

Greetings Region 12: This is the end of my term as your R.D. I enjoyed the visits to your meetings. The visits to your clubs helped to expand my dolly network and knowledge. Please continue to invite me. *A special thanks to the clubs that I visited over the spring. Keep the invitations coming. We are looking for new clubs and new members. Now is the time for us to recruit, build, and share dolly fun with new dolly members.* We must continue to recruit more members, so that 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).

#### National Convention

Please, squeeze in time to attend our regional meeting at our national convention. Our Regional meeting will be held Thursday, August 3rd, at 3:30 pm. I am anxiously looking forward to seeing as many members during convention as I can. 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. A photo I.D. is required for convention check in. Convention Delegates and Attendees: Do not forget to take your UFDC membership card to Orlando, Florida.

Please feel free to bring items to the convention or ship the items to me by July 24, 2017 at the above mentioned address, for our Regional challenge. A special thanks to our members who have forwarded Ginny accessories and items for our Regional Challenge.

#### 2018 Regional Conference

Mark your calendar now **for the 2018 Regional Conference, April 26-28 2018!** Please come along and join in the fun as we make history in our region in Frankenmuth, MI. Please set your gears into countdown mode. You have only 10 months to get going. It has been over a couple of decades since we have had a regional conference in Region 12.

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 its executive

officers of the conference are busy planning a fabulous regional conference. Please come along and be committed to join in on the fun. I must extend a special thanks to the many, 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>)**

You must be aware that our Regional conference will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan, a town that has 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; it's the ideal departure from the ordinary every day. Frankenmuth has much to offer. Frankenmuth hotels offer families affordable options for Michigan getaways. Whether you're coming for the Frankenmuth beer festival, or to take in a German town experience, Frankenmuth is a wonderful destination. 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.

**The Bavarian Inn**, in Frankenmuth, MI. **is currently accepting reservations!** Reserve your room now.

#### New Members:

We welcome three new members, Ms. Cindy McGuire Marion, Ohio, Ms. Jenny Rasnick, Amelia Ohio, & Ms. Jean H. Underwood, in Columbus Ohio

Please consider adopting a doll. The **Adopt A doll Program** is a program in which one can adopt a doll residing in our museum. This helps with the maintenance and care of such a wonderful doll. Call UFDC for info.

## **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 fall newsletter, please submit information by August 25<sup>th</sup> or sooner. Email **Addresses Needed**: Please notify UFDC directly so that your current email address and your current postal physical 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.

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

**Convention Sponsorship (February 1, 2017–April 30, 2017)**

**Bailey Trucking Inc., Carole L. Buechel, Nancy Goldstein Dr. Vanessa E.P.Ghant, Mary Kremer, Lois H. Lamb, Patricia V. Lehman, Sarah Maldonado, Ramona Sankovich, Deborah Wilson and Mary K. Workman**

**We truly appreciate their support.**

**11 gifts and 11 donors (\$10,410.00) Thank You**

**Quarterly Regional Contributions (February 1, 2017—April 30, 2017)**

**Blossom Doll Club Museum Fund in memory of Ms. Dorothy Grinewitzki Thank You**

**Buckeye State Doll Club, Jill Sanders and Snow Babies of W. Michigan, 2017 Convention, Thank You**

**Fort Finlay Doll Fanciers of Ohio Collections fund for future Thank You**

**Lois H. Lamb UFDC Unity Fund Thank You**

**Greater Lansing Doll Club UFDC Unity Fund in memory of Ms. Betty I. Gillison, Thank You**

**Marsha Schauer Doll News General Fund, Thank You**

**Grand total (\$6,200.00) 8 gifts and 8 Donors listed**

## **Upcoming Events**

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

**"Dollicious" Doll Show and Sale, 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**

**2018 Region 12 Conference, April 26-28 2018: Come and join in the history making process with us in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Our Host Hotel is The Bavarian Inn, One Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth, Mi. Our Host club is the Doll-licious Doll Club of Michigan. The doll artist is Helen Kish.**

**Region 12 Conference dates are April 26-28 2018. The conference fees are \$405.00, \$430.00 (non UFDC members.) For more information contact our Registrar (Judy) at 248-739-6868/Region 12 Conference P.O. Box 2488 Southfield, Michigan. Email:/ region 12 conference@gmail.com**