

United Federation of Doll Clubs  
Annual Report of the First Vice President, Director of ReAL Services  
July 2006

The First Vice President, Director of ReAL Services is responsible for the UFDC Research, Archives and Library. The Director of ReAL Services has completed the assignments of the position as well as developed long range planning for the area. This report first presents the status of activities under the direction of ReAL Services. The descriptions of a mission statement, vision and planning goals follow.

#### CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

To support educational activities at the annual convention,

- Twenty (20) programs on a variety of topics were arranged;
- Thirty-two (32) workshops of 900 seats were offered.
- Twenty-nine (29) unique seminars were offered. Through the generosity of the presenters, 13 seminars were repeated to allow more people to attend these small gatherings. Nearly 1,250 seminar seats were offered.

#### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

UFDC grants two scholarship annually - the *Dorothy and Evelyn Jane Coleman Scholarship* for research on antique dolls and the *Nancy Carlson Scholarship* for research on composition dolls. No scholarship grants were awarded this year. Applications either did not fit into the one of the scholarship categories or failed to provide the complete information requested. The primary reason for no selection was the former - the proposed topics fell outside the scope of research regarding antique or composition dolls. This year's review highlighted the need for scholarships in broader categories. We encourage an individual, a corporate member, a club or group of clubs to sponsor a scholarship by donating an endowment fund.

#### APPRENTICE JUDGE PROGRAM

Apprentice Judge Instructors are meeting with members of the program during the convention week. Seven (7) new applicants for 2006-2007 were accepted into the antique judges program. Three (3) new applicants were accepted into the modern judges program.

#### UFDC HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE CENTER

During the year June 1, 2005 to June 1, 2006, 335 guests visited the museum. These include 10 group visits. Three workshops, three teas and a luncheon have been held in the meeting space during the year.

#### SLIDE/VIDEO/DVD PROGRAMS

The UFDC program library includes 284 slide programs, 40 video programs and 16 programs in DVD format. The following slide programs were the most popular during the past year, each being requested the same number of times:

#205 Emma Clear Dolls	#395 Fifty Years of American Composition Dolls and
#221 The World of Betsy McCall	#404 She Walks in Beauty
#311 Which Doll is the Toni?	

The most popular video request was for -  
#367 Fine Art-Dolls of NIADA followed by  
#346 Automata: Magical, Musical Mechanicals and #410 The Dixie Doll.

#### SLIDE/VIDEO CONTEST

Five (5) programs were entered in the contest. The third place winner is **Dolls From the Printed Page** by the *Greater St. Louis Doll Club*. Second place winner is **The Silver Screen and the Dolls That It Inspired** by *Barbara Christianson*. First place winner is **Return to the Library Shelves** by the *Lake County Doll Collectors of Illinois*.

The 101 Doll Club and Study Club of Region 2 North, donated the first prize of \$101. The Sugarland Searchers Doll Club or Maryland, Region 11, donated second and third prizes of \$50 and \$25, respectively.

Descriptions of the programs as well as **Sasha Ballet** by *Ann Votaw* and **My Kewpie Rose-In Praise of Rose O'Neill and Her Kewpies** by the *Atlanta Doll Club* will appear in the updated Slide and Video list. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the individuals and clubs to produce these programs.

#### RESEARCH CENTER ACTIVITIES

- *Museum collection* - Volunteers have been documenting donations to the museum collection. We have nearly completed accessioning the mammoth collection of over 3,000 dolls donated in 2004 from the Mary Miller Museum. During 2005-2006, we accepted donations of dolls from the collections of Rausine Edwards, Mary Lu Trowbridge and the wife of Robert Banicki.
- *Library collection* - Many books have been catalogued in the library. A list of books in the collection will appear on the UFDC web site.
- *Paper files* - Volunteers have helped design and implement a filing system for better access to paper files to better serve you. Transferring current files into the new system is underway. For the seamstress, a list of patterns previously published in DOLL NEWS and now in the UFDC archives is listed on the UFDC web site.
- *AAM Membership* - The UFDC Administrator has arranged for UFDC to be a member of the American Association of Museums. For a nominal fee, this membership gives UFDC access to invaluable information on best practices and latest professional techniques for the operation and maintenance of museum and archival collections.
- *Research Center Mission Statement* - The ReAL Services Mission Statement Committee was established by the Board in July 2005 and charged with developing a Mission Statement for the UFDC library, archives and museum collections to define their function. The Committee developed the following statement for Board approval.

## MISSION OF REAL SERVICES

*The United Federation of Doll Clubs ReAL Services brings together global resources for members' research and study by acquisition and preservation of dolls and doll related topics. Integral components of the resources are the library, museum and archival collections.*

*Its Vision is to be the foremost resource for complete and accessible information on doll and doll related information maintained in the highest standards.*

This Mission Statement allows the UFDC ReAL Services to reach beyond its present *in-house* activities to enhance its ability to assist members. In conjunction with the mission statement, a vision was developed to provide a direction for ReAL Services.

For long-term planning, the Director of ReAL Services defined goals to achieve the vision. Goals and actions are dynamic and require continued review to assess their status and relevance. Some goals are long term while others can be acted upon and completed in a timely fashion. The time frames for the goals have not yet been established.

## REAL SERVICES GOALS

- GOAL I: Develop a collections maintenance policy and procedures for the library and archives and for the museum.
- GOAL II: Develop relationships with other organizations to complement and expand the UFDC ReAL Services base of information.
- GOAL III: Secure financial support.
- GOAL IV: Establish an Advisory Committee of experts to provide continuity in overseeing the collections, review the collection policy periodically, and make recommendations for improvements.

## GOALS RELATED TO THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The library and archival material include

- Publications such as books, periodicals, newsletters, and sales, distribution and manufacturers' catalogues;
- Audio-visual library;
- Ephemera such as photographs, clothing and doll-making patterns, clippings, original artwork, novelties, post cards, greeting cards, menus and sheet music related to dolls; and
- The depository of UFDC-produced material and items.

The Library and Archival Collection material excludes any item deemed related to the Museum Collection holdings.

GOAL V: Organize the material for easy accessibility

GOAL VI: Make the Library and Archival Material comprehensive by reviewing, acquiring and maintaining materials of a global nature

#### GOALS RELATED TO THE MUSEUM COLLECTION

The Museum is a collection of dolls and doll related items for preservation, display and study. The Museum Collection material excludes any item deemed related to the Library and Archival Collection holdings.

GOAL VII: Store, conserve and display the museum collection according to the highest standards.

GOAL VIII: Provide interpretation of collection items.

A number of actions are underway to achieve these goals. However, the process is long and intensive. A critical element for progress toward the vision is the follow through with activities leading toward these goals. Your continued support of UFDC ReAL Services and appreciation of its value is the first step.

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