



# REGION 10 NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from Jill & Jerry

After a long winter of snow and ice, and more snow and ice, it's finally time to start thinking of warmer weather and one of the most anticipated events in the UFDC calendar, the **2014 National Convention!**

The annual convention is our primary fundraiser and the Helper Room is a significant part of its success. We're very proud to again be selected as the Helper Room Co-Chairs and we hope that we can again count on all of you! As you make your plans for the doll year ahead, please consider bringing or sending a helper for **'Shared Passions'**. The donation form was included in the recent President's Mailing and is also on the UFDC website. UFDC must receive the completed forms by **June 6, 2014** with either the helper item (if mailed) or picture of the helper (if delivered).

The helper you donate may make someone's dream come true! Share your passion at **'Shared Passions'**.

Thank you for your help,

**Jerry & Jill Hanson**, 2014 Helper Room Co-Chairs

## A Personal Note...

Spring IS almost here – at least the calendar tells me so. While I'm looking forward to opening windows and doing a good spring cleaning (for our eBay site!), we do have a few 'housekeeping' chores that require attention first. **Unity's Newsletter** has listed all the important duties and deadlines for you. Please be accommodating to our office staff, they have so much to handle, and respect the deadline dates. Your prompt attention is much appreciated.

~ Julie

## UFDC Proud Sponsors

Donating to UFDC is an excellent way for clubs to fulfill their not-for-profit obligations and yet reap the rewards of their own generosity. Sincere Thanks.

**Doll Scholars of S.E. Wisconsin**

**Madison Area Doll Club** in memory of  
**Mary Zeasman**

**Cagney's Collectibles LLC**

**Beth Krause and Dick Krause** in memory of  
**Marge Hansen**

**Karla Moreland** and the patrons of  
The Naperville Doll Show

**Donna Bock ~ David C. Kublank**

**Fritzi Martinez**

**Sue Sharp-Page ~ Kathy A. Treece**



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

## Club Program Ideas

It's hard to pinpoint what makes a club successful. Certainly camaraderie plays a large part – but solid programs are vital to maintaining member interest. New program ideas are one of the things I'm often asked about – especially since most of our clubs have members with diverse (or even diverging) interests. Coming up with new ideas to satisfy both the modern and antique collector isn't always easy, however - a new spin on an old idea can be fairly painless.

In the last newsletter, some examples were given on how certain *features* of dolls could be the focus of a program rather than a specific maker or era of doll(s). Building on that premise, some dolls have what I call 'special features'. They walk, talk, cry, eat, drink and wet. They wink, nod, clap, dance and even kiss. A program could be created based on any *one* of these features - or just on the fact that the dolls *have* special features. Automaton, wind-ups, pneumatics, multi-faced, topsy-turvy, or dolls that serve a multifunction - such as a perfume, purse, pajama bag or candy box - all lend themselves to programs that could integrate unconventional antique and modern dolls.

Another topic to span diverse collecting interests is dolls that share kinship – or a tie that binds them to something or one another. Kinship would include couples, siblings, twins, even entire families. Dolls depicting royalty or politicians share common ties - as do characters from books, comic strips, movies or TV shows. The media you choose to focus on may be as inclusive or narrow as you like. Lastly, (for this issue), dolls have long been tied to products. From *Bleurette (La Semaine de Suzette)* to Little Debbie (Snack Cakes), dolls have been integral to advertising and promotion.

I hope some of these suggestions spark ideas for you. The UFDC **Club President's Manual** offers many program suggestions as well as suggested topics and guidelines for creating AV programs – an extremely worthwhile club project! Just email me to receive the manual as a **FREE** download. The printed version is available for \$25 through the UFDC Central Office.

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**Deadline:** News and events for the SUMMER newsletter should be sent to me by **May 15, 2014**.

## Club Notes

Although I didn't visit any clubs this quarter, I did have the opportunity to meet with old friends and new at the Naperville Doll Show. It was inspiring to see the turnout of 'doll people' on such an inclement day. Mail carriers have nothing on doll collectors! It was truly my pleasure to chat with so many of you.

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## Shows and Sales

Search the **EVENTS** tab at [www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org) for more **workshops, luncheons, conferences and shows**, and the Newsletters of other regions for additional doll events in outlying areas.

**SHOP** the **UFDC website** for dolls, accessories, patterns, books and other merchandise - including a selection of **over 85 DVD programs**. Slide programs and Videos are available for rental and can be found under the **EDUCATION** tab. With the advances in technology, some of these programs are in need of an update – and many of them cannot be reproduced by their original creators. Regard the list as another source of 'live' club program ideas - then give serious thought to rejuvenating the topic with a remake. The 'ready to go' DVD programs and CD study sets are very popular - our members make them a reality.

**February 23, 2014** // 9:00am – 3pm  
Illinois Doll, Bear and Toy Show & Sale  
William Tell Banquets/Holiday Inn  
6201 Joliet Road, **Countryside, IL**  
Info: Julie Bronski 312/919-7135  
[www.illinoisdollshows.com](http://www.illinoisdollshows.com)

**March 2, 2014** // 10am – 4pm  
Oregon Doll & Toy Show & Sale  
Coliseum Bldg. 124 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. **Oregon, IL**  
Info: Joann Gartman 815/234-8332  
[joannLG@comcast.net](mailto:joannLG@comcast.net)

**March 22, 2014** // 9am – 3pm  
Madison Area Doll Club Annual Doll Show & Sale  
Alliant Energy Center – Exhibition Hall  
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, **Madison, WI**  
Info: Dawn 608/235-3169