

Greetings Region 12: Our winter started in Michigan, extremely cold and then we entered into a mighty wind storm. Many of us lost power, but we never lost our dolly power. The 68<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be held August 2 2017 thru August 5, 2017 at the Rosen Center Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Plan to arrive early for additional activities and events

Members, we must continue to recruit more members, so we can continue to build more dolly clubs. We need **Help!** Invite visitors to one of your meetings. Share our newsletters with others. Spread the word about UFDC. (Many people don't even know that we exist).

Please take time to visit the Rochester Hills Public Library (500 Olde Towne Rd Rochester, MI 48307). This past January, many members from our region and I decorated several empty show cases with dolls. Several hours were invested into this project The display consists of Modern dolls such as the Barbie dolls, (Silks stone, vintage Barbies) and Ken dolls, It was amazing to see the creativity, talent, and cooperation that was displayed by members from different clubs working together to promote the doll world. You should try to see it. We received considerable positive feedback as to the success of this project, from the library staff and visitors. The display will be available until the end of April. Don't miss it.

As you know, Reba Hood is our chair for the 2018 Regional Conference. Her staff is very grateful that you supported us in our endeavors. Our host doll club and the executive officers of the conference are busy planning a fabulous regional conference. Please come along and join in on the fun. This will be unlike any other regional conference. Mark your calendar now, **April 26-28 2018!** I must extend a special thanks to the many members who have already

registered and purchased their registration for our regional conference next year.

**Remember, conference registration is currently open! (Payment in installments is available).** You may 1) Call to register, 2) Write us a note requesting a package to be mail, 3) Register on line. Please view our web site. You will need to insert the following web site address (**<http://2018region12.wix.com/conference>**)

Please set your gears into countdown mode. You have only a year to get going. (A year is a terrible amount of time to waste). You must be aware that our conference will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan, with festivities year round. The town welcomes visitors with Bavarian hospitality regardless of the season from fantastic festivals, eclectic shopping and wonderful indoor waterparks, to rich historical beauty and culture. The Bavarian Inn, in Frankenmuth, MI. **is currently accepting reservations!** Reserve your room now. Presidents, continue to lookout for an 800 line and a pin access code to be published on our website. As more information is developed, our region Presidents can expect updated details. *Expect more information soon!*

Zehnder's of Frankenmuth Restaurant has a tradition of good taste since 1856. People come from all over the world to taste their chicken and other menu items. But just across the street is a hotel that features, not only fine German hospitality, **but an outstanding doll factory, doll hospital, and doll shop.** They have a very realistic display of dolls and doll accessories for sale.

Please consider adopting a doll. (The **Adopt A doll Program** is a fundraising program in which one can adopt any doll of one's choice for a year in the museum)

The Region 12 Director's challenge doll is a Ginny Doll donated by me. I will need items, such as clothes, shoes, furniture etc, to set out with her. Items may be shipped to me at P.O. Box 3755, Southfield, MI 48037 by 7.10.17. Another Ginny doll will be great as well. Remember Ginny is simple and easy to sew or knit for as well. I hope the members in my region will support this fundraising effort.

*Now is the time for us to recruit, build, and share dolly fun with new dolly members. A special thanks to the clubs that I visited over the winter. Keep the invitations coming. We are looking for new clubs and new members. If you have a group with an interest, please forward contact information to me, and I will do my best to recruit the team or a member for your club.*

## Announcements

Everyone needs to remember that Doll News is available digitally. Newsletters from other regions are available on the U.F.D.C. website. To include news in the 2017 summer newsletter, please submit information by May13, 2017 or sooner. **Annual Club Activity Report is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Email **Addresses Needed**: Please notify UFDC directly so that your email address will be on file at our Headquarters. **Sponsor** a day of utilities and internet expenses. It only cost \$74.61 per day. Use **EBAY**: If you find dollies in your collection who need to move, send them off to Headquarters. The donation forms are on the UFDC website. Simply follow the "Donate to UFDC" link.

Headquarters is in need of clubs to host a meal event please contact Dr. Barbara Stone for more info. She may be reached at [Barbara@ufdc.org](mailto:Barbara@ufdc.org) also we are in need of Helpers items.

**We have unlimited gratitude for individuals and clubs who gave contributions!**

**Convention Sponsorship (November 1,2016 –January 31, 2017)**

Evelyn A. Reed

**We truly appreciate sponsorship**

**1 gift and 1 donor (\$50.00) Thank You**

**Quarterly Regional Contributions (November 1,2016—January 31, 2017)**

**Ann Arbor Doll Collectors & Doll Circle of Indianapolis in memory of Ms. Patricia J. Girbach. Thank You.**

**Ann Arbor Doll Collectors, Cleveland Doll Club, Dolls & Friends of D. C. of Royal Oak, Iliana Antique Doll Guild, Northern Ohio Doll Club, Queen City Doll Club of Ohio, Tippecanoe Cinderella Doll Club, Treasures of the Past Coll. Guild, Collection Fund for future acquisitions. Thank You**

**Cindy A. Bailey, Building General Fund Thank You**

**Carol L. Buechel UFDC Unity Fund Thank You**

**Lake Eric Doll Club, UFDC Unity Fund in memory of Ms. Jane M. Leader Thank You**

**Ohio Valley Doll Club of Ohio UFDC Unity Fund in memory of Ms. Marilyn C. Moran Thank You**

**Jill Sanders 2017 Convention Thank You**

**Grand total (\$6,200.00) 16 gifts and 14 Donors listed**

## Upcoming Events

**"I See Me: Reflections in Black Dolls (Exhibit)". This display will be on exhibit until April 30, 2017 at the Dr. Charles Wright Museum, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI. Info: Juanita Moore (313) 494-5800**

**"Dollicious" Doll Show and Sale, Sunday March 26, & Aug.27, 2017 10-3:30 p.m. Fort Wayne National Guard Armory, 130 West Cook Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825 Show Admission \$5.00 Child. under 12 free**

**Muskegon Sand Dollars Doll Club West Michigan Doll & Toy Show April 15, 2017 10-3 p.m. Double Tree Inn 650 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Holland, MI/info. Contact Bonnie at 616.361.1330/bonnieburkedesign@comcast.net**

**"Dollicious" Doll Show and Sale, Sunday May 21, & Nov. 5, 2017 10-4, 876 Horace Brown Dr., Madison Heights, MI.**

**Adult admission \$5.00, children under 12 free-info: Michael 248-399-4345:Sharon 586-731-3072**

**The Doll Circle of Indianapolis**

**Luncheon September 16, 2017 Price \$100.00 Time 9:30-a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ritz Charles Catering Hall, 12156 N. Meridian Street, Carmel, IN 46032 info: 317-846-9158**

**German Character Dolls, Event Souvenir and the Table's center piece; made by Bob Severns of Two Spirit Dolls, Indianapolis, Indiana**