



## UFDC REGION 6 NEWSLETTER FALL 2012

Wow! Time flies! Convention is over and it's back to school. Who doesn't remember the excitement of the first day coupled with real regret that summer was over?



Some countries had special customs for the first day at school... The little photos are of German children on their first day of school. The photo of the little girl on the left is dated 1953 and the other is 1910. Each is holding the giant cone of sweets that would have been given to her by her parents to celebrate the momentous occasion, as was customary in Germany. Note that each has a little backpack that is relatively unchanged, even after 43 years. And what a darling school uniform with hat and all on the earlier child! So if your dollies need to be dressed for September, what a cute idea, especially for our favorite German ones. And don't forget the special cone that eased the pain of "growing up" and going away from Mommy for the first time!

## CONVENTION

Hope you all had a great time at convention...as usual, New Orleans was marvelous and the souvenir so very cute. Janet Gula and the other officers, planners and volunteers at UFDC worked very hard to give us a very nice time with so many activities to choose from that you never even wanted to step outside the hotel. Our souvenir was darling porcelain "Just Me" from the Vogue Company...truly adorable...and just the right size for those of us who are having trouble "squishing" even one more doll into those overloaded cabinets and shelves. (You know who you are!). The convention did sell out, so I am really pleased at the support of the members, whose presence is always greatly appreciated.

Our next two conventions will be in Washington and San Antonio, respectively. I know they will both be fabulous, so put the dates on your calendar and think about coming to one or both. We have not been to either place in a long time, and both locales are wonderful. Washington is such a joy because there is so much to see, and everything is so easy and safe to get to with the subway, which is not expensive. San Antonio is also going to be great-this time we will be away from downtown near the Hill Country. Loretta Nardone is planning all sorts of wonderful events for us, as well as special pricing on meals so the cost will be contained. I was just in San Antonio last month, both downtown and in the area of the hotel, and I have to say, that I believe that the locale for the convention is far preferable to downtown. I have always loved San Antonio, but downtown seems to me to have deteriorated considerably, and many of the nice shops are gone.

## DONATIONS

Thanks to all of you who sent in helper donations for the convention. You will be acknowledged in Doll News, but I would also like to take a moment and let you know how much that is appreciated. Just as the name suggests, the items "help" to defray convention expenses and keep the convention reasonable for all of us. I would also like to acknowledge the following donations to UFDC for the quarter:

Bonnie J. Cotton  
Heritage Doll Guild of the Yellowstone

UFDC Unity Fund  
2012 Convention

Thanks again for your generosity.

## DOLL SHOWS

### Darby, Montana:

I received a very nice note from Kay telling me all about the first Darby show that was held in July. It was so successful that there are already plans to have a show next year. There were 15 vendors and 135 guests as well as exhibits on Shirley Temple dolls, composition baby dolls, christening gowns, and cloth dolls. They awarded door prizes and, more importantly, in keeping with our status as a nonprofit, even collected pet items for AniMeals and AniMania – enough to fill a 30 gallon trash can half full. And \$202.00! Kay is actively seeking vendors for next year, especially more teddy bears and paper dolls. And they plan on more activities for children. In other words, they are doing it all!!! They welcome members' input on the time and date for the show, and any other ideas or suggestions. So contact Kay Schrader at Post Office Box 70, Darby, MT 59829, 406-360-7214, or [schrader1501@blackfoot.net](mailto:schrader1501@blackfoot.net) if you are interested in participating in the planning for next year's show, or to be a vendor, or with ideas or suggestions. Kay adds that since Darby, population of 700 and 65 miles from the biggest city (Missoula) can support a doll show, they would like to challenge Region 6 members to have a doll show in their area. "We proved we can do it and it is fun!!!"



Darby show

### Greeley, CO

And good news for Colorado in the doll show department...I received a note from Barbara Galvin from the Greeley club noting the following show, which is open to the public. Better yet, there is NO ADMITTANCE FEE and a doll drawing!

#### **Oh, You Beautiful Doll**

Doll show sponsored by the Second Childhood Doll and Miniature Doll Club of Greeley, CO

October 20, 2012

Farr Regional Library, 1939 61st Ave Greeley, CO

10:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Billings, Montana: Sept 7,8...this is all I have right now...Contact Brian Mogren in Butte at 406-723-2176

Please support the Greeley club and Billings doll collectors by attending the shows. Let's help them make them a success!

Hope you all enjoy your fall and have a wonderful Halloween...my favorite holiday! Until later,

# *Dolly Dingle's Cousin Carol*



Clown Paper Doll