



United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. –Fall 2015 Newsletter
Region 5 - Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri
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As fall approaches, I think about how great this convention was and the good times I had with so many of our region's members throughout the summer. Our recent convention was my dream come true. It was so gratifying meeting so many of you, seeing your smiling faces and how much all our UFDC members work to put on this great convention.

Welcome New Members at Large: Margaret Lane of Hawaii, Doris M Strait of Iowa, and Kathleen Waldron of Washington. I am pleased to welcome our newest Museum Member: Midwest Old Threshers Heritage Museum in Mt Pleasant, Iowa.

Donations this past quarter totaling \$1,496.00 were received from: Gateway Doll Study Club, Minnesota Jamboree Council, Maurine Steurer & Cheryl Cloutier to the Museum Fund; Greater St Louis Doll Club to the Unity Fund; and The W.I.M Heirloom Doll Collectors to the 2015 Convention Fund. Ms Sandra A. Ottiger gave Ebay donations. Please remember donations to our Ebay auction project are accepted at any time.

Thank you to our Prairie Rapids Doll Club and the Minnesota Jamboree Council for sponsoring ticketed meal events this year. I heard they were wonderful. A good time was had by all. Thank you to all who volunteer and work to make our convention successful and support UFDC in so many more ways.



Where are Merry & Sunny? Not south of the border. They are residing with their "flabbergasted" new mom, Kay Gutierrez, in Loveland, Colorado, Region 6. Maybe she can bring them to visit me at the regional conference in Billings Montana in September 2016. They took

many toys, new parkas, snow suits, wooly sweaters, hats and wonderful outfits in their travel bags.



This is their final display on an eight foot table in the Helper Room at convention. The enthusiasm of the RDs, Officers and a few of our Sasha Friends made this wonderful prize and display possible. Thanks to all for their contributions and support. Footnote to twins: Three of my fellow RDs have added Sasha Babies & Kids in their doll families.

REGION FIVE CLUB & MEMBER DOINGS: Check out this ongoing exhibit by Prairie Rapids Doll Club.



This club is continuing the relationship it has with the Grout Museum of Waterloo, Iowa. Every six months they set up a display case exhibit. This summer china head dolls, entitled "Hairstyles Preserved in Porcelain." is the display and features dolls from the Grout's collection as well as dolls from some of their personal collections. The dolls are linked to antique photos and fashion illustrations, to show how the chinas' hairstyles preserve in their porcelain popular styles of the times.

Congratulations are in order: To: Award of Excellence Education Endeavors Through Dolls winners **Donilee and Scott Popham** of Old Capitol Doll Club and the Hawkeye Doll Club of Iowa. Thank you for giving so much back to our community of clubs and collectors. Region 5 is proud of you.

Happy 60th Anniversary to: Heirloom Doll Collectors Club in the Kansas City area of Missouri. They are planning a celebration this fall.

Out & About with Cheryl Convention was a big highlight of this summer. Before that I made a visit to the Hawkeye Doll Club's annual Luncheon & Doll show to benefit the Bussey Doll Collection on the grounds of Old Threshers Heritage Museum in Mt Pleasant Iowa. I would hope you could attend or visit this huge site. This is our newest museum member. It is a place where the whole family would find many things to enjoy.

Three of UFDC's museum members are in Region 5. Let's show our support and visit them. I was able to visit our National Toy & Miniature Museum seven days after their grand opening. All the displays are open and well worth your time to visit soon again. Check the December activities on their website. On a return revisit to our UFDC museum again, I always see things you missed on previous visits. These return visits coincided with my presenting a doll dialog at the Tea with Dolly & Me event hosted by Marcy and Deb, members of the Show Me Doll Club with additional help from the club, families & friends. It was a wonderful day, the souvenir doll was a delightful all bisque made by the talented artist Thu Tam Freeman. Thank you ladies.

REALLY FUN & SATISFYING JOB AVAILABLE:

Director Region 5, starting July 2016 thru July 2019

No prior experience required, **Qualifications:** love of dolls and learning, meeting people, answering a few questions or find out who can do that. **Apply to UFDC by August 31, 2015. Application in DOLL NEWS Summer 2015 page 178** or contact me

A bit of business: Club Presidents Please return your **Regional Status Report** to me by Oct 15 or sooner. This is the best way for your RD to have the latest information on your club. If you need new members, I need this information. I would like to give the most current copies to my successor next summer. I greatly appreciate your help with this. 2015-2016 Membership cards will arrive in October.

Members, please see that UFDC office has your correct email & current address if you are not

hearing from them. **Members at large,** please return your renewal letters as soon as possible when you receive them.

EVENTS in and near Region 5:

August 30, 2015 ..42nd Annual Show and Sale Lady Slipper Doll Club. 9:30AM to 3:30PM Best Western Inn, North Mankato, MN. Contact cjchris@frontiernet.net

August 30, 2015 Eastern Iowa Doll, Toy & Bear Show & Sale 9AM – 3PM Jackson County Fairgrounds, **Maquoketa, IA,** contact: Sherryl Newton 319-610-3534
www.easterniowadollshow.com

September 13, 2015 32nd Annual Dolls in Summer ;
November 1, 2015 12th Annual Dolls in Fall Show & Sales 10AM-3:30PM at Mermaid Event Ctr, Moundsview, MN Carol Benson Carol@cpromotionsplus.com web: www.CPromotionsPlus.com 612-669-1613

October 3, 2015 Minnesota Doll Jamboree "All Things Alice" Plymouth Minnesota. 8:30AM -3PM Special souvenir, speakers, displays, workshops, brunch & lunch included. Preregistration required. Discounted registration through Aug.31. Check the Jamboree website: www.mndolljamboree.com for information.

October 4, 2015 Fall Dolls, Bears, & Toys, OH MY! Show , 10 AM – 4PM; Medina entertainment Center, 500 HWY 55, Medina, MN Contact: Bernadette Able 239-282-9499, www.dollstoysbearsOHMY.com

November 1, 2015 Spirit of St Louis Doll Club Show & Sale 10 AM - 3PM, Stegton Regency Banquet Center, 1450 Wall St, St Charles, MO Contact Tere: 314-423-2635

November 8, 2015 Eastern Iowa Doll Show, 9AM – 3PM Davenport, Iowa, Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds Contact: Sherryl Newton, 319-610-3534

November 14, 2015 Des Moines Doll Show, 9:00am–3pm. Iowa State Fairgrounds, East 30th & University. www.desmoinesdollshow.com Contact: Colleen Holden 515-986-1975 email doll50265@aol.com

It is always good to hear about your club and member activities. Please send me information by November 10, to include in the Winter issue of my newsletter. I just started my 2015-2016 calendar and have open dates to visit, Invitations welcome and happily accepted (weather permitting) Have an enjoyable autumn and have fun with your dolls..*Cheryl*