

RD Summer 2017 Newsletter Jennifer Kohn Murtha, Regional Director 11, 714 Hickory Lot Road, Towson 21286, 410-821-7119.

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My husband always says that our family takes soooo long to say goodbye. No sooner are we out the door than one of us has to run in for one more hug, kiss, bit of gossip, forgotten glove. But even though you're part of the UFDC family and I could do the same, I'd just rather thank you for all the support you have shown me. It has been a privilege, an honor and a joy to be your Regional Director and I know that you will extend the same warm hospitality to your new RD that you have extended me. I could say a lot more, but then we'll all be boo-hooing.

Events

There is still a lot of activity to register for, so let's get started, shall we?

First of all, don't forget the

Gaithersburg Doll Show, where I'll be womaning the **UFDC** table with perhaps some dolls to share. Okay, definitely...It's a fun show and you never know who or what you'll find there to bring home. Besides, while it's lovely to dream online, nothing beats doll shows for fun and excitement. Including Gaithersburg! show. And if that doesn't do it, the aptly-named **Val Star** will be speaking on Saturday at 1pm on antique dolls and there will be BJD roundtable discussions on Saturday and Sunday both.

Next is our amazing, fabulous wonderful **UFDC Convention**. How anyone can resist it is beyond me...I mean, where else can you have a whole week full of nothing but dolls? And friends, whom you might see just once a year? If you

haven't registered, get on it! Don't let another summer go by and be left behind to mope. Join the party! FYI, the **BJD Gathering** will be on Thursday evening, 9-11 with the theme being historical costume. Which history or whose, we're not picky about. Just bring your doll in some sort of costume and let's share! It's not too late to take a sales table at **Now and Then Doll Club** show on Saturday October 14, 2017 at the Fredericksburg Elks Club #875 10-4 Contact club president **Sally Bernard** at mustangsally04@verizon.net or call 540- 720-5644. There will be an exhibit to honor the memory of **Judy Kameron** and two members of the **Doll Doctors of America** will be on hand for doll repairs. This is a lovely show, so plan to attend.

Lady Baltimore Doll Study Club is justly famous for our Halloween luncheon, held every three years. We have only a few spaces left, so if you want to join the fun and believe me, you do, call **Rita McCloskey** at 410-935-6515 or email her at ritajmcc@aol.com. We all love the **Christmas Doll and Bear Show!** It takes place on Saturday November 4th, 2017 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and is just too much fun! Want to take part? Then hie yourself to the Richmond VA Raceway Complex, Colonial Bldg., 600 East Laburnum Avenue, Richmond VA. Admission is 5.00, with a .50 cent discount with card. **For info call Ruth at 434-295-1435 or Judy at 434-295-2628.**

A save the date for next year's Salvation Army Auction, put on by **Maryland Mountain Doll Club** is coming soon.. Had to be dragged out of the auction-but did come home loaded for bear. Don't miss this opportunity to add a dream doll to your collection and to support two

great institutions, **UFDC** and Salvation Army.

Gosh, how wonderful! Just got news of another save the date for May 4-5 of 2018. The Tristate Doll Convention, sponsored by **Parkersburg Doll Club** will be held at glorious North Bend State Park... I've been to two of their conventions and gosh, wouldn't miss it now! Fun!

Don't forget our own Region 11 Regional Conference Maryland-My Merry Land. September... 2018. I can't wait, can you? Email **Sandy Moore** at caa-smoore@att.net and get yourself registered. The sales room, most capably managed by **Julie Blewis**, has something for everyone and the meal events, workshops, programs and seminars do too. Don't wait-we're going to sell out!

Donations

I've said it before and I'll say it again. No one does it better than our region when it comes to donations. You are all to be lauded for your extreme generosity- and I do!

Parkersburg Doll Club gave to the Building Fund, con brio.

The Williamsburg Doll Club and **Lady Baltimore Doll Study Club** gave to the Collections Fund, a most worthy cause.

At this time of year, the Convention Fund gets a lot of help, with special exhibit cases and competitive exhibit tables getting the most attention. Those who sponsored cases were **Barbara Dugan, Jennifer Kohn Murtha** and **Now and Then Doll Club**. Tables were supported by **Zenaida Anselmo, Marseille M. Bunk, Chesapeake Doll Club of Maryland, Elizabeth A. Coleman, Terry Danner, Marion Maus-Greer** and **Marcia Woolston**.

In honor of **Barbara Stone, Dollology Club of Washington DC** and **Maryland Doll Club** gave generously to

the Convention Fund in honor of **Barbara Stone**.

Chesapeake Doll Club honored me with a donation to the Regional Director's Fund, as did **Blue Ridge Doll Club** and **Maryland Doll Club** and **Maryland Mountain Doll Club**.

Capitol Doll Club donated to the Unity Fund in memory of **Ethel Alexander** and **Gwynn Prideaux** while **Barbara Stone** did the same but to the Convention Fund in memory of **Virginia Arias**. The Grand Total of all of **UFDC**? **\$20,065.29!!** Thank you all very, very much. ♡

Members at Large

Welcome to **Rosalind Bristow, Linda Cather, Carolyn Cox-Martin** and **Julia E. Miles**. So glad to have you aboard.

As one of my last official acts as RD, it is my pleasure to announce a new club in our region and a totally new club for **UFDC**. I hope you will join with me in enthusiastically welcoming **Best Friends Forever BDJ Club** to **Region 11**. This was a labor of love for all of us and we're thrilled to have a BJD-centric club in **UFDC**. A big thank you from all the members of the club to **Jenny Yocklin**, without whose matchless help we might have been still saying, do ya think that we could, etc,

And now, it really is time for the Lusions and me to say goodbye. The Lusions have served **UFDC** with distinction since the beginning of my term (and have whined frequently and publicly about how hard they've worked) and really would like to be given a Rolls Royce. I, however, being of simpler tastes, have been rewarded in countless ways, and say instead a simple thank you for a wonderful three years.

My best love always,

Just Plain Jen, Regional Director 11

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