



United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.
Region 10 - Illinois and Wisconsin

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What a wonderful convention! This is always my chance to connect with all of my sisters. I've found that I like them all better as adults and we all have valuable skills not appreciated when we were younger.



Donnell (your RD), Adeline, Jean and Maryll (your new Secretary/Treasurer).

In my case, the Muehlenbach Tower struck early and I could not have managed without my roommates and my younger siblings. They don't often get the chance to push me around!

Open Forum discussion topics:

Our conventions will continue to be four days for the foreseeable future. Conventions and special exhibits are planned 3 years in advance. Most hotels have less than 40 handicap rooms,

so you have to put in your request early. The RDs and some members have been asking for a more interactive UFDC.org site. Arleen Good-Niblett has volunteered her expertise and is now working on that issue.

Region 10 Meeting:

We had 81 Region 10 members at the convention and 30 who attended the Regional meeting. 10 Clubs were represented and 2 MALs took time to come. THANK YOU!

We lost 2 clubs this year so I have thought a lot about club growth. I believe that you first have to exhibit **ENTHUSIASM** for this hobby. Use your extra magazines by placing them in public places. Download Doll News to your tablet (if you use one) - it's a great marketing tool. When someone visits your club, go out of your way to make them feel welcome, introduce them to members and include them in the activity. Don't look askance at what they collect - we don't all like the same things. **Check with your local papers and/or radio stations to see if they offer a free notice of an event or meeting in an activity section.** If you would like to plan something special, I'd be happy to come and help.

Annual Business Meeting:

UFDC has 473 clubs and 8000+ members.

Janet Gula is our new President, Loretta Nardone is the First Vice-President, Barbara Stone is our Second Vice-President and Maryll Goldsmith is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

As we welcomed our new Regional Directors, I began thinking of the end of my term. **By the next convention in 2016, we must elect one member of our region to serve on the Nominating Committee.** Please consider this thoughtfully and let me know if you are interested. **The application to become our next Regional Director must be filled out and returned to the Nominating Committee by August 31, 2016.** Your three years will be a lot of fun, they will fly by. I am really enjoying this position and it gives me the pleasure of getting to know you all.

WELCOME to our Newest MAL

Mr. Scott Sommers

RD Travels

In April, I joined the Kankakee Valley club at a library event to promote new memberships. May found me in Galesburg, IL and Mt. Pleasant, IA. June was PICNIC time in Madison, WI (Madison Doll Collectors) and again in Waukesha, WI (Doll Scholars of SE Wisconsin). July in Kansas City did not work out as planned when I fell on the second day, but I did learn how to use a wheelchair! The end of July found me visiting the Enchanted Dolls of Fox Valley, WI. August was closer to home as I spoke to a sewing guild in Springfield about Bleuette and her wonderful patterns. September 19th will find me visiting in Indianapolis as I attend the Region 12 event with guest, Alan Scott Pate. In October I am crossing the border to Region 5 and will do a make and take at the Minnesota Doll Jamboree. November will find me visiting West Chicago Doll Collectors.

Donations

Adopt A Doll (Museum Fund)

Badger State Doll Club

Karol L. Bullen
Madison Area Doll Club

Joan Kaar, Jill Kaar Hanson and Jerry Hanson in memory of Kathleen Kaar

Building General Fund

Wisconsin Doll Club

Museum General Fund

David C. Kublank, Cathy Noone, Maurine Steurer, Kathy A. Treece

UFDC Unity Fund

Joyce M. Christensen

Fireside Doll Workshop of Illinois in memory of Ms. Marjorie G. Allen

Lake County Doll Collectors of Illinois in honor of Ms. Linda Edward

REAL Services

Jerry Hanson and Jill Kaar Hanson

Boone County Home Community Education

Library

Jerry Hanson

For a total of \$1590 in donations from May 1 to July 31, 2015

We also had several **EBAY Donations:**

Julia M Furman donated 6 items

Judith A Reeves donated a holiday Terri Lee

Competitive Exhibit Sponsorship

Dodi Becker and Donnell Wisniewski

KINDRED SPIRITS

67th UFDC National Convention

will be held in Washington, D.C.
July 27 – Saturday, July 30, 2016.

SEE YOU THERE!