

# Region 4 Newsletter

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Hi everyone,

It is hard to believe that winter is near an end and spring is just around the corner. We have had a mild winter with little or no snow on the ground. However, I am getting eager to see the grass, trees and flowers emerging once again. I am also getting eager to be on the road again. Look for me at several of the events listed in this newsletter. If you would like me to visit your club, please let me know so that I can make the necessary travel plans.

The preliminary convention schedule looks very exciting. Without revealing any “top secrets” I can tell you there are some excellent events planned for doll enthusiasts. I hope to see many of you there. The registration deadline for club delegates and alternates is March 1. Registration for other UFDC members begins March 15. I hope to see many of you there.

If you have email and are not getting the newsletters via that route, please send me your email address. You will also receive timely, periodic notices that will not go out by mail. **The deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter is May 15.**

Linda Axtell  
Region 4 Director

## Thank You for Your Generosity

### Unity Fund

- Linda Axtell
- Over the Rainbow Doll Club
- Joyce Helberg in honor of Kim Kublank
- Star City Doll Society in honor of Cynthia Tanderup

### Building General Fund

- Doll Study Club of Greater Kansas City in honor of Judy A. Stephens

### 2012 Convention

- Margaret Hein in honor of Judy A. Stephens and Mary Sue Lein

## AUCTION UPDATE

I hope that you have been checking in on Ebay occasionally and possibly bidding on a doll or two that tug at your heart. It is not too early to start thinking about something that you could donate to the auction. **July, August, and Sept. are our months to donate items to help support UFDC.** If your club or individual members are willing to donate, go to [ufdc.org](http://ufdc.org). Scroll down under the “Home” tab and click on UFDC-eBay. Scroll down past the item for sale and click on the blue “on-line auction donation form” line. Print the form and donate.

Some members have asked what the UFDC seller identification is so that they can more quickly find the items for sale. **UFDC’s seller ID is ufcdolls.**

## Convention 2012

All the ingredients have been assembled for UFDC's 63rd Annual Convention. It will include a delicious mix of events, programs, seminars, workshops, buying opportunities and a delightful souvenir doll for the final course.

Plan to be in New Orleans from July 24 – 27.

Registration cards can be found in the winter issue of DOLL NEWS and on the UFDC web site ([www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org)). Call the New Orleans Sheraton to see if rooms are still available (504-525-2500). Be sure to tell them you are with UFDC to ensure you receive our special room rate of \$139.00 per night.

Our meal event artists are in the kitchen cooking up some special surprises. Master Chefs include R. John Wright, Maggie Iacono, Madame Alexander, Wilde Imaginations, Heidi Plusczok, Kathe Kruse, Mary Ann Oldenburg, Ruby Red Galleria, Christine Shively, Alice Leverett, Joan Greene and Alan Scott Pate. The final banquet will feature a special souvenir delicacy presented by The Vogue Doll Company and designer Alice Leverett. Additionally they are planning a tasty surprise for every attendee with a full registration. Lori Santamaura is creating a masterful "cookbook" souvenir journal. Those individuals with priority registration, club delegates and alternates should register during February and early March. General registration begins on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration information packets will be mailed from the Corporate Office April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for the ultimate doll feast, "A Jambalaya Jubilee"!

### CONVENTION FUNDRAISER

If you were there and weren't afraid to be square at the Motown Music Gathering in Detroit in 2007, you know we had a rocking good time.

If you skipped the beat and missed this treat, here is another chance to meet.

Join us in New Orleans at the Razy Snazzy Raging Cajun Jamboree! You are invited to join in the fun and entertain fellow UDFDC members. Interested individuals and groups may preregister their "act" by contacting Kate Reed 201 Wood St. Warren, PA 16365. Ph.

## Mark Your Calendars

### March 25, 2012

Doll Show

Fireman's Union Hall

6005 Grover St.

Omaha, Neb.

9a.m. to 3p.m.

Adm. \$3.00 Under 10 free

### May 5, 2012

Kansas City Doll &

Teddy Bear Show

10 am-4 pm

Doubletree Hotel

10100 College Blvd.

Overland Park, KS.

Adm: \$5 per person, 16 & older.

Children under 16 Free with adult.

Appraisals by Neil Foster.

### June 2, 2012

"TRAVEL MEMORIES – Are We There Yet?" Luncheon

11:30 am - Bismarck Doll Friends

Best Western Seven Seas Hotel

I-94 Exit 152, Mandan, ND

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### June 3, 2012

Bismarck Doll Friends

Show & Sale

10 am - 4 pm

Best Western Seven Seas Hotel

I-94 Exit 152, Mandan, ND

**PRESIDENTS: Don't forget to send in your annual reports, due April 1. Thank you to all who have already taken the time to do this.**