



REGION 10 NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2014

A Personal Note...

It's not quite winter yet but the hustle and bustle of the Holidays fast approaches! Nipping at our nose is the deadline for club credentials for the 2014 annual business meeting – while visions of 'Shared Passions' may dance in our heads. Regardless the season and throughout the whole year - may all your wishes come true!
~ Julie

A Way to Save

Along with the regular US Postal Service (USPS) mailing to Club Presidents and MALs, newsletters will **also** be sent electronically to any member with a valid email address on file. **If you currently receive the newsletters by USPS, this will not change unless you contact me to send them via email only.**

A Warm Welcome to New MAL

Molly Anderson...Oakwood, IL

Will you be celebrating the Holidays with fellow club members at a restaurant or other public place? We all get those 'funny looks' when we bring our dolls anywhere they're not expected. Use those 'looks' as an opening to introduce others to the wonderful world of doll collecting. Take the opportunity to recruit new members. Make up a simple flier with a brief club history and include contact information. Have them handy to pass out to interested prospects. The **\$10** voucher (good toward UFDC merchandise or dues) is still available to any current UFDC member who sponsors a **new** club member or MAL!

Club President's Manual

The UFDC Club President's Manual has been revised and is now available to all clubs. The printed version is available for a \$25 fee (to cover printing & postage) through the UFDC Central Office, attn. Kae Weiser. To receive the 218 pg manual as a **FREE download**, simply request it from me by email. It's a good thing!

Thanks for Giving

Many worthwhile charitable organizations will be asking for your donations, especially at this time of year – and many of our members will oblige. We see the value of their mission. UFDC is also a not-for-profit organization sustained by donations. Who can we rely on, other than our own members, to value our mission? We thank you for your generosity.

Chicago West Doll Scholars in memory of
Myral Gerloff

Tazewell Doll Club in memory of Joyce Sefton

Chicago Doll Collectors Club

Lake County Doll Collectors of IL

Windy City Doll Guild

Ruth E. Drake in memory of Cecelia Stevens

Nancy Jo Splitstoser in memory of Marge Hansen

David C. Kublank ~ Lynn Kublank

Susan Osysko ~ Julia Furman

Susan Strum ~ Judy Wright

Please read and / or copy this newsletter and Unity's Newsletter to share with your club members.

Club Notes

Although the short summer break is appreciated, I'm always excited to resume 'doll club' activities. Visiting with the **Chicago Doll Collectors Club**, sharing our summer finds and convention experiences, was quite a pleasure. Thank you for your warm hospitality.

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'Cheers!' to the **Doll Scholars of SE Wisconsin** who celebrated their 30th anniversary at the Pabst Mansion in September. On exhibit, for just one evening, were full displays, scrapbooks and memorabilia highlighting their very active and impressive involvement in the doll world over the years. Here's to at least 30 more!

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Club Program Ideas

Having an itinerary of programs laid out for the club year sustains enthusiasm within the group. The 'snag' that usually crops up is coming up with a 'new' topic.

The President's Manual offers a slew of program suggestions. Even if you've exhausted that list, there is always a new spin that can be used. Your topic can be as broad OR as narrow as you'd like to make it.

Take specific makers as an example. I'll bet every R10 club has had a program on Armand Marseille dolls. That's a rather broad category. It could be narrowed: AM dolls depicting males; AM dolls with solid domed heads; AM dolls with intaglio eyes; AM dolls of color; AM dolls with closed mouths; AM dolls in original ethnic costume, etc. Switch out AM for any other maker – or no specific maker at all - and that's more than a year of programs.

Focusing a program around a 'special costume' topic is a favorite because it's very inclusive. Dolls in special costumes may span any medium or collecting period; Ballerinas, Brides, Clowns, Military, Patriotic, Ethnic (or specific ethnicity), Sports, Peddlers, Scouts, Religious, Medical Professions and Skaters have been popular for years – and many correspond to seasons.

A final word (this issue) – If you're responsible for selecting programs, the important thing is to have at it and have fun. Accept that you can't please everyone every time. To quote from "Bad Santa", "They can't all be winners, kid".

Shows and Sales

'Tis the season to go shopping, Fa la la la la la la la!
For a wide range of doll related gifts – for yourself or others - utilize the **SHOP** tab at the **UFDC website**, www.ufdc.org as well as the **eBay link** under the **HOME** tab. Search the **EVENTS** tab for additional treats such as **workshops, luncheons, conferences** and **shows**, as well as the other Regional Newsletters (listed on the **Regional Map** under the **HOME** tab) and plan a trip of yuletide pleasure!

November 24, 2013 // 9:00am – 3pm
Illinois Doll, Bear and Toy Show & Sale
Tinley Park Convention Center
18451 Convention Center Dr., **Tinley Park, IL**
Info: Julie Bronski 312/919-7135
www.illinoisdollshows.com

December 1, 2013 // 10am – 3pm
Orphans in the Attic Doll Show & Sale
Serb Hall 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave., **Milwaukee, WI**
Info: Sue Serio 800/796-9649

January 26, 2014 // 9am – 3pm
Naperville Doll & Teddy Bear Show
Marriott Hotel, I-88 & Naperville Rd.
1801 North Naper Blvd., **Naperville, IL**
Info: Karla Moreland 815/356-6125
kmorela@ais.net or www.napervilledollshow.com

February 23*, 2014 // 9:00am – 3pm
Illinois Doll, Bear and Toy Show & Sale
William Tell Banquets/Holiday Inn
6201 Joliet Road, **Countryside, IL**
Info: Julie Bronski 312/919-7135
www.illinoisdollshows.com *confirm date on website.

March 22, 2014 // 9am – 3pm
Madison Area Doll Club Annual Doll Show & Sale
Alliant Energy Center – Exhibition Hall
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, **Madison, WI**
Info: Dawn 608/235-3169

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Deadline: News and events for the **SPRING** newsletter should be sent to me by **February 15, 2014**.