

## United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. – Spring 2015 Newsletter Region 5 - Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri Cheryl Cloutier, 747 Randolph Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55102-3413

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Hello Region 5 Members, Clubs, Museums and Libraries: I believe spring will come, maybe not as soon as you read this newsletter. Before we know it, the annual UFDC Convention is here. Please don't monkey around, register so you can meet our little Sunshine Sasha Baby (Sock Monkey) Twins there. One lucky convention attendee will take them home as their proud new parent. Their knitted sockmonkey suits are keeping them warm. Thanks to Region 10's talented director: Donnell Wisnewski.



All their regional director aunts, uncle and I, along with the UFDC officers are sewing, knitting and shopping to expertly equip Merry & Sunny. They traveled with me to club meetings, doll shows and the UFDC office this fall. See them in the current issue of Doll News and watch for them again in the spring, where you will see how their wardrobes are progressing.

Welcome New Members at Large: Eloise Adams, Kimberly Kath and Karen Wubbels all three are Minnesota residents. Thank you for joining UFDC. Thank you to all the new members who have joined clubs in Region 5. May all of you have wonderful times in your membership. Clubs who welcome new members encourage the growth of UFDC. Please make your new members feel a part of your group. Take time to get to know them and include them in your activities away from meetings. One MAL I recruited told me no one had asked her to join a club until I did at a doll show. It surprises me how many people have no idea there are doll clubs they could join. Please ask those interested people you meet "would you like to join a doll club?" Clubs are

welcome to help me or put up a display for UFDC information at your local doll shows. I can supply you with forms and pamphlets about UFDC.

**Thank you** to the following members and clubs who generously donated a total of \$1,805.00 in this 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.TO: UFDC Unity Fund by Betty Ativie, Barbara Marshall, Sheryl Sunderman, Show-Me Doll Club, & W.I.M. Heirloom Doll Collectors; Collection's Fund: Hawkeye Doll Club of Iowa, Minnesota GO-FER Dollies, Minnesota Jamboree Council; Regional Directors Fund: Minnesota Jamboree Council; Building General Fund: Greater St Louis Doll Club, & Lady Slipper Doll Club in memory of Patricia (Pat) Hahn; Junior Collectors' Fund: Minn. GO-FER Dollies in memory of Verna Wisdom; Real Services General Fund: Kathy Minges. Adopt A Doll: Winter 2015 DOLL NEWS on page 19. Are photos of some of the dolls adopted and a list of clubs and individuals who have supported with contributions. Our region is well represented. EBAY Donations are needed. Please, continue donating items for our EBAY auctions. You may send them at any time. This is our largest fundraising project. Thank you clubs and members for the items you send and making purchases from the auctions too. Check the link on UFDC website to see the items available for purchase.

Presidents please return your Club Activity Reports to the office (they are due April 1, 2015) The pink copy is sent to me. I am also missing some Regional Status Reports for this year. I can email you a copy of that to return if you need one.

## My Out and About

Our winter hasn't been the most helpful for travels, I did get to a Holiday dinner with the **Memory Lane Doll Club** at the very Christmas home of Carol & PJ
McQuire. It was a more snowy Sunday and my
husband and I enjoyed meeting the members and
spouses and the lovely collection Carole and PJ have
all through the house. The Twins and I attended Star
of the North holiday party Merry & Sunny got to visit

with Santa and his reindeer and share some treats with the Sasha kids there.



I have a quite open calendar. I plan to be in St Louis in early May. I would love to visit more clubs. Please let me know of your events and club happenings, May 15, 2015 is deadline for including items in the summer newsletter. Star of the North Doll Club is holding a Doll Day at Chanhassen Library on May 9. They will have displays of dolls they love and demos. It will be open to the public, if any clubs would like to have a space to present some information please contact Unsie Zuege by April 7, 2015. Email: <a href="mailto:uzuege@swpub.com">uzuege@swpub.com</a> I will provide information on UFDC and clubs in the area and make lists for those looking to join a doll club.

## **EVENTS** in and near Region 5:

SUNDAY, March 8, 2015; 33rd ANNUAL SPRING DOLL-TOY-BEAR SHOW & SALE, MAQUOKETA, IOWA- AT: Jackson County Fairgrounds, Junction Highways 62 & 64, Maquoketa, Iowa. 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. CONTACT: Sherryl Newton, 212 E. 4th St. Suite 107 Waterloo, Iowa 50703,

www.easterniowadollshows.com

New Harmony Doll Weekend - March 27th - March 29th, 2015: New Harmony Tri-State Doll Show and Sale. featuring shopping in New Harmony's historic district with two local doll shops, doll-related workshops, Special fund raiser Program by The Carmel Doll Shop and a doll show Sunday at the New Harmony Conference Ctr. Check out the wesbsite www.newharmonytristatedollshow.com Call Rhoda Wade, 618.387.1255 for information.

April 11, 2015 27th Annual Spring Des Moines Doll, Bear & Toy Sale 9AM-3PM Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa, Colleen Holden 515.986.1975 www.desmoinesdollshow.com

April 19, 2015 Dolls, Toys, Bears and Train Show Cedar Rapids, Iowa 9 AM to 3PM 5000 J St SW, For info Call Elaine Klein 712.889.2154 or email at procdoll@wiatel.net

May 9, 2015 Doll Day Event 11AM -3:30PM at Chanhassen Library, Chanhassen Minnesota Open to the public. Contact Unsie Zuege Afternoon tea by Friends of Chanhassen Library, reservations required.

May 17, 2015 12<sup>th</sup> Dolls in Spring Show & Sale, September 13, 2015 32<sup>nd</sup> Dolls in Fall Show & Sale 10AM-3:30PM at Mermaid Event Ctr, Moundsview, MN Carol Benson Carol@cpromotionsplus.com web: www.CPromotionsPlus.com 612-669-1613

MAY 23, 2015: 13th Annual Bussey Doll Event
Hosts Midwest Old Threshers and Hawkeye Doll Club
of Iowa. Old Threshers Museum, Mt Pleasant, IA.
All day doll event, breakfast and lunch etc. Details
available soon Glenna Voyles gvoyles@gmail.com

June 3, 2015 11:30 AM Bismarck Doll Friends
Birthday Party, 10 years Baymont Inn & Suites,
Mandan MD, Contact Ila Marvel imarvel@msn.com
phone 701.258.7869

July 16-19, 2015 UFDC National Convention "A Dream Come True" Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Please join me there. Region 5 meeting 3:30-4:30PM in Mary Lou Williams Conference Rm Level 3, Marriott Tower.

August 30, 2015 Doll Show & Sale, Sunday 9:30AM to 3:30PM 42nd Annual Show and Sale Lady Slipper Doll Club. Best Western Inn, North Mankato, MN. Contact cjchris@frontiernet.net

October 3, 2015 Minnesota Doll Jamboree Plymouth Minnesota. Check the Jamboree website: www.mndolljamboree.com for information.

**October 4, 2015** Doll, Toys & Bears, OH MY! Show and Sale at Medina Entertainment Center, Medina MN <a href="https://www.dollstoysbearsohmy.com">www.dollstoysbearsohmy.com</a>

Cheryl see you in Kansas City(it should be warmer then)