

Maryville College, Tennessee

Jane's two weeks at Maryville College to study Adlerian Psychology with other counseling professionals was an adventure in learning. Maryville College is south of Knoxville about 20 minutes at the edge of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park. It was founded in 1819 to train ministers for the frontier. Serving women and minorities before it became illegal, Maryville College was the first to graduate a woman. When it became "illegal" to educate women and minorities, MC established an institute for them to continue their education.

A young Japanese architect designed their oldest building on campus. (Ten of the buildings on campus are on the National Historic Register.) It is the 100 year old YMCA building which was made of 300,000 HAND MADE bricks. This liberal arts college houses, feeds, and inspires around 1000 students when in Session. One of the attendees, Charles Pflanze, from MN, reported that his grandfather had graduated from Maryville College. His

mother joined the raucous group of attendees for the final dinner.

The campus is compact and has a “village” feel to it, with accommodations, dining hall, and classroom buildings within walking distance. Jane and her 10 or so colleagues from the South Carolina Society of Adlerian Psychology loved the campus with its tastefully laid out flower beds, huge shady deciduous trees, and historic buildings with hardwood floors that shined and creaked when you walked on them. One particularly lovely brick entrance walk way into the campus was funded by a grant from Ruby Tuesday’s. We all contributed to their generosity. The SC delegation was tempted to sing on the steps of Carnegie Hall, just to say they had “sung in Carnegie Hall.” Don reminded us that many campuses across the USA had a Carnegie Hall, thanks to the generosity of the Carnegie Foundation. The 320 acres sported tennis courts, hockey fields, and mountain woods walking trails, not to mention a vista nearly 180 degrees of the Smokey Mountain Range.

On Sunday, the Olympic sized swimming pool was opened for those who wanted to swim. Jane luckily got to swim with some colleagues from Minnesota, one of whom, Jean Kummerow, led us in some exhausting water aerobics, from which all benefited. Jean wore her brother, Max out. Jean from St. Paul, MN, brother, Max, from Seattle, WA, and their sister, Kay from Gilberts, IL, converged on each other and ICASSI for a sibling professional reunion. Way to go, Kummerow's!