

UFDC Region 7 Newsletter

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In September, I made my yearly trip to Eureka Springs, AR, and attended the NWAHDC's annual luncheon. This year they chose Grimm's Fairy Tales as their theme, with each table centerpiece representing a different fairy tale. Carol Williams spoke on the origin of the topsy-turvy dolls and a DVD on the subject was shown. Their competition tables had some really interesting dolls and they also had a display of original cloth topsy-turvy dolls made by the members of the Shady Ladies club. The members of NWAHDC made their souvenir, a cloth topsy-turvy Cinderella doll that was given to each guest.



Past Region 7 Director Ruth Cook and her daughter Denise enjoying visiting with their table mates at NWAHDC's luncheon.

This year NWAHDC also celebrated their 40th anniversary as a member of UFDC with a special cake and favors for the twenty club members that were present.

In October I went to Kansas City for a symposium on increasing UFDC membership. We came up with some ideas to help increase club membership and to spread the word about

UFDC. Some of these are: varying a club's meeting time to allow for working members to attend, place club flyers at state welcome stations, place club flyers in welcome wagon baskets, get the word out that there is a doll club in the area, and work on starting and maintaining a junior club. Remember that your club is a member of UFDC and include that information in your club letterhead. I will include more tips from the symposium in future newsletters.

Earlier this month I got a call for some help from the Economic Development group in Newport, AR. The city has obtained a collection of around 8,000 20th century dolls and a building to house them. They wish to create a doll museum in their uptown area as part of their existing attractions (a rock and roll museum and art center). I asked Cynthia Orgeron to go with me to meet with the group and to see how we could help them. They have no experience in dealing with dolls, no idea what they have, what to do with them, or how to clean, store and present the dolls. They plan for the museum to be a UFDC member and some of their board members plan to join, also. They need help from any of the doll community that can find the time to help. If you or your club can give them any time, let me know and I will give you their contact. Information.

With holidays upon us and clubs considering holiday giving, please remember that UFDC is a charity and could use your donations. There are many different ways to support UFDC such as:

- ADOPT-A-DOLL
- FUND-A-DAY of ARCHIVAL SCREENING
- PAY-A-DAY
- DONOR TREE
- REGIONAL DIRECTOR FUND
- SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Step One: Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1257206> and select UFDC as your charitable organization. Bookmark this link.
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Region 7 will participate in a fund raiser at the 2017 convention. I have asked the club presidents to inform the clubs of the challenge. We have a black 8" Ginny to use as our doll. At the convention we will have a table to display our doll and all the clothes and accessories that Region 7 donates to go with the doll. If anyone needs a pattern for clothes, just let me know. Also, I will need volunteers to help sell the tickets for our table at the convention. The display tables for our fund raiser will be set up in the helper room and the drawing for the helper will be held at the end of the week. The winner must be present to win and has the option of having the helper shipped to them instead of taking it with them. All the funds raised from the tables will go to the RD Fund. Pictured to the right is the Ginny doll for our fund raiser.

UFDC 68th NATIONAL CONVENTION
Une Journée de la Poupée - A Day in The Life of
a Doll
August 2 – 5, 2017
(Pre-Convention Events August 1, 2017)
The Rosen Center
Orlando, Florida

Check out the next DOLL NEWS for hotel registration information.



I have received many questions concerning future convention cities. As we know, the 68th convention will be August 2-5, 2017, at the Rosen Centre, Orlando, Florida. The 69th convention will be in Phoenix, Arizona, and the 70th convention will be in Nashville, TN. So start planning for your trips to these cities.

During this quarter Region 7 has made one convention donation and one Ebay donation. CONGRATULATIONS TO ACADIANA BABES for their two new members, Kathy Colpitts and Faye Jones Crowell.

Up coming events:
Bayou Bebes of Baton Rouge presents Dolls & Toys for the 50's doll show and sale, February 4, 2017, 9 to 3 pm. The event will be at the Milton J. Womack Center, 6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. If you need additional information contact George Orgeron at orgeron2466@bellsouth.net or 1-985-386-4291.

NWAHDC will have their annual luncheon September 9, 2017. Their doll artist for this event is Theresa Nez. More information on this event will be in future newsletters.