

# UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

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UFDC Information for  
Member Clubs, Online  
Clubs & Members-at-Large



From your President, Executive Committee, and Corporate Headquarters

**CLUB PRESIDENTS:** Please present this information at your next meeting and provide copies for your club members. This newsletter is also available on the UFDC website ([www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org)).

## *President's Message*

By now I'm sure you have received the winter issue of DOLL NEWS and are as thrilled as the Executive Committee is with our new editors, Michael Canadas and David Robinson. They have provided us with a magazine for all members to enjoy and treasure. The Executive Committee would like to express our gratitude to the new editors, staff and contributors for their hard work and dedication.

Plans are well underway for a new and improved UFDC website. We are currently hard at work redesigning the site and look forward to the new, exciting and interactive [www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org). We hope to make UFDC and all it has to offer more accessible to our members; particularly those who are unable to attend a National Convention.

UFDC continues to need your financial support. Please remember that we are a nonprofit organization that depends on the support of its members. IRS expects donation revenue of nonprofit organizations to be approximately 30% of total revenue. Currently, UFDC operates with only 7% of revenue from donations. It is imperative that we increase our level of donor support. Please remember UFDC when making donations. Our auditors have recommended that we build an unrestricted operating reserve. In order to accomplish that they recommend donation be directed to the Unity Fund.

I look forward to seeing you in Chicago this summer! ~~ Karen Rockwell

## *My Favorite Things*

61st UFDC NATIONAL  
CONVENTION  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

UFDC's 61st Annual Convention is approaching quickly! Please plan to join us July 18 – 23, 2010. Registration cards can be found in the

Winter issue of DOLL NEWS as well as on the UFDC web site ([www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org)). Rooms at our host hotel the Hyatt Regency in Chicago are still available at the UFDC rate. Reservations can be made by contacting the Hyatt at 888-421-1442.

Your convention committee has been hard at work to bring you a very full week of doll collecting fun and education! Numerous programs have been scheduled to provide convention registrants the opportunity to hear from the top doll researchers working today.

The ticketed meal events will include souvenirs by leading doll makers such as Madame Alexander, Goodreau Doll Company, Louise Hedrick, Alice Leverett-Henderson, Kathe Kruse, Mary Ann Oldenburg, Heidi Plusczok, Rosemarie Snyder, Robert Tonner, Vogue Doll Company, and R. John Wright.

Seminars and workshops have been scheduled and fantastic Competitive and Special Exhibits will be mounted for your enjoyment. A sales room of your dreams will feature dolls of all types from dealers around the world. The week will be crowned by a truly elegant convention souvenir doll which is sure to become one of your favorite things!

Those individuals with priority registration, club delegates and alternates should register during February and early March. General registration begins on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss your opportunity to join your friends in the windy city as we gather for the 61<sup>st</sup> UFDC convention. Registration information packets will be mailed from the Corporate Office April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Nomination forms were included in the UFDC Club President's mailing in February. Please review the criteria for the Awards of Excellence carefully. Nominations must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications are still being accepted for the Dorothy and Evelyn Jane Coleman Scholarship for the Study of Antique Dolls, the Nancy Carlson Scholarship for the Study of Composition Dolls, and the Becky Wallace Scholarship for Modern/Collectible Dolls. Scholarship funds are available to support research. Information and applications are available from Corporate Office or from Ada Diedrich, First Vice President or from the UFDC website (see Apprentice Judge Program) at [www.ufdc.org](http://www.ufdc.org).

## 2010 UFDC AV CONTEST

Individuals and clubs are encouraged to develop entertaining or educational programs for consideration in the annual contest. Before submitting a program, you must request a copy of the revised UFDC AV Contest Guidelines from Kate Reed, UFDC Audio Visual Education, 201 Wood St., Warren, PA 16365. Email [dreed107@verizon.net](mailto:dreed107@verizon.net) or telephone (814) 723-4520. The deadline for submission entries is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ANNUAL CLUB ACTIVITY REPORTS

Annual Club Activity Report forms were sent with the February mailing to all UFDC Club Presidents. These forms are to be returned to the UFDC Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The club activity report is essential to insure that UFDC is in compliance with IRS regulations. Any questions can be directed to Teresa Faller, UFDC Corporate Administrator at [teresa@ufdc.org](mailto:teresa@ufdc.org).

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Club Renewal Rosters will be mailed in the middle of March to all UFDC Club Treasurers. Please notify Rachel Rails, Membership Services, if you have not received this important club mailing by April 7<sup>th</sup> at [ufdc Rachel@ufdc.org](mailto:ufdc Rachel@ufdc.org).

*The President and Executive Committee extend their warm wishes for all the best in 2010 and look forward to seeing you in Chicago!*

*Spring 2010*



*My Favorite Things*

### *Mission Statement*

*We are a non-profit organization with the goal of being the foremost in research, education, conservation, collecting and appreciation of dolls.*

### *Vision Statement*

*Our vision is to provide education, service and conservation; to encourage collecting, research, creativity, cooperation, respect, integrity, innovation, voluntarism and personal growth; to sustain friendship, communication, interaction, compassion and enjoyment.*