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Winter Greetings

My first few months as a regional director have kept me busy starting with my visit September 8th to the **Over the Rainbow Doll Club** in Lawrence, Kansas. Thank you for your warm welcome. I felt very much at home.

The first week of October I traveled to our UFDC headquarters in Kansas City for new region director training where I learned how to better serve clubs in my new role. I got a sneak-peek at the renovations underway in our museum and I can't wait for everyone to see the improvements first-hand at convention next summer.

On Monday, October 13th I was a guest at the **aDOLLables Kansas Doll Club's** monthly meeting in Wichita, which happened to fall on my birthday and the club surprised me with an ice cream cake. Nice!

A big thank you to the **Prairie Sunbonnet Doll Club** of Lindsborg, Kansas for having me as their guest at their monthly meeting on November 5th.

I am scheduling travel for 2015 and I would love to visit your club. Already on my calendar are the Kansas Doll Day event, typically held at the end of April, and in early June is the Bismarck, South Dakota doll show. More information to follow about those events as details become available. Please let me know what other shows or events are coming up and I will publish the details in future newsletters.

Region 4 Quarterly Contributions

aDOLLable Kansas Doll Club, Collections Fund

Doll Study Club of Greater Kansas City, Collections Fund

Leavenworth Doll Club, General Building Fund, in honor/memory of Ms. Elizabeth Dysinger

Northeast Kansas Doll Club, UFDC Unity Fund

Connie Reynolds, Building General Fund



New RDs and Executive Committee: Standing L-R: Donnell Wisniewski - Region 10, Loretta Nardone - Second Vice-President, Jennifer Kohn Murtha - Region 11, Barbara Stone-Secretary/Treasurer, Diane Chappell - Region 16, Connie Reynolds - Region 4, Janna Daniels - Region 3, Vanessa Ghant - Region 12. Seated: Janet Gula - First Vice-President and Linda Edward - President.

Looking for that perfect holiday doll-related gift? Look no further than our own UFDC online shop. Many items have been reduced (a couple dolls are priced at only \$20 and have free shipping). Visit www.UFDC.org today and click on the "Shop" tab.



Club Presidents: A reminder that credentials for delegates for the 2015 national convention are due no later than January 14!



Convention On A Budget

There are plenty of things to do at convention that do not cost extra money outside of your registration fee.

1. **Gatherings** – usually later at night and cover a broad range of topics from French Fashion dolls to Tonner. Members from Region 4 began the cloth doll gathering a couple of years ago. Stop by and show your support at this FREE event.
2. **Dynamic Doll Dialogues** – casual, brief round table discussions of various doll topics.
3. **Programs** – chock-full of content from renowned doll authorities, programs usually last about an hour.
4. **Ice Cream Social** – a social function designed to kick-off convention and a great way to get to know your board members. Donations are appreciated.
5. **Roam the salesroom** – it's like having a world-class doll museum at your fingertips and if you're really disciplined doesn't have to cost you money. (Good luck!)
6. **UFDC Headquarters Museum** – be sure to visit during convention.

Welcome Our Newest Members-at-Large!

Mr. Ron Moore of Wichita, KS

Ms. Joyce Nickell of Bonner Springs, KS

Ms. Donna Smoller of Overland Park, KS

Dakota Memories Doll Club

Members of the Dakota Memories Doll Club hosted the "Cherished Doll Memories" luncheon and program on October 11, 2014 in Brookings, SD. Members displayed their favorite dolls, from antique, folk and paper dolls to the current Monster High dolls. A special exhibit of doll houses was also on display. Children were welcome to attend the event, and each received a stuffed animal from their own play area. Each guest received a vintage cloth handkerchief along with instructions to make their own Handkerchief Twins "church doll". Door prizes were awarded, and the club sends a big thank you to Linda Edward, President of UFDC, who also provided two prizes for our fun event. Edna Riley is pictured below with an assortment of Shirley Temple dolls.



Mary Schallau, Star City Doll Society club Treasurer.

Star City Doll Society Event

The 29th annual Hillcrest Doll Fest was hosted by the Star City Doll Society of Lincoln, Nebraska on October 11, 2014. As the 51 attendees arrived they were given bags with name tags, a bid number for the silent auction, information of an upcoming doll sale, a suggestion sheet and chocolates. There were plenty of Helpers consisting of dolls, bears and fairy gardens for everyone to consider, as well as vendors selling lots of tempting wares. The luncheon included a salad, Monterrey chicken, twice baked potatoes and mixed vegetables.

Earl May Nursery gave a program on fairy gardens, which was followed by a PowerPoint program given by Susan Yohe about fairy dolls created by many doll artists. The podium was filled with fairy dolls from members for all to see. The luncheon tables were decorated with Tonner dolls dressed as fairies in a circle of green tulle with flowers all around. Each attendee was also given a fairy clothes pin doll, a metal accessory, a booklet describing how to make fairy dust and a vial of fairy dust to entice fairies to come to their gardens. Many compliments were heard regarding the fun day and several suggestions were made of programs for next year's event.

In the picture to the left, Mary Schallau, Star City Doll Society club Treasurer stands by her Christmas tree featuring fairy ornaments from Hallmark. Notice the larger fairies lounging on the table around the tree also. Great display!

To include news in the Spring 2015 newsletter, please submit information to me no later than February 10, 2015

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