

Judith Sutton - from my 2019 article

Judith Sutton received her 40 years pin a short while ago, but in fact she has been a member of DKG for 42 years. She was Initiated in November 1977 at the founding of GB State. There were 10 founding members and eight additional Alpha Chapter Charter members, these included Judith. She was then Second Vice President and her great friend Ellen Rosier, also a Charter Member, was recording secretary. Judith became Alpha Chapter President 1980 – 1984.

DKG was not new to Judith. In the summer of 2001 Judith wrote an article in GB News about her visit to an International meeting in Georgia and a re-visit to Florida to see her friend Callie Brown. In 1957 Judith had been to Delray Beech Florida on a teaching exchange, her opposite number was Callie. Judith went to DKG meetings in Florida and later she and Callie became friends.

In the 2002, 25th Anniversary Edition of GB News, we were reminded that both Judith and Ellen had been very enthusiastic, loyal, friendly and active members in Alpha Chapter for 25 years. They had attended many state conferences and the Regional Conference in Malmo. In summer 2004 GB News Judith wrote an article about Ellen, who was initiated with her and was celebrating being 90 years old.

Ellen and Judith were renowned for their hilarious comedy acts such as 'Doggies' (from a collection of duologues called 'Deck chairs'). They were unforgettable, and showed what these two 'dark horses' were capable of. As Judith said 'in response to the audiences' laughter we went a bit 'over the top'. 'We caused quite a stir and became notorious because no-one imagined we could be so 'racey'!

Judith has become a reserve member, but still keeps her interest in DKG. She wrote to Barbara about our revitalisation, 'I was thinking back over the years and all the things we have done. Although we have always been low in numbers members have achieved so much, particularly internationally. I do hope the new revitalisation initiative is beginning to bear fruit'.

It is lovely to still hear from Judith (Judy), usually a cheery card with a note. She moved to the Isle of Wight around 2005. She died on 25th February 2025

Diana Bell.