

# UFDC Region 7 Newsletter

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### RD NEWS

I hope all of you had a great holiday season, my first one as RD was really nice. Northshore treated me to our club's Christmas Lunch at John Folse's White Oaks Plantation. We had a wonderful time with lots of laughs, great conversations, a lively gift exchange, and a unique sing-a-long.



Northshore club members, Evelyn Sanders (sitting) Nancy Johnston and Helen Latino (standing, left to right).

In keeping with the spirit of the season, the Acadian Babes Club visited the crèche at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette. Jeff Gueno (one of the original owners of the crèche) was kind enough to show and explain many of the features of the Neapolitan crèche to us. For example, the figures were modeled after real people and they were purchased one at a time, rather than in a complete set. The figures were all handmade and several artist produced parts of each piece – perhaps a hands or feet. If you are ever in Lafayette it is a MUST SEE for all doll lovers. After viewing the crèche, the club had lunch and exchanged gifts.

The North Louisiana Antique Doll and Toy Club invited me to join them for their Christmas

party. It was held at the home of Anita Berg and it was great to see old friends and make new ones.

Our MALs had nice doll related holidays. One, Cindy Tarnoff of Mississippi, had her furnished doll house set up for display at Red Door Antiques in Tupelo, Mississippi. In an article in the Daily Journal, Cindy related how she furnished the house with items from "miniature shops, antiques shops, flea markets in Europe, friends and dime stores." In the article, Cindy described a lot of doll collectors when she stated, "When you get into dolls, you get into dolls, bears, toys and miniatures."

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### HIDDEN TALENTS

We need you! We need our members to volunteer their talents or skills to help UFDC. There are many areas in the organization where you could be called on to help if we only knew you had the skills, talent and/or interest to do so. We are currently looking for someone with good computer skills, people skills and a knowledge of the business of advertising to be appointed as DOLL NEWS advertising sales manager. Interested? Please contact UFDC President, Janet Gula by email at [Janet@UFDC.org](mailto:Janet@UFDC.org).

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### CONVENTION PREP

From the writing of this newsletter, there are about 162 days before CONVENTION. Have you made your check list?

My List:

Hotel Reservations---check

Convention Registration—Check

Travel Reservations---Check

Outfits---work in progress

Thinking of Competitive entries---waiting for categories

Workshop, seminars, dialogues- field trips, meal events, regional meetings, ect.

Volunteer options

Check out the Unity Newsletter for changes in the Competitive Exhibit this year and for changes in camera/video times.

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#### UP COMING

Sewing for the Ultimate Fashion Doll workshop In Kansas City—March 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Contact the UFDC Doll Museum & Headquarters for further information.

NWAHDC is planning a luncheon for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Eureka, Arkansas. More information will follow.

Region 6 is planning a regional in September of 2016 in Billings, Montana. If interested in attending or for information go to [www.region6conference.org](http://www.region6conference.org).

If your club is having or planning an event, let me know and I will put in the newsletter

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#### UFDC DONATIONS

There are many ways to support UFDC, including:

- PAY-DAY-CHALLENGE
- eBAY Project
- ADOPT-A-DOLL
- UFDC TREE & BRICK MEMORIALS
- Regional Directors Fund

Also with about 321 days left till Christmas, one can always shop at the UFDC Gift & Online shop. Of course, one is not limited to just Christmas shopping—think birthday, Mother's day, door prizes, ect.

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#### REMINDERS

Club Activity reports are due in by April 1, 2016.

“In Our Memories” forms can be downloaded from UFDC website and are sent to Maryll Goldsmith at [maryll@ufdc.org](mailto:maryll@ufdc.org).

UFDC scholarship applications are on the UFDC website and are due by April 1, 2016.

UFDC website address: [www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org).

If you would like for me to visit your club, my contact information is on the letter head of this newsletter.

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#### Club Pins

We are still looking for information about the design of our Region 7 pin. If you have any information, please let me know.

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#### CLOSING NOTES

2016 Convention – Kindred Spirits 67<sup>th</sup> - Annual UFDC Convention- Washington D.C. - July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

- priority registration open February 1<sup>st</sup>
- general registration starts March 15<sup>th</sup>
- family & non-member registration April 1<sup>st</sup>
- preconvention events July 26<sup>th</sup>
  - workshop “Making a Milliner’s Model”
  - tour of Hillwood Mansion and Gardens

TIME TO SPRING CLEAN YOUR COLLECTION  
FLUFF---DUST---REPAIR---CHECK FOR INSECTS-  
ADMIRE

Have a great spring!!