

Interview with Judy Dobransky

Judy joined Nawgj in 1975.

- She has served as Co SJD with Donna Piper and SJD until 1988 and has been on the board since its inception in 1980
- She has served as National Librarian with Brenda Eberhardt since 1992

The following are some of the highlights from her judging career:

- Judy has judged Elite Nationals, Championships of USA, JO Nationals, Collegiate Nationals, 9 Easterns, and represented the United States as a judge in many countries over the years.
- Judy went to work as a dance teacher and consultant for Steve Whitlock (the first private club in Michigan) and was engrossed and enchanted with our beautiful sport and wonderful athletes. Steve and Judy have remained good friends for the past 50 years.
- Judy presently works as a resident judge in a local gym which allows her to continue honing her skills and working with kids.
- The gymnastics community has honored Judy with State and Regional Judge of the Year. She has been the USECA Judge of the year and was most recently honored and inducted into the Region 5 Hall of Fame.
- Quote from Judy: I have had so many situations that could be considered highlights I feel like I am just rambling....

As far highlights from her personal life, Judy responded:

- I have been judging since 1972 and during this time I had my daughter Dana and son Daniel. The birth of my children was the most outstanding highlight of my life. Dick and I have been married for 50 years, and our family has been involved in our sport forever.
- I have two amazing grand babies that are no longer babies. Camryn who will be 15 and Jace who just turned 13.
- My family has supported me all these years, and I can only beam with pride as I watch my daughters' college team perform. She has always been a ten in my mind.
- I retired from teaching to be a stay at home mom, who never stayed at home. I actually never stopped educating, I just changed avenues. I have been a mentor, a coach, a choreographer, a consultant, and a clinician. I've done it all and loved every minute of the experience.

When asked "What impact has Judging had on my life, Judy replied:

When you can spend your working life doing something you love, and have never lost your passion for it, you can consider yourself very fortunate.

Aging is definitely not for "sissies" and I don't feel nearly as old as I am!!!The sport has kept me young, enticed me into retesting so I can hang on for another cycle!!! Enough rambling...I'm sure I've forgotten something. But I am thrilled to be honored by my NAWGJ partners in crime!!!!