



REGION 14 NEWSLETTER - FALL 2015

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Hello to Everyone, I'm Brian Taggerty and I'm excited to begin my role as your voice for Region 14. I'm one of those people that never "began" doll collecting but rather was born into it. My mother and grandmother were both doll collectors so, as a child, dolls were always around me... it just seemed natural. My grandmother was a doll doctor and taught me how to do repairs and restorations.



Techniques that have long been outdated, but I've managed to keep current with most of the new technologies in doll restorations. I keep this skill as a hobby because I don't wish to make it "work", which will ruin all the fun for me. I'm a union carpenter that works on large commercial construction sites such as hospitals, college buildings, schools, and hotels. And as you can imagine, I don't talk about dolls while I'm at work. But, I continue to be a doll doctor/collector and expand my already massive collection of dolls from the early 1800s right on through to today's modern BJDs. I look forward to meeting you all as your new Regional Director.

Convention Report:

This year's convention was packed full of things to do, not that previous conventions weren't busy, but for some reason I found myself scrambling to get from one event to another. Before I knew it the week was over. The 66th UFDC National Convention was held in Kansas City, Missouri... the home of UFDC. The host hotel this year was the KC Marriott Downtown which we filled and had to make arrangements with other nearby hotels to house all of the doll people who came to this spectacular convention. Things to do included: Workshops, Seminars, Meal Events, Programs, and a fantastic Sales Room not to mention the activities outside the convention hotel. Anyone who missed this convention should make it a point to go to next year's in downtown Washington DC.



Donations From Region 14:

I'd like to thank those members of region 14 who graciously made donations to support UFDC:

- Buffalo Regional Doll Club - 2015 Convention
- Buffalo Regional Doll Club - RD's Fund
- In Honor of Ms. Margaret M. Vitale
- Western New York Doll Club - UFDC Unity Fund
- In Memory of Ms. Rita Kubacki
- Doll Study Club of Long Island - Museum Fund
- Elaine Holda Museum Fund
- Jean M. Kestel 2015 Convention
- Long Island Cloth Dolllinks UFDC Unity Fund
- Eleanor McBride Museum Fund
- Loretta Nardone 2015 Convention
- Joyce J. Rodgers Museum Fund
- Staten Island Doll Club Museum Fund
- Margaret M. Vitale 2015 Convention
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- Diane H. Vourderis Museum Fund
- Total for this quarter was **\$3,888.06**

Ebay Donations were made by~ Barbara Patrick, Nettie Raynard, Heather Wasserman.

New Members to our Region:

I'd also like to recognize and welcome our new member's at large and new corporate member:

Mr. Jeffrey Cook of Brooklyn NY

Ms. Deborah Crosby of Schenectady, NY

Ms. Jane Morin of Islip, NY

Dover Publications of Mineola, NY



**Reminder for Club Presidents:
Club Regional Status form Need to be filled
out and returned to me by October 3rd.**

Doll Events coming this fall to our region include:

Saturday October 3rd, 2015 – 10:00am to 3:30pm

Shaker Doll Club's 39th Annual Antique & Collectable Doll Show and Sale

St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 440 Whitehall Road, Albany, NY

\$5.00 admission, children under 12 free

Contact information: Show Chair - Diane 518-842-4549 Dealer Chair - Priscilla 518-686-7928

Saturday, October 17, 2015 - 10:30am to 4:00pm

Hudson Valley Doll Club Elegant Halloween Doll Luncheon at the Warwick Valley Country Club, 42 Oakland Ave, Warwick, NY. Speaker: **Maria Cruz**, former Head Designer for Madame Alexander Doll Co. Souvenir Doll: 8" Madame Alexander (\$109 value) is included with admission! Helper raffles, doll dealers! Set in the midst of the spectacular autumn foliage and orchards of the Hudson Valley region: one hour north of NYC. Only 75 tickets available! Deadline for reservation is September 18, 2015. To view Luncheon Invitation, visit Hudson Valley Doll Club on Facebook! LIKE US while you are there! Admission: \$95.00 (includes souvenir). Contact Luncheon Registrar: **Ray Baker**, Email: rbaker36@optonline.net or for additional information; **Judy Williams**, Phone: 845-534-2791.

Saturday, October 24, 2015 – Noon to 4:00pm

The Staten Island Doll Club invites you to go **"Back to School With Betsy"** at our annual luncheon at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn -2512 Arthur Kill Road, Staten Island, New York. The cost is \$75-, which includes a full course meal, favors, door prizes, raffle tables, and a delightful souvenir doll by **Robert Tonner**. A portion of the proceeds will benefit a local animal rescue organization. Send payment to **Heather Wasserman** at 14 East Macon Avenue/ Staten Island, New York 10308 or call 718-948-5545 for additional information.

Saturday, October 24, 2015 - 11:00am

Bleuette and Friends Spooktacular Luncheon. Lunch will be at Noon. Price includes: lunch, a souvenir outfit with accessories and several make and take projects for your dolly. There will also be a special raffle for a handmade Halloween quilt. Part of these proceeds will go to support the All Saints Church weekly community dinner. Limited to 50 people. Location All Saints Church 153 South 1st Street Fulton , NY. Admission: \$30.00 Per Person. Contact Email: lcarbona@twcny.rr.com Contact Phone: 315-635-9902.

I'd also like to add, to any members who live on the borders of our region, to check online with the neighboring regions and read their newsletter to find events that may be near you within their Region.

If you or your club would like to submit information on a club event, you must send your information to me no later than November 1st to make the Winter edition.

