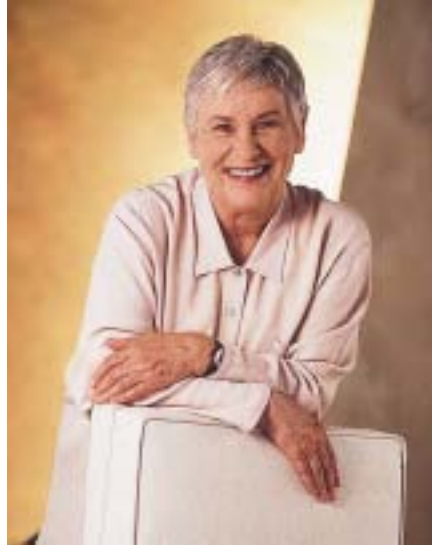


Thank you, Judith



Judith Price
Department 56
'Ms Lit-Town'
1989-2004



National Council of 56 Clubs
Department 56 Advisor and Friend
1992-2004



Region I

(ME, VT, RI, NH, MA, CT)

(Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador,
Nova Scotia, Quebec, New Brunswick)



Ocean State Villagers of Rhode Island



Ocean State Villagers of Rhode Island
P. O. Box 8151
Warwick, RI 02888-9998
(401) 738-3965

February 2004

Dear Judith,

The Ocean State Villagers would like to thank you for all your help and expertise over the past several years and wish you the best in your retirement. Not only our club, but also the hundreds of member clubs and collectors will surely miss you across the country.

We will certainly miss the visits on the Nuance cruise where for many years we met with you and other collectors and enjoyed your wonderful presentations and friendship.

We have enclosed some pictures from that cruise in April 1997 with Joe Hoard, Kenneth Weeden, Debra Hockenhull and past president Marianna Gouveia (deceased).

Also enclosed are some pictures from the North Eastern Village Expo, which was held in Warwick Rhode Island in August 2002. Joe Hoard is going to miss his dancing partner at future gatherings. The lighthouse person with you is Twila Doerzbacher from OSV.

The last picture is our current Vice President Lou George at the Mid Atlantic Village Gathering in May 2003.

Again, we wish you a happy and healthy retirement!

Sincerely,

OCEAN STATE VILLAGERS
Joan Hoard, Ncc Rep

Ocean State Villagers of Rhode Island



NEVE - August 2002
Peter George & Judith Price - Bob Grassi



NEVE - 2002
Judith Price
Melina Seegeres
Singing.

Ocean State Villagers of Rhode Island



North EASTERN Village Expo - August 2002
Joe HOARD - JUDITH PRICE



JUDITH PRICE - MELINDA SEEGER'S
NEVE 2002 -



NEVE 2002
Twila
DOERZBACHER
(Lighthouse Lady)
JUDITH PRICE

Lou GEORGE
JUDITH PRICE
MID ATLANTIC
Village gathering
2003



Ocean State Villagers of Rhode Island



Judith Price
Joe Hoard
Maxine Gowen
Nuanoe
Cruise
April 1997



Ken Weeden + Judith
Nuanoe Cruise
April 1997

Nuanoe Cruise

Ken Weeden

Judith

Debra Hockenhull

April 1997



Judith Price
leaving ship
on Nuanoe
Cruise
April - 1997



430 Lowell Street
Andover, MA 01710-5305
February 24, 2004

Dear Judith,

Where to begin? We've admired your business knowledge, friendly ways, and apparent high level of energy and enthusiasm. Your willingness to help collectors with all kinds of requests and problems without having to refer them to others has been appreciated by all who have called D56 or met you personally at the various gatherings and club meetings.

Personally, your encouragement to stay involved with club activities has been appreciated by me. To have had you as a guest at my first meeting of NHP as president meant a great deal to me. It is one of my favorite D56 memories. I'll always be thankful to Don Meyer for inviting you to Maine and to you for so graciously accepting the invitation. I'd also wish to thank you for your compassion and sympathy extended to Everett and me during our time of tragedy and also to the North Shore Village Association at the times of sorrow over the deaths of two wonderful presidents, Chris Paleologos and Nick Ciccone.

May your retirement year ahead bless you and your family with love, health, success, peace and joy.

Sincerely,
Everett & Shirley Belisle

Dear Judith,

We met you for the 1st time over 8 years ago in Saratoga. At that time, we were new naïve collectors receiving The Quarterly but not members of any club. We read in an addition that there would be a "Gathering" in Saratoga NY for collectors and decided to go. We never realized how one weekend would change our lives.

What a joy it was to go to your seminar that 1st week end, and again 8 years later this past October. Over time, and many different gatherings, Pennsylvania, Williamsburg (the bank robber year) and, of course, Saratoga, your presentations were always interesting and enlightening. Just watching your expertise progress from slides to power point was always a joy.

Our fondest memory was in St. Paul at the 25th anniversary. We came out of a seminar and saw you sitting on a stool at the top of the stairs. Slowly filing past you were collectors waiting their turn to get into the product room. Some of these people had been waiting in line for over 6 hours and sure were letting you know it. How big your shoulders were and what a new appreciation we had of you.

How totally fitting it was that our last time we had a chance to see you was also where we saw you the 1st, Saratoga. Over those 8 years, we joined a club and our display and collection got larger. We still have the joy that collecting has given us and will continue to go to the gatherings, but, there will always be the Judith void.

We wish you joy in your well-deserved retirement. If you are looking for an outside activity, I know of a great group of people, who love to collect, who would welcome you as a member with open arms.

*Dave and Jane Griffith
Townsend Massachusetts
New Hampshire Village People*


Happy Retirement
from
TRILLIUM VILLAGE
COLLECTORS CLUB OF O





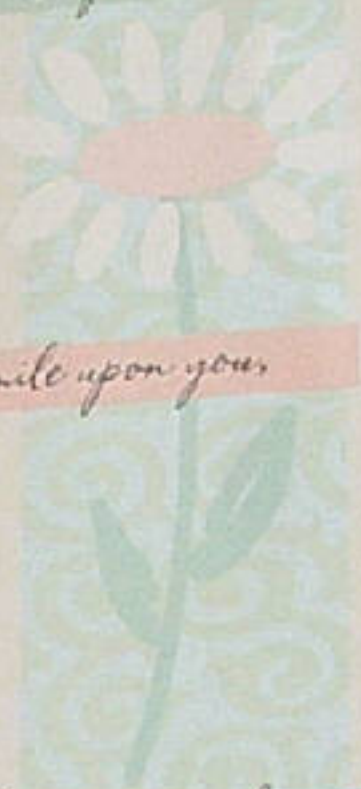
*Thanks for the
Memories*





*As You
Retire*

May pleasure walk with you,



May luck smile upon you,

And may joy be at home in your heart.

TRADITIONAL BLESSING

*Congratulations
on Your
Retirement*



North Shore Village Association

Dear Judith,

Wishing you all the things
that bring beauty
into your world
and joy into your heart...

Wishing you all the things
that make you
feel good about life
and about yourself...

from Back of card:

Andy & Ellie Bertolino (NCC)
Lorraine Chamberland
Shirley & Franne Gauland
Carol Honan
Doris Raso
Henry Stenzel

of Massachusetts



Wishing you the special things
that will give you
happy moments today

and tomorrow.

Pat & Mick Mason
Paul & Linda Deane
Dave & Jane Buffick
Helen & Lillian Dufault
Shirley & Everett Letelle
Don & Linda Lyman
Phil & Sue Coni
Don & Pat Carter
Vinnie D'Errico
Don & Jan Ethier (Remember the "chimney"
sweep @ the home)
Larry & Marie Flint (our original founder)
Rick & Kathie Sargent
Tom & Doris Moriarty
Roger & Pat Martin
Jeanne & Don Holman
Linda Loder
Rose & Sandra Gangloff
Jerry Hoag
Diane Snow



Dear Judith,

Celebrate your accomplishment

enjoy your newfound freedom,

and always remember

what a difference you made

in those whose lives

you touched.

With appreciation for all you've
done with our club over the years -
New Hampshire Village People

We'll always recall your visits with
us @ the Christmas Dinner in Berrington
and @ our club meetings in Maine.

Region II

(PA, NY, MD, DC, NJ, DE)
(Ontario)





Judith,
Retirement wishes.
from the
Heritage Treasures Collectors Club of Long Island NY

Judith:
It was a pleasure all those years of knowing you
& being there at so many gatherings. Best Wishes
Always

Carolyn DeNicola

Pat & Jim Lohler

Judith: Department 56 is a special company, but
you are an extra special person. Thank you for
the memories of special times (especially the 1999
Holiday Tour). God bless you. Bill

Judith - You will be missed - you made all feel welcomed
at the gatherings. Margo Moore

Judith -

Best wishes on your retirement. It has been great knowing you
and visiting with you at the gatherings. You will be missed
Best of luck and enjoy your new "job".

Love,
Nancy & Steve Mattson



Heritage Treasures Collectors Club of Long Island NY

Judith;

I'll miss having you lecture on how to behave
when you are trying to run a meeting

Love
Bob Flare

P.S.

I'll miss you not being around & having fun

Best of luck as you retire.
Ella Daley

Judith:

We have enjoyed seeing you at gatherings
and hearing your ideas about the
villages of Department 50.

We hope that you have a wonderful
retirement! We know it is the best "job" we
have had.

Best wishes
Carolyn & Bob Bogart

Judith Price Visits Region 2 to Commemorate the NCC's 10th Anniversary

In August of 2002 the Chesapeake 56 Collectors Club in Maryland hosted a visit by Judith Price to Region 2 of the NCC. The Chesapeake 56 club was selected at random from among the clubs in Region 2 to host this visit in commemoration of the NCC's 10th Anniversary. Our membership was extremely excited about event, and invitations were sent to all



NCC clubs within Region 2 as soon as arrangements were made for a suitable location. The many hours of hard work by our membership in preparation for Judith's visit really paid off, and the event was a huge success. A total of 75 people were in attendance from as far north as Massachusetts and as far south as South Carolina (one of our own members who had recently moved from Maryland). Members from seven different Region 2 clubs in



addition to the Chesapeake 56 club were in attendance; including the Annapolis Villagers, D56 Villagers of South Eastern Virginia, National Capitol Association of Village Collectors, D56 Villagers of Central Pennsylvania, Heritage Treasures (New York) and the Black Eyed Susans. We were also honored by the presence of Jan Cook, Vice President of the NCC.



The festivities actually started on the evening prior to the formal event when several Chesapeake 56 club members joined Judith for a great dinner and lively conversation at a local restaurant. We were all intrigued by her sincere desire to hear about our club and our individual collections as well our likes and dislikes about the Department 56 Heritage Village line.



The event began with a social hour during which attendees got a chance to meet one another and Judith Price while munching on appetizers. Judith Price gave several different Power-Point presentations with different themes, providing the collectors who were present with a





much more in-depth understanding of the Department 56 Company. She is truly a remarkable woman who quite candidly admits that she enjoys meeting with collectors more than any other aspect of her job as Director of Collector Relations. More than this, she is truly interested in knowing our likes and dislikes about the D56 Company and the products we all cherish so much, and what we'd like to see in the future.

Department 56 provided five large cartons of merchandise, including over 30 buildings and other products which were given away as door prizes. The company also provided plates, nap-

kins and glasses with the Department 56 logo and a large Department 56 banner. No one left empty handed because once the Department 56 merchandise was given out, our club provided merchandise that was left over from previously sponsored events as additional door prizes until everyone had won something.

Chesapeake 56 members worked well beyond the call-of-duty both preparing for the event and during the event; serving a veritable feast of sandwiches, veggie and cheese trays, Buffalo wings, Swedish meatballs and fruit cocktail. This was topped off with an absolutely beautiful cake which had its entire top side decorated with the NCC's



10th Anniversary logo, illustrated in colored icing. There was plenty of food left over, which was donated to and graciously accepted by the Cockeysville Volunteer Fire Department, whose hall had been rented to host the event.



Judith,

I remember when we were first planning our 2nd Village Keepers Convention someone on the committee suggested that we see if Dept56 would send Judith Price to our convention. Everyone was excited at the prospect of having you attend our convention. I almost couldn't believe my ears when they said that you were coming!

That weekend was the best, we had you, Lynda Blankenship, Judy Isaacson, Roger Bain, Fuad Adra, and Patsy Fryberger. Our convention was not one of the largest that year but we had a great time. Your first seminar was at 1:30 on Friday June 7, 1996 and the topic was 'Department 56 News' the room was packed! Then at 4pm you presented a slide show of a tour of Department 56 again the room was packed! Saturday you repeated the seminars and then on Sunday you were our speaker at the breakfast. I remember when they announced that our convention brought in \$15,000 for charity! Wow, was I proud.

Then the next time I ran into you at another convention I remember you telling me that you went back to Department 56 and told them how successful our convention was. I remember you saying that 'it was our success that convinced your management that even small conventions are worth sending a D56 rep to attend'. That made me very proud to hear that.

Then four years later you attended our 3rd convention held in Niagara Falls on September 29th thru October 1st 2000. That year we had you, Lynda Blankenship, Peter & Jeanne George, Michael Winter, Richard Tuck and Bob Durham. We co-hosted it with the Buffalo and Syracuse clubs and raised \$25,000 for charity that year.

The things I remember the most about our years running into each other is always your kindness. You always found the positive in every situation. You truly had the collector in your heart. When I became a NCC Regional Rep and attended our meetings at the conventions and then again at Peggy's Mom's place in South Carolina I got to see first hand how much you do for the collector. Department 56 should be grateful to you for helping to make our collecting experience so wonderful. To us you were the company and we saw a wonderful company through you.

Now that I look back over these past 12 years that I have been involved with the Village Keepers; I have to say that I have met so many wonderful people through our common passion for those little porcelain houses and Dept56 has given me wonderful memories to savor forever.

In closing I would like to tell you that you will be sorely missed by all the collectors and that it has been a pleasure to know you. I hope that your retirement is as enjoyable as you have made our collecting experience. Enjoy retirement!

Regards,
The Village Keepers of Rochester, NY
Sue Bartleson - President
NCC Region II Rep – 1998 - 2002



The Annapolis Villagers, Annapolis, Maryland

A group of the Villagers travel to Dept 56 and the Silver Celebration



Minnie, Mickey & Judith at the Golden Gate Gathering



Pete, Trudi, Norma, Bernie & Penny at the Golden Gate Gathering



Pete, Trudi, Jan, Norma, Judith, Sonja, Lowell & Judith's Boss at MAVG 2003 Sunday Breakfast



Bernie, Susan Engel, Penny, Bill & Sherian Roberts and Bob Eustice at Tom Russ's Fall Festival 2001



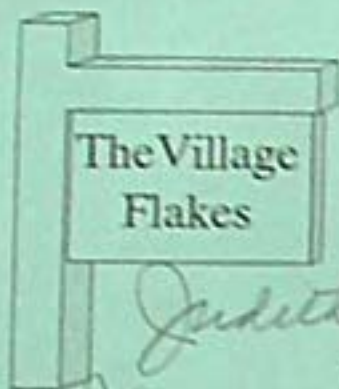
Pat & John Ehrenreich doing a demonstration at Homestead Gardens November 2003



Region III

(TN, KY, WV, VA, NC)





The Village
Flakes

Betty & Jerry
Vaughn

Judith!
Jerry & I feel honored to
have known you and be
with you at the gatherings.
We thank you for all your
help & information these
the years.

We will miss you, but
you deserve time to relax.
So "enjoy your retirement!"

Betty & Jerry
Vaughn



(1998) Muscle Shores- Seated: Betty Vaughn,
Judith, Linda Harlan Standing: Gary Cole,
Jerry Vaughn, Patricia Kopp, Lynn Cole



(2003) NCC Volunteers, Golden Gate Gathering
Lois Rosier, second from right

Judith

You will be missed!

Thank you for all you have done for the Dept 50 Clubs. Also for
your friendship these the years.

The ACLL Department 50 Devotees also wants you to know that
you will be missed. Your chats were some of our biggest in attendance.
Also who also can answer our questions with the inference:

"You will just have to wait and see"

Lois Rosier

Annie

Host Abby Pepp

ps Dave had I could not find the picture of you with them and all our

Peeps!



(2003) Department 56 Holiday Tour
Minneapolis, MN



Scrooge's third Visitor



(August 1997) Department 56 Showroom, MN



South Bend---L to R: Pat Ray, Rhonda Ritchie,
Larry Rager, Judith, Linda Harlan



March, 2003) Charity Auction
Mid-Atlantic Village Gathering, Reston, VA



Gatlinburg, TN



Gatlinburg, TN. Linda Harlan on right.



(July 2001) Texas Round-Up, Dallas
Judith cruising. Melinda Seegers riding.



(July 2001) Texas Round-Up, Dallas
Judith—always a good sport!
"Oh no—what next", she says.



Mr. Fezzwig's Ball.

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(2001) NCC Koffee Klatch, Texas Round-Up, Dallas
"Special appearance by Lucy, Ethel & Carolyn
reminiscent of the famous "I Love Lucy" television show"
(L-R) Sylvia January(as Carolyn), Patricia Kopp(as Ethel),
Elise Linehan(D56), Judith, Linda Harlan(as Lucy)



Lucas
Lucas's third Visitor



(2002) NCC Region III 10 for 10 Party
Hosted by The Village Flakes, Nashville, TN
Richard Brown (Village Flakes President) with Judith
Betty Vaughn in background

Department 56 Villagers Of Southeastern VA

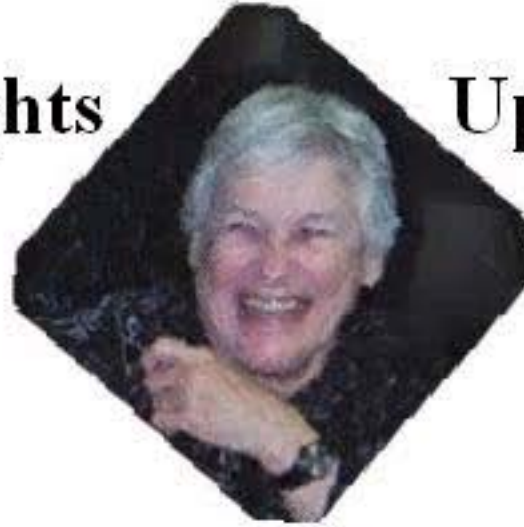
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to

Judith Price...

Who Lights

Up Our Lives!



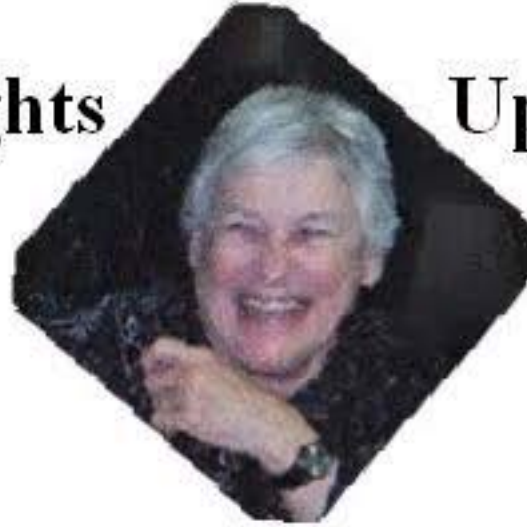
Department 56 Villagers Of Southeastern VA

Say "Thanks For The Memories"

to

Judith Price...

Who Lights Up Our Lives!



Barbara Kubisiak, Judith Price,
Mike & Ginny Niedzwiedz, Mary Johnson,
Butch Kubisiak, Brenda Ingram, Judy Campbell,
Randy Ingram, Jan Cooke

Michelle Shupe, Lorraine Maritn, Bill Martin,
Pat Muller, Frank Muller, Bob O'Hara, Linda O'Hara,
Judith Price, Teresa Allen

Linda & Ashton Miller

Fran & Pat Janezeck

Barbara & Butch
Kubisiak

Mary Johnson

Judy Campbell

Jan Cooke

Sharon Davis

Sheila Olson

Nancy Williams

Judith Price
Gus Tomuschat
Rosie Gulandri

Jerry Lawson

Bill Martin
Judith Price
Teresa Allen

Jean Luthie

Ann Bridgers

Mary Wilson

Donna Rhodes

Debbie Owen

Ben Owen
Shirley Williams

Roger Olson

Pat & Frank Miller

Too Many to Name

Bob & Linda O'Hara



Jean Pruden, Judy Campbell,
Sharon Davis, Judith Price,
Mary Wilson, Sheila Olson

Gail Nilsen, Judith Price
Sheila Olson, Fran Janezeck, Linda Miller,
Roger Olson, Pat Janezeck, Ashton Miller

MAVG's Magic Moments in Time with Judith Price



Judith & Mary McAfee
the world's problems are solved!



Judith...the gal
who can keep a secret!



Bingo Night!
Judith & Ben Owen



Grand Prize Winner
Judith, "The Winner", Jan Cooke,
MC - Peter George



Jan Cooke, Donna Rhodes & Judith
Do You Remember? We Don't!



Casino Night
Sue Perdue & Judith
Is Anybody Winning?



Judith...Selling her wares!



Dept 56 Auction
Donna Rhodes, Judith, Art Brownell, Pat Conway

Region IV

(MS, AL, FL, GA, SC)



NORTH FLORIDA VILLAGE COLLECTORS CLUB

JUDITH'S MEMORY BOOK

This page is submitted by the North Florida Village Collectors Club located in Jacksonville, FL. Our club was started over 7 years ago. During that time many of our club members have had the pleasure of attending Department 56 Gatherings at various locations – Atlanta, Georgia, Greenville, South Carolina, West Palm Beach, and most recently at Deerfield Beach. Several of our club members attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration of D56 in Minnesota. One thing we always looked forward to was seeing Judith Price. We attended her seminars and learned so much about the inner workings of D56. We enjoyed her humor and funny stories – a gathering just wasn't the same without Judith. A couple of the pictures are from the SRG event that was held in Deerfield Beach, FL in August 2003. As you can see Judith was having a grand time fishing for little ducks – That is Bob Obenland's back to us and Mark Sanford laughing and standing next to Judith – it was a fun evening around the pool.

Also, our club had the good fortune of winning an evening with Judith Price as part of the National Counsel of Collectors Club 10th

anniversary celebration. We had a great evening with her – unfortunately the weather was not the greatest but it certainly didn't dampen her spirits or ours. We had an absolutely wonderful time with Judith and certainly felt very lucky to have her all to ourselves for an evening. As you can see from one of the pictures she can loaded with gifts and just about everyone that came to the dinner left with a prize. In the picture with Judith is Barby Ramsey from our club and Marilyn Sorbel who was the D56 rep for our area at the time. Judith made it such a fun evening for all of us.

Judith, I don't know what your plans are now that you have retired but D56 just can't be the same without Ms. Lit Town. You will be a hard one to replace. Judith, when we go to Atlanta this summer it just won't be the same without you there – (maybe you will surprise us and come!).

On behalf of the members of the North Florida Village Collectors Club, thank you so much for your dedication to all the collectors of little lighted houses. We wish you a great retirement and lots of fun in the future.

North Florida Village Collectors Club
Anita Sanford
Anita Sanford
Club President



Excited club member, Bill Lysinger, meeting Ms. Lit Town for the first time at a NCC Club Rep meeting-SRG, Greenville, SC.

SRG – DEERFIELD BEACH, FL – August 2003

Judith fishing for little ducks – Mark Sanford and Bob Oberland in the pictures



NCC – 10th ANNIVERSARY PARTY IN JACKSONVILLE, FL

Barby Ramsey, Judith Price and Marilyn Sobel and lots and lots of gifts for attendees



Judith and Bob Obenland enjoying the festivities in Jacksonville





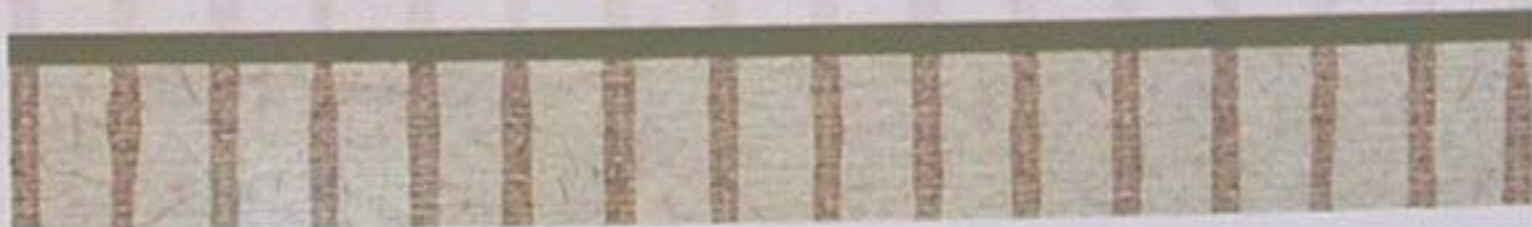
Village Landlords' Memories



SRG's Ernest Hemmingway



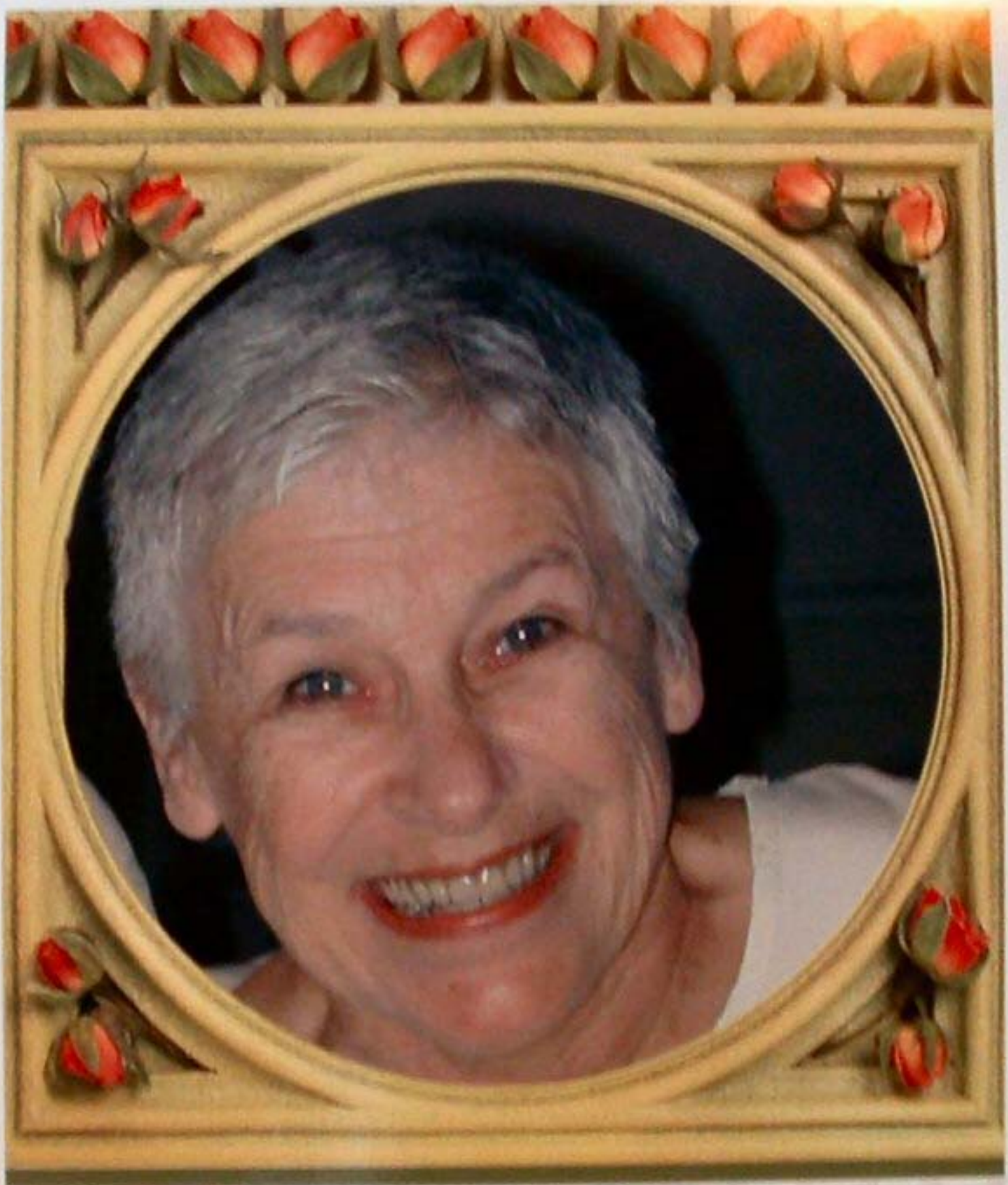
Bingo with Bob Obenland











You will be missed!

Judith's Visit to Central Florida

January 14, 2001



Ms. Lit Town's Visit to Central Florida Committee

At the TGIF gathering in Ft. Lauderdale in July 2000, Central Florida Club 56 won a raffle to have Ms. Lit Town visit a club meeting. On January 14, 2001 Judith traveled to sunny Orlando escaping the harsh Minnesota winter. We held a special meeting and invited other club members from throughout Florida to join us for a potluck dinner, door prizes and several raffle prizes.

Judith gave a preview presentation about the upcoming 25th Anniversary Celebration in St. Paul scheduled for that summer. Over 100 collectors attended and we raised \$1000 for the Ronald McDonald House of Orlando.



Noel 56'ers
P.O. Box 2056
Ocean Springs, MS 39566

Noel News

January 2004 Meeting

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, at Hancock Bank in downtown Ocean Springs. We will be discussing the 2003 Open Houses, plans for 2004, and projects of 2003 and 2004. Please come and help us plan the new year. We had a very successful year with our Gathering by the Gulf and other projects. We don't plan to host a Gathering in 2004 but need to start planning for one in 2005.

Judith Price Announces her Retirement

By Peggy Culler-Hair on the NCC Web Site

"I thought you would want to know that Judith Price has announced her retirement from Department 56 effective January 2, 2004. The announcement was made this past week-end (Dec. 5-7) at the Department 56 Sales Conference.

Her long tenure with Department 56 and her dedicated support of collectors and the Gatherings we all enjoy so much has allowed many of us to feel like Judith is a true friend. She will be greatly missed by the collectors and the NCC. She has been a great supporter of the NCC and clubs. We all wish her well in her retirement."

Because many of you have asked if there will be anything special done in her honor I have decided to compile a Memoir Book. This will give all the clubs an opportunity to participate in a special tribute to Judith. To be included please send to me a page which can be a letter and/or pictures of Judith with your club and/or members. I am sure to see an



accumulation of 15 years of pictures of her numerous visits to clubs and the various gatherings/events from coast to coast will bring back many fond memories for her. **This is to be a SURPRIZE.** Send pages to me at:

Peggy Culler-Hair
3604 Wilmot Ave.
Columbia, SC 29205

Many of you will remember meeting Judith at Salmagundi's in 2000 when she paid a visit to the Coast with Scott Erler, D56 artist and designer. Also she presented a seminar at the Gathering by the Gulf last April.

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Fund Raiser

The giant Ganz Collectable Heritage Bear drawing was held at the Open House of Joe and Karen Belk. Tickets were sold by club members and at the Peter Anderson Festival. The winner was 6 year old Max Morgan of Ocean Springs. The bear has now traveled to Colorado with the proud owner.

The club collected about \$400 to be donated to Ronald McDonald



2004 Club Dues
\$ 20 per Household



2003 Gathering on the Gulf, MS
(L-R) Mary Kitchens, Judith, Richard Puckett

Southern Regional Gathering

1993 Chairmen with Judith Price

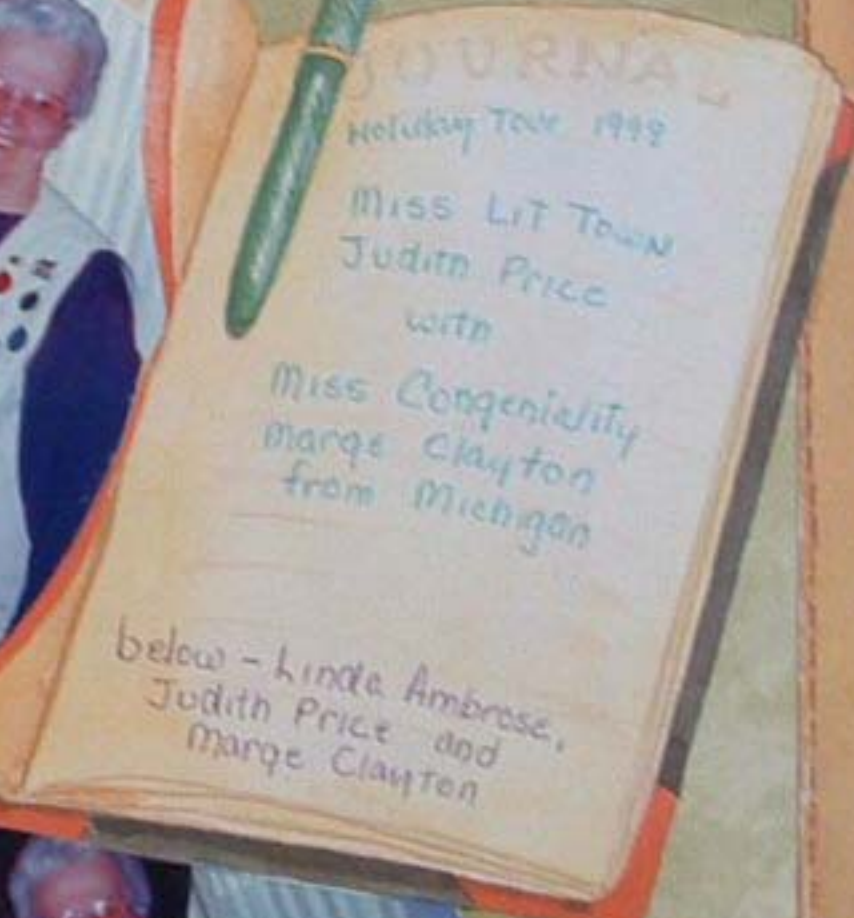
First four SRG Chairmen : (L to R) 1992, Lawson Scoggins; 1993, John Flynn; 1994, Jimmy Thompsom; 1995, James Roof □□



Region V

(IL, MI, IN, OH)





Lind Ambrose
Marge Clayton
821 Hunters Hill
Lapeer, MI 48446



Clarice Wagnish, Judith, Linda Hawnoffter



Joe
Laurie
Jackie
Judith
Linda



"Holiday Tour"
1998

Laurie
Jackie
Judith



Lynn & Tom Redding
Aivity Passen
Marge Clayton, Linda Ambrose
Clarice Walquist
Judith
Linda
Newharter



Linda Ambrose
Marge Clayton
82 Hunters Hill
Lapeer, MI 48446

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for Judith

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Lancaster, Pennsylvania 2000

A reunion of guests on
the 1998 Holiday Tour



Joe Stanabrogh

Linda Ambrose

Melinda Squires

Shirley Griffin

Linda Helcombs

Ship Griffin

Judith Price

Lourene Narette

LINDA AMBROSE
Margie Clinton
82 Hamers Hill
Lapeer, MI 48440

Enjoy Your Retirement and Thank you! from Detroit 56'ers

We send you good wishes and thank you for 15 years of "fun"!

Our reputation for throwing a "great" party . . . has yet to be challenged!
However, "We will just have to wait and see"!

George Adam
Linda Ambrose
Lillian & Joe Armstrong
Cristine Berns
Jeri Blair
Dorothy & Joe Blazek
Carolyn & Bill Cameron
Lynn & Ray Carpenter
Marge Clayton
Carolyn & Dave Cron
Lisa & William Cybulski
Loretta Feroni
Angie & Dan Giacomia
Wanda & Ed Hildner
Becky & Bob Jackson
Melissa Kratz
Jim Leonard
Cyndie Lombardi
Phyl & Ken Long
Dan Mercurio



Ruth Miles
Judy Munro
Sharon & Greg Noga
Carol Olgren
Earl & Alice Olgren
Debbie Palazzolo
Nicole Palazzolo
Sherry Kay Pioch
Ruth & Bill Riedeman
Barb & Joe Rietsch
Trish Rochowiak
Babe Speedie
Christine Speedie
Kathy & Bob Stern
Martha & Fred Sullivan
Pat & Jim Tait
Linda & Jerry Thompson
Lana & Jim Updike
Dolores Vallade
Jeffery A. Wight



Our very own
"Fish called Wanda"



Our 5th Annual Summer Picnic



The Silver Anniversary

– We will miss you Judith –
Detroit 56'ers

Michigan - Region V

WINDY CITY 56ERS



[front] Tony & Lynn Lach; Paul & Carol Dentler; [rear] Al & Mary Kulikowski & Judith Price at the '95 NCC Convention in Minneapolis.



Judith Price and Peggy Culler-Hair during the NCC 10th Anniversary Reception at the Dept. 56 25th Silver Celebration Minneapolis (August 2001).



Judith Price with the 1st NCC Co-Presidents (Lynn & Alan Wagner) as they leave office.



Judith Price and Peggy at the unveiling of Jacks Umbrella Shop during the NCC 10th Anniversary Reception at the Department 56 Silver Celebration.

THANK YOU JUDITH

by Jack Skeels

I have been struggling with the chore of reducing to a few words all the appreciation I have for Judith and what she has done for all of us.

It boils down to one fact: Without Judith there would be no “National Council Of 56 Clubs!”

It is just that simple. Anyone can have an idea, and I have been given far too much credit for the NCC idea, but if an idea is not nurtured and supported, as ours was by Judith, then it surely will wither and die.

Now I realize I am “preaching to the choir” on this since we all have such high regard for Judith, but I can state with complete assurance that Judith immediately grasped the concept when I approached her on the idea of a “club for clubs.”

I wish I could write that others in Department 56 recognized the importance of this proposed organization and it’s potential value to both collectors and the company, but Judith stood alone! She had to convince others at Dept. 56 Inc. that any organization that would promote more clubs and collectors and would help sustain existing clubs just had to be a great idea for Dept. 56 too. She eventually prevailed, and others joined her by offering corporate support and we obtained the needed funds to continue.

On behalf of all of us who have enjoyed these many years of working, struggling, and arguing over ideas to make the NCC better, we sincerely thank Judith Price for always being there for us!

National Council of 56 Clubs



Celebrating 10 years
of “Clubs Helping Clubs
Help Collectors”
1992-2002



Jack Skeels —
Visionary of the NCC

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Exclusive lighted piece/accessory set



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Mrs. Judith Price
c/o Margaret Culler-Hair



Congratulations to Judith from the 56 Realtors
of New Lebanon, OH. We'll miss you!
2003 NCC Board Transition Retreat
Peggy's Pond House, Swansea, SC



(2002) Little Houses On the Prairie Gathering
Urbana, IL; Judith and Dick Dooley of the
Queen City Villagers, Cincinnati, OH

Judith, congratulations on your retirement! The Village Collectors of Michigan thank you for your support in making the Michigan Gathering 2003 a great success. You will truly be missed!!!



Above are the committee chairpersons who worked on the Michigan Gathering 2003. Pictured from left to right beginning at the back row: Bob Kusak, Tish Goscicki, Ted Gostomski, Jim Hamby, Doug Corns, Judi Corns, Ralph Krawczyk, Ted Duprey, Brother Francis Boylan. Front row: Rose Marie Gostomski, Mary Lou Younts, Barbara Krawczyk, Barbara Duprey, and Denise Duprey. Not pictured are: Trish Rochowiak, Larry Elzerman and Gerry Kijek.



Taken at the MI Gathering 2003 in Frankenmuth, MI. The picture includes the volunteers who worked on the Gathering.

Region VI

(ND, SD, MN, IA, WI)
(Manitoba)





Admiring displays at Northern Lights New Member Rush Aug. 05.



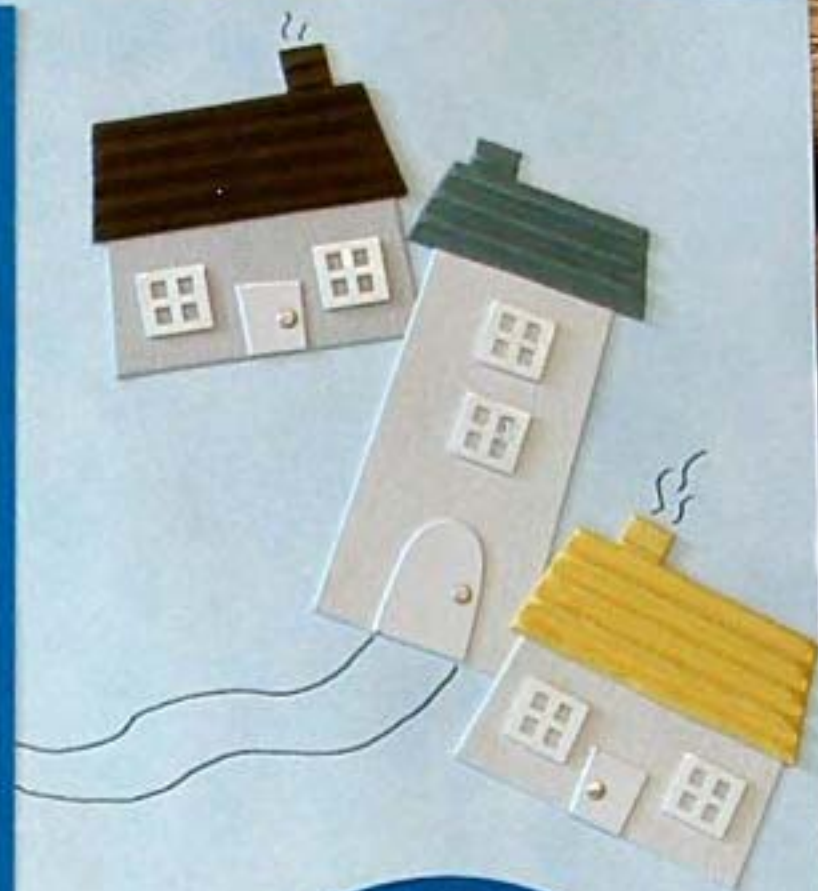
Thanks for your support, friendship, guidance, enthusiasm and inspiration!

We have always appreciated how easy it has been to talk with you. We feel 'at home' with you—talking about our 'little houses', collections, displays, our addictions, our concerns and desires.

You will always be an honorary member of our Northern Lights Collectors Club. You're welcome to join us in whatever we do. We'll leave the lights on for you.

Best of luck to you!

The Northern Lights Collectors



*Entertaining us at the
Rush.*



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Guest speaker at
NCC Birthday @
Minnesota Gathering
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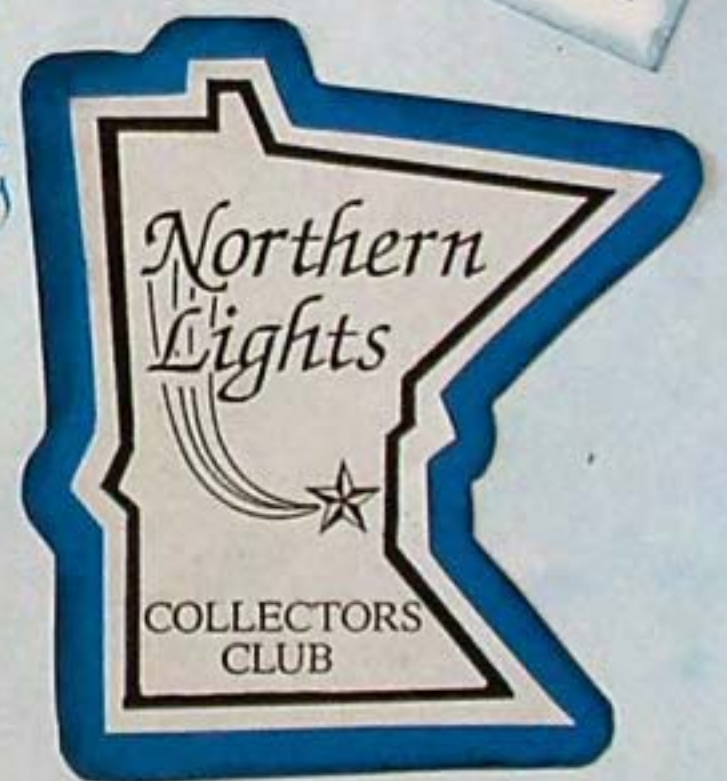


Talking with collectors
at Minnesota Gathering

Happy Retirement, Judith!!



Giving tips to buyers.



MN VI



THE TOWN CRIER

SAINTLY CITY
SAINT PAUL
56ers



(1996) One of those cold MN nights with the Saintly City 56'ers. On this night Judith was presented with one of our club logo cups. (L-R) Corrine Hass, Secretary, Judith, Jim Connally, Treasurer, Diane Knolton, President

Dear Judith,

All the members of Saintly City 56'ers were so sorry to hear of your retirement. You have become a good friend to our club over the years. You always came to us with a smile & good ideas on what was new in Dept. 56. You always kept us informed, we will miss you. When we decorated for the kids at Ronald McDonald house, you came thru along with us. Many a cold night you were out in Minnesota's weather, you never complained. We hope Dept. 56 knew that & appreciated you. The very best of luck to you on your retirement & enjoy the coming years.

In Friendship,
The Saintly City 56'ers
St. Paul, Mn.


Region VII

(CO, WY, NE, KS, MO)



Judith.....
We owe you a good deal of thanks for your
support of the National Council of Clubs

Wishing you
all the very best..

 during your
retirement...

All the NCC Clubs of
Region VII..

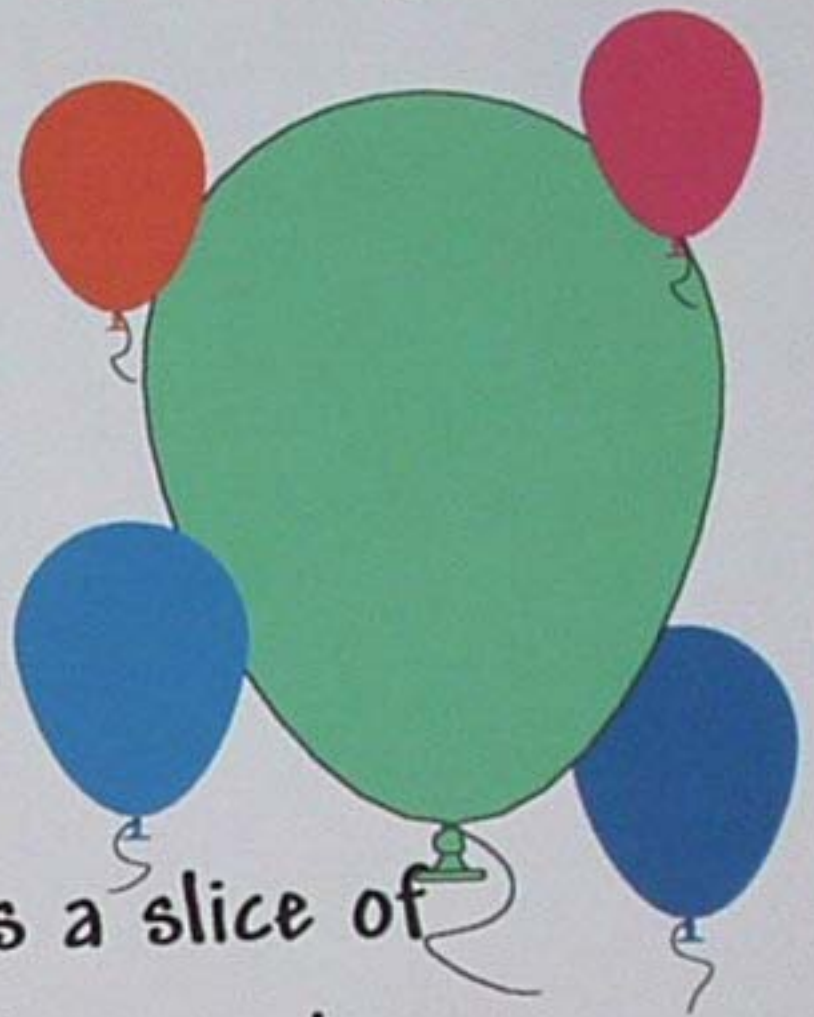
Thanks for your help..



Joep Green, Jim Everitt, Judith Price, Robert Campbell, Ethel Campbell, Charles Campbell,
Chloe Durham, Wilma Bollinger, Janice Griffith, Robert Griffith, Stephanie Everitt, Peter George



The Four-States Village People Collector's Club
Joplin, MO



No one deserves a slice of
paradise more than you!
Enjoy your retirement!

All good things to you.
Jim & Stephanie Everitt
Joplin, MO

February 28, 2004

Attn: Peggy Culler-Hair
3604 Wilmot Avenue
Columbia, SC 29205

Please find enclosed three pictures of Judith Price taken while she was in Kansas City as a guest of our club. These were all taken at the 10th Anniversary party of our club – Mid-America House Aholics (MAHA). Judith has been a good friend to our club for many years.

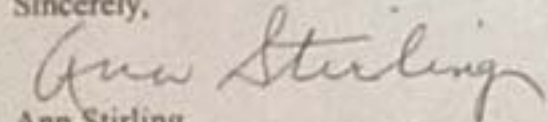
Please extend our best wishes to her on her retirement.

The Ritz Charles picture is Peter George and Judith.

The picture with four persons - left to right – Peter George ; Jeep Green, Past-President of MAHA; Jim Everitt, current NCC Region V11 Representative and Judith Price.

Thank you for including our club in your memory book for Judith.

Sincerely,



Ann Stirling
Secretary
Mid-America House Aholics (MAHA)



Nebraska Spirit of 56er's



(8-17-02) Region VII NCC 10 for 10 Party
Lincoln, Nebraska
Hosted by the Nebraska Spirit of 56er's



(8-17-02) Sampling the Anniversary cake—two pieces?
Does that mean you like it!! Region VII NCC 10 for 10 Party
Lincoln, Nebraska
Hosted by the Nebraska Spirit of 56er's



(8-17-02) Judith making guests feel welcome
Region VII NCC 10 for 10 Party
Lincoln, Nebraska



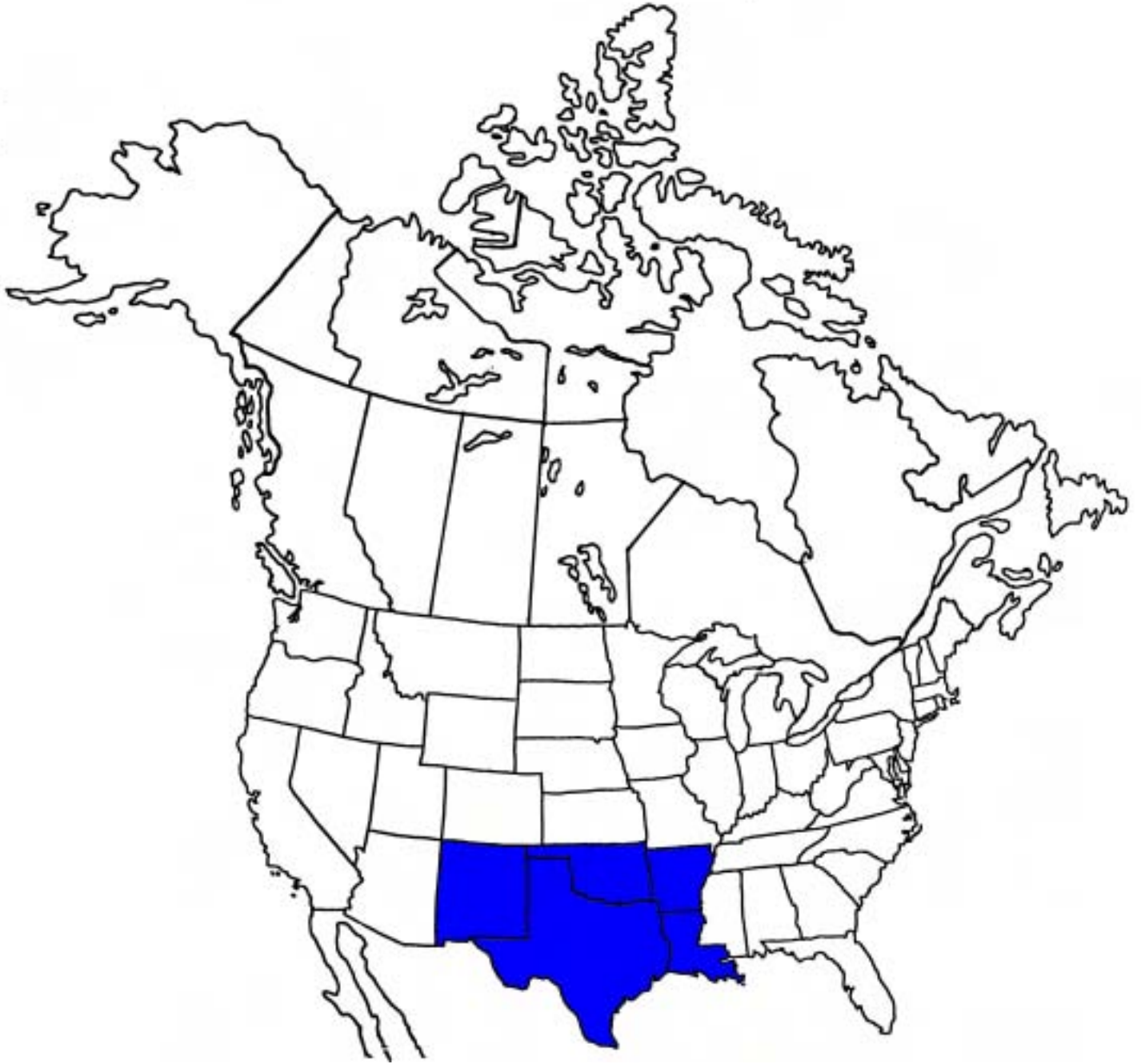
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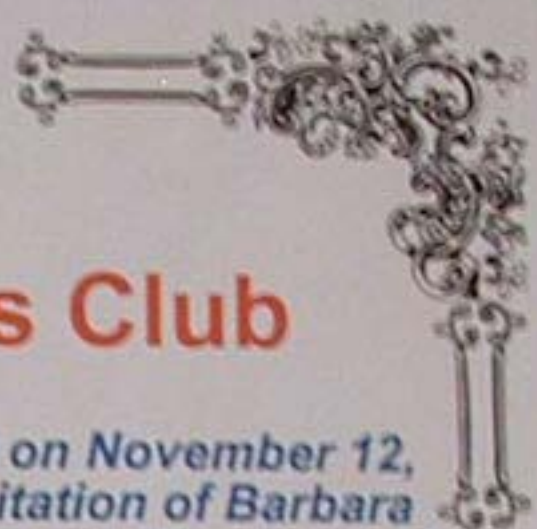



(8-17-02) She always brought wonderful door prizes!
This one was an original sketch by a D56 artist
Region VII NCC 10 for 10 Party
Lincoln, Nebraska

Region VIII

(NM, TX, OK, AR, LA)





Hill Country 56'ers Club

The Hill Country 56'ers was formed on November 12, 1995 when 17 collectors met at the invitation of Barbara & Bob Benjamin to talk about their villages. The name of the club was selected and the group agreed to meet again on December 5th at the home of Billie and Harold Loftis. Nine more members joined at that Christmas meeting. The third meeting was held on February 11, 1996 at the home of Nancy & Jim Tarvin. The first slate of officers was elected at that meeting and committees were established.

From this humble beginning we have made many changes, gained many new members, and lost many old members, as villagers moved on in their lives.

We have enjoyed nine Christmas parties, eight home tours and over nine years of making new friendships. The Club meets every two months plus an additional meeting in November. We share information, new product news, and display techniques. The Club publishes a bi-monthly newsletter and we all thoroughly enjoy our collections and each other.

Our current membership is approximately 75 members, with about half that number who are actually active in most activities that we plan.

Judith, we all wish you the very happiest of retirements and we will miss your smiling face when we attend future gatherings. Just will not be the same without you.

Jackie Pool





Who is that holding my D56 Holiday
Trip Award?
Roundup - Dallas, Texas 2001



Jackie & Elmer Pool with Miz Lit Town





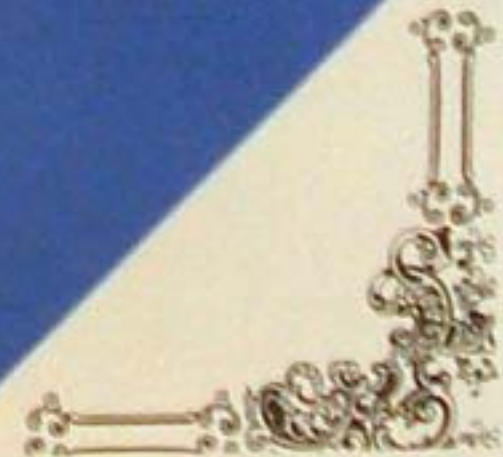
Who is having the most fun?
Roundup - Austin, Texas 2000



Beam me up, Scottie!
There is no intelligent life
down here!



Roundup
Dallas, Texas 2001



Hill Country 56ers

Austin, Texas



From Billie and Harold Loftis,
Hill Country 56ers

The Village Krewe



1998 Texas Round-Up
Judith(center) with costume
contest winners, Richard & Betty Puckett
of The Village Krewe club.



(1998) Judith's visit to The Village Krewe, LA
Seated L-R: Lynda Blankenship, Judith,
Lynn Finch, Department 56 Rep.



Golden Gate Gathering Oct 11, 2003. Halloween Costume dinner. (l-r) Linda Harlan, Jan Cooke, Judith Price.



Dec. 15, 2002 Department 56 Holiday Tour Farewell breakfast. Seated in front: (l-r) Jackie Geiger, Judith price, Melinda Seegers. Standing (l-r) Mary Boyle, Chuck Boyle, Ruth Buerkle, Georgia Harry, her daughter Dee Dee Pettit, Bob Barton, in front of him is Dolores Barton, Mary Anne Cossentine, Grace Williamson, Joyce Anderson, Paul Anderson, Anne Jordan in cap, Tom Iacoviello, behind him John Peabody, Joe Iacoviello, Carol Peabody, Barbara Gulley, Keith Gulley.
Photo by Chuck Boyle

From: Ruth C. Buerkle
Member: Our56Club, Hill Country 56ers, Arctic 56ers



California Gold Gathering, June 1, 2000, (l-r) Jack Skeels, Judith Price, Francisco and Jessica

Department 56 Holiday Tour, Dec 14, 2002. Visiting the Man For All Seasons at D56 at the Mall of America.



One Village Place Aug. 19, 2000 Dept 56 25th Silver Anniversary.(l-r) Melinda Seegers, Judith Price, Grace Williamson.

From: Ruth C. Buerkle
Member: Our56Club, Hill Country 56ers, Arctic 56ers



MAVG 2003, Reston, VA March 16, 2003 (l-r) Ruth Buerkle, Judith Price, Grace Williamson, Melinda Seegers, Jackie Geiger, her friend Steve and Tony Price

Rocky Mountain Gathering,
May 18, 2001. Judith with Indian dancers.



MAVG, Reston, VA.
March 17, 2003. Breakfast in the hotel. Bob and Barbara Benjamin, with Judith and Tony Price.



Golden Gate Gathering, San Francisco, Oct. 9, 2003. Judith opening her room to collectors for the Halloween party game.
The caption should read, "What do you mean, 'Trick or Treat'? It's three weeks to Halloween!"



Golden Gate Gathering Oct. 9, 2003. Collectors crowded into Judith's room during the party game. Judith had spent the day facilitating the Wine Country Tour, and the tour barely made it back to the Gathering in time for the rush of party goers.

From: Ruth C. Buerkle:
Member: Our56Club, Hill Country 56ers, Arctic 56ers.



Golden Gate Gathering Oct 10, 2003 Playing serious Bingo (l-r) Esme Gibson, Jan Cooke, Judith Price, Grace Williamson.

California Gold Gathering,
Judith Price, Irvine, CA.
March 25, 2000.



Texas Roundup,
San Antonio
June 2000. (l-r)
Donna Rhodes,
Judith Price,
Melinda Seegers
setting up the
Department 56
display table at the
Roundup

From: Ruth C. Buerkle
Member: Our56Club, Hill Country 56ers, Arctic 56ers.



Department 56 Holiday Tour Dec. 13, 2002. Luncheon at City Center, (l-r) Melinda Seegers, Grace Williamson, the Andersons. On the right end, Joe and Tom Iacoviello, Judith Price and Carol Peabody.

N.E.V.E. Aug. 2002. Judith Price (center) drew the winning ticket for Grace Williamson (rt) to win the Department 56 Holiday Tour. Ruth Buerkle (left) attended as a guest of Grace.



D56 Holiday Tour, Dec. 13, 2002. Judith and Melinda take the lucky winners on a special tour of Minneapolis.



Bachman's Village Gathering, Aug. 1995,
NCC Annual Convention. (l-r) NCC Co-
presidents Alan and Lynn Wagner with
Judith Price. Far right, Sue Henderson,
NCC secretary.

Department 56, One Village Place,
August 1995, Judith Price, Ms Lit Town
and Ruth Buerkle



Bachman's Village Gathering, Aug, 1997.
the "Hunk" with Ruth Buerkle, just before
leaving to tour Bachman's Flagship store.

From: Ruth C. Buerkle.
Member: Our56Club, Hill Country 56ers, Arctic 56ers.



TGIF Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 2003 (l-r)
Dave Erickson, Judith Price, Cindy
Newman, Allen (A.J.) Jorgensen,
Alice Webb, Diane Todd.

California Gold Gathering, March 24,
2000 (l-r) Grace Williamson, Bob
McBroome, Judith Price, Ruth
Buerkle, Jan Cooke, Donna Rhodes.
Snack at the hotel bar shortly after
arrival at the Gathering.



San Antonio, Texas at Los
Patios. (l-r) Grace Williamson,
Judith Price, Ruth Buerkle

She Lit-Up Our ~Town

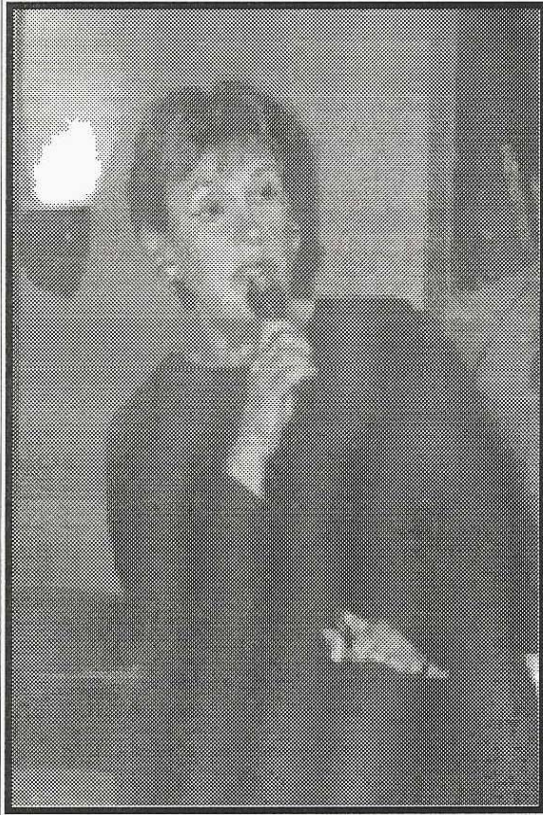
Lirst, we have the great good fortune of living in Texas!

And then we have the great good fortune of being visited by Ms. Lit-Town, - whom everybody knows is Judith Price! Many of you have met and enjoyed her at events all around the country, but it is especially nice for her to "come to call" and let us show her a little of our back yard.

It must have brought back a few memories to her because she was here briefly as a bride during the war, while husband, Tony, trained in the Air Corps at Lackland.

Judith came to Texas this time to attend the Roundup in Houston, which is where we first caught up with her. Those of you who attended know what a great event it was.

We convinced her months ago that San Antonio would not rest until she returned, so we feel especially lucky that she drove over after the Roundup to visit.



Actually, the only person to pass us on the road back to San Antonio was a kid in a white baseball cap who honked while

passing. Turned out to be Ms LIT- TOWN.

We joined Judith Sunday evening at her hotel on the river, dined under the stars with river lights bouncing on the water, and after a good nights sleep took off to tour the Missions.

There are five Missions here, which includes the Alamo, plus the wonderful old Roman aqueduct, so one can poke and pry and spend a major portion of the day lingering through that period of history. Naturally a visit to the old mission bookshop required buying books on San Antonio.

We toured and shopped, —dined at El Mercado and the Mexican Market, (did you know that ours is the largest Mexican Market outside of Mexico?), toured Ft. Sam Houston and it's landmark buildings and wished we could have had time to visit more of our retail shops!

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But it was time for the River City Villagers meeting, so a quick change of clothes after freshening up, and we were at the Fireside Inn greeting fellow villagers whom Ms Lit Town was eager to meet.

Judith gave us a brief overview of Department 56: it's beginnings at Bachmans in 1976, (one of the largest floral companies in the country) and how Dept 56 became a publicly traded company in 1991. She began in Consumer Services in 1989 and discovered three packing boxes of mail from eager collectors waiting for her — they had been piling up in the basement — so she plunged into the mail and learned about collectors very quickly.

Questions from the floor were all answered. Her favorite pieces are "Old Curiosity Shop" and the "All Saints Church" from CIC which she feels is beautifully made. Mostly she collects Dickens, but now has North Pole for her grandson.

Regarding QVC, she feels it was a

Regarding QVC, she feels it was a good marketing move. After all, the company is in the business of making money, and any good business is constantly looking to expand it's market in order to survive. The Nov 1996 sale program with QVC was highly successful and brought new collectors into the retail stores. D56 plans to continue working with QVC but will not sell newly introduced pieces through them.

Dolores Schumann wanted to know why D56 doesn't produce a color catalogue of gift items which she felt she could have used many times to locate a certain item.

The answer was that Department 56 produces over 3000 items, many of which are seasonal, and that it would be cost prohibitive to produce a catalogue every year. And because of the large number of items there is no retail shop that

carries every item they produce. So there is a particular item you want and your shop doesn't carry it call LIT-TOWN for help in locating another shop that carries it. This year they have a new Christmas Table Top line, just coming out, you can read about it in the Quarterly, but it won't be available in all of the shops.

Regarding the "Profile" houses, she said they will continue to produce them under "Corporate Gifts" although they will not be sold by Dept 56 and they will not necessarily be houses (That was a surprise.) The Corporations will sell them directly as in the case of the Heinz house.

Regarding dealers — Dept 56 produces a brochure listing dealers that carry D56. It should be in the stores soon along with the History Lists.

... It was a casual, friendly evening, with Judith and the villagers enjoying one another. The Club presented her with a "Fiesta" basket full of San Antonio goodies, and she declared San Antonio to be a wonderful place to hold an event — a jewel of a city.

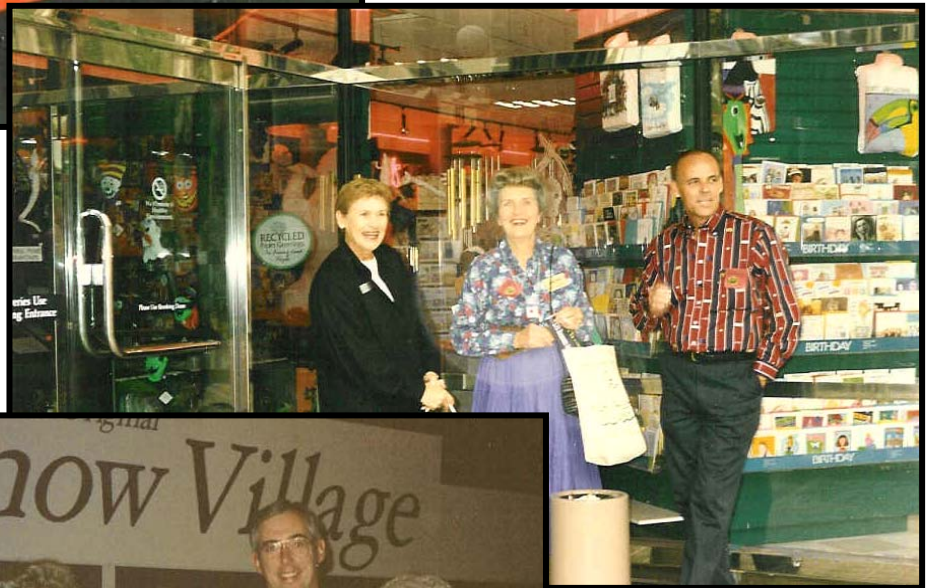
Bienvenidos, Judith - come again!

From Ruth C. Buerkle
Member: Our56Club, Hill
Country Villagers, Arctic
56ers.



The Lit-Town staff: Bachman Village Gathering, Minneapolis, MN Convention Center (l-r) Lisa, Melinda Seegers, Judith, Rhonda Ritchie, Joan, Barbara (hidden - Carol) August 23, 1994

North Pole City Gathering, Oklahoma City. (l-r) Judith Price, Ruth Buerkle, Bob Peterson. Oct 1, 1994



Bachman's Village Gathering Minneapolis, MN. (l-r) Ruth Buerkle, Judith Price, Paul Bachman, Grace Williamson, Aug 11, 1990.



Bachman's Village Gathering, Minneapolis, MN. (The first major NCC meeting held at this gathering.) (l-r) Judith Price, Grace Williamson, Ruth Buerkle Aug 22, 1992



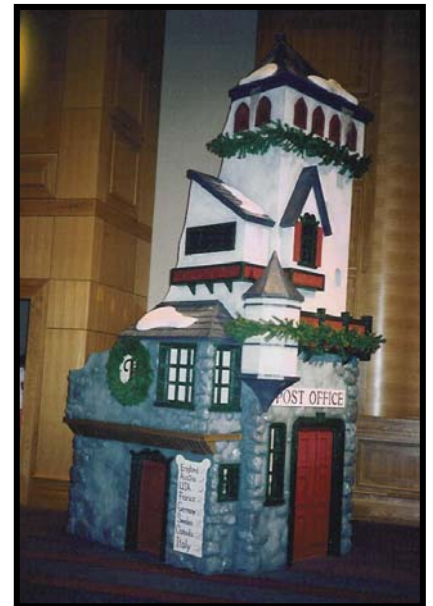


The Judith Dollar

The Judith Dollar, created for the NCC Carnival House Party at the Pennsylvania 5-6000 Gathering in Lancaster, PA. Designed by Barbara Fischer of Pennsylvania, and used to purchase food at the Carnival, May 1998.



Bachman's Village
Gathering, Minneapolis, MN
(l-r) Judith Price, Jeanne
Marie Dickens Aug 22, 1992





California gold Gathering, Anaheim CA. (l-r) Jessica, Francisco, Judith, Jan Cooke, Ruth Buerkle, Grace Williamson. June 1, 2002.

California Gold Gathering, Mountaintop dining (l-r) Grace williamson, Francisco, Jessica, Ruth Buerkle. June 1, 2002.



California gold, Mountaintop dining. Francisco and Jessica, June 1, 2002

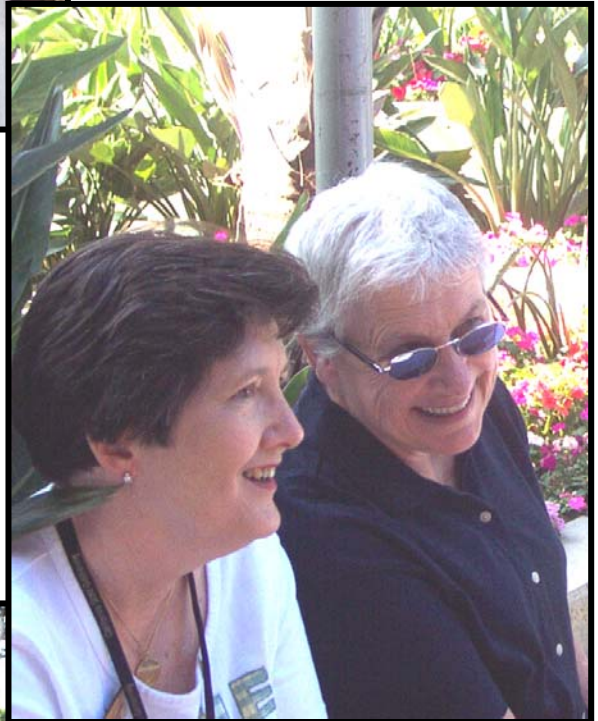


California Gold Gathering, Mountaintop dining and waterfall (l-r) Judith, Grace, June 1, 2002.



California Gold Gathering, Anaheim, CA. (l-r) Grace Williamson, Judith, Ruth Buerkle, June 1, 2002

California Gold Gathering, NCC Patio Party. (l-r) Esme Gibson, Judith Price. June 1, 2002



California Gold Gathering, NCC party on the patio. Judith and Jack Skeels. June 1, 2002



N.E.V.E., Warwick, RI. Dinner. Judith on chair applauding. Next to Judith on the right, Peggy Culler Hair. Far right Liz Erickson. Aug 23, 2002

N.E.V.E Warwick, RI. Following her seminar, Judith drew names for prizes. (l-r) Judith, Penny Miller and Melinda Seegers. Aug 23, 2002



San Antonio, TX. Lunch at Sullivan Carriage House, (l-r) Grace Williamson, Judith and Tony Price July 17, 2001.



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February 1, 1995

Dear Department 56 Club Newsletter Editors:

Each month I receive an amazing amount of valuable information from your wonderful newsletters. I get club newsletters that run the gamut from one page typewritten photocopies to twenty page computer generated "magazines". All of them are equally impressive in quality and content. And they are all equally important links between the many clubs, collectors and Department 56. They keep me apprised of all the club activities and the services performed; and the amount of both is extremely gratifying. I am proud of you all for maintaining such a high quality product on a volunteer basis to keep your fellow collectors in touch.

I would like you all to know how much I appreciate the great work you are doing-- keeping your club members informed and also entertained. Thank you for that and thank you for including me on your mailing lists. Keep up the good work! My best wishes to you and all your club members for a Happy New Year.

With warmest regards,

Judith
Judith Price
Manager, Retail Services
DEPARTMENT 56, INC.

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Sep.11, 1995.
The Second Annual NCC National Convention was held in conjunction with the Bachman's Village Gathering at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, MN

Five thousand collectors were represented by 163 clubs from around the country. Shown on the extreme right is honorary member Jack Skeels wearing his traditional green jacket and applauding with a white program in his hand. Sitting next to him is the diminutive Judith Price, honorary member and Department 56 Representative, almost hidden by Alan Wagner, NCC co-president standing on the left.

The Friday night Parade of Clubs rally was marked by flags, banners, balloons and enthusiastic club members, with the Texas contingent of 11 clubs marching on stage. The Cottage Collectors of Dallas (now the Big D 56ers), with their flag are joined on stage by the River City Villagers of San Antonio and the Crystal City Collectors of Corpus Christi during the Parade of Clubs. NCC Convention theme, "All Roads Lead to the NCC".



From: Ruth C. Buerkle
Member: Our56Club, Hill Country 56ers, Arctic 56ers



(l) Aug. 1990, The Village News, Vol. 2, Number 2 Bachman's publication for Collectors of Snowhouses. The headline is – *Bachman's First Village Gathering Attracts Thousands of Collectors.*

Members of the Village 56ers, a Denver based collectors' club, at Bachman's Village Gathering Aug 11, 1990, posed with Department 56 representative, Judith Price. (L-r) Dick and Cindy Redhair, Dan and Jan Burnham, Judith Price, Nick and Barbara Bretz. *(The Village News)*

Judith's view of the roomful of collectors from the podium during her twice daily seminars at the Bachman's Village Gathering Aug, 1990, *The Village News*



Bachman's Village Gathering, Aug, 1995. Judith visiting with Neilan Lund, master architect, originator and creative designer of the Heritage Village collection for Department 56.

Redwing— Another Village Town

Monday morning after the Bachman Gathering we joined a dear friend for a lovely drive to Redwing, about forty five minutes south of Minneapolis to visit the Sprague House.

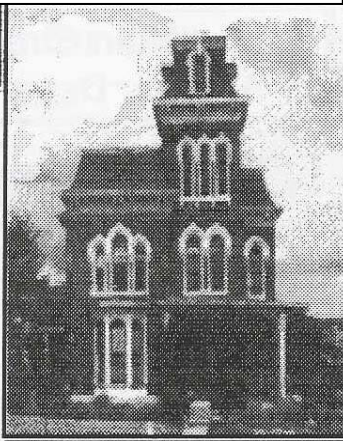
This 1868 classic Second Empire Style home was built by Philander Sprague on West Third Street.

The Sprague House was the model for the Boarding House, one of three porcelain buildings produced by Department 56 in 1987-88 exclusively for Bachman's.

Named the "Home Town Series", they are the Church, the Boarding House and the Bakery.

All three buildings were modeled after real buildings. Several years ago we visited the beautiful little town of Stillwater 45 minutes from Minneapolis on the St Croix river where the model for the Home Town Bakery is on main street. (It is also the model for the Variety Store in "Christmas in the City".)

Later we visited the Church in St. Paul at 868 Sherburne Ave., formerly the Calvary Evangelical Church and in 1995 the Deeper Life



The Sprague House in Redwing, Minn., model for the Boarding House in the "Home Town Series."

Bible Church, which is the model for the Home Town Series Church. The main purpose for the drive to Redwing was to visit the Sprague House, but Redwing is also a sweet little town with lovely old buildings, great shopping, and the delightful, old St. James Hotel — with its excellent restaurant where we lunched.

It was a leisurely, beautiful drive returning on the Wisconsin side of time we were deposited at our hotel. Wonderful day!



Dec.14, 2002 Judith Price outside Forepaughs Restaurant following dinner with Department 56 Holiday Tour. Photo by Chuck Boyle



Dec.13, 2002 One Village Place, Eden Prairie, MN. (l-r) Melinda Seegers, Judith Price, Jackie Geiger following dinner at the Showroom, during Department 56 Holiday Tour. Photo by Chuck



Sept 11, 1993 Jeanne Marie Dickens and Judith Price on the stage at Bachman's Village Gathering.



August 11, 1990 Bachman's First Village Gathering. Grace Williamson and Judith Price



Judith and Four Years
At Bachman's Village
Gathering
1990-1991-1992-1993

Sept 8, 1991 Judith Price at Bachman's Village Gathering



Aug 22, 1992 Judith at Bachman's Village Gathering.



Dec. 13, 2002 Dinner at One Village place Showroom, Department 56 Holiday Tour. Center (l-r) Judith Price, Mary Boyle. (back l-r) daughter, Georgia Harry, D56 artist, Jackie Geiger, Grace Williamson, Ruth Buerkle



May 18,
2001.
Rocky
Mountain
Gathering.
Foreground
D56 display
table. (l-r)
Grace
Williamson,
Judith Price,
Jan Cooke.



Oct. 12, 2003. California Gold Gathering outside San Francisco. Judith Price at the podium for farewell breakfast Sunday morning.



California Gold Gathering, June 2000.
Francisco and Jessica



Rocky mountain Gathering, May 18, 2001
(l-r) Peggy Culler-Hair, Melinda Seegers,
Ethel Campbell, Judith Price and Jan
Cooke



MAVG - March 2003, hotel dining room, lunch
(l-r) D56 decorator, Grace Williamson, Judith
Price, Ruth Buerkle, Melinda Seegers

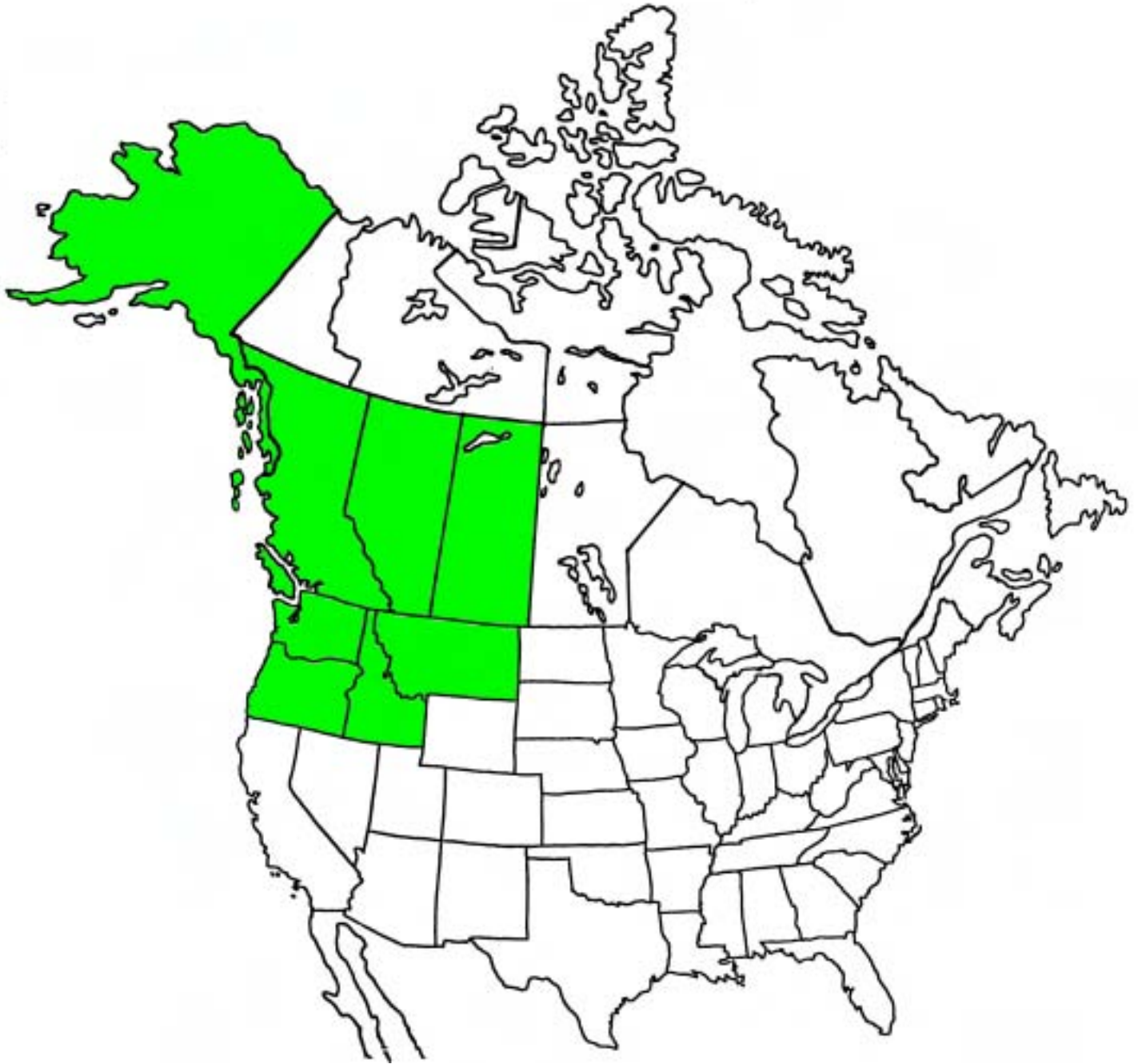
Department 56 Holiday Tour, Dec 14, 2002.
Dinner at Forepaugh's (l-r) Ruth Buerkle,
Barbara and Keith Gulley, Joyce and Paul
Anderson, and Judith Price.



Region IX

(AK, WA, ID, OR, MT)

(British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan)





Head Idiot Salutes Judith

Judith, it has been my pleasure to know you. From our first introduction at a Bachman's Gathering years ago, I have admired your easy manner in talking with collectors. Not only has your wit and wisdom impressed me, but your uncanny ability to remember names! Your answers to collector's questions have become legendary, as have your famous phrase, "We'll just have to wait and see!"

Your support of clubs gave them credibility. Your enthusiasm for clubs encouraged growth. And the Village Idiots felt especially honored by your attention. We Idiots feel a unique bond with you as our personal champion with Dept. 56! The first time that you visited our club, you told us that we had the best club name and had more fun than any club - our feelings exactly!

All of us wish you happy times in retirement - time to spend with your family and friends in your new home. Hopefully, there will be time for gatherings, too, and seeing old friends again.

Jane Sprando
The Village Idiots

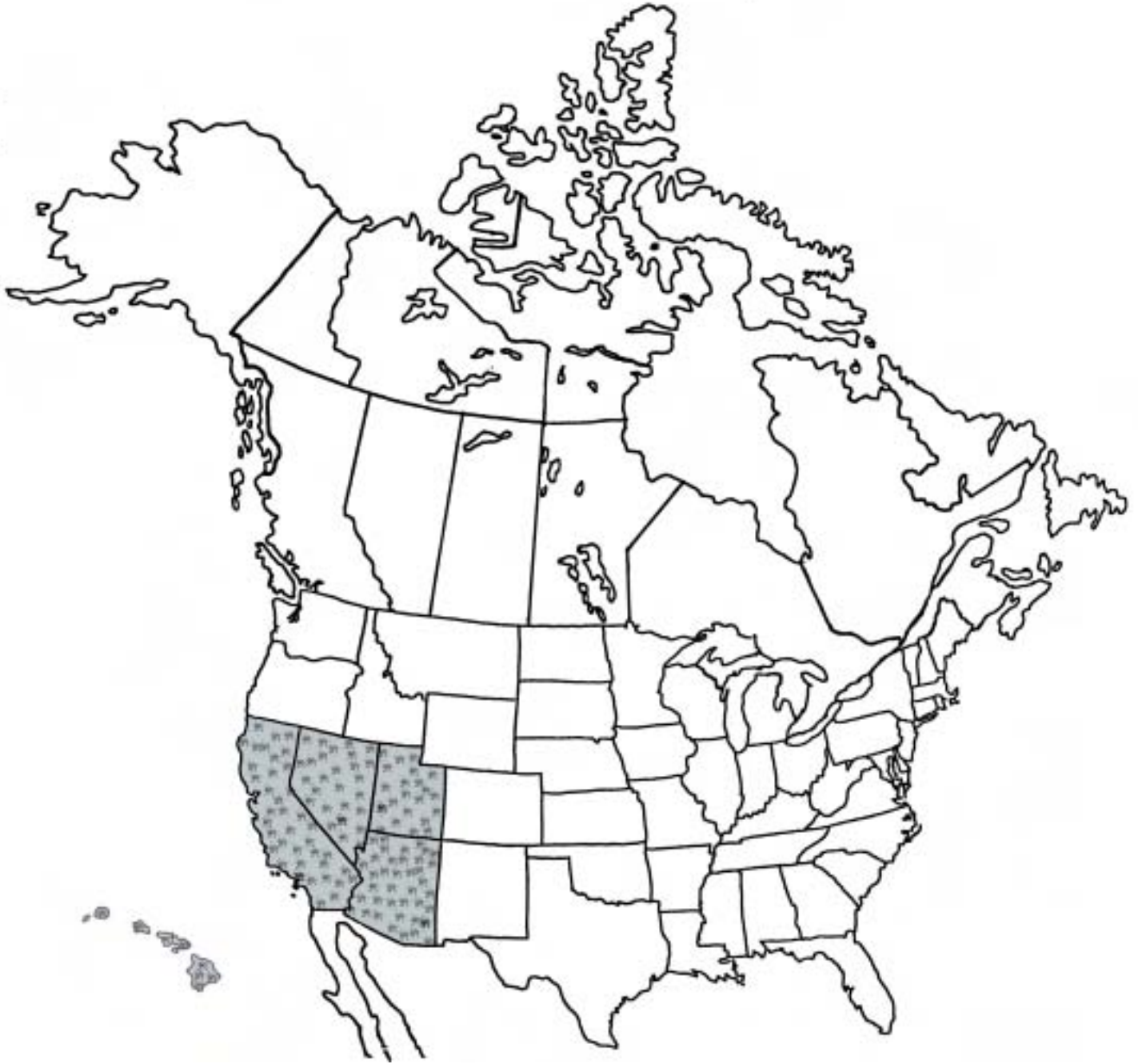


Above, Judith visits a Village Idiot club meeting in the mid-1990s. Below, Judith holds Ricky Parker, one of the newest Idiots, in September, 1999.



Region X

(CA, NV, UT, AZ, HI)



The Lite Goes Out, But The Memories Will Shine Forever

Over the years, as Ms. Lit Town, you brought light to every club, gathering and dealer event you attended. For many of us collectors, Judith Price was Department 56—you knew it all and were always willing to share your knowledge and light up the room with your warm, welcoming smile.



Sharing one of your many stories
at our club meeting in 1992

In 1992 you visited your first collectors' club, California 56 Collectors, in Tustin, California. Boy, did you make us feel special. It was such an honor to have a “celebrity” join our small group and share the “inside scoop”.



As always, smiling along side Barbara Carlton

Over the years, we learned that it was not only at this meeting, but at every club event or gathering you attended, you made everyone feel so special.



We caught you smiling at William Glenn in October 1999 with club members Geri Little, Marvella McAllister and Fran Fodera. Neiland Lund could not just stand by and watch you having all the fun, he had to join the group



We hope you enjoy your retirement and
That the lite continues to shine in your smile

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"The voice of the San Diego Fifty-Sixers"

I have heard many tributes to persons involved with large companies and they have always rung as empty accolades created to make the company feel they are actually honoring an associate. I have the rare honor of recognizing the accomplishments of a fine lady. I believe I am speaking for the entire membership of the San Diego Fifty Sixers when I say Judith Price is a rare find for Department 56. In Judith they have a genuinely warm and caring person who places the people with whom she interacts above any policies created by the company she represents. Our club is truly blessed that Judith is able to join us often and make herself available for one on one visits with anyone here.

Judith is an icon in the field of collectable villages. As Ms Lit Town, she represents Department 56 in the finest light possible. Whenever customers are in need Judith is there to give the best assistance one could ask. As an active participant in gatherings and club meetings wherever and whenever they are held Judith creates an aura of personal involvement by D56 and a sounding board for all collectors to use. Judith lets the average collector know they have a say in what Department 56 is developing for presentation to them.

I have been to many gatherings and meetings where I have heard how she got started with Department 56 and the many years of dedicated service she has had, but there is only one thing I hold as being really important; Judith is a wonderful and true friend.



Bob O'Connor, Editor

Village Addicts Anonymous of Southern California, Reg. X



April 22, 2001 at the home of Ursula and Wally Murker, Judith is showing the Department 56 25th Anniversary pieces to VAA club members. Pictured with Judith is Jean Wood and Dick and Ruth Graf.



Judith with Lon and Pam Gietzen at Deforest's Open House
April 18, 1997



Judith and Ursula at the Murker's home
April 22, 2001

We'll Miss You, Judith



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