



Hello Members, Clubs, Museums and Libraries: I do hope this finds you well, warm and enjoying your dolls, friends, families, weather permitting. We all await spring and summer, filled with doll shows, luncheons, UFDC Convention, holidays and traveling.

WELCOME REGION FIVE'S newest Members at Large: **Linda L. Anderson**, of Neosho, Missouri and **Susan S. Baker**, of Des Moines, Iowa.

A FEW GENTLE REMINDERS: Presidents please: Submit **CLUB ACTIVITY REPORTS to UFDC** by April 1, 2014. Some **Regional Status Reports** still need to be sent to me. **Please bring copies of newsletters** to your meetings for those without emails.

EVERYONE PLEASE: read your Unity's Newsletter to find convention information and other UFDC news.



Thank you to our members who share their talents and collections in various community displays. **This one is at Scott County Library in Shakopee, MN.** They have welcomed displays and meetings by members of Minnesota Doll Friends and Star of the North Doll Clubs. The current display, **Vintage Toy Sewing Machines, Doll Quilts and Baby Toys**, is by Star of the North members Carol C. and Tina S. The Senior Center at the Edina, MN library hosts a doll display from MAL Betty Gustafson. Let me know what you or your clubs are doing.

If you read this on paper, at a meeting and did NOT receive it as an email, and your email is on file with UFDC; please email Jenny at the UFDC office. membership@ufdc.org to verify or correct it. When you change your address and/or email you must notify membership at UFDC to avoid delays or missing DOLL NEWS, newsletters and notices. (8 of 175 emails were returned to me.)

REQUESTS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP Your club's Regional Status forms help me know when clubs are accepting members and their meeting locations. I had UFDC tables at doll shows in Iowa and the Twin City area, so I have collectors to match with clubs. I will send these forms to you.

Donations this past quarter totaling \$1925.00 were made **TO: UNITY FUND** by Nancy Agnew, and Barbara Marshall, Heirloom Doll Collectors Club and Show-Me Doll Club, **TO: BUILDING GENERAL FUND** by Greater St Louis Doll Club, Hawkeye Doll Club (memory of Ramona H Chamber); by Cheryl Cloutier (in memory of Don Jensen, Audrey Teeple and Jean Jensen); **TO: 2014 CONVENTION and REGIONAL DIRECTORS FUND** by Lady Slipper Doll Club (honoring Cheryl Cloutier) **TO: JUNIOR COLLECTORS FUND** by WIM Heirloom Doll Collectors.

EBAY AUCTIONS: April, May and June are the months Region 5 contributes auction items for this ongoing UFDC eBay project. Items will be accepted any other time also.

CONVENTION HELPER REQUEST Jerry and Jill Hanson, Helper Room Co-Chairpersons, are requesting helpers for the 2014 National Convention. The donation form is in the recent President's Mailing and is also on the UFDC website. The minimum value of the donation must be at least \$100. Helpers being mailed in should be sent with the completed form to the Central Office by

June 6, 2014. Members and clubs wishing to deliver a helper to convention should return the form with a picture of the helper by June 6.

My Out and About: Nov. 9 and 10 I had UFDC tables at shows in Des Moines and Davenport and Feb. 16 a UFDC table in Moundsview, MN. It is great to meet the UFDC members and potential new members. This winter I stayed close to home and nourished my cultural muses with reading, sewing, attending three Nutcracker Ballets and helping with Project Noel in St Paul. I made a pre-Christmas weekend trip to Kansas City with two doll friends. We filled the days with three museum visits, tea at a Victorian Cottage, KC Ballet's Nutcracker, cookies with UFDC office staff, antiquing and 3+ extra hours in two airports. Best Dec weekend ever! Feb 1, I had a lovely visit with Minnesota Antique Doll and Toy Collectors Club. It was a snowfall-free enjoyable afternoon with the members at the home of Marge Basnett. They met three generations of Sasha dolls. **Saturday, March 15, 2014** I plan to attend the **UFDC Open House**. The invitation will be included or attached to this email. If you are close, **RSVP** to attend. On **April 10 and 11**, I will visit **HAWKEYE and PRAIRE RAPIDS clubs**. That Saturday or Sunday I could visit another club.....Any Iowa club interested? Please let me know.

THINGS TO DO: Continue support of UFDC and ReAL Services and the new Adopt A Doll program.

This will help our museum as we prepare recent acquisitions. I realize the stated amount of \$100 may look like a lot for many clubs and members. So I asked Janet Gula if clubs and members might donate lesser amounts to apply towards adoption fees. She thinks "it's wonderful" so I encourage Region 5 clubs and members to join me in our own DeWees Cochran Doll Project to restore the recently acquired DeWees dolls, and prototypes for a special exhibit in 2015. At RD training we saw some of these dolls. With your generosity and creative fund raising we can work towards this goal as a region. Clubs may do silent auctions of items at meetings. By the end of a meeting you may have more \$\$ than you expect. Repeat at another meeting and send in a donation. Anyone may send

partial or full adoption fees payable to UFDC with a notation for Adopt a Doll DeWees Cochran Project. We can have before and after pictures of our dolls. Let me know about your donations and fund raising efforts.

PLACES TO GO IN 2014

March 9, 2014 Sunday, 9AM to 3PM **Eastern Iowa Doll and Toy Show**; Jackson County Fairgrounds, Maquoketa, Iowa; Contact, Sherryl Newton www.easterniowadollshows.com

March 15, 2014: Open House at UFDC Headquarters, Kansas City, MO 1 to 3PM for Region 4 and 5 members. RSVP to Jenny at UFDC phone 816-891-7040 or membership@ufdc.org

APRIL 5, 2014: 9:00AM to 3:00PM The Des Moines Doll Show, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Elwell Food Center Building, Contact Colleen Holden www.desmoinesdollshow.com

May 18, 2014: 10:00AM to 3:30PM Antique to Modern Doll, Bear and Original Artist Show Mermaid Event Ctr, Moundsview MN, Contact Carol Benson; www.cpromotionsplus.com

MAY 24, 2014: 12th Annual Bussey Doll Event "Meeting Overlooked Children's Story Dolls" Hosted by: Midwest Old Threshers and Hawkeye Doll Club of Iowa. **Old Threshers Museum**, Mt Pleasant, Iowa. All day doll event, breakfast and lunch etc. Contact: **Glenna Voyles 319-367-2614**

August 24, 2014: Sunday 9:30AM to 3:30PM 41st Annual Show and Sale Lady Slipper Doll Club. Best Western Inn, North Mankato, MN. Contact cichris@frontiernet.net

October 4, 2014: Saturday "Dolls & Toys from the Heart of the Tree" Minnesota Doll Jamboree; at Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West, Plymouth, MN **Check the website:** mndolljamboree.com for more information.

PLEASE send me news before May 15 for Summer Newsletter. I love to hear from you. Cheryl C. RD5