

RD 11 Winter Newsletter 2016
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I made it through the wars. No, no, wrong newsletter! No, indeed. Instead, **UFDC** sent me and my fellow RDs, all 17 of us, to KC for a membership symposium, along with our esteemed EC. And what a symposium it was! More to follow, but some wonderful changes will be coming while much of what we love will stay the same, so don't worry.

While we're talking about change, don't forget our **UFDC** Convention. Days of nothing but dolls and doll friends in Orlando! What could be better? Don't delay in registering, as this one's gonna sell out pronto! August 2nd-5th, 2017. **Susan Steirn**, Region 9 RD, has invited **Norma** and **Lilah Lusion** back again but I suspect that someone smaller and more compact will be coming. I can't afford a Rolls for them and neither can **UFDC**! (See last newsletter if you're clueless)

Events

Doesn't anyone in this region ever sleep?! Well, for starters, we have **The Gaithersburg Doll Show**, Saturday December 3-4, with 2 great speakers, **Val Star** and **Jonathan Green** and two doll dialogues with **Tom Courtney** and **yours truly**, if I can get away. Should be fun and you know, dolls shows are where you can find your bliss and make your dreams come true! Come say hi!

We ALL look forward to **Chesapeake Doll Club's** annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. It's fun, fun, fun and in the dead of winter, what could be nicer than playing with dolls all day and hanging out with friends?! Monday January 16, 2017, The Annapolis Elks Club, 2 Pythian Dr., Edgewater MD, 21037. 10:45 doors open. Contact **Helga Althoff** at calthoff22@comcast.net.

The ever-active **Blue Ridge Doll Club** is sponsoring the newly named **The Richmond Doll and Teddy Bear Show**, Saturday February 25th, 2017. Richmond Raceway, Colonial Building, 600 East Laburnum Ave. Richmond VA. Call **Ruth** at 434-295-1435 or **Judy** 434-295-2628. Can't wait!

Sugarland Searchers Doll Club is hosting a spring special weekend with luminaries **Ann Coleman**, **Susan Sirkis** and **Sheryl Williams**, March 31st-April 2. Supporting the **Luta Farrell Doll Collection** at Asbury Methodist Village, it's a cornucopia of programs, workshops and luncheons...even I might stick a toe in the waters. Anyway, contact **Elinor Champion** (who for sure never sleeps!) at ejchampion@aol.com or 301-758-6099. Support this fund-raising effort for the doll collection, which is both unique and beautiful and of benefit to the *entire* community.

April 8, 2017 brings us **The Black Eyed Susan Doll Club's The Wife, The Witch and the Gentleman.: women of the 17th century.** Claggett Hall at Oldfields Episcopal Church, 15837, 15837 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville MD 2037. Contact **Pat Magruder** at 301-843-0541 or plmagruder@verizon.net 11-3.

Another doll show, their sixth! will be at The Gathering at Scott Memorial Methodist Church at 409 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, April 29, 2017, 9-4. It's being sponsored by **Precious Memories Doll Club**. For vendor information, please contact **Allegra Halyard** at allegrahalyard@yahoo.com

The Now and Then Doll Club is finalizing plans for their show next year on October 14, 2017. Location: Fredericksburg Elks Lodge # 875, 11309 Tidewater Trail, Fredericksburg VA, 10-4. Contact club president **Sally Bernard** at mustangsally04@verizon.net or call 540-720-5644. This is a lovely show, truly.

If you haven't been to **Lady Baltimore Doll Study Club's** triennial Halloween luncheon, treat yourself right and hurry up! **Once Upon a Dolloween Luncheon**. Fairy Tale Villains in Literature. Radisson Hotel North Baltimore. October 28th, 2017. 11-3. Contact **Sheri Kaplan** at 410-602-0071 or kenzomom@verizon.net

Talk about suspense! I got an email from **Stacia Pate** of **Maryland Society of Doll Collectors** who kind of whispered to me that their club will be doing an event in April 2018. What can it be?! **SAVE THE DATE!** September 27-29, 2018, **Region 11 Conference, Maryland A Merry Land**. Contact **Sandy Moore** caa-smoore@att.net or 703-532-6570. This is one regional **NOT** to be missed! Amazing, fun events are being planned.

Donations

Not only does this region not sleep, but we also don't skimp on donations. Once again, UFDC benefits from your largesse. In order of listing, **Julie Blewis** gave *very* generously indeed to the Museum Fund. **Blue Ridge Doll Club** gave to the same fund, in memory of **Rex Tompkins** and **Pat Tompkins**. **Chesapeake Doll Club** donated to several funds, including Collections Fund, 2017 Convention, Building General Fund and Regional Director's Fund. **Maryland Doll Club** gifted the Collections Fund as well. **Now and Then Doll Club** honored me with a donation to the Regional Director's Fund, which means that I can travel more to visit all of you. **Barbara Stone** gave in memory of **Patricia Girbach**, while **Sharon Eastman** was honored by **Laura E. Wade**. We also had many anonymous donors, one who donated in honor of **John Axe** and in memory of **Cindy O'Brien** to the Building Fund. Other anonymous donors also gave to the Building Fund, while still more gave to the Museum Fund, Unity Fund and Library. **Julie Blewis, Victoria Christopherson, Nancy Joyner, Barbara Kincaid, Donna Landis and Karen M. Smith** all sponsored competitive tables at our immediate past convention. How much, you're wondering? A whopping **\$21, 113.39!** **New Members, Yay!** Lisa Brannock, Bonnie Dalbey, Gregory Dix, Sophia McClain, Sylvia McClain. Welcome to all of you!

Merry Everything, Y'all! And my best love to each and every one of you. Just plain Jen

