

My Winter 2016 Newsletter

United Federation of Doll Clubs

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It's been such a busy quarter for your friendly neighborhood RD, racing here there and everywhere. And what fun I've had! And, have been treated like royalty again and again. To mix things up a bit, I'll start with my first fall trip, to **Southern Maryland Doll Club/Black Eyed Susans Doll Club Show**. Wonderful! Then it was on to the **Now and Then Doll Club's** show in Fredericksburg. We, my traveling companion and I, were given a premier table location from which to publicize UFDC, with very good results. This club also had a fabulous meal event at our 2015 convention with a wonderful doll by **Berdine Creedy** (which I couldn't get into) and obviously knows just how to do things. Including their cunning yellow signs for miles around- **Doll Show Today!** Way to go, **Now and Then!** I also managed to go to **The Christmastime Doll and Bear Show** in Richmond, where we were also treated like royalty and wonderful **Judy Seay** welcomed us with open arms. Thanks, all!

Events-and are we busy gals (and guys, too) - **Southern Maryland Doll Club** is **All Dolled Up** at the **Surratt House Museum**, 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton Maryland 20735. Join members and docents as they share wonderful doll displays and talk about 19th century holiday traditions. The dates are December 2-13th, 2015. Should be fun-and who doesn't love fun?

The Learning Room at the **Gaithersburg Doll Show** is going to be in a different location. We're moving upstairs, in glamorous **Hall 1** which is on the first floor upstairs. One wonderful program is going to be given this time, by inimitable Val Star, (who is indeed aptly named, ☺ as we ALL want to shop.

Don't forget to visit **The Cookie Lady!** If you haven't been to **Mary Ellen Schaeffer's Christmas Open House**, which has to be Christmas Central, this is a not to be missed occasion-and one of the events of the season. You can visit this fabulousness on December 26-27 from 1-5, each day. Her address is 12185 Mt Albert Road Ellicott City MD. 410-531-5863.

Martin Luther King Day would not be the same without **Chesapeake Doll Club's** annual celebration and luncheon at the Annapolis Elks Club on Monday, January 18, 2016. The theme is **16 Candles**, the speaker is our own **Barbara Stone** and it's an event that chases away winter blues. Don't be left out in the cold! Barbara is also the contact person for your reservations, so email her at bsconsults@aol.com.

Charm City Dolling Club invites you to see their **Black Doll Exhibit** hosted by Randallstown Library on February 13, 2016, 2-4 pm. 8604 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133. Contact **Deborah Johnson** for additional information, 443-858-7325.

Capital Doll Club's 35th Annual Doll Show, will be held on February 27, Richmond Raceway Complex, Colonial Building 600 East Laburnum Avenue Richmond VA 23222. Contact **Jackie Price** at 804-275-0091 or jprice3500@verizon.net. The show runs from 9:30-3:30 and is a must for any doll person.

Precious Memories Doll Club is at it again, with another great doll show in beautiful Virginia Beach. Call **Jean Schimmel** at 757-340-1852 or email her at vjswindell@mindspring.com if you need information or want a sales table. The show is being held at Miles Memorial Methodist Church, 409 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach VA, from 9am to 3pm on April 9th, 2016. The club looks forward very much to seeing you all. Come and celebrate their 5th annual show!

Join **Charm City Dolling Club** on a FUN overnight trip to **The Tonner Company** Store in Kingston New York and **Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum** in New York City. April 16-17, 2016. Contact **Sharon Williams**, 410-325-9734 or **Vicky Forbes**, 443-286-4549. I hope that I have the weekend free for this. Because this club knows how to party. And it's their 20th!

April 23, 2016 is the **Maryland Society of Doll Collector's Old Fashioned Social**. I'm polishing my pearls, even as we speak. Don't forget to contact **Stacia Pate** soon-cause this is going to sell out. The souvenir doll artist is by the great **Goldie Wilson**, so please, treat yourself right and contact Stacia: 410-522-3367

Our convention is going to be here before you know it. I can't wait, but then, I never can. I've been tasked, okay, I offered, with womaning the table on Public Day. I'll need three volunteers for the first hour and two each for the next five. You just sit there, smile, take money, make change and encourage people to check our show out. DC is the venue, and our dates? July 27th to 30th, 2016.. If you can help me to woman or man the table for Public Day, please email me at ufdcrd11@ufdc.org and let me know your schedule. It's just one hour, people! Besides, you never know who you'll meet. Which is the best part of volunteering. I will have chocolate at the table, all day long.

And speaking of convention, club presidents, don't forget to send in your credentials forms for registering your delegates and alternates to **Jenny Yocklin** at headquarters by January 13, 2016. Do not delay!

www.region6conference.org. I'm sure that **Western Treasures; Exploring the Many Faces of Region 6** is not to be missed. I never think about **Montana** without remembering the storied Frank Zappa. Anyway, they're having a **regional** there, next September. So don't be shy, hop on the website and see what you can see.

New Members at Large: I just love it when we get new members-makes my day! This quarter brings us five friends in the making: **Judith Beach, Bobbi Etheridge, Karen Leniart, Norvell M. M. Jones** and **Pat Miller**. Welcome, all of you! When you're ready to find a club, please let me know. We'll try to help you find the perfect club.

New Advertising Manager: We're so lucky to have so many talented people in UFDC and none is more so than **Beverly Stoehr**, fine doll maker and now our new advertising manager. Don't forget to put your ads in **Doll News**, both the digital and the print edition. You won't be sorry when your merchandise sells out! Beverly can be reached at

dollnewsadvertisingmanager@ufdc.org .

Donations: I like to mix things up, so this time, our donations from our ultra-generous region are listed in alphabetical order: **Chesapeake Doll Club: Regional Director's Fund; Terry Danner: Unity Fund; Maryland Doll Club: Building General Fund;** in memory of **Caye Speakman; Maryland Mountain Doll Club: Regional Director's Fund;** in honor of yours truly; **Pauline Pivowar, General Building Fund;** in memory of **Linda Talbott; West Virginia Mountaineer Doll Club;** in memory of **Dolores Fleming and Dr. William Fleming; Faye S. Wetherhold: Doll News General Fund;** in memory of **Helen Erfurt; Julie Blewis, Elizabeth A.Coleman, Donna Landis, Karen Smith and Marcia Woolston** are all sponsoring tables for convention; **Barbara Kincaid** is sponsoring an exhibit case. Thank s so much for supporting **UFDC!** 675 dollars are added to our coffers!

Merry Everything to you all!

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