



United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.  
Region 10 - Illinois and Wisconsin

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## WINTER 2016

This is the beginning of my second year as your Regional Director. I zipped my little car around the region this past summer from April to September - meeting wonderful men and women who share my enthusiasm for collecting dolls. From antique beauties to modern BJDs, we differ in what we collect but agree on the need to find a doll with a face we can love.

## BUSINESS

Our next Regional Director will be elected at the *UFDC convention in 2017*. Your application must be completed by **August 31, 2016**.

We must have one person to represent our region on the nominating committee by the *Washington DC convention in July of 2016*. I am hoping that someone will volunteer. It is not a demanding position and is very necessary to insure that we pick the best applicant. Conventions are such fun! I hope to see you there.

## RD TRAVELS

I direct my church choir from Sept. to Mother's Day and we rehearse every Wednesday night. This makes it difficult to do much traveling around the states unless the weather is good and the event is on the weekend.

The Chicago West Doll Scholars have moved my visit into next year and the Sangamon Valley Doll Study Club (my own

club) will host an event themed around Betsy McCall on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Madison club has once again invited me to their picnic on June 7th. Please be sure to send me an invitation soon so that I can get it on my calendar. I truly do want to meet everyone that I can.

## REGIONAL STARS

I spent a very pleasant weekend at the Minnesota Doll Jamboree in October. A very nice surprise was the presentation on Alice (in Wonderland) given by our own **Jill Hanson**. It was excellent. Very well prepared and humorously presented.

The latest issue of Doll News was packed delightfully with photos from the Kansas City convention. Did you see **Susan Fosnot**, the convention doll artist and one of our regional members? I have to mention that my sister, Jean Smith, is the unidentified woman at the top of the first page of coverage, standing with a clipboard next to the bus driver. I hope that you were one of the lucky ones to get on that bus to tour the museums.

## OPPORTUNITIES

Have you considered supporting our UFDC with your time, your talent and your dollars? Have you adopted a doll or accepted the Pay-A-Day Challenge? Do you volunteer your time for your club, your Region or at the Convention? Every one of us has a

talent - perhaps you could paint a paper doll, videotape a club presentation, organize a group trip? We are members of a **VOLUNTEER** organization and we need your support to continue.

If you or your club would like to help organize a Regional EVENT, please contact me! My new cell phone # 618-381-6185.

## **DONATIONS**

### *Museum Fund*

Chicago Doll Collectors Club  
Doll Scholars of S.E. Wisconsin

### *Adopt A Doll Campaign*

Doll Scholars of S. E. Wisconsin

### *Building General Fund*

Doll Scholars of S. E. Wisconsin

### *UFDC Unity Fund*

Fireside Doll Workshop of IL *in memory of*

Ms. Evelyn Cromer

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Janet Eberhardt

Karla Moreland

### *Competitive Exhibit table sponsor*

Cathy Noone

Mary Anne Oldenburg

### *Special Exhibit Case sponsor*

Kathy A. Treece

Total donations - \$650.00

## **DOLL ADVENTURE**

One of my collecting passions is Oriental dolls. I grew up in Chinatown in San Francisco and these dolls remind me of my playmates in the apartments on those hilly streets. There is a wonderful display of Friendship Dolls currently on exhibit at the Brauer Museum on the campus of Valparaiso University, Indiana. I was not able to attend the date of the symposium but hope to get up there to see them before it closes on 23 December. While I don't

expect to help Alan Pate find any of the missing dolls, I am always on the lookout for an undiscovered treasure.

The St. Louis Ball Jointed Doll Convention was on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November. I attended, along with two fellow club members. I had pre-ordered the event doll and she is very cute in her pirate duds. The doll was created by Judy Porter and dressed by Mary West - both UFDC members from Kansas.

## **NEW Members At Large**

I want to welcome our two newest MALs - **Kathy Vielhuber** from Wisconsin and **Su Gruenke** from southern Illinois - to our wonderful community of collectors.

## **CREDENTIALS DUE - Jan. 13, 2016**

Please remember to send in the form by this date so that your club will be represented in the vote at our Business Meeting at Convention. VERY IMPORTANT!

**We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**



**Patsy    Trixie    Ann Estelle**

**Happy Holidays and Best Wishes!**

For those of you who still wonder what I look like - I am the only Regional Director wearing a white dress at the banquet. I am seated in the front and center in that photo.