

United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.

Fall 2014 Newsletter-Region 11-Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia and West Virginia.

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Hello, everyone! I'm home from the wars, er, our wonderful convention and wanted to pop in and



Thanks to our outgoing Regional Director Faye Wetherhold for her service. We love you, Faye!

introduce myself as your new Regional Director, **Jennifer Kohn Murtha**, aka Jen or Jennifer. You'll be simply fascinated to know, I am sure, that the convention hotel was gorgeous and so huge that for the first time, I didn't gain weight at our con, so much exercise did I get running from one event to another. Missed all of you who couldn't come, so hope that next year, I'll see more people from Region 11, the best region in UFDC, than ever before. Our 2015 convention is A Dream Come True, July 16-19, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. I can't wait for 2015 convention-how about you?

I wasn't the only one who was busy-far from it. Region 11 judges included **Florie Hirsch, Julie Blewis, Marseille Bunk, Barbara Kincaid, Donna B. Landis, Kathy Turner, Ann Coleman, Susan Sirkis** and your humble correspondent. Sadly absent and much missed was student judge **Mary Elizabeth Groupe**. Our region did a fabulous job, as always, of entertaining and enlightening our fellow members. **Ann Coleman** and I gave programs, with hers being both scary and fun yet serious in import and I gave a seminar too. We also brought many dolls for competition, but fell very short of help in both modern and antique competitive exhibits-more on that in my next newsletter. **Pauline Pivowar** chaired the tote bag distribution with her usual élan and charming smile and **Susan and Mike Sirkis** won **The Ralph Griffith Award**-kudos to you both! Aren't we the most distinguished region? I can say so with impunity, as when I came back to MD from convention, my first official visit (I'm such a grownup!) as Regional Director was as Chesapeake Doll Club's guest at a meet and greet at the Benson-Hammond House, where we enjoyed sitting "neath the spreading chestnut tree" and having home-baked goods and meeting new members Shirley and James Nelson, who mounted a three room doll exhibit in Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, 20769, this past weekend.

Our fundraising efforts have been going splendidly, with Region 11 being its usual generous self. **Catherine T. McKinney**, RD emeritus of Region 11 supported UFDC's eBay Donations with several gifts that raised a good bit of the ready. **Julie Blewis** and I both sponsored tables in the competitive exhibits. **Helga Althoff** donated to the **UFDC Unity Fund** in memory of **Betty Mills**, while **Victoria Forbes** gave in honor of **Charm City Dolling Club**. **Lois Gershenow** sent a donation memorializing **Rose Fishman** to the **UFDC Unity Fund**, as did **Barbara Stone** and **Miss Carroll's Doll Study Club** as a

general gift, along with **Maryland Mountain Doll Club** and **Sugarland Searchers Doll Club**. **Julie Blewis, Margaret Kincaid, Mary Rudell** and **Barbara Stone** all gave very generously indeed to the **Museum Fund**. **Dorothy Coleman Doll Club** donated graciously to the **Real Services General Fund** and **The Maryland Society of Doll Collectors** supported the **Junior Collectors Fund**. **Southern Maryland Doll Club** helped the **Regional Director's Fund** and **The Building Fund**. Last but certainly not least, **West Virginia Mountaineers Doll Club** sent in a nice check to support our 2014 convention, **Shared Passions**.

Upcoming Regional Events

October 11, 2014 **Now and Then Doll Club of Fredericksburg, Virginia**. Is holding their annual **doll show**. Located at the Fredericksburg Elks Lodge #875, 11309 Tidewater Trail, Fredericksburg, VA. (on Rt. 2 & 17, just south of fairgrounds). The show hours are 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.50 adults/ children \$2.50. Contact: dollsbyjudi@yahoo.com.

Lady Baltimore Doll Study Club Presents “A Wildely DeFrightful Dolloween” October 25th, 2014, **North Baltimore Plaza Hotel** 2004 Greenspring Drive Timonium Maryland 21093. Souvenir is Ellowyne Wilde, defrightfully dressed by Lady Baltimore members. Tickets \$125.00, email **Rita McCloskey**, ritajmcc@aol.com. It's going to be fabulous and only 7 tickets remain so don't delay!

The Black Eyed Susan Doll Club presents “**A Victorian Picnic With Little Hitty**” Luncheon. April 25, 2015, 11 am to 4 pm. Clagett Hall 15837 Prince Fredrick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637. Cost \$145.00, limited to 50 Participants. Pre-Order companion doll “Michael” for \$180: total for both \$325. Dolls are by **Judy Brown**. More info contact **Lynn Buonviri** 301-475-3466 or lynn@buonviri.net. Program, helpers, sales, fun!

Charm City Dolling Club presents **My Mommy, My Dolly and Me** luncheon, April 18th, 2015 at **Epsworth United Methodist Chapel, Baltimore, Maryland**. Souvenir doll by **Stacey McBride-Irby** of **One World Doll Company**. \$65.00 per person, with a limit of 80 people. The fun starts at 11 am and

continues until 3:30 pm, so don't miss. I've been to Charm City's events, and I wouldn't miss them for the world! Not that anyone has offered me the world recently but you get my drift.

Darn, **No UFDC Learning Room** at **September Gaithersburg** show as the **September show** is **canceled**. But never fear, **December's Gaithersburg** show will have a wonderful **UFDC Learning Room**, so stay tuned. And be prepared to help-please ☺.

For 2015, the **Maryland Society of Doll Collectors** (MSDC) is currently planning their second event celebrating African American History month at the Odenton Regional Library (formerly West County Library), 1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton, MD 21113 on **February 7, 2015**. The theme is "Once Upon a Time and Sports Legends." Activities will include: an exhibit featuring princesses, brides, and sports legends; workshops creating clothes pins dolls, valentines' day cards, and fancy paper dolls; a display of related books; and a donation of canned food/nonperishable goods to charity.

Don't forget that we have a wonderful new **Advertising Manager** for **Doll News**, **Kathy Turner**. If you have a doll business or are a seamstress or designer or doll maker or doll jeweler or any of those things and more, then **Doll News** is the place to be advertising. So, give Kathy a shout at kturnersan@gmail.com and she'll be glad to help you out.

I'm dying to come and meet each and every member in the region, but can't unless I'm asked. A phone call or an email will do very nicely, no engraved invitation necessary. So don't be shy and I won't either. PS, don't forget to send me club information by November 1st, please.

See you next time! *Jennifer Kohn Murtha*

Club Presidents: Regional status reports are due. Please return to me promptly (no later than October 15). The reports help me when I get inquiries about doll club membership in your areas. If you need a copy of the form please let me know.