

Greetings Region 12: I hope that you and your dollies had a beautiful Thanksgiving. The 68th National Convention will be held August 2, 2017 thru August 5, 2017 at the Rosen Center Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Plan to arrive early for additional activities and events. Credential forms (for delegates and alternates) need to be completed in order to attend our business meeting. The forms must be sent to the Membership Coordinator, Jenny Yocklin, at Headquarters, **post marked no later than January 15, 2017.**

During our past membership meeting, one of the suggestions received was we need to have a doll visible at all times, such as when we shop for fabrics. That will usually start a conversation. We need other recruiting ideas. We must recruit members, so we can continue to build more dolly clubs **Help!**

Reba Hood is our chair for the 2018 Conference. Her staff is very grateful that you supported us in our endeavors. Our host doll club and its executive officers of the conference are busy planning a fabulous regional conference. Come along and be committed to join in on the fun. This will be unlike any other conference. Mark your calendar now. **April 26-28 2018! In order to register for the 2018 Regional Conference view our web site you would need to insert the following web site address.** (<http://2018region12.wix.com/conference>)

You must be aware that our conference will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan. It's a place of horse drawn carriages, big water parks and small-town strolls. This is a shopper's dream with over 50,000 trims and gifts. With festivities year round, the town welcomes visitors with Bavarian hospitality regardless of the season from fantastic festivals, eclectic shopping and wonderful indoor waterparks, to rich historical beauty and culture; it's the ideal departure from the ordinary every day.

Frankenmuth has much to offer. Frankenmuth hotels offer families affordable options for Michigan getaways. Whether you're coming for the Frankenmuth beer festival, or to take in a German town experience, Frankenmuth is a wonderful destination.

Zehnder's of Frankenmuth Restaurant has a tradition of good taste since 1856. People come from all over the world to taste their chicken and other menu items. Just across the street is a hotel that features, not only fine German hospitality, **but an outstanding doll factory, doll hospital, and doll shop.** They have a very realistic display of dolls and doll accessories for sale.

We are moving along with the conference planning. Please continue to support us. The Bavarian Inn, in Frankenmuth, MI. is currently accepting reservations now! Reserve your room now. Presidents, continue to lookout for an 800 line and a pin access code published on our website. As more information is developed, our region Presidents can expect updated details. *Expect more information soon!*

Remember conference registration is currently open! (Payment in installments is available). You may:

- Call to register,
- Write us a note requesting a package to be mail,
- Register on line.
<http://2018region12.wix.com/conference>

New Members At Large: We want to welcome Ms. Kimberly Canaby, Gallipolis, Ohio, and Ms. Monica Reo, Eastpointe, Mi.

Please consider adopting a doll at the museum. The **Adopt A doll Program** is a program in which one can show support by adopting (aiding in the upkeep) any doll of one's choice.

Now is the time for us to recruit, build and share dolly fun with new dolly members. A special thank you to the clubs I visited over the summer. Keep the invitations coming. We are looking for new clubs and new members. If you have a group with an interest please forward contact information to me and I will do my best to recruit the team or a member for your club.

Announcements

Everyone needs to remember that Doll News is available digitally. Newsletters from other regions are available on the U.F.D.C. website. To include news in the 2017 spring newsletter, please submit information by Feb. 15, 2017 or sooner. 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, 2016 –October 31, 2016)

Cindy A. Bailey, Joellen C. Barnes, Carol Noel, Jill Sanders, Jacqueline Swanton, Suzanne R. Swanton, Marjorie Wyant & Cindy Zimmerman.

We truly appreciate sponsorships

9 gifts & 8 donors Grand Total (\$300.00)

Quarterly Regional Contributions (August 1,2016—October 31, 2016)

Collections fund for future

Fort Wayne Doll Club, Greater Lansing Doll Club, Hoosier Doll Collections Club, Rochester Doll Collector Club, Snow Babies of W. Michigan, Valparaiso Dolls & Friends, Western Hill Doll Club of Ohio. Thank You

Cindy Bailey, Dr. Vanessa Ghant, and Timber Town Dollology in memory of Patricia Girbach. Thank You

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Grand Total (\$1,728.00) 19 Gifts & 17 Donors

Upcoming Events

"I See Me: Reflections in Black Dolls (Exhibit)". This display will be on exhibit until April 30, 2017 at the Dr. Charles Wright Museum, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI. Info: Juanita Moore (313) 494-5800

"Dollicious" Doll Show and Sale, Sunday May 21, 2017 10-4, 876 Horace Brown Dr., Madison Heights, MI. Adult admission \$5.00, children under 12 free-info: Michael 248-399-4345:Sharon 586-731-3072

The Doll Circle of Indianapolis

Luncheon September 16, 2017 Price \$100.00 Time 9:30-a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ritz Charles Catering Hall, 12156 N. Meridian Street, Carmel, IN 46032 info: 317-846-9158

German Character Dolls, Event Souvenir and the Table's center piece; made by Bob Severns of Two Spirit Dolls, Indianapolis, Indiana

Muskegon Sand Dollers Doll Club and Snowbabies of West Michigan Doll Club present:

West Michigan Doll & Toy Show April 15, 2017, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission - \$4 Children under 12 Free DoubleTree Inn & Conference Center, 650 E. 24th Street, Holland, MI Appraisals \$3.00 each

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