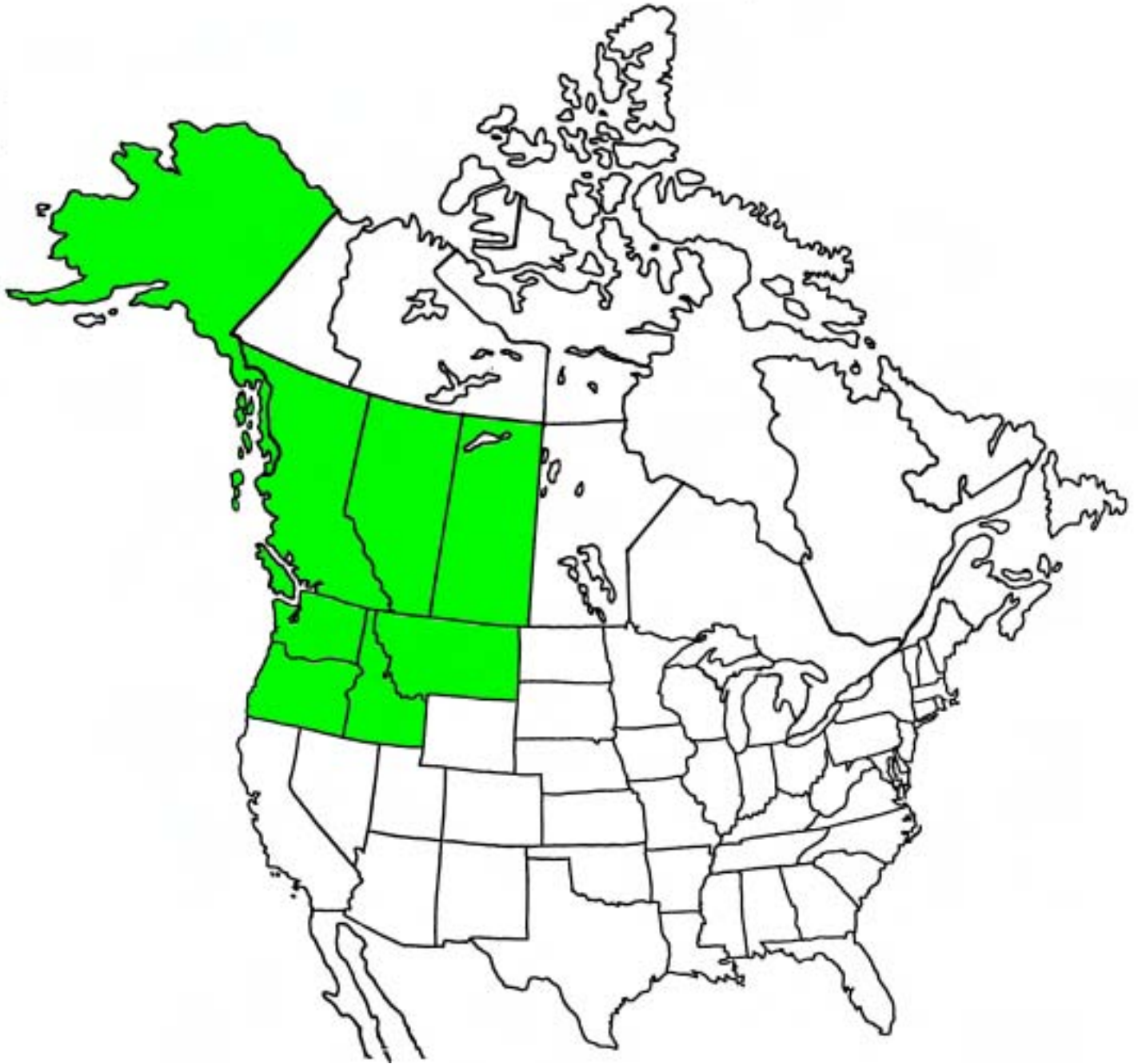


Region IX

(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

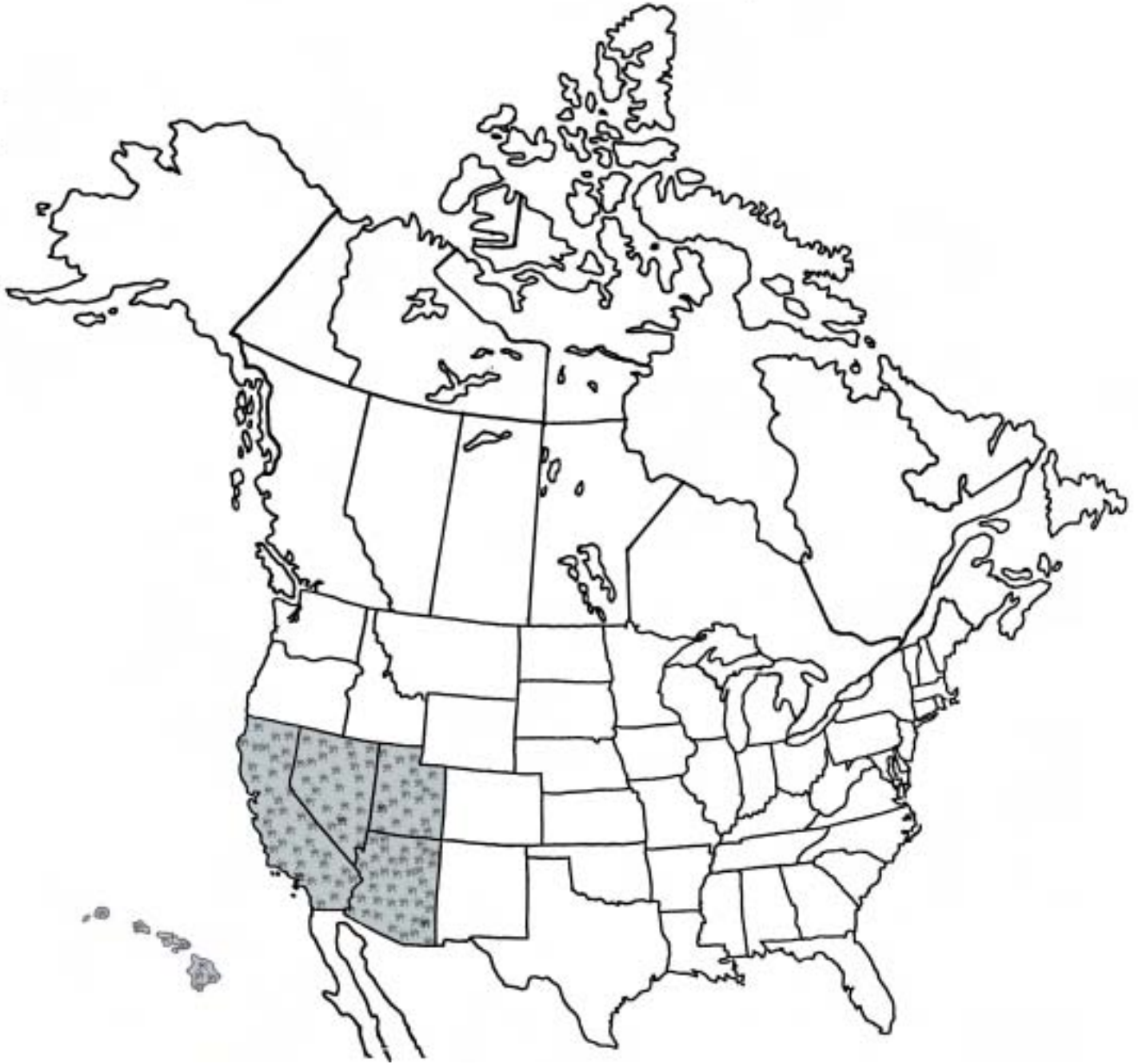


Above, Judith visits a Village Idiot club meeting in the mid-1990s. Below, Judith holds Ricky Parker, one of the newest Idiots, in September, 1999.



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

California 56 Collectors Club ♠ Tustin ♠ California ♠ NCC Region 10



Village Views

"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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