

Region II

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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, napkins 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