

Greetings Region 12: The 2016 national convention was breathtaking, the speakers and doll artists were timely and great. Thank you for your support and your ideas for our regional conference. A special thanks to the 65 members that attended our regional conference meeting.

We need to establish a membership drive. I would like every **President to forward to me by email, or snail mail three ways to recruit members by Monday, September 12th**. I will review and compile your suggestions in a future newsletter. This may help us to increase our club membership. We must recruit members, so we can continue to build more dolly clubs...

Reba Hood is our chair for the 2018 Conference. Her staff is very grateful that you support us in our endeavors. Our host doll club and its executive officers of the conference are busy planning a fabulous regional conference. Come along and be committed to join in on the fun! By the time the conference arrives, it will be 25 years since the previous conference was held in our region. Yes, I said 25 years! This will be unlike any other conference that you have attended. Mark your calendar now.

You must be aware that our conference will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan. It's a place of horse drawn carriages, big water parks and small-town strolls. A shopper's dream with over 50,000 trims and gifts at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, for example.

There are a great number of things for you and your family to do in Frankenmuth. With festivities year round, the town welcomes visitors with Bavarian hospitality regardless of the season. Whether it's a day trip for the family or a weekend retreat with friends, Frankenmuth is the perfect destination to recharge, renew and refresh. From fantastic festivals, eclectic shopping and wonderful indoor waterparks, to rich historical beauty and culture, it's the ideal departure from the ordinary every day.

Frankenmuth has much to offer. Frankenmuth hotels offer families affordable options for Michigan getaways. Whether you're coming for the Frankenmuth beer festival, or to take in a German town experience, Frankenmuth is wonderful destination.

Zehnder's of Frankenmuth Restaurant has a tradition of good taste since 1856. People come from all over the world to taste their chicken and other menu items. **But just across the street is a hotel that features, not only fine German hospitality, but an outstanding doll factory, doll hospital, and doll shop.** They have a very realistic display.

We are moving along with the conference planning. Please continue to support us. The planning committee is in full operational force. The Bavarian Inn, in Frankenmuth, MI. is currently accepting reservations now! Presidents, continue to lookout for an 800 line and a pin access code published on our website. As more information is developed, our region Presidents can expect updated details. *Expect more information soon!*

Remember registration is currently open! (Payment in installments is available). You may:

- **Call to register,**
- **Write a note requesting a package to be mailed,**
- **Register on line. (See Page 2, of this newsletter page 2 has the web site address/link recorded.**

New Members At Large: We want to welcome Mr. Sam Butcher. , Grove City, Ohio, and Ms. Sue Wodardski, Lansing, Mi.

Please consider adopting a doll. (The **Adopt A doll Program** is a program in which one can adopt any doll of one's choice, residing in the UFDC Museum, for a year)

Now is the time for us to recruit, build and share dolly fun with new dolly members. A special thank you to the clubs I visited over the summer, keep the invitations coming. We are looking for new clubs and new members. If you have a group with an interest please forward contact information to me and I will do my best to recruit the team or a member for your club.

Announcements

Join me next year with the theme "A Day in the Life of a Doll" for our 69th U.F.D.C. National Convention: Save the dates **August 2-5, 2017** our convention next year will be in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Centre Hotel.

Please return your club's regional status report to me by Oct 15 or sooner.

Everyone needs to remember that Doll News is available digitally. Newsletters from other regions are available on the U.F.D.C. website. To include news in the 2016 fall newsletter, please submit information by October 14, 2016 or sooner In addition, it is urgent Presidents that you turn in your regional status now.

Email Addresses Needed: Please notify UFDC directly so that your email address will be on file at our Headquarters. **Sponsor** a day of utilities and internet expenses. It only cost \$74.61 per day. Use **EBAY:** If you find dollies in your collection who need to move, send them off to Headquarters. The donation forms are on the UFDC website. Simply follow the "Donate to UFDC" link.

We have unlimited gratitude for individuals and clubs who gave contributions!

Convention Sponsorship (May 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016)

Ms. Cindy A. Bailey, Christine Bridy, Dollicious Doll Club of Michigan, Fort Wayne Doll Club of Mi. Ms. Patricia J. Girbach, Hoosier Doll Collectors Club, Lake Erie Doll Club, Ohio Valley Doll Collectors, Ms. Jill Sanders, Tippecanoe Cinderella Doll Club, Valparaiso Dolls & Friends, Western Hills Doll Club of Ohio.

We truly appreciate sponsorships

17 gifts & 12 donors for a Grand Total \$11,702.27 in donations from members and clubs of Region 12.

EBay donations (**May 1, 2016-July 31, 2016**)

Ms. Sandy Taylor - 14 Gifts - Thank you for your support of UFDC.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Aug. 27th the Historic Women's Club home, 1126 East Center St. Marion, OHIO (all day)

Sat. Sept. 17th Tippecanoe Cinderella Doll Club's Winter Wonderland
Best Western, 4343 St. Rd. East, Lafayette, IN. admission \$75.00 info # 317-432-1397.

Sun. Nov. 6th the "Dollicious" Doll Show and Sale, 10-4, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI.

Sat. Nov. 19th the West Michigan Doll & Toy Show Double Tree Inn 650 E. 24th St. Holland, Mi. 10 -3.

Attention! Attention! Region 12 members...

In order to register for the 2018 Regional Conference please view our web site at the following web site address. <http://2018region12.wix.com/conference>