



REGION 10 NEWSLETTER

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A Personal Note...

WOW – I can't believe it! Have three years passed that quickly? This is my last newsletter - my term as Region 10 Director ends with the 2014 convention. I hope I'll be seeing many of you there – and I hope you'll be taking full advantage of all that's offered. Don't forget the 'At Your Service' Open house, the Open Forum, Dynamic Doll Dialogs (offered at a.m. and p.m. hours!), the Competitive Exhibit (go on – enter a few!), the **Region 10 meeting** (Friday, 2:15pm in the Periwinkle Room), and of course, the annual business meeting when your new RD will be elected.

My sincerest **Thanks** to the clubs, members, fellow directors and the officers who have extended to me their hospitality and their friendship. You've made my term a real pleasure, not a job. I'd be pleased to keep in touch. The email address listed above will pass to my successor (use the old one to get me). Be as gracious to the new RD10 as you have been to me.

The newsletter deadline preceded my scheduled visits to three more R10 clubs; **Badger State Doll Club**, the **Lake County Doll Collectors of IL** and the **Enchanting Dolls of the Fox Valley**. I'll be there and am looking forward to seeing you very soon!

It's been a blast! ~ Julie

A Warm Welcome to New MAL

Mary Ann Eiler...Oak Park, IL

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

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Badger State Doll Club

Doll Study Club of Mid-Wisconsin

Ill-Wis Antique Doll Club

Kankakee Valley Doll Collectors

Jerry and Jill Kaar Hanson in memory of
Joyce Sefton

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Donald N. Jensen

David C. and Lynn Kublank in memory of
Donald N. Jensen

Fritzi Martinez ~ Valerie O. Star



Convention Sponsorships:

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Donnell Wisniewski

Club Program Ideas

Depending on the size and structure of your club, some types of 'programs' work better than others. That doesn't mean you can't mix-it-up once in a while and try something different. Some clubs may prefer a more formal format, such as a single speaker on a single topic, while other clubs may round-robin the presenters to a related theme. If your club regularly follows one format – try the other for one or two select meetings a year.

To really shake things up, pull names and topics out of a hat (not for the faint of heart – but fun)! Desired topics in one hat – member names in the other. Pull one of each. The match may be a perfect fit – maybe not. Either way, someone will learn something new – and fellow club members will be supportive.

If speakers and topics within the club are exhausted (read both ways), look outside of the club for a guest speaker. Some may charge a fee (but some may not) and that's an issue your club must decide on. Artists, Appraisers, Chemists, Conservators, Costumers, Curators, Doll Doctors, Estate Planners, Insurance Reps and Textile experts could all provide insights into our hobby. (Search auction houses, museums, colleges & theaters). If the cost of a speaker is prohibitive or the audience too small, plan a joint meeting with another club(s). Share the cost and share ideas once a year (or every other year) with a 'think tank' event.

For non-lecture based programs consider field trips, workshops and community projects. Field trips to doll shows, doll shops and museums may offer a no-stress alternative for those who are otherwise unable to host a meeting. A favorite doll dealer may serve as a guest speaker or even offer a private show or tour.

DOLL NEWS has provided many workshop ideas. Workshops may be small enough to complete during the meeting, or more complex to be completed by a designated date for the big 'reveal'. Your workshop could be a donation to a community project.

Senior Centers, family shelters and hospitals may be possible venues for a display or for the donation of SIMPLE dolls/bears for those enduring stressful times. (Check first as some have rigid criteria regarding 'hug-ables').

Libraries, schools (including colleges) and Discovery Centers (forest preserve museums) are often looking for an interesting display. Present a club program.

GO BIG!! Present a one day doll event or a Regional Conference! UFDC offers a 'how-to' handbook and seminar. Contact Brenda Thomas for details.

Share your club's accomplishments with a photo and brief article for Club Notes in DOLL NEWS!

Club Notes

The **Kankakee Valley Doll Collectors** held an Open House at the Watseka Public Library in April. **KVDC** set up a lovely doll display then mingled to introduce their club and UFDC to an impressed public. Light refreshments were served and door prizes awarded. These ladies 'shared *their* passion' for dolls in style!

Shows and Sales

Search the **EVENTS** tab at www.ufdc.org and the Newsletters of other regions for doll events in outlying areas.

June 8, 2014 // 9:00am – 3:00pm
Naperville Doll & Teddy Bear Show
Marriott Hotel (Naper Blvd. & E. Diehl Rd.)
1801 North Naper Blvd. **Naperville, IL**
Info: Karla Moreland, kmorela@ais.net
www.napervilledollshow.com 815/356-6125

July 16 – 20, 2014

Shared Passions

UFDC 65th Annual Convention - San Antonio, Texas

August 16, 2014 // 9:00am – 3:00pm
Illinois Doll, Bear and Toy Show & Sale
Barrack's Cater Inn
1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, **Peoria, IL**
Info: Julie Bronski 312/919-7135
www.illinoisdollshows.com

Deadline: News and events for the **FALL** newsletter should be sent to your RD (at ufdcrd10@ufdc.org) by **August 15, 2014.**