



**United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. – Winter 2015 Newsletter**  
**Region 5 - Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri**  
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**Hello Region 5 Members, Clubs, Museums and Libraries,** As holiday time approaches and weather changes are upon us, I am thankful for the support, generosity and friendliness of all of you. Thank you to those who also support the libraries, museums & doll shows that help us promote UFDC and display their issues of Doll News and all who recruit new members and help us grow.

**Welcome New Members at Large:** Eunice Reid and Sherry Staton in Missouri; Jenni Garbacz, Cassie Guy, Arlene Kase, Lisa Lindemann, Patricia McDivitt, Bob Peterson, Lulu Wray in Minnesota. Thank you for joining UFDC. I wish you many enjoyable years as members of UFDC.

Below is my UFDC information table at the Des Moines Doll show on November 8. Show promoters you have my gratitude for your support that greatly contributes to many of these new members. Watch for more on the little twins in this photo. Merry and Sunny will be waiting to meet you in Kansas City.



**Contributions to UFDC were made by the following:**

Many more thanks to the clubs and individuals who gave cash donations totaling \$6,675.50: Diana Effner-2014 Convention; Gateway Doll Study Club, Greater St Louis Doll Club and Show-Me Doll Club to Collections fund; Heirloom Doll Collectors Club-for 2015 Convention; Lady Slipper Doll Club to Building General fund in memory of Sharol Wik; Red River Valley Doll Club to Unity fund in memory of Betty Brunsvold; WIM Heirloom Doll Collectors to Regional Directors Fund in honor of Cheryl Cloutier; Barb Patrick-Convention competitive exhibit table sponsor; Cheryl & Charles Cloutier - Museum Fund-in memory of Carmen Mundale; and Charles Cloutier to General Fund in honor of our UFDC office staff. (He enjoyed meeting our staff, seeing the offices, library and museum on our visit).

**IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO AND REMEMBER:**

**Recruit a new member** and get a \$10. credit from UFDC for each new member-at-large or club member.

**Shop for great gifts at ufdc's website** [www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org)  
Many items are at reduced prices.

**Regional Status Reports** Please send them to me, they help so much, when I need to contact officers and get potential member information out to club presidents.

**Early return awards:** Congratulations to the clubs who returned regional status reports in the first four weeks. Minnesota Jamboree Council & Hawkeye Doll club of Iowa tied for first and will each get a 2015 UFDC Calendar. Four clubs placing 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> will receive a special something in the mail also. Thank you to all 10 clubs that now have their forms sent to me.

**Much information about 2015 "A Dream Come True" 66<sup>th</sup> UFDC National Convention July 16-19, 2015 at the Marriott Kansas City Downtown in Kansas City, Missouri will be in your Winter 2015 Doll News.** You may support our convention by contributions: monetary and helper items and attending and volunteering for jobs in many areas. I can get you contact information for the various chairs, if you want a specific job. You get a special gift when you work a shift as a volunteer.

**Please plan to attend.** It will be a wonderful time and you won't want to miss the many educational programs, exhibits, doll dialogues, banquet with souvenir all included in the registration fee. There will be many ticketed events such as luncheons, tea, dinners, workshops and seminars that will provide education, entertainment and more. Convention is a great place to make new doll friends.

**Reserve your room at Marriott Kansas City Downtown Hotel** and you save money on your convention registration!

**Continue to send items to UFDC for their EBAY auction site.** You may send things to the office at any time. This is an ongoing fund raising project and very successful.

**Clubs: please schedule visits** with your regional director soon. Winter traveling is possible in the twin city metro area. I look forward to meeting more of you. I have several programs I can present if you wish.

**My Out and about:** I have traveled widely about our region this fall. Visiting clubs and shows and members from Minnesota to Missouri and the weather was great for my travels to: Lady Slipper Doll Club Show, Mankato Minn.

I had a great time at the Minnesota Doll Jamboree, thanks to so many of you for attending, donating time and items and supporting this event. Thank you Barbara Stone for taking the time to be with us that weekend and help me at my UFDC table at Medina, Minn. Dolls, Bears & Toys Oh My Show.

Some members of Minn. Valley Doll Club and I viewed the current exhibit of “**Toys from the 50s, 60s & 70s**” at the **Minnesota History Center, in St Paul. Exhibit closes Jan.4, 2015.** These are the dolls of the fifties and closest to my childish heart. Margaret Koch, her daughter Amy and Marge Basnett, I enjoyed the time with you and the toys.



On November 8 & 9 I was in Des Moines for the doll show at the fairgrounds and to visit the Iowa Kate Shelly; Capitol City and Sunbonnet Doll clubs in Iowa. It was great that so many of you could attend that day. We had a delicious dessert buffet and a great time visiting and viewing the lovely dolls our hostess, Yvonne Barret, has on display. Thank you all so very much. The drive home was safe and hours ahead of the snow.

Below is my doll toy and accessory display table for the Autumn Taco Dinner with Santa Fe Trails Doll Club at the Bingham Wagner Estate, Independence, Missouri. Thank you members for the fine meal and hospitality, my husband and I had a wonderful time.



**Please let me know** when your club has special events, shows, or anniversaries coming up. Then I can include them in the newsletter. You may email details or photos by **February 10, 2015** to include in the spring issue. This is the REGION 5 Newsletter. I will be happy to share your information

**Coming Events In and Near Our Region: 2015 & 2016 February 15, 2015** 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Dolls in Winter Sale 10 AM – 3:30PM, Mermaid Event Ctr, Moundsview, MN Carol Benson, [Carol@cpromotionsplus.com](mailto:Carol@cpromotionsplus.com) [www.CPromotionsPlus.com](http://www.CPromotionsPlus.com) phone: 612-669-1613

**New Harmony Doll Weekend - March 27th - March 29th, 2015:** New Harmony Tri-State Doll Show and Sale. This is the third such event. It features shopping in New Harmony's historic district, shopping in two local doll shops, doll-related workshops and a doll show Sunday at the New Harmony Conference Ctr. Check out the wesbsite [www.newharmonytristatedollshow.com](http://www.newharmonytristatedollshow.com) or Call Rhoda Wade, 618-387-1255 for information.

**May 17, 2015** 12<sup>th</sup> Dolls in Spring Show & Sale , 10AM-3:30PM at Mermaid Event Ctr, Moundsview, MN Carol Benson [Carol@cpromotionsplus.com](mailto:Carol@cpromotionsplus.com) web: [www.CPromotionsPlus.com](http://www.CPromotionsPlus.com) 612-669-1613

**July 16-19, 2015 UFDC National Convention** “A Dream Come True” Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Please join me there. Each region has a meeting during convention. Volunteer and register early. Book your rooms at the Marriott too.

More details on the following events later:

**August 30, 2015** Lady Slipper Doll Show & Sale, Mankato, MN

**October 3, 2015** Minnesota Doll Jamboree Plymouth Minnesota. Check the Jamboree website: [www.mndolljamboree.com](http://www.mndolljamboree.com) for information.

**October 4, 2015** Doll, Toys & Bears, OH MY! Show and Sale at Medina Entertainment Center, Medina MN [www.dollstoysbearsohmy.com](http://www.dollstoysbearsohmy.com)

**Future Regional Conferences:**

**Region 14 - April 30-May 3, 2015** Albany, New York

**Region 2 South - September 24-26, 2015** San Diego, CA

**Region 6 - September 22-24, 2016** Billings, Montana

**Website is:** [www.region6conference.org](http://www.region6conference.org) for details and registration.

The Conference Calendar in each Doll News has more contact information for these conferences.

I wish you all happy holidays! See you in Kansas City in 2015 if not before. **Cheryl Cloutier**