



REGION 10 NEWSLETTER

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A Personal Note...

The annual convention gives me a kick-start into the new doll year. Having had the opportunity to mingle with diverse doll friends from near and far, a fresh perspective is gained through shared experiences and ideas – ideas we can bring back to our clubs.

I'm thankful to all who participated in the convention with special appreciation to those who attended the Region 10 gathering and shared your club successes and concerns. Sustaining club membership is a high priority for many. Several clubs had participated in or staged local doll shows - an excellent way to promote your club and meet prospective members. One of our R10 clubs even expressed an interest in hosting a regional conference! Wouldn't that be something?!!!

Understandably, not everyone can attend a national or regional conference but ideas and suggestions - for programs, fundraising and membership campaigns - can be shared here, under Club Notes.

Small clubs may feel overwhelmed with what may be seem to be immense efforts – why not start small by planning a joint meeting with another club once or twice a year? Even if your club normally meets in the homes of its members, why not designate a meeting or two a year to a public place such as a community room or library? Open those meetings to the public and invite MALs. Educate the unenlightened and learn from others. Could your club benefit from a few new ideas? Could your club dispense a few good suggestions? How about you, MALs? I'd love to spread the word of what's working for you. I'm revitalized for the year ahead. I hope you are, too.

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Julie

A Warm Welcome

to new MAL **Jeanette Pearson** of Island Lake, IL

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We share a love of dolls and love to share in all things 'dolls'. We expand our knowledge and friendships in this fascinating hobby through the UFDC. Share the UFDC with others. Any current UFDC member who sponsors a **NEW** club member or member-at-large is eligible to receive a \$10 UFDC voucher good toward dues or merchandise. The name of the sponsor must be indicated on the New Member Addition Form or MAL Application. Forms are available at the website.

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UFDC Supporters

Your generous donations are very much appreciated.

Chicago Doll Collectors Club
Doll Questers of S.E. Wisconsin
Doll Scholars of S.E. Wisconsin

Madison Area Doll Club
Premier Doll Study Club of Southern IL
Kathy A. Treece

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I know of no one who wants to be asked for money. It is, however, a necessary evil - at least for a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization. Are you aware a specific percent of the income of a 501(c) 3 must come from donations? (Yes, you read that correctly!) Donations to UFDC are not meeting current federal guidelines. We can't express our thanks enough to the members who donate to UFDC. In the theater, they'd be called angels. Please, be an angel and think of UFDC when you plan your charitable contributions large or small.

Convention recap

Members who have never attended a UFDC national convention, especially our MALs, may not be familiar with what convention offers. Although each convention is different, the following is what was available at the 2012 “Jambalaya Jubilee”.

Included in the full registration fee: Dynamic Doll Dialogs of approximately 20 different topics; At Your Service Ice Cream Social; Opening Ceremonies with Awards of Excellence and scholarship presentations; Competitive exhibit featuring 168 separate categories; Highlight Tours of the competition room; 7 special exhibits, 3 with corresponding free programs; 14 Free programs; 8 special interest gatherings; The Open Forum; Access to the salesroom*; Access to the Publishers Preview* (*merchandise sold separately); Access to Helpers and the Silent Auction (tickets sold separately); Special drawing of a modern Bleuette with extensive accessories for convention attendees staying at the hotel; Banquet; Tote bag; Souvenir Journal; Souvenir Doll; Regional gatherings and, the reason for convention, the Annual Business Meeting. **For a nominal additional fee:** Karaoke night; and 18 different seminar topics, presented 22 times.

At various additional fees: 12 Themed Meal Events with theme souvenir doll; 39 different Workshops.

The ‘numbers’ were announced at the annual business meeting: UFDC boasts 502 clubs comprised of 8627 members; 1456 MALs; 36 corporate members; 16 library members, and 7 museum members for a total of 10,142. Junior Collectors, totaling 200, are not included in this number. The convention registrants total was approximately 1013 (<10% of all members).

R10 boasts 24 clubs comprised of 342 members; 98 MALs; 2 museum members (>4% of UFDC) and 2 Junior Collectors. R10 registrants totaled 70 (>15% of R10) with 15 clubs (>60%) and 12 MALs (>12%) represented. The regional gathering was attended by 23 members (>32% of R10 registrants).

Please read and / or copy this newsletter and Unity’s Newsletter to share with your club members.

Club Notes

It was more than a pleasure to attend the end-of-year picnic of the **Doll Scholars of S. E. Wisconsin** - it was truly miraculous. The astounding sum of \$30,000 was realized from their May 2012 ‘Rose Percy’ event. Various charities, primarily focused on soldier and veteran assistance, are the primary recipients of this generous donation. The Doll Scholars convey their gratitude to the donors, volunteers and the fundraiser attendees who all helped to make this miracle happen.

Shows and Sales

Check out Newsletters from other regions on-line at www.ufdc.org for events in those areas.

September 16, 2012 // 10am – 3pm
Orphans in the Attic Doll and Bear show
Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Milwaukee, WI Info: Sue Serio
800/796-9649 sueserio@gmail.com

September 23, 2012 // 9am – 3pm
Illinois Doll, Bear & Toy Show & Sale
William Tell Holiday Inn, 6201 Joliet Rd.
Countryside, IL Info: Julie Bronski
312/919-7135 www.illinoisdollshows.com

October 28, 2012 // 8am – 3pm
The Chicago Toy Show
Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd.
St. Charles, IL Info: Antique World Shows, Inc.
847/800-3009 www.chicagotoyshow.com

Always Open

UFDC On-line Auction

To view current auction items, go to www.ufdc.org, point on the **HOME** tab then click on **UFDC-eBay**. Donation forms are also available on that page. R10 is asked to concentrate auction donations during the January through March quarter. Many thanks.

Deadline: News and events for the WINTER newsletter need to be sent to me by November 15, 2012.