



United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. – Fall 2014 Region 5 Newsletter
Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri
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Hello Region 5 Members, Clubs, Museums and Libraries: The summer of 2014 was a very interesting and busy for me. I had three most enjoyable visits with the Minnesota Valley Doll Club, the Minnesota Go-fer Dollies Club in Minneapolis and the WIM club in Lewiston MN. The hostesses welcomed me and served delicious luncheons. The members were so friendly. It was great to hear about your programs and projects. Some Sasha dolls came with me and had fun making new friends with more Sasha kids. A day after the Go-fer meeting the Sashas came along with me to Phoenix, AZ for the Sasha is a Modern Groovy Girl festival.

In July, I shared my passions during the 65th UFDC annual convention at the most comfortable JW Marriot Hill Country Resort. This is my display in the Shared Passions Exhibit of the Officers and RDs. My passions include creating, sewing, doll quilting, 50's Fashion dolls, Sasha dolls and Peeps. I made the dolls' outfits and accessories. Little Miss Revlon's gown I created, when I was 11, from some left over curtain fabric. Because my package of Peeps went missing in SAT airport as I got my lunch, I improvised a white Peep bunny with cotton balls from our vanity in the hotel. No Peeps were harmed. I had a most wonderful time, won a lovely helper (twin



Armand Marseille 6" bisque sister dolls) and a 3rd place ribbon (Valentina ballerina, Modern 10" Fashion dolls), met many members from every region and made some new friends. I find our

conventions are a great place to make new doll friends and learn so much in a short time.

Please come and make your doll dreams come true **July 16-19, 2015 at The 66th UFDC National Convention "A Dream Come True"** Location: **Kansas City Marriott Downtown 220 West 12th Street, Kansas City, MO Souvenir doll artist: Susan Fosnot.** This is in our region and we can help make this another successful UFDC event. Connie Reynolds Region 4 Director and I will be working closely with the committee. Our UFDC museum will be ready for 2015 convention with

your help and donations to Adopt a Doll (Region 5 Deewees doll project). Please plan to attend. Stay at the Marriott and don't miss a minute of any of it. Volunteers are needed during the convention. Clubs can help with events and work together. Share your knowledge and talent as a presenter or instructor. Forms can be found at UFDC's website. More information will be in future issues of Doll News.

Welcome new Members-At-Large: Denise Breault, Inver Grove Heights, MN and Linda Loman, Huston, MO

Contributions to UFDC Many thanks to the following clubs and individuals who gave cash donations totaling \$795.00: **Old Capitol Doll Club** - to Building General Fund and Museum Fund in memory of Shirlee Funk. **WIM Heirloom Doll Collectors** to 2014Convention; **Betty Ativie** to UFDC Unity Fund; Museum Fund by **Cheryl Cloutier, Jotham Mannerberg, Liz O'Daniel and Maurine Steurer.** Ebay donation items from **Barbara Corson and Chris Faust.** **Thank you to all who also make cash donations to UFDC during the year and at the convention. Special thank you to Loretta Nardone, her convention committee** and all those who give time as chairpersons, volunteers, editors, authors, exhibitors, competition judges, sales room dealers, program, workshop, seminar and doll dialog presenters for all the time, effort and heart put into our excellent 2014 convention.

You all ROCK the Convention!

Club and Member information

Club Presidents: 1. please bring copies of this newsletter and the Unity's Newsletter to your meetings. This is the best way to get the information to those who do not have emails. **2. I need you to return your REGIONAL STATUS FORMS to me by Oct. 1, 2014. Find the form on the website UFDC.org under Forms, Club forms. It is a simple form to complete and only needs your signature.** If you are looking for new members it is the best means I have of putting people in contact with you. When a new member joins, please let me know. I would like to recognize new club members in my newsletters. I want to include information on your activities and photos in the newsletters. They come out August, November, February and

May. I need photos, information or short write ups by the 14th of those months.

MEMBERS: 1. Recruit new members and get a \$10 UFDC credit voucher to use towards your UFDC dues or shop at UFDC website. Include those new members in the extra things you do with your doll friends. When you do this it helps them feel comfortable in your club. **2. If you change your email or mailing address**, please let the UFDC office and your RD know.

A little more Out and About: Early in August, I attended the Dolly & Me Luncheon in Gardner Kansas. Marcy Beyer & Deb Garver organized the event, with favors, a delicious luncheon, a lovely all-bisque souvenir doll by Thu Tam of Show Me Doll Club. Other members helped with dressing the doll, doll dialog presentations, programs on doll collecting, identifying vintage fabrics Sandy Rose had a display of her lovely fashion dolls. Thank you to all who worked on it.

My new calendar has lots of open dates. **Make definite dates to schedule RD visits with your group.** It helps if I am traveling any distance to meet with more than one club or schedule them on consecutive days and have someone host me for a night. I enjoy the programs you present and also I can do programs on several topics. I have an awesome collection of doll accessories. I hope to attend a least one Iowa show this fall. Might even get to Missouri, if all the planets align correctly and weather is agreeable.

To help promote doll clubs in our region. I would like you to assist getting UFDC information out at the various shows. If you would like to put up a table at a show and talk to people about dolls and clubs, please let me know. I can get some flyers and forms to use on a table display. Let me know. If my schedule permits I sometimes get to the shows. UFDC show promoters are willing to give us space for the information, no sales of personal items are usually allowed. If you get any names and contact information you can invite them to meetings or pass it to me. I will contact groups needing more members or convenient to these people. I have persons interested in clubs near Dubuque, Amana, and Sioux City.

Remember: This is our Region's newsletter, so please get things to me so I may include them in future issues. Keep sending things for the ebay auctions at any time. Have a good new doll collecting year.

Cheryl C.



My Helper Prize from convention: Tottie and Dottie (named for my mom and mother-in-law).

Events In Our Region You Won't Want To Miss!

August 23, 2014 - Lady Slipper Doll Club Show & Sale, 9:30AM to 3:30PM Best Western Inn, North Mankato, Minnesota, 1111 Range St, (Hwy 169)

September 7, 2014 - 31st Annual Dolls in Summer Sale 10 AM to 3:30PM, Moundsview, MN, Mermaid Event Center, 2200 County Rd 10, Contact: Carol Benson, carol@cpromotionsplus.com

Eastern Iowa Doll Shows in 2014 **September 14, 2014** Maquoketa, Iowa; 9AM -3PM Early birds at 8AM, Jackson Cty Fairgrounds
November 9, 2014 Davenport, Iowa, Fairgrounds. Contact: Sherryl Newton; 319-610-3534 www.easterniowadollshows.com

October 4, 2014 - Minnesota Doll Jamboree all-day advance registration required. Registration still open. Forms at www.mndolljambore.com Crowne Plaza Hotel Minneapolis West; Plymouth Minnesota.

October 5, 2014-2014 - Fall Doll, Toy & Bear Show & Sale 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Medina Entertainment Center, 500 Highway 55, Medina Minnesota Contact: Bernadette Able (239) 282-9499 www.dollstoysbearsOhMy.com

October 12, 2014 - Dolls, Toys & Bear Show Cedar Rapids, Iowa 9AM to 3 PM, at 5000 J St. SW, Exit 33 Ave off I380, then left on J St. Contact: Elaine Klein 713-889-2154 email porcdoll@waitel.net

November 2, 2014 - Doll & Bear Show & Sale; St Charles, MO 10AM-3PM (9am Early adm.\$10.00) by Spirit of St Louis Doll Club at Columns Banquet Center, 711 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Contact: Tere 314-423-2635 email trankin405@aol.com

November 8, 2014 11th Annual Fall Des Moines Doll, Bear & Toy Show 9AM-3PM Iowa State Fair Grounds, Contact: Colleen Holden 515 986-1975 email: desmoinesdollshow.com

November 9, 2014 Davenport, Iowa, County Fairgrounds; Contact: Sherryl Newton; www.easterniowadollshows.com 319-610-3534

November 14-16, 3rd Annual St Louis Ball Jointed Doll Convention: information At www.stlbdcon.com There are day passes and full registrations available.