

Greetings Region 12: We wish everyone happy holidays, during this holiday season. This is the beginning of your Regional Director’s second year. Keep sending invitations. We enjoyed all of the doll clubs, doll auctions and doll show outings. Your RD attended the Doll Circle of Indianapolis, IN. Luncheon, and enjoyed a lovely afternoon with speaker Alan Scott Pate, an author, and historian of Japanese dolls. Our souvenir doll was a 3-3/4 reproduction Bruno Schmidt Asian Mignonnette doll by artist Carl Armstrong. We give cheers to the Doll Circle of Indianapolis, IN. for a fabulous luncheon.

New Members At Large: We want to welcome Ms. Sande Marling, Richmond, IN. and Ms. Barbara A. Wymer, Upper Sandusky, OH.

Our Regional Conference Coordinator has confirmed **April 26-28, 2018** for the conference. Please mark these dates on your calendar, **now**. This event has been in the planning stage for some time. Thus far, we have three clubs that have agreed to join our host club. We have a location, the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, MI. The theme is “Once Upon A Time”. Presidents, be on the lookout for an 800 line and a pin access code published on our website. As more information is developed, our region’s club Presidents can expect updated details.
Expect more information soon!

Please consider adopting a doll. (The **Adopt A doll Program** is a program in which one can adopt a Museum doll of one’s choice for one year of upkeep).

Do not forget to advertise in Doll News. Beverly Stoehr is our current advertising manager. Contact her by email at dollnewsadvertisingmanager@ufdc.org.

We are in the planning phase of our next regional conference.

Regional Director’s Past Itinerary

| DATE | EVENTS |
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| August 29, 2015 | The Doll-icious Doll Club of Michigan doll club meeting, Southfield, MI. |
| August 30, 2015 | The Ken Make – Over Class, Flint, MI. |
| September 2, 2015 | The Flint Doll Collectors’ 30 th Annual Auction, Flint, MI. |
| September 12, 2015 | The Great Lakes Doll Club, Warren MI. |
| September 19, 2015 | The Doll Circle of Indianapolis, IN. doll luncheon |
| October 15, 2015 | Gateway to the Thumb Doll Club meeting, Imlay City, MI. |
| November 1, 2015 | The Doll-icious Doll Show & Sale, Madison Heights, MI. |
| November 7, 2015 | The Madame Alexander Doll Club luncheon, Troy, MI. |

Regional Director’s Current Itinerary

| DATE | EVENTS |
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| December 1, 2015 | Timbertown Dollology club’s Christmas Party, Saginaw, MI. |
| December 12, 2015 | Great Lakes Doll Club Christmas Party, Warren, MI |
| December 13, 2015 | The Doll-icious Doll Club of MI. Christmas Party, Birmingham, MI |

Announcements

Next year we are returning to our capital, Washington, D.C. “**Kindred Spirits**” is the theme for **our 67th UFDC National Convention**: Save the dates **July 27-July 30, 2016**. Heather Maciak, from Canada, is the featured Doll artist. Hotel Reservations open January 4, 2016

Presidents, please remember to send in your **club credential form** for your delegate/alternate by **January 13, 2016**. We need it in order to ensure that your club can vote at our business meeting at the convention. Everyone needs to remember that Doll News is available digitally. Newsletters from other regions are available on the UFDC website. To include news in the spring 2016 newsletter, please submit information by 2/1/2016. In addition, we need your regional status forms **ASAP**. Email **Addresses Needed**: Please notify UFDC directly so that your email 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 (August 1, 2015 – October 31, 2015)

Sponsorships are much appreciated and needed. Cindy A. Bailey, Joella C. Barnes, Donna Boggs, Evelyn A. Reed, Jill Sanders, Jacqueline Swanton & Marjorie Wyant

8 gifts & seven donors

Grand (Total \$300.00)

Quarterly Regional Contributions (August 1, 2015 – October 31, 2015)

Thank You, Joellen C. Barnes - Doll News General Fund

Thank You, Pamela Cornell, Terry Danner & Patricia Fertel - Unity Fund

Honorarium Contributions Building General Fund (August 1, 2015 – October 31, 2015)

Thank You Judy H. Wright in honor of Cynthia Musser - Museum Fund

Memorial Contributions Real Services (August 1, - October 31, 2015)

In memory of Ms. Helen L. Erfurt by the Ohio Valley Collectors, Patricia Fertel, & Judy H. Wright; Thank You.

In memory of Mrs. Margaret Mitchell by Joellen C. Barnes, Joan Nagy, & Mr. George Mitchell; Thank You.

In memory of Ms. Beatrice Lawhorn by Dolls & Friends D.C. of Royal Oak; Thank You.

In memory of Arlette Sigler by Valparaiso Dolls & Friends; Thank You.

10 Gifts & 10 Donors (Grand Total \$593.00)

Upcoming Events

March 13, 2016: Lansing Doll Show, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Admission: Adult \$4.00, Child under 12 \$1.00.

Banquet & Conference Center of Dewitt, 1120 Commerce Park Dr. Dewitt, MI.

Contact Sandy Johnson Barts @ 269-599-1511 for more information

April 16, 2016: The Rochester Doll Collector's Club presents "Dolls & Desserts", a Dessert Social.

PAM JUDD, a noted author, will present a program called "Delightful Celebrity Dolls".

Event time is 12:00 p.m. - 3 p.m. Cost: \$45.00 at The Italian American Cultural Society Hall, 43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038. For additional information or dealer information, please contact Sharon @ 586-731-3072. The luncheon is open for up to 100 registrants. To register, mail check to Mary Jo Roush 15360 Windmill, Macomb, Michigan. 48044

May 15, 2016: "The DOLL-ICIOUS" Doll Show and Sale UFCW HALL876 Horace Brown Dr.,

Madison Height, MI. Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Show Admission \$5.00 Children under 12 free.

West Michigan Doll and Toy Show and Sale April 16, 2016 Holland Civic Center 150 W. 8th Street, Holland, MI 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission \$4.00, for information contact Jill 231-780-4544

The "Japanese Friendship Dolls" from 1927 is currently still on exhibition at the Brauer Museum of Art at the Valparaiso University Center for the Arts, 1709 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso, IN, until December 13, 2015. All exhibitions and events are free and open to the public.