

Region 11 Fall 2017 Newsletter

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Hi! I'm your new Region 11 Director, and all of my friends call me Judy. I joined UFDC in 1985, Blue Ridge Doll Club. The following year I went to a convention in Washington, DC. I was hooked. I began meeting more and more nice people in Dollology and became an associate member. I am also a member of ODACA and the National Historical Railway Society as well as several professional organizations. When I retired from my "real world" jobs in transportation I opened a shop in Charlottesville, VA named *Antiques, Dolls & Treasures*. A venture I really enjoyed. Several Virginia doll clubs held meetings at the shop and I often gave programs on Kachina dolls and provided lunch.

I am a Vietnam era veteran of the United States Air Force with an undergraduate Degree from Mary Baldwin College and Graduate Degrees from the University of Virginia. I am not at all "crafty" I can't sew, paint or repair. I am an excellent public speaker, organizer, leader, called the "idea person" and "problem solver" at work. I have a very large loving family, we have put the word "fun" in dysfunctional, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I am a trustworthy, caring friend, and dependable doll dealer. I'm anxious to visit clubs, learn what they are doing and how they think UFDC and Region 11 can grow and improve. I'm excited to meet those I don't already know and visit with those I do!!

WOW! What a great convention! Region 11 seemed to be one of the stars! We won Beverly Stoehr's "Miss Unity" Doll for having the most new members. Thank you retiring RD **Jennifer Kohn Murtha** for working hard to bring new clubs, new club members, and MALs to our organization. There were Region 11 members helping everywhere - stuffing tote bags, leading dynamic dialogues, judging competitive exhibits, clerking, monitoring, registering

members, hosting events, in the mini-office, sales room, Helper room, participating with ODACA, and still finding time to sit around talking and laughing. **WAY TO GO!** A huge thank you to Dr. Barbara Stone, Director of Convention Services for a superb convention!

I know many of us are already planning our trip to convention in Phoenix next July 17th-21st. Five days full of doll fun. The theme is **Passport to Adventure** and the souvenir doll artist is Ruby Red Galleria. Register **now** at www.ufdc.org.

The **UFDC website** is a wealth of information. I visit it at least once a month to see what is going on, what wonderful bargains I can get through the online shop, and to see what's new with our organization. The site is undergoing an upgrade that will roll out in the fall. If you haven't visited our website lately, do yourself a favor and visit www.ufdc.org.

Miss Unity will be traveling with me when I go to visit clubs and special events. She will be looking for special souvenirs from each place she visits. I emailed Beverly Stoehr to ask about patterns so some outfits could be made for her. If a seamstress would like her measurements, I can also do that. She just might send us a UVA T-shirt from Blue Ridge Doll Club. Keep bringing in those new members as we don't want to lose her.

I gave out most of my stash of vintage handkerchiefs at the **Regional meeting** at convention. Those of you who know me well, know that I can read a building blueprint, a flight pattern, or a highway plan, but I CANNOT read a sewing pattern. I have since learned that the pattern I gave out at the meeting was not a very good one. However, there seems to be a very good one in a recent DOLL NEWS and several online. If you were at the meeting, you know we want to do a Vogue item for the

Helper room at the 2018 convention. Dolls, clothes (including hanky clothes) possibly furniture, trunks, books, whatever we can round up. If you or your club would rather, you can make a monetary donation and we will search for wonderful vintage Vogue items. Old store displays, catalogs or accessories would be wonderful. If you have ANY questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Calendar: Saturday, October 14, 2017 **The Now and Then Doll Club of Fredericksburg Doll & Toy Show** at the Elks Lodge, 10-4.

Saturday, November 4, 2017, **Richmond Doll & Bear Show**. Ruth Walker and I are both UFDC members and will of course have a UFDC table and lots of UFDC information as well as fabulous dealers, dolls, and bears. It is held at the Richmond Raceway on Laburnum Ave. from 9:30 until 3:30.

Region 11 Conference, Maryland, A Merry Land. For more information contact Sandy Moore caa-smoore@att.net or 703-532-6570. At convention they were still looking for clubs to donate Helpers. Hope I see you there. A lot of members who can't go to convention can have a taste of convention at a Regional. They are a lot of fun!

Announcement: We regret to inform that the **Madeleine de Baine Symposium** scheduled for October 26-28, 2017 has been postponed. Madeleine is looking forward to greeting you in Kansas City in spring 2018. Details and dates will be published as soon as possible.

Donations this quarter:

Black Eyed Susan Doll Club of Maryland-UFDC Unity Fund, Memorial thank you, Joyce Henderson
Julie G. Blewis-Museum Fund, Memorial thank you, Jean Grout

Chesapeake Doll Club of Maryland-Regional Director's Fund, Honorarium, Jennifer Kohn Murtha

Dollology Club of Washington, DC- Regional Director's Fund, Honorarium, Jennifer Kohn Murtha

Gladys MacDowell Doll Study Club-Regional Director's Fund, Honorarium, Jennifer Kohn Murtha

Rita M. Johnston-Regional Director's Fund, Memorial Thank you, Ms. Jean M. Grout and Regional Director's Fund, Honorarium Thank you, Dorothy Temple, and Dorothy Grinewi

Lady Baltimore Doll Study Club-Building General Fund, Honorarium, Jennifer Kohn Murtha

Maryland Doll Club-2017 Convention, Dr. Barbara Stone, Karola Miller

Maryland Mountain Doll Club-Regional Director's Fund, General Thank You

Dr. Barbara Stone-2017 Convention, Memorial thank you, Jean M. Grout and 2017 Convention, Honorarium gift, Janet P. Gula

West Virginia Mountaineer Doll Club-2017 Convention, Convention Gift, Thank you

Williamsburg Doll Club-Collections fund for future, general thank you.

Reminder: Regional Status Forms are due October 20th. Winter 2018 newsletter deadline for submitting news to me is November 3, 2017.

It is important we all know the UFDC office has only two and 1/2 employees (the 1/2 employee, Donna is actually normally size and very patient and nice). Please do not call the office unless you have exhausted ALL other avenues.

Your first avenue is your club president. The next avenue is me, the Regional Director. It would be best for the club president to contact the RD, but if this doesn't work, I am open to communicate with any member if it saves a call to our very busy staff in Kansas City. IMPORTANT: The UFDC office does not have a printing press in the office where they can run off a copy of DOLL NEWS whenever needed. If a fellow club member gets a magazine and you haven't gotten yours yet, please wait a few days. We cannot control the US Postal Service. Send in the correct forms for changes of address or the passing of a club member. (If you die and let me know, I will do both and make a donation in your name!)

Until next time - Judy