

Then and Now

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Our next participant in this youth group project is Mrs. Jeanne Ginsberg. She is a retired senior citizen who “has been blessed with many happy events” in her life. She is well known in the church for baking the communion bread every month. She has taken the time to answer the following questions about how things were when she was younger.

1) What do you think was the greatest technology invention?

Mrs. Ginsberg: When I was 14 years old, color tv was popular. I enjoyed being able to watch tv in color.

Jaclyn: Probably smartphones. I can watch tv on my iPhone. I can also talk to my friends where ever I am.

2) Did you go to your high school football games?

Mrs. Ginsberg: No, I was not athletically inclined.

Jaclyn: No, I enjoy spending my time at home,

3) Who was famous and what were they famous for?

Mrs. Ginsberg: Walt Disney since he is multigenerational. He was an astute business man who brought joy to the old and young. I also enjoyed watching reruns of Shirley Temple.

Jaclyn: The Kardashians are famous today. They are famous for modeling and having their own tv show.

4) What kind of music did you listen to?

Mrs. Ginsberg: Around the 1950s and 1960s, Ricky Nelson, Gene Pitley, Chubby Checker and Elvis Presley were popular. I listened to them on a 9 volt radio or record player.

Jaclyn: I listen to country, mostly Carrie Underwood, Rascal Flatts, Jake Owen and Sam Hunt.

5) As a child, did you take any family vacations?

Mrs. Ginsberg: As a little girl, I went to Maine to see my father’s cousin. I was told I ate lobster at age 2 and it has been my favorite ever since.

Jaclyn: Every summer, my family (grandparents, aunts/uncles and cousins) all take a trip to Manasquan Beach for a week.