



United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.
Region 10 - Illinois and Wisconsin

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FREE! Isn't that what summer means to most of us? Time to visit other friends who share our interests. Time to visit new areas of the country.

April found me sharing a meal and a delightful afternoon with the members of the Lake County Doll Collectors. In May I joined the lovely members of the Fireside Workshop Doll Club. I even took a quick ride across the river to share in a joint meeting with two St. Louis area clubs and one from our region - Lets Play Dolls. And play dolls we did!

We have several clubs who are celebrating notable anniversaries this year and next. My own club will celebrate our 40th anniversary on **June 4 at the Springfield Ceramic and Crafts Club in Springfield, IL.** The cupcake and dessert party is from 1-3 pm and will include displays from each of our members and a theme of Betsy McCall. If you would like to celebrate with us, please call Cindy Parkhill at 217-553-2430 for reservations and details.

June will also find me in Madison, Wisconsin for a picnic and St. Louis, Missouri to share in yet another club event. Then I'm off to the meeting of the Chicago West Doll Club in August.

I will be joining the Il-Wis Antique Doll Club on September 10 for their 60th anniversary celebration. How happy we all are to see the longevity of our organization.

I still have many dates open. Of course, I will be in Washington, D. C. to attend our spectacular convention with many other Kindred Spirits from July 27-30. I plan to leave the Sunday before and stay until the Monday after. I hope all of you are eagerly signing up for meal events, workshops and seminars. Don't forget our **REGIONAL MEETING on Thursday, July 28, from 3:30 to 4:40 p.m.** This is another way to meet me face to face and to ask any questions or bring up anything you'd like me to discuss with the full board.

All of our Regional Directors will meet in Kansas City in October to discuss ways of **enlarging our membership.** If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact me!

I would like to welcome our newest **Members At Large:**

Ms. Pat Beyler Madison, WI
Ms. Sandra Challeen Green Bay, WI
Ms. Robin Lehnert Mequon, WI

DONATIONS

Unity Fund - Judith A. Akers
Mary Ann Derfler
Karla Moreland
Pamela Hanson
Julia M. Furman in honor of Ms. Ann Archias

Museum Fund - Sue Sharp-Page
Maureen Steurer

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Convention - Suesanna Voorhees
Building Fund - Badger State Doll Club
ReAL Services Fund - Boone County Home Community Education
Total Donations from our region this quarter = \$1590.00 Thank you!

Don't forget that your ebay donations are always welcome. This is a great way to re-home some treasures and a perfect opportunity to see our museum if you take them to Kansas City yourself.

Have you ever wanted to explore our own beautiful country a little more? I don't think I'll ever make it to all 50 states, but I do enjoy living in the mid-west. There are so many beautiful and historic sites within a day's drive. The position of Regional Director has given me the opportunity to visit the beautiful lakes of Wisconsin and the bustling areas near Chicago, as well as Kansas City, Minneapolis and Washington, D. C. There is a great opportunity for one of you to start exploring and meeting new friends.

. Our region will be electing a new Regional Director in 2017. Please call me if you would like to be considered. It is so nice to meet new friends who share your passion! Applications need to be in to the Nominating Committee by Aug. 31st of THIS year. Most of you who live near Chicago will have very reasonable drives. This job is **FUN** and rewarding. It is not difficult. The requirements include a heart open to new acquaintances, the time to travel around Illinois and Wisconsin and the ability to use a computer to create a newsletter and answer emails. If you like a challenge and want a new adventure, please

contact me by July 15th and I'll help you with the process. My number is 618-397-6591 and I have an answering machine.

Though we do not have a regional conference scheduled for Region 10, there are still a few spots open for **Region 6** - Billings, Montana *Western Treasures* September 22 - 24, 2016
Holiday Inn Grand Hotel
5500 Midland Road, Billings, MT 59102
Full Registration Fee:
UFDC members - \$225

The Regional Conference in Boston next year is already sold out of full registrations. For more information go to:
www.dollstudyclubofboston.org

There will be a Region 12 Conference in Michigan in 2018 and I will keep you posted for the web address.

The enthusiasm in the Region seems to be growing again. The clubs that are gaining members tend to meet at churches or libraries rather than homes. This can be a way to be out in public view and still feel that your collections are secure. It is a great way to find new members. Have you posted a notice at the local JoAnns or craft store?



I was honored with this beautiful cake and the club's lovely display of Mary Hoyer dolls at the Lake County Doll Club meeting in April.