Touhill: What was the arrangement? You took some courses at...

Dudley Grove: At that time, it was strictly separate and it wasn't for another 10 years or 15 years before they...

Blanche Touhill: ...that it merged.

Dudley Grove: Yeah, all those different things, right, and so there was plenty of opportunity.

Blanche Touhill: How did you like Mary I?

Dudley Grove: Oh, I thought it was great. I had a great group of women friends and our class was sort of...we were '63 so about 13 women came back our senior year all dressed in black and that was the beginning of the hippie...that was the first beatnik I'd ever seen and they refused to do a class song and they wouldn't do the class this and that, total rebellion. We've gotten to be very good friends. We now have had our 50th, 51st and 52nd reunion. It took 50 years to get our class together where certainly that has happened but there were lots of opportunities I had. I majored in the sciences, I worked at a chemistry lab.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, but your family were scientific.

Dudley Grove: That's right and my job was at the St. Luke's Hospital Chemistry Lab.

Blanche Touhill: You mean, while you were going to high school?

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm.

Blanche Touhill: What did you do in the lab?

Dudley Grove: It was the Chemistry Lab, ran tests to the basic pro time, cholesterol, all the different things that one needed to do and I had done volunteer work there in the hospitals, starting when I was 13. So volunteerism started at church and school and then my father felt that everyone should have a job and one year everybody would work in his office for the summer. His

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secretary would have the month off and we would go in and he wanted us to learn about finances and bills and patient care and what the responsibility of people were because we didn't have Medicare then and he never turned a patient away.

Blanche Touhill: Couldn't pay?

Dudley Grove: Payment was not a requirement for him, ever, and I think that a lot of the values that my parents wanted we would learn. They talked about money and the responsibility for money, how you invested, how you saved, how you shared, and it was just part of the way we were brought up. Some people don't talk about money. They think it somehow or another is a bad influence but in this case, it was always be responsible and I ended up being treasurer of just about everything I ever got involved in, including the Urban League sport for six or eight years. So it was just part of what I did.

Blanche Touhill: Did your mother volunteer?

Dudley Grove: Yes, we always had a volunteer project going on at the dining room table. It could be basic, stuffing envelopes, stuff that she could do with five kids at home, with a 12-year spread and we all got involved in that. A lot of political stuff was interesting. She felt very important to be knocking on doors, handing out literature, working at the schools, whatever she could do to be supportive.

Blanche Touhill: What else did you like to do at Mary I?

Dudley Grove: Well, I was in the choir and I was in the drama club and whatever else...things were going around.

Blanche Touhill: And you got good grades too?

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm, and I was a science major and there weren't a lot of girl science majors at the time.

Blanche Touhill: Then it was time for college.

Dudley Grove: Yup, my parents decided where I was going to college in 9th grade.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, where did they decide?

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Dudley Grove: Vanderbilt and Mary Institute had never sent anybody to Vanderbilt but that's where they'd both gone. We went and saw...

Blanche Touhill: Well, of course, and it's a beautiful campus.

Dudley Grove: But in those days, your parents decided those things.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, they did.

Dudley Grove: One didn't do college trips.

Blanche Touhill: And you didn't go to look at it first. You just...

Dudley Grove: Well, I looked at it in 9th grade.

Blanche Touhill: But you had been traveling back and forth to Nashville.

Dudley Grove: Right, to Nashville all those times, right. So I applied early decision.

Blanche Touhill: In the 9th grade.

Dudley Grove: Just about, made it easy.

Blanche Touhill: And did you like it?

Dudley Grove: Yes, I had great roommates and I was in love at the time with Jimmy Grove and I...

Blanche Touhill: Where did he go to college?

Dudley Grove: He went to University of Denver.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, okay. Oh, so it was hard to connect?

Dudley Grove: Not at all, every other week he drove to Nashville.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, my God, from Denver?

Dudley Grove: From Denver where there were no highways. He would stand up in his fraternity on Thursday and ask who would like to go to Nashville for the weekend. They'd get in the car on Thursday night...

Blanche Touhill: Ah.

Dudley Grove: I know, and I...

Blanche Touhill: That's, like, a 13-hour trip, isn't it?

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Dudley Grove: Uh-huh. So my freshman year, I called my parents and asked if I could go to Vanderbilt in France, my sophomore year and my dad said I was too young to be "floating around Europe." About a month later, I called back and asked if I could get married. I was thinking about getting married. My dad said, go to France. So the first semester of my junior year, I went to France and came back and got married.

Blanche Touhill: At the end of the time in France?

Dudley Grove: Uh-huh.

Blanche Touhill: So you were certain?

Dudley Grove: Oh, my gosh, yes. He just has always been, and it was very interesting, he was much more the adventuresome person growing up. First children are pretty by the books, follow the rules, over achieve, that kind of thing and he was the one that was always out there doing different kinds of things. So we've sort of changed roles through the years. It's been interesting, kind of to see but I think I give a little sparkle in his life now and he certainly gave me a lot through the years. And so we both finished college.

Blanche Touhill: But you got married before you finished?

Dudley Grove: Uh-huh, I transferred out there for my senior year.

Blanche Touhill: To Denver?

Dudley Grove: Uh-huh, but those days, Vanderbilt wouldn't...you didn't transfer. Most of them had a two-year requirement and they wouldn't take your major. I was a chemistry major at the time but my dad said I had to have a fall-back position. You had to be a nurse, a secretary...

Blanche Touhill: Oh, yes...a teacher or a...

Dudley Grove: ...or a teacher so I was getting education and I had a minor in French from my semester abroad. So Denver said, well, they would accept my French as a major, chemistry as a minor and I got my education degree at the same time, my certification there, and then came back and taught for a couple years and Jim decided he'd go to law school so we started out with him going to night law school.

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- Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm, for a couple years. And then he decided...
- Blanche Touhill: Well, a lot of very well-known people in St. Louis have gone to the St. Louis U evening program.
- Dudley Grove: Oh, it was a great program, and then we had, at that point, a three-year-old and a six-month-old. Jim went to the dean saw a thing about a semester at the University...college...what was it called...in London...I can't remember the name of it. Anyway, the dean said, "Well, we'll figure out how you can get out there and get credit for it all," so we went over there and spent six months there and then he came back and took a year and finished up. And then, at that point, I got involved in the Junior League and I guess that between my family, my husband and then this wonderful group of women who...we weren't part of the women's movement. We were early on. That's the late '60s. It's not quite there but the Association of Junior Leagues was way out front in women's leadership.
- Blanche Touhill: Getting women to run for office?
- Dudley Grove: That and women's leadership and leadership skill development and, for instance, in about '72 or '3, they had a consultant that came in and had all the leagues trained in management by objectives, was what it was called then and then taught us how to teach non-profits and that was when non-profits went from doing good, that was sufficient to get money, to being able to measure who their clients were and where the need was and then what were the results of their services to these people and the Junior League was one of the first to do that. And then Jim Lowry from this university...
- Blanche Touhill: Oh, yes, Jim was a wonderful man.
- Dudley Grove: Was incredible and talked all about community empowerment and he was a huge changing in my life, about 1975, because I went to his workshop with the Junior League that he did on impacting communities and organizing for community change. I knew there was stuff I wanted to do and I was doing a lot of volunteer work but you were helping people but it didn't seem like it was making a difference in the way people were going to live. So he showed us how to do that, how to organize, the steps in it, that it was possible, and said, "You can do it. Go out, do it," and that was hugely important in the Junior League of St. Louis.

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Blanche Touhill: You know, I still meet his wife, his widow. She's remarried.

Dudley Grove: Uh-huh.

Blanche Touhill: I go to a group called the St. Andrews Foundation...

Dudley Grove: Oh, right, uh-huh.

Blanche Touhill: ...to their benefit every year and I always look around for her and she just comes up and introduces herself and he was a lovely man...

Dudley Grove: Oh, my gosh.

Blanche Touhill: ...really bright and a national figure in peace and justice.

Dudley Grove: In peace, right, and he believed people could do that.

Blanche Touhill: He believed there should be...just as there were the military academies, there should be a peace academy...

Dudley Grove: Absolutely.

Blanche Touhill: ...that would train, like, the state department and people of that nature, U.S.I.A. to go out and work for peace in the world. It was a very wonderful idea.

Dudley Grove: I think we could use that right now.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, indeed, just talking, teaching people how to talk.

Dudley Grove: And listen.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, and listen.

Dudley Grove: And understand and be willing to figure out a way to work together, that there were common goals even if you were different people.

Blanche Touhill: Did you work for money when you first got married?

Dudley Grove: Yeah, I taught school for three years.

Blanche Touhill: When you graduated from college?

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm.

Blanche Touhill: And were you back in St. Louis at that time?

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Dudley Grove: We'd come back to St. Louis. We were going to live in Denver but Denver was a cow town then. There was literally one company, Gates Weber Company was the only company in town and the downtown was just a very small, sleepy, no restoration and everybody left for the weekend to go to the mountains so there was nobody in town and there was very little leadership at the time. That's very different now. We looked for a house and we found a house and then it turned out that they were going to put a gas station next to it because there was no zoning at the time. There were no laws about zoning because the wild...

Blanche Touhill: Yes, West County.

Dudley Grove: ...was there.

Blanche Touhill: Yeah.

Dudley Grove: So we came back for Christmas and we just realized how much St. Louis had to offer and decided, well, we would shift our gears and we'd come back here after graduation.

Blanche Touhill: Did Jim, when he graduated from law school, did he go into the family business?

Dudley Grove: No, he started his own practice.

Blanche Touhill: Well, that was brave.

Dudley Grove: He'd been working for St. Louis Union Trust for three or four or five years.

Blanche Touhill: So he had some connections.

Dudley Grove: He likes variety in his life and so he's like a general practitioner. People come and say, "I need..." "What about this. I've got this problem" and he had a group of colleagues who were specialists in labor or divorce and he would say, "Okay, let's set you up with this," helping somebody understand where to get help and how to organize it, and he would help with adoptions or house sales or wills or whatever you needed.

Blanche Touhill: And you taught school?

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm.

Blanche Touhill: What did you do with your babies?

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Dudley Grove: In a home daycare because none of the daycare was available and these were ladies' homes in West County and that's where I was teaching. I was teaching in Parkway.

Blanche Touhill: Which Parkway did you teach?

Dudley Grove: Elementary schools: Mason Ridge...

Blanche Touhill: Oh, well, that's a wonderful school.

Dudley Grove: Right, that was great. I started as a sub and then the principal asked if I'd take on permanent. That's how it started.

Blanche Touhill: But that's long been a wonderful school.

Dudley Grove: Oh, yeah, it was great and there was another one which I'm not sure what's...I think it's split or something on the...was on the north side.

Blanche Touhill: And Parkway, in those days, was just growing leaps and bounds.

Dudley Grove: Like topsy.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, and I knew children who grew up in Parkway School District at that time and they'd start in one school and then they'd go...

Dudley Grove: ...split the schools.

Blanche Touhill: They split the schools and they'd be in another place.

Dudley Grove: That's right.

Blanche Touhill: And I always thought of the public schools as really, you went and then you just...

Dudley Grove: All the way through.

Blanche Touhill: All the way through with the same kids, but they didn't because it was just...

Dudley Grove: Try to juggle the numbers.

Blanche Touhill: Yes.

Dudley Grove: And the new subdivisions that came online every week, how did you ship in and pick up that many people.

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Blanche Touhill: Why did you decide to quit work?

Dudley Grove: Childcare was very expensive, as it is now, and he got a job and was doing well enough that it wasn't a requirement, but mostly it was the cost of the daycare was as much as I was making and that's still true, when I look at daycare costs now for people. You're talking hundreds of dollars a week. Can't make it if you're not making a lot of money.

Blanche Touhill: No.

Dudley Grove: And then I got involved in the Junior League and I was put up for it. It was a secret group then and I had no idea what it was but my mother-in-law's best friend said I had to be a member, and little did I know that it would be such an incredible impact on my life because I was very comfortable going anywhere in the city and there were a group of women that were very involved in educational things. We were tutored at Logos, we tutored at Sophia House, all these different places, so I went that way. That was my teaching interests, and then gradually...then Jim Lowry and then I got into teaching classes, courses to non-profit organizations and that's when I decided to get my MBA. I was teaching management for two years and I thought, you know, I'd better check and make sure that, in fact...you know, I was reading the books and writing the classes and then I thought I'd better go take a class and find out if what I'm teaching's the most up-to-date and accurate.

Blanche Touhill: Where did you go?

Dudley Grove: Here.

Blanche Touhill: Was there some faculty member that specialized in non-profit?

Dudley Grove: All of them would.

Blanche Touhill: Really?

Dudley Grove: They were fabulous because you always had a project. There was always something you were doing and so, all your faculty out here has service as part of their mantra.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, they do, yeah.

Dudley Grove: And I would go and I would either ask specific questions...many of them ended up being consultants for a non-profit for whatever else the agency

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needed. They'd take their special skills and they were wonderful about that.

Blanche Touhill: Now, did you run across John McClosky at that time?

Dudley Grove: Yes, uh-huh.

Blanche Touhill: Because he was really big into CORO and then he went...

Dudley Grove: Right, and I helped found the Women in Leadership program there as part of one of the things of the Junior League and I was on that committee that did that. Then we got into a lot of partnerships. I got into the Leadership St. Louis program...

Blanche Touhill: And who ran it, Carolyn Losos?

Dudley Grove: No. That was...oh, what was his name? He was the first director. I was the third class. We always laughed and said the first two classes were people they had to have in St. Louis. Then they got the real leaders and we were just a bunch of wonderful...

Blanche Touhill: And you made friends in that group?

Dudley Grove: Oh, my gosh, yes, absolutely, and the program was very interesting. At that point you could apply...you had subgroups where you did studied issues. It was a different format than it is now and at the end of the year, first year, you could apply for a grant from Danforth Foundation to continue your small group activity and one of the ones I was on was Confluence. We created Confluence St. Louis, came out of our class. Then the other one we did was...I forget the other one, but both of them went on to have other lives, which was great, and again, kind of building on my awareness of the community and there were people like Betty Sims that would say, "Okay, now you got to get involved in the United Way; come do this" so I was involved in the United Way. And they always needed a token of women because the women hadn't quite come along far enough and so there were not a lot of women in leadership in the businesses so if you had a woman leader in volunteer work, that became the person that they put on the executive committee or something like that, because they were thinking they needed to have women and minorities.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, it was a whole atmosphere.

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Dudley Grove: Right, so I got in on that edge. Now, a volunteer would have a harder time because there's so many women professionals out there who would be involved.

Blanche Touhill: What's going to happen with volunteerism?

Dudley Grove: I don't know.

Blanche Touhill: Because there were these women that didn't work that went into volunteerism...

Dudley Grove: That's right.

Blanche Touhill: ...and supported the society through that activity in a way.

Dudley Grove: Right.

Blanche Touhill: And now I say to myself, well, a lot of women work and they don't have time to volunteer.

Dudley Grove: That's right and they'll do a one-day job or very short-term if somebody else organizes it.

Blanche Touhill: So what's going to happen there?

Dudley Grove: Well, what's happened is that the agencies have hired staff.

Blanche Touhill: But then it's more expensive and they have to raise more money.

Dudley Grove: It's more expensive...that's right, and a lot more overhead but the other problem is that they don't have much money so they hire beginners, people just entering a field and the people that are new are afraid to ask their board members and show their ignorance on anything. They isolate the board rather than involving the board in saying, "Okay, you have marketing skills; you have HR skills; you've got planning skills, come help us in the organization." They feel compelled to know it all, do it all and so I think the agencies suffer and then the board members aren't brought in and involved.

Blanche Touhill: You know, that's really a good research topic and the reason I say that is I've often thought that when teaching could only be done by women who were single...

Dudley Grove: Oh, yes.

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Blanche Touhill: ...and when the Catholic nuns stopped existing, it made Catholic education much more expensive so that the mass of the people went to the public schools.

Dudley Grove: That's interesting.

Blanche Touhill: And then with the women being funneled into teachers are no longer funneled into teaching, they're in business and they're in engineering and they're in medicine and they're in law...

Dudley Grove: Right.

Blanche Touhill: ...that affects the teaching profession too.

Dudley Grove: The quality.

Blanche Touhill: And the quality and I never thought about the third leg in the stool, namely, volunteer women, so the role of women, the changing role of women is having profound effect on these normal institutions that the society always rely on.

Dudley Grove: Right, and we keep talking about the seniors as being people...because they're retired or have more time...as ones that are going to take up the slack.

Blanche Touhill: Are they?

Dudley Grove: They don't. Some of them do, some of them will, but on the whole, I think when they get to be 65 or 70, they think, "Oh, my gosh, I can go do whatever I want" and so they take a commitment that requires once a week kinds of things, although things like Ready Readers, Ready Readers has 850 volunteers that read once a week in some pre-school. I mean, that's a huge cadre of people doing that.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, that is.

Dudley Grove: And that's the most effective...and Oasis does... has managed to tap in.

Blanche Touhill: And, I know, I go into the Lindbergh Library and see those children sitting with tutors and those are all volunteers.

Dudley Grove: Right.

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Blanche Touhill: So I guess they're finding their way. When I meet seniors doing volunteer work, they'll say, "Well, I want to choose my own hours and I want to be able to go away when I want to be able to go away..." ...

Dudley Grove: Right.

Blanche Touhill: That other previous volunteer movement, they were there when they had to be there, not when they wanted to be there.

Dudley Grove: Well, they actually had a life here. Like, I did, I had children so I would just put my children after school in the back of my car and I often picked volunteer jobs that I could take my children with me, whether it was tutoring or something and then they could play on the other side or they could read to some child...

Blanche Touhill: Or they could do their homework or something.

Dudley Grove: Right. Often they'd be involved in tutoring as well.

Blanche Touhill: Talk about that: Are you children into volunteerism?

Dudley Grove: They are. Our top two, for sure, have the time. Their time of life has come and our daughter is very active here in St. Louis. She is a stay-at-home mom. She is a lawyer by training and still has her law license and stuff but is very involved in organizations here in St. Louis.

Blanche Touhill: As a volunteer?

Dudley Grove: Volunteer. She's on the board of Circus Flora and she does a bunch of stuff. She's a volunteer at Ready Readers and she does a lot of stuff and she's been involved in the kids' schools and parent things and is a great volunteer, really good. Then our first son is in Savannah, Georgia and he immediately got involved in something called Pinpoint I think is the name of it, which is a black heritage where the black fishermen and the villages were all sort of in this one area on the marshes and they now have a historical society and he's involved in that. He's involved...a couple things...he's got volunteer jobs and his wife does as well and our youngest has got a new baby, three jobs and two houses. Right now I don't think he's doing that but, in the past, he has done a lot of things.

Blanche Touhill: And he'll go back to it?

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- Dudley Grove: He'll go back to it, yeah. That's right, yeah, this week is busy, no time. And my husband has always done stuff and his family.
- Blanche Touhill: Even when he was working?
- Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm. He chaired the Youth and Family Center, the old neighborhood association. He was one of the first...Ecumenical housing, he was one of the first chairmen of that before it became part of Beyond Housing, when they merged. So he's done a lot of things, and both of us have sort of tended to grassroots kinds of organizations where you can make a difference. We've done the United Way; I've chaired Red Cross. I did all those things but I get a lot of satisfaction out of using my skills. Going to a board meeting has gotten to be of less interest to me. So if it's a new project meeting a new need, I'm much more interested.
- Blanche Touhill: Well, I know that you were on the ABAT board as a volunteer.
- Dudley Grove: Right.
- Blanche Touhill: Let me say that the campus is forever in your debt because you were the first person that was able to get the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to separate the four campuses and look at their allocations from the state...
- Dudley Grove: Right.
- Blanche Touhill: ...and how they were spending their money and what programs they were having and things like that. Do you want to talk about that because you were well aware that we were having trouble, especially with the allocation because the system kept giving us a 12% of the total UM budget, regardless of what we were doing.
- Dudley Grove: But you had a smaller base.
- Blanche Touhill: And a smaller base.
- Dudley Grove: Huge campus, huge number of students and no...
- Blanche Touhill: Yeah, we have the second highest number of students and when our students paid \$1.15, they got \$1 from the state but where the other three campuses got \$1 from the state, their students paid less than the dollar to get their education.

Dudley Grove: That's right. Well, a couple things: First of all, I was a total advocate of it. I've experienced eight years...I took eight years to get my MBA and the faculty was fabulous. The campus was fabulous. I had a job traveling for six years of it, for the Junior League around the area. My professors were so supportive of women and women's work and making sure that I could do my job and go to school. And I saw the incredible education you got here and the data was there. I'd been on the chancellor's council. The data was there. It was the right thing to do. And there was a lot of politics that was restricting any kind of awareness. In fact, we would be given packets at these meetings where their data was inaccurate or inadequate or just totally absent. University of Missouri-St. Louis campus leadership gave me the data that I could then use. You know, when you have the data and you're right, eventually people listen to what the real story is and you get the right...you have to keep working at it until you get the right mix of people, and enough of the right mix of people that, when you bring up the issue again at a board meeting, that you got the votes at the table. And it was just a matter of, keep on presenting it, keep on, new data, here it is, this is it; this is it. It's the right thing to do.

Blanche Touhill: Well, it was your persistence that did it because we had been asking for that request for all the years that I was on the St. Louis campus, or once CBHE was created department and we could never get. I was at the meeting when they announced the data and I can't tell you how grateful I was to you to get them to acknowledge and they formally acknowledged there was a problem.

Dudley Grove: Yes.

Blanche Touhill: And there was an inequity.

Dudley Grove: Right.

Blanche Touhill: And this campus, a little while later, did get up to 14%. But I'm just saying...

Dudley Grove: Still pitiful as far as I'm concerned.

Blanche Touhill: But it was your doing. We had pressed and pressed...

Dudley Grove: And you put together leadership here in St. Louis and you advocated with the legislators. I mean, really had done a lot of the ground work.

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Blanche Touhill: Yeah. Oh, but even with the ground work, if you hadn't been...

Dudley Grove: Right time...

Blanche Touhill: As a matter of fact, I was at the CPHE meeting when you made a formal request that the information be broken out and I was sitting next to the president of the University of Missouri but he didn't look excited at all and I thought, well, if he's not excited, I'm excited. But then I thought, well, what are the odds that they're really going to do the study? They did.

Dudley Grove: I know.

Blanche Touhill: I was at the meeting where they did the study.

Dudley Grove: But you have to keep being persistent.

Blanche Touhill: Yeah.

Dudley Grove: And you always taught me, you may disagree with somebody today but you have to work with them tomorrow. I thought that was a wonderful piece of advice. So you just don't make enemies. You just figure out that you'll find the place where you agree and we finally got to that...

Blanche Touhill: We got it, we got it.

Dudley Grove: We got to that place.

Blanche Touhill: And the fact that they had come to that conclusion gave our rationale credence.

Dudley Grove: ...credibility, right, yup. It was great. It was such a happy moment for me.

Blanche Touhill: That was one of the best things that happened to me in my time as chancellor. It was wonderful and I owe it to you.

Dudley Grove: St. Louis, I think everywhere and families, they all have down days and you could focus on the down things.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, yes.

Dudley Grove: But you realize how many wonderful things we have in St. Louis and how many incredible things happen on this campus.

Blanche Touhill: Yes.

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Dudley Grove: It's just amazing and to focus on the good things. We're very lucky to have that here.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, we are so lucky to have people like you supporting us.

Dudley Grove: And choices.

Blanche Touhill: I think being on the chancellor's council made a difference too, don't you think?

Dudley Grove: Sure, absolutely.

Blanche Touhill: I think getting the degree here and then being on the chancellor's council and then being on CBHE.

Dudley Grove: Right, and when we did the French Group, I had to learn enough...

Blanche Touhill: Yes, you also formed the French Group because you went to Marguerite Ross Barnett, didn't you?

Dudley Grove: Right, right.

Blanche Touhill: And you said it's time for you to link with the...

Dudley Grove: "We need to broaden our base." She was working in the corporations and doing a beautiful job of it but I said, "It's really important to have a broad base of community sport, people who are not president of a company but also would care about this university and understand the important role it has in St. Louis and in the future of so many people." And fortunately, she was a visionary as well.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, she was.

Dudley Grove: I mean, it was good, and then, you were there with your vision and your staff. It was just really good.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, we were on the same goal.

Dudley Grove: All on the same page.

Blanche Touhill: Yeah, we were.

Dudley Grove: It was such a good vision.

Blanche Touhill: Yeah, it was.

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Dudley Grove: Good times, right?

Blanche Touhill: Actually, we had a lot of fun.

Dudley Grove: Right, and you know, you talk about who are your mentors in life. It's, like, you and Marguerite and watching you all be so effective and just say things, then I'd say, "Okay, I just have to put that little kernel in the back of my head," said, "I'm going to live by that."

Blanche Touhill: Well, I think we both listened to you, too, so I will say it was a...

Dudley Grove: ...is very nice.

Blanche Touhill: I remember your first fundraiser.

Dudley Grove: Oh, yes.

Blanche Touhill: It was a Western, wasn't it?

Dudley Grove: The tailgate party.

Blanche Touhill: The tailgate party, yeah.

Dudley Grove: And people who had never heard about the university came and so, again, we were up here and we needed to let people know and we had people who had kids in private schools, went to Catholic schools, went out of town, but they could see the important role and the quality of the education.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, they could, and I give Jim Budd, the first chancellor...I didn't always get along with him...

Dudley Grove: I didn't know him at all.

Blanche Touhill: ...but he not particularly friendly to women. He really didn't think that a woman should get tenure, things like that, but he was a good first chancellor, I will say, and his theory was that if you hire good faculty, you can't lose.

Dudley Grove: That's really very important.

Blanche Touhill: And he said you could have setbacks over money, you could have setbacks over all kinds of things, but if you hired good faculty, they, in

turn, will hire better faculty and you'll grow the place to being a quality academic institution, and that was a lesson that every chancellor...

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm, has followed.

Blanche Touhill: We were always going to get better.

Dudley Grove: That's good. That's important.

Blanche Touhill: And if you hire bad faculty, it takes you the other direction.

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm. You know, I was thinking about your question about the women's movement and the 50 years before. On the 50 years before, because both my grandmother and my mother were risk takers, my grandmother thought going to Europe was important. You needed to know what was happening in the world. She was an educated woman. She went to college and my mother was always out there doing things. So 50 years, I think...

Blanche Touhill: Well, the fact your mother was willing to go to World War II.

Dudley Grove: Yeah, and just didn't tell her dad. He was a big, strict control guy, disciplinarian. I think they were risk takers and they understood the importance of...

Blanche Touhill: Do you think most women are risk takers?

Dudley Grove: No, I think most people are not.

Blanche Touhill: Most people are not?

Dudley Grove: And one of the things...I've been lucky enough, just whatever my mind does, to be able to look at something and about 80 or 85% of the time, I know I've got a good instinct about something and it works out. And I'm comfortable going in the deep downtown St. Louis, morning, noon or night, it doesn't bother me a bit. I lock my door, I take precautions but it doesn't bother me. Most of the people in the world, despite of the media, are just trying to live their lives and have families.

Blanche Touhill: But you're trying to make life better for people.

Dudley Grove: And the only way you do that is to get out there and work at it, and I think for a woman, I wasn't part of the women's movement. My

sister...there was a real cut off year there about '67 or '68 so I was just before that and I think I've been able to...hard work, do what I say I'm going to do. You know, I say to somebody, "I don't care what you offer to do, lick one envelope, chair the event, raise a bazillion dollars or one dollar, if you tell me you're going to do it and you do it, that's what I count on and we'll be friends forever."

Blanche Touhill: You might not have been in that age of the...

Dudley Grove: ...real women's libbers.

Blanche Touhill: I understand but you were a women's leader.

Dudley Grove: And I benefitted from it.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, and you recognized that you benefitted from it, but you were a women's leader and I think there are a lot of women who did not formally join the women's movement but they took advantage of it...

Dudley Grove: That's right.

Blanche Touhill: ...and they pushed themselves, they took risks.

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm, that's right.

Blanche Touhill: They took risks.

Dudley Grove: And you manage your risk. You look at it. You have enough sense of where the cautionary places would be.

Blanche Touhill: Yeah, and the reality is, your grandmother went to college so you probably...if you had been born 50 years earlier, you would have been educated someplace.

Dudley Grove: Yeah, sure, absolutely. Both my grandmothers did.

Blanche Touhill: But if you were a teacher and you married...

Dudley Grove: I know.

Blanche Touhill: ...you would lose your job...

Dudley Grove: I know.

Blanche Touhill: ...unless you were working some...

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Dudley Grove: That's right.

Blanche Touhill: ...way out rural kind of place.

Dudley Grove: That's right.

Blanche Touhill: And I'm not even sure whether in rural Missouri you could be married and be a school teacher.

Dudley Grove: I don't think so.

Blanche Touhill: No, I don't think you could.

Dudley Grove: I knew women who lived in rural areas.

Blanche Touhill: I have a number of relatives in my family who were public school teachers...

Dudley Grove: I was just going to say, so did I.

Blanche Touhill: ...and in the 1950's, that law did not change until the 1950's.

Dudley Grove: Oh, really?

Blanche Touhill: And it was a court challenge that knocked it down.

Dudley Grove: Oh, really? Fascinating.

Blanche Touhill: And that's astounding when you think about it.

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm. The other thing, I think, for people is there are a lot of days when I'm very tired and an opportunity comes along and I think most people say no and I have found that if I say no, the next day I need to have done that. So it's much better for me to say yes to things, even though it seems like it doesn't quite match that day. I'll meet somebody, I'll hear something, I'll make a connection in a way, so that's been very important, to be able to say, "Okay, yes, I'll do that," even though it seems strange.

Blanche Touhill: Is there some award that you've received that you're really proud of or a number of awards?

Dudley Grove: Most of the volunteer things I've done have ended up that way and I hadn't really thought about that until over the weekend, I was cleaning out a closet and I just had a stack of stuff. So I kind of went through.

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Blanche Touhill: Where are you going to put your papers?

Dudley Grove: I don't know. Is there a place?

Blanche Touhill: You can put them in the State Historical Society with your video.

Dudley Grove: Really?

Blanche Touhill: Yes.

Dudley Grove: Hallalujah, hotdog, great.

Blanche Touhill: They can create a file because with this video, there will be a file.

Dudley Grove: How wonderful. That would be great.

Blanche Touhill: And you can put anything in it that you want to.

Dudley Grove: I love it, because I know that it's important to me, just because I feel like it makes your life worth something.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, absolutely.

Dudley Grove: I mean, just that I've been able to do things, you know, the things that have made a difference, I think, to people, one person at a time. That's why I'm doing a lot of "one person at a time" things now.

Blanche Touhill: Are you still friendly with people that you went to grade school or high school with...or college?

Dudley Grove: Yes, mm-hmm, a lot of high school friends, a lot of friends just through all the different things you do in life, you know, jobs you do, places you live, things like that. I think it's important. Friends, to me, are a very important piece of my life, you know, having people to talk to, have fun with, just know they're out there and you can pick up...I have a group from the Junior League, we were from all around the Midwest, 11 of us. Now, one has died and one is lost but the other nine of us meet once a year since 1981.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, my goodness. Do you go to a special place?

Dudley Grove: We go to somebody's home in the Midwest and it's just like a slumber party except we go to bed at 8:00 o'clock now and we used to take a...everybody took a box of chocolate and now we take one chocolate bar

and split it up among us. So a few things are different but you pick up, every year, as if you had seen them the day before and we have lived the life cycles. We've been through kids; we've been through divorces of our kids; we've been through cancers of our spouses or family members. We've lived all those...and each year we come back and say, "Okay, what's the next adventure for this year?" And about three years ago, of the nine, seven had mothers over 90, seven, living, and that was when it struck me that we have truly changed. Healthcare has truly changed the length of time people will live and I don't think the world's prepared for it.

Blanche Touhill: No, they aren't. It's the loss of women in certain areas but it's also the growth of other areas, technology. Think how technology came into the home...

Dudley Grove: And how do we keep up with it. My children are like this and I'm much more...

Blanche Touhill: But I think smart people keep up with it.

Dudley Grove: Mm-hmm, you have to.

Blanche Touhill: Maybe not as fast as the youth, but I think you have to keep up with it.

Dudley Grove: That's part of that "yes" that I was talking about. A friend of mine, who disagreed with me on a lot of things, a male friend, and he said, "I don't agree with you on a lot of things, political..."...and he says, "but I know you'll always be adapting for the next part of life for the world or next..."...and that was when technology...he says, "I have friends who have said they're too old at 55 to learn something." You know, you still got 30 or 40 years left.

Blanche Touhill: Actually, the universities are opening their classrooms to people over 65.

Dudley Grove: Here?

Blanche Touhill: Yeah, if you're over 65, you can register for a class. I think the total cost is \$25 and it covers the registration fee but I think you come in, like, a day or two before the semester starts and you find out what classes are open and then they'll...

Dudley Grove: Where they've got spaces?

- Blanche Touhill: Yeah.
- Dudley Grove: Great idea.
- Blanche Touhill: As long as you have the prerequisite, and there are a lot of courses you don't need a prerequisite, you know. I think that is one of the really super measures...
- Dudley Grove: But we all have minds.
- Blanche Touhill: Yes, we all have minds and I applaud Washington U's program and I've gone down to St. Louis U's program for seniors but I think, really, to take a course is...and you can take part in the discussions and the teacher knows you're sort of an auditor; you're not taking it for credit and I've known a lot of seniors who have taken and gotten Master's Degrees.
- Dudley Grove: I was going to say, I have a senior friend who's getting her Master's right now, always wanted to do it and now that she has time, she finished her jobs and stuff.
- Blanche Touhill: How do you think of St. Louis' future?
- Dudley Grove: I think if people would look at the half full, the things that make St. Louis great and good. I mean, think of the culture and the history and the quality of life and the school choices we've got: public, private, parochial, I mean, everything. We have so much here...healthcare, we've got so much...music, art, literature...huge, huge, huge. I think if we could figure out some way, for instance, to take advantage of a Ferguson opportunity or a Mizzou opportunity where there are injustices.
- Blanche Touhill: There are problems.
- Dudley Grove: There are problems and I know we do the studies and I just want to make sure we take the next steps to implement the recommendations because that would make it so much better.
- Blanche Touhill: Well, there's no doubt, Ferguson is a very crucial step for us.
- Dudley Grove: Right.
- Blanche Touhill: For the whole community.
- Dudley Grove: Right.

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Blanche Touhill: And I guess Mizzou for the whole state is...

Dudley Grove: Ferguson...everywhere I go in the United States in the last year, people ask me about it and then they tell me about the killing in their city and so it is not Baltimore and St. Louis. We represent...we were the first two that came to light.

Blanche Touhill: That's right, and we got the press.

Dudley Grove: And we got the press.

Blanche Touhill: It is a nationwide problem.

Dudley Grove: It is.

Blanche Touhill: Police justice is a nationwide...

Dudley Grove: That's right.

Blanche Touhill: On all sides.

Dudley Grove: Right, and the other thing about the Ferguson media thing, I think our media...when you have 24-hour stations that have to have exciting, dynamic news or events that draw people to that channel and pay for those ads, you get a slanted view of a situation. If you went back and looked at the coverage on Ferguson, how many of the pictures had that one banner, "Seasons Greetings." It was the only picture they were showing and a number of us tried to work and get the media to go and see the Earth Farms that's there, this 25-acre farm run by a young white girl whose parents live in Ladue but her multi-racial farm and farm workers and she works with the school, McClure High School and all these cool things that are happening there and the man that works with me in our yard lives in Ferguson and his church is there and he talks about the multi-racial qualities of it and his neighbors that are white and he's black and I don't think the media gave...there were problems at Ferguson but they refused to interview any of the other people that we tried to get them to talk to who lived in Ferguson and felt that, you know, there were so many good things about Ferguson that were not coming to light. And, yes, there were problems, and, yes, we're going to work on them but I think the media had to have sensational stuff and just kept blasting, blasting, blasting, blasting, blasting at it without giving a full coverage.

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Blanche Touhill: Do you think women will eventually be able to work their way in all aspects?

Dudley Grove: I don't know.

Blanche Touhill: In American society?

Dudley Grove: I don't know. You have to give up a lot of a personal life. There's not enough time in the day and the ones that do, do a great job and I'm glad to see them there but if you look at the lists of board members of companies, it's still 90% men.

Blanche Touhill: Well, even the Board of Curators and the CBHE...

Dudley Grove: Oh, it's terrible...men and lawyers.

Blanche Touhill: Men and lawyers, and the state legislature as well.

Dudley Grove: Uh-huh.

Blanche Touhill: Do you want to spend the remaining few minutes that we have just sort of talking about anything you want to talk about?

Dudley Grove: Yes, and I guess what I am most full of is what a great life I've had and how much happiness there is available to people, and a lot of it has come from my family, my parents and grandparents, by the wonderful spouse I've got, and my children, how much joy I get from them and from my friends and how much joy I get from living every day and grateful that I have a brain and enough energy to get up off the chair and go do something, that I have friends to do it with, that there's a community I live in, a world I live in with opportunity for people, that I can pick and choose where I can make a contribution, where I can learn something, where I can meet people, do fun things and there's so much and I don't think I'll ever be able just to sit at home and turn on the television because there's just so much life to live out there and I encourage people to find their "yes" every day that gets them up and going and whether you're working in a boardroom and setting policy or you're working in public affairs in helping to make our world better, or whether you're helping one person at a time because that's really how it happens, one person every day, one step at a time as we move forward and try and...one, believe in the world, can be a wonderful place and then try and make it happen.

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Blanche Touhill: Well, that's a perfect place to end this interview and I'm so pleased that you came and I'm sure that you will add things to your file here that will make some future scholar very happy.

Dudley Grove: Oh, dear. But anyway, thank you. It was such fun.

Blanche Touhill: Oh, good.

Dudley Grove: I had a good time thinking about it.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, indeed.

Dudley Grove: It was nice, thank you.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, it's sort of like a retreat. You have to pause and think about your life.

Dudley Grove: Squeeze out those things.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, squeeze out those thoughts.

Dudley Grove: But seriously, how much fun.

Blanche Touhill: Yes, everyone has a wonderful story.

Dudley Grove: Yeah.