

# UFDC Region 2 South Newsletter, Fall 2015

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Hello to all Region 2 South UFDC members. My name is Robin Hochteil and I am your new regional director. I am SO excited to represent all of you in this magnificent organization.

First I would personally like to thank our outgoing Regional Director, Michael J. Kouri, for representing our region at UFDC for the last three years. He did a fabulous job taking care of us. His newsletters were informative and fun. (I never did find Miss Unity in there.) He traveled miles and miles to visit each of our clubs and to present wonderful programs. Michael, we will be forever grateful for your generosity, time and energy while you were RD. A big THANK YOU from all of us in Region 2 South.

Now, I would like to tell you all a little about myself. I have been a member of UFDC for about 12 years. I am a member of two clubs, Best Little Doll Club of Orange County and the Inland Empire Doll Club. I love collecting and playing with dolls and, like a lot of us out there, it is really hard for me to focus on any particular kind of dolls. (I'm sure you all know what I mean there.) I collect French and German antique Bebes and Fashions, Lencis, Bleuetttes, Nancy Ann Storybook dolls, Kewpies, Madame Alexander Lissys, Vogue Ginnys, Barbies, the modern Ball Jointed Dolls, Matryoshka Russian Nesting Dolls and Modern Artist Bears. I enjoy researching dolls and love to give programs. I am so looking forward to meeting you all, going to meetings and events as much as I can. I am married to my loving (and very tolerant) hubby and have 3 grown up children, two cats and a dog. By trade, I am a computer software Engineer working for a company that allows me the flexibility to travel and get to know you all personally. I'm also an actress in community theatre and I am a volunteer board member for a Children's Theatre. Yes I know... busy, busy. I have met so many people who have enthusiastically embraced my appointment as your RD and have already booked dates to come see their clubs. Please email or call me so I can make arrangements to see you all. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything. I look at dolls not only as play things we remember from our childhoods, but as 3-dimensional works of art that are to be cherished, studied and passed on to the next generation.

I am still recovering from the 66<sup>th</sup> annual UFDC National Convention in Kansas City, "A Dream Come True". There was SO much to see and do! I think I lost any weight I might have gained from eating running back and forth between the two hotel towers. I believe we had over 1300 attendees this year! Everywhere I went there were dolls, dolls and more dolls. There were so many meal events, workshops and seminars available to everyone. Opening night in the sales room was an exercise in patience and breathing. The booths were 10 deep in people drooling over and buying a wide variety of dolls and accessories. I'm sure that many of you were blown away by the viewing of the UFDC Doll Museum and the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures. And along side many of the dolls in the UFDC Museum were the names of people and clubs who adopted those dolls. Consider adopting a doll yourself to help our museum grow. At our annual business meeting we heard from our current president, Linda Edwards, as she passed the baton to our new president, Janet Gula, and our new executive board was introduced. Loretta Nardone is the First Vice-President, Barbara Stone is our Second Vice-President and Maryll Goldsmith is the new Secretary/Treasurer. The doll competition was awe inspiring. Dolls as far as the eye could see. A mighty THANK YOU to all of you who brought your precious dolls to this event. I hope many of you came home with ribbons, pictures and bragging rights. At the final banquet we had a magnificent meal, exchanged hugs and well wishes to our old friends and new ones we made and we all received our souvenir doll created by artist Susan Fosnot. We went home tired, happy and, probably, a little bit poorer, with thoughts of our time in Kansas City and looking forward to the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual UFDC Convention, "Kindred Spirits" in Washington D.C. July 27-30, 2016.

Don't forget our 2105 Regional for 2 South, **Buttons and Bows**, is coming up September 24-26 in San Diego with our Sales Room Public Day on Saturday, September 26 from 1 to 4pm. There is going to be lots to do and see there. Please come by and say hello. Read more information about this regional later in this newsletter. I am SO looking forward to my term as RD while we learn, talk and share our love of dolls. Speaking of sharing, please remember to share all the news from Unity's news with your club members and let's have a great Fall Season of Dolls!

## WHAT'S COMING UP IN OUR REGION?

### Delightful Dolls Of So. California Annual Show And Sale

**Sept 12** - San Diego, CA Info: (619) 265-0443

### Region 2-South Doll Conference

**Sept 24-26** - San Diego, CA Info: (619)298-2447

### Valley Of The Sun Doll Club Doll And Teddy Bear Show

**Oct 3** - Phoenix, AZ Info: (480) 831-9081

### Southwind Doll Club Show & Sale

**Oct 3** - Escondido, CA Info: (760) 420-7781

### Anaheim Doll Club Show & Sale

**Oct 10** - Garden Grove, CA Info: (951) 780-7880

### Forever Young Doll Show & Sale

**Oct 17** - Pasadena, CA Info: (818) 368-4648

### Doll Collectors Of North Park Doll Show

**Oct 24** - San Diego, Ca Info (619) 602-9043

### California Doll Collectors Annual Holiday Vintage Doll Show

**Nov 7** - Anaheim, CA Info: (562) 596-6790

### Wonderland Doll, Toy and Bear Show

**Nov 14** - Oxnard, CA Info: (805) 445-9443

### Crescent Bay Doll Fanciers, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Nov 14** - Los Angeles, CA Info: (323) 481-2415

### Doll Council of LA, OC and Riverside Christmas Brunch

**Dec 5** - Fullerton, CA Info: (714) 449-9796

## *UFDC news*

### *Donations made to UFDC From members and clubs of our Region*

#### **2015 Convention –**

Sandy Kralovetz – Banquet  
Darlene Lane –  
Competitive exhibit table sponsor  
Sunbonnet Doll Club of Arizona –  
Convention Gift

#### **Building Fund –**

Sharon Kolibaba  
Sandy Kralovetz –  
*in memory of Ms. Arnetta Ruth West*

#### **Museum Fund –**

Jewel City Doll Club –  
*in memory of Mrs. Linda Edward*  
Jean Theaker –  
*in memory of Ms. Bernice Fricke*

#### **Museum Fund – *Adopt a Doll Program***

Edward J. Kolibaba  
Sharon Kolibaba  
Sharon A. Lee  
Sue Samuels

#### **Regional Directors Fund –**

*in honor of Mr. Michael J. Kouri*  
Jewel City Doll Club  
Newport Beach Sanddollers  
Sierra Madre Doll Club

#### **Unity Fund –**

Cameo Doll Club  
Newport Beach Sanddollers  
Sun City Doll Study Club of Arizona  
Michele Wise

#### **ReAL Services –**

Valley of The Sun Doll Club –  
*in memory of Ms. Mary Krombholz*

These donations from our region totaled  
**\$3,450.32**

**Ebay Fundraiser** – Our headquarters has announced a need for more donated items for this fundraiser. The donation form is available online at UFDC.org or you can contact me for a copy. *This quarter we thank Ms. Sandra A. Ottiger for her generous donation.*

## *more R2S events and news*

### **!!! Congratulations To One Of Our Own !!!**

**Kathleen Lanford**  
Valley of the Sun Doll Club

**Kathleen received UFDC's Award of  
Excellence for the Protection and Preservation of Dolls**

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**Regional Meeting** – I hope all of you are as excited as I am about the upcoming Regional, “Buttons and Bows”, for 2 South in San Diego at the DoubleTree Hotel September 24-26. We are getting down to the wire here. The committee is in full swing getting ready to make your days at Regional fun-filled and exciting. We have meal events, programs, workshops, helpers, a competition room and, of course, a fabulous sales room. However, as in most Doll events, we NEED YOUR HELP. Please consider volunteering. We need help at the registration desk, table hostesses for the final banquet, clerks for the competition (really need help there) and monitors for the competition and helper rooms. This regional cannot happen without you. Please contact me if you can help. I will be happy to get you all the info you need. Maureen Herrod, our fabulous former RD, is in charge of the competition room. Not only do we need you, WE NEED YOUR DOLLS. If you have not already entered dolls and want to, please contact me or Maureen. All your dolls are precious. Consider sharing them with others in this region. See you in September!

#### **Club Activities – *What's going on in your club?***

Here in Region 2 South, the Verdugo Hills Doll Club, yearly makes what a lot of us call our Dolly Bible, the “Pink Book”, an amazing collection of all events in the 2 South and even the 2 North regions. I know that I carry a copy of it with me always. It gets pretty rumpled toward the end of the year. I will be using that pamphlet to update this section of the newsletter. But please let me know about your upcoming events, especially those open to other clubs and UFDC members, so I can make sure that they are included in the next newsletter. Those items need to be in by November 10th. Please email me if possible or give me a call.

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#### **Other UFDC Regions' Events –**

You can find out about events in the other UFDC regions by reading their Region Newsletters. You might be able to attend some of the shows and events depending on where you live and where you like to travel. Go to UFDC.org, click on the Home tab then the drop down menu item Regional Map. Once there just click on any region and you can see all the newsletters from that Regional Director.