



Region 14 Newsletter -Winter 2017

Connecticut – New York – Rhode Island

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Regional Director's Activities

On Saturday August 20th, by invitation of **Carrol Riggs**, I attended the Southwestern York-Penn Doll Club's annual Tea Party at the library in Cuba, NY. Club members wore their club T-shirts and the event was well attended by members and non-members alike. I provided my program on Travel Dolls as did **Anita Ripstein-Hayes** on Doll Fashion. It was a fun and exciting event

On September 11th, I attended the Shaker Doll Club's monthly meeting at the home of Club president, **Robin Katz**. Everyone gathered in the living room with their plates full of the many great snacks and deserts, to sit and hold their meeting. It was a full house with most of the 35+ members in attendance. Its always fun to attend meetings at people's houses, you get to look at the many variety of dolls they collect.

The Broome County Doll Club celebrated their 60 years as a UFDC club with a luncheon held at the Double Tree Hotel on October 23rd. The event theme was Carousel Horses in connection with the county being the Carousel Capital of the World. The 90+ guests and club members were given a limited-edition doll dressed as Dulcie, the clubs mascot, and produced by **Denis Bastien** of Affordable Designs. In addition to the meal and entertainment, all attendees were free to walk and shop at the Empire State Doll and Bear show hosted by JMK shows which was just outside the door at the hotel. If you missed the event, there's still a few remaining numbered-dolls in stock, contact club president **Lynne DeLisle** at 607-429-8508.

On October 15th and 16th, I attended a Board of Directors meeting at UFDC Headquarters in Kansas City with a focus on the ongoing issue of declining membership. It was very productive, with a lot of great ideas coming from all of the Regional Directors. I think you'll agree our membership is an aging population and we need great ideas to attract the doll collector who is



Members of the Southwestern York-Penn Doll Club - Myself and Betsy Orlando, Darlene Bentley, Pat Kulba, Second row: Carol Riggs, Martha Bennett (black shirt) Karen Ostrum, Wende Kenyon, and Sandy Lockwood.

20, 30 and 40 years old. We're not changing the organization's membership, simply looking for ways to make it more appealing for the younger doll collector. So, if you see something from UFDC that isn't your cup of tea, don't be alarmed, it's probably intended to achieve this goal and secure the future of UFDC for generations.

There are many different people with many different collecting styles, that's what makes us unique. If we were all the same, why even have a club? In your clubs, you'll find members that collect antique dolls and some that collect modern. Some will have ventriloquist dolls and others will have doll house dolls. Some will collect every doll mentioned and more while others will be very specific to one type and time frame. This is why we have Doll Clubs, to share our knowledge and our love for dolls. There are types of dolls that I personally don't care to collect. Of the thousands of dolls in my collection you won't find one of those. Some simply don't talk to me. BUT, I respect those who do collect what I don't care for and will eagerly listen to a program from someone who does. Some people don't like travel dolls and what they can represent, but I obviously do. I'm not going to tell you that I talk to Blondikin when I'm alone in the car (and she'll never tell) but it's a bond between two people, one real and one inanimate, that some collectors might never have.

Brian Taggerty, RD14

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Total: \$2,964.36

Club Presidents: Regional Status Reports were due October 14. The reports help me when I receive inquiries about doll club membership in your areas. If you haven't done so, please submit them now. If you need a copy of the form, please let me know.

Convention Sponsorships:

Lynne N. DeLisle Agnes J. Sura
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Convention Sponsorship Total: \$225.00



Doll Events coming this Winter within Our Region:

January 8, 2017 Patchogue Doll Fancier's Club of Long Island – Doll Show

The Patchogue Doll Fancier's Club of Long Island will host their 41st Annual Doll Show on Sunday, January 8th, 2017 from 10am to 4 pm at the UPSKY Long Island Hotel, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Where Antique to modern Dolls, Bears, Barbies and Doll House Miniatures can be found and sold. For information call Deb at 631-654-9184, Cindy at 917-755-4582, or Betty Ann at 631-474-4199

Une Journée de la Poupée



Convention Dates to Remember

- 1/5/17: Convention hotel reservations open
- 1/15/17: Convention delegate forms due
- 8/2-5/2017: UFDC National Convention, Orlando, FL

Club Presidents:

A reminder that credentials for delegates for the 2017 national convention are due no later than January 15.
Thank you in advance for your timely submissions

Blondikin's Corner



Winter is almost here and Blondikin is working extra hard raking the leaves before snowfall

To include news in the SPRING 2017 newsletter, please submit information to me no later than February 6, 2017.
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