

Region 11 Newsletter

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Hello, everyone! My, it's been a busy first "semester" for me and I have loved every single minute of it! I'm so happy and so honored to be your RD. We have a lot of information about events in our wonderful region, so let's get to it.

2014-2015 Region 11 Happenings

First things first! Don't forget the **Learning Room** at the **Gaithersburg Doll Show**, December 6 and 7, 2014. We have sales tables available, for clubs or individual. No fee, but 15% of your hopefully enormous take is donated to UFDC. Email or call me and I'll plug you right in. It's just fun!

The Blacked Eyed Susan Doll Club and the **Southern Maryland Doll Club** will once again participate in the Christmas exhibit of dolls at the St. Clement's Island Museum. Time and dates: Dec 1 – 19, Wednesday thru Sunday, 12 to 4pm. Dec 20 – Jan 4, 10am to 4pm. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and military, \$1.50 children, Free under 5. Address: 38370 Point Breeze Rd. Colton's Point, MD 20626. Phone: 301-769-2222

Chesapeake Doll Club once again will be hosting their delightful **Martin Luther King** luncheon, at the Annapolis Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD, 21037, January 19th, 2015. 11-2, doors open at 10:45. \$10 includes a boxed turkey/vegetarian sandwich. Polar Bear Plunge is the theme-dolls in swimwear competitive exhibit. Raffles and sales tables! RSVP Faye Wetherhold at faye.ed@comcast.net

Charm City Dolling Club presents **My Mommy, My Dolly and Me** luncheon, April 18, 2015 at **Epsworth United Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland**. Souvenir doll by **Stacey McBride-Irby** of **One World Doll Company**. \$65.00 per person, with a limit of 80 people. The fun starts at 11 am and continues until 3pm, so

don't miss this one. I'll be there and I can't wait!

The Black Eyed Susan Doll Club presents **"A Victorian Picnic With Little Hitty"** Luncheon. April 25, 2015, 11 am to 4 pm. Clagett Hall 15837 Prince Fredrick Road, Hughesville, MD 20637. Cost \$145.00, limited to 50 Participants. Pre-Order companion doll "Michael" for \$180: total for both \$325. Dolls are by **Judy Brown**. More info contact **Lynn Buonviri** 301-475-3466 or lynn@buonviri.net. Program, helpers, sales, fun! Plus the chance to meet lovely me!

The Maryland Society of Doll Collectors (MSDC) is currently planning their second event celebrating African American History month at the Anne Arundel County Library on February 7, 2015. The theme is **"Once Upon a Time and Sports Legends."** Activities will include: an exhibit featuring princesses, brides, and sports legends; workshops creating clothes pins' dolls, valentines' day cards, and fancy paper dolls; a display of related books; and a donation of canned food/nonperishable goods to charity. Library Info: Odenton Regional Library (formerly West County Library) 1325 Annapolis Road Odenton MD 21113

The Capitol Doll Club's 34th Annual Doll Show !!!! 2nd Year in their New Location!!! Richmond Raceway Complex Colonial Building 600 East Laburnum Ave, Richmond, Virginia 23222, Saturday February 28, 2015. 9:30 am-3:30 pm. For more info, call Jackie Price 804-275-0091 or email Jackie at jprice3500@verizon.net. I'll be there too-Where's Waldo?

The Southern Maryland Doll Club will be hosting their annual Doll Show & Sale on September 12, 2015 from 10am-3pm at the Chin Hamaya Culture Center at 109A Post Office Road in Waldorf, MD. More information will be available closer to the date.

Donations Where would we be without our donors, large and small? Add 'em all up and what we get is an organization moving well into the 21st century and preparing for the 22nd. To wit, a new fundraising program that I just love – Sadopt-a-Doll. Came home from RD training and said brightly to my long-suffering husband "I adopted a Bru!" After he turned pale green, I explained that for one hundred bucks, I got to "adopt" a beautiful BIG Bru for one year. It's a

way to help UFDC to grow and prosper - and to get the doll of your dreams, if only for a short period of time.

I wasn't the only one giving, though. In no particular order, competitive exhibit tables at convention were sponsored by **Julie G. Blewis, Victoria Christopherson, Donna B. Landis, Karen M. Smith, Lynne R. Stierman** and **Marcia Woolston**.

Barbara E. Kincaid gave a Special Exhibit Case; Barbara Stone and Faye Wetherhold did too. And don't we love our Special Exhibits, highlights of any convention.

Black Eyed Susan Doll Club of MD has given generously to the Regional Director's fund (thank you!) and to the Collections Fund, in honor of **Faye Wetherhold**, while **Elinor Champion** helped the Museum Fund, as did **Dollology Club of Washington DC, Judith A. Seay** in memory of **Eloise Goodreau, Barbara Stone** in honor of Region 11 members (and aren't we honored indeed) and **Jennifer Kohn Murtha**. **Chesapeake Doll Club of MD** gave to the Building General Fund, in loving memory of **Ms. Betty Mills** and **Mr. John Dugan**, as did **Pauline Pivowar** to memorialize **Ms Linda Talbott**. **Faye Wetherhold** also aided the Museum Fund and honored the late **Ms. Elizabeth Dysinger** and **Ms. Betty Mills**. **Rita M. Johnston** led the group that donated to the **Collections Fund**, including **Now and Then Doll Club**. The UFDC Unity Fund was helped out by **Maryland Doll Club**.

THE GRAND TOTAL? 1,499.61 - Yay, Us!

Now, we have of course, more announcements to make: using the royal we here, ;-)

Please, dear **club presidents**, don't forget to send in your delegate's credentials to National Convention, less than 250 days away, not that I'm counting or anything. And please, I do need your Regional Status Report Forms. They are used to help me to help you to determine who is a good fit for your particular club. Lastly, for this bit, do remember to send me your news for 2015 by February 1st, three weeks before my spring newsletter goes out. (Spring being in everyone's thoughts by then)

Can't believe how quickly the holidays are coming this year! Don't forget to do some of your shopping in the UFDC store, which has many enticing items for your delectation and mine. (I am very easily susceptible to dolls, but manned

up and "adopted" my lovely Bru instead. Can one man up if one is not a man?) Some of which are on deep sale, not that I am mentioning money or anything like that...

A big welcome to our new Members at Large, **Libby Whitley Fulton, Antoinette J. Lee** and **Mary Mathews**. If you need help finding a club to join, which is more fun than anything, contact me and I'll do my best to get you properly situated.

I also ask that you let me know if you are available to help **Sherry Minton** and **Susan Steirn** in the competitive exhibits. Both ladies were woefully short of assistance at this past convention and both truly need you. Let me know what you can do, please. I'll be there. How about you?

Please don't forget to invite me to your clubs if you're interested in me visiting. Besides, you don't have to vacuum on my account. It's only me!

I wish you all Merry Everything and a most Joyous and Wonderful New Year! And lots of dolls in the mix, natch.

As a nice dolly start to the new year, I will be hostessing a no host luncheon on the third Saturday of January, 2015, at Timbuktu Restaurant in Hanover, Maryland. Hopefully, we'll all arrive with a travel doll or two, order from the menu, discuss all the happenings in our region and just play with dolls and have a good time. Isn't that what we're about? **Hope to see you January 17, 2015, at 11 am at the restaurant.**

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