

United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.

Winter 2011-12 Newsletter

Region 11 - Maryland, Virginia, Washington D.C. and West Virginia

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Dear Doll Friends, Wow, what a wild weather ride we've had! Since I became RD in July Region 11 has had: an earthquake, a hurricane, a tornado, and then a record October snow! I am beginning to think I am a jinx! Sadly, **Southern Maryland DC's** doll show and sale, always a wonderful annual event, had to be cancelled due to weather-related issues. Fortunately the **Now & Then DC's** annual doll show and sale in October had better weather luck and a great turnout.



Looking at the Toys For Tots collected by Maryland Mountain DC are Judith Robinson, Barbara Stone, and Francis Alt

invited to the event held at the lovely holiday-decorated home of Mary Ruddell. All the members of the club made me feel very welcome to beautiful western Maryland.



Maryland Society of Doll Collectors Winter Wonderland Luncheon

Also putting everyone in the holiday mood was **Maryland Society of Doll Collectors'** "Winter Wonderland" luncheon. Blue and silver snowflakes, themed Christmas trees and wonderful entertainment filled the day. Attendees donated unwrapped toys and mittens for the "mitten tree," all of which were then donated to local charities.

Williamsburg DC hosted a wonderful doll conservation seminar in October that featured tours of the Colonial Williamsburg Costume Design Center and the Conservation Lab (which included rare and seldom seen early dolls) and interesting and informative presentations by Ann Coleman and Bettyanne Twigg. Attendees were treated to a Halloween-themed dinner at the home of club member Bonnie Vrettos.



Lois Gershenow and Bernice Millman in costume at Lady Baltimore DSC's Luncheon

Be sure to read the winter edition of Unity's Newsletter! It is attached here and can be found at www.ufdc.org. It is filled with UFDC information, including the latest convention news!

Snow in October in Maryland? Certainly **Lady Baltimore Doll Study Club** had no reason to expect that when they planned their Halloween Luncheon and Costume Party "Bewitched by Dolls" for October 29. Happily November 13, the rescheduled date, brought perfect fall weather for the ghosts, goblins and other scary dollies!

Maryland Mountain DC took no chances that December snow would hamper their December holiday party, so they held it in November! I was honored to be

Region 15's Regional Conference in Nashua, NH. Congratulations to the Granite State Doll Club for



Bettyanne Twigg, Ann Coleman, Caroline Goodfellow, Virginia Graham, Marie Scopel and Bonnie Vrettos enjoy Halloween dinner during the Williamsburg DC's doll conservation seminar

organizing three days of great dolly-fun! The **West Virginia Mountaineer DC** also traveled outside the region recently when they made the trip to Slippery Rock, PA for their September meeting at the wonderful 19th century farmhouse home of club member Sue Hoye. Welcome to their newest member, Donna Simpkins! My thanks to Sandi Palmer for putting me on the club's newsletter email distribution list.

In October, members of the **Dollology Club of Washington, D.C.**

enjoyed tea at the Riversdale House Museum with the young people of the Riverdale Park Doll Club. The tea was sponsored by the Riverdale Arts Council to thank Dollology for their donation used to finish and furnish the children's room in the Riversdale House Museum.

My "big" trip of the fall was to UFDC Headquarters for RD Training. I enjoyed getting to know my fellow RD's in the "Class of 2011," the UFDC office staff, and of course our UFDC officers. I took a ton of contributions for the UFDC eBay auctions donated by clubs and individuals in Region 11. I could not fit everything in my luggage so I will be sending another shipment in mid-December. Thanks to all the clubs and individuals who donated!



Region 11 members Elinor Champion, Donia Collins and Phyllis Ross having fun up at the Region 15 Conference

Thanks for Supporting UFDC!

August 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011

- **In memory of Ann Seymour:** Julie Blewis - ReAL Services General Fund; Blue Ridge Doll Club - Regional Directors Fund and Mary Ruddell - ReAL Services General Fund
- **In Memory of Carol Ladd, Ann Jett and Jean Lusby:** Elinor Champion – UFDC Unity Fund ● **In Honor of Ann Coleman:** Maryland Doll Club - Jane Coleman Scholarship Fund ● **In Honor of Mary Ruddell:** Charm City Dolling Club – Regional Directors Fund
- **Additional Donations:** Mary Ruddell - UFDC Unity Fund and Lynne R. Stierman – 2011 Convention

My dollies and I have been out and about this fall. My Scootles scooted along to the October meeting of the **Chesapeake DC of Maryland** and the stork transported my Schoenhut infants to the November meeting of **Charm City Dolling Club**. (A belated happy "Sweet 16" to **Charm City Dolling Club** whose birthday was this June!) If you would like to invite me – with or without dollies – to visit your club just contact me to arrange a date. The deadline for the next Region 11 newsletter is February 15. Drop me a note and I will put your club's news in the newsletter. Remember, this newsletter is not about me, it is about all of us in Region 11! So, until next time, I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and that you will have a wonderful holiday season and the very best New Year.

Big Hugs, Barbara

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Region 11 Events

December 1 – 31 - The **Black Eyed Susan DC** and the **Southern Maryland DC** will once again decorate the St Clement's Island Museum for the Christmas season. This year's theme is Our American Heritage. The exhibits promise to show dolls having a good time while celebrating some of our American holidays. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. and the dolls will be on display December 1 to December 31. Address 38370 Point Breeze Rd, end of Rt 242 onto Bayview Dr, Colton's Point, MD 20626. Also, the **Black Eyed Susan DC** will host a luncheon in October 2012 featuring a souvenir doll by Rosemarie Snyder. More details to come!

Meet Our MAL Beth Roybal



Beth Roybal is from Virginia Beach, VA. She comes from a "UFDC Family" as her mom Anne Sleeper belongs to Mainely Dolls in Maine and her sister Kimberly Thareja belongs to Sugarland Searchers and Chesapeake Doll Clubs here in Region 11. "I have my dearest "Flopsy" whom my mother made for me when I was a wee thing. She is my favorite to this day and I would grab her first (of all my dolls) if my house were on fire! I also have my Baby Tenderlove from childhood still (thanks to mom's protecting hands), and another sweet fairy doll about the same size as my Baby Tenderlove. So, before I ever grew up I was already technically a collector," says Beth.

Welcome to our Newest MALs

Dottie Ayers - Baltimore, MD
Dina Beck - Georgetown, MD

December 2, 2011 7:00 p.m. **Sugarland Searchers DC** invites you to their December meeting. The program will be *Buying or Selling Dolls at Auction?* presented by Mark Harris. For information and RSVP contact Elinor Champion (leave a message on 301-989-4689 or 301-758-6099 or e-mail: ejchampion@aol.com). The meeting will be held at Asbury Methodist Village, Rosborough Center, 409 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD. (Enter at the Odenhall Avenue Gatehouse 10 at the intersection of Odenhall Avenue and Lost Knife Road. Tell the guard you're going to the doll club meeting.)

And the winner is.....
Terry Danner, President of **Lady Baltimore Doll Study Club**, was the first club president to get their Regional Files Status Form to me! I am still missing some forms - so please get them in to me.

January 16, 2012 Chesapeake DC – Annual Martin Luther King Day meeting. The theme this year is "Let's Celebrate." Doll competition, raffles and sales tables. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Annapolis Elks Lodge #622, 2517 Solomon's Island Road Edgewater, MD 21037. Cost is \$6 for box lunch, payable at the door. RSVP to Faye Wetherhold, 1426 Catlyn Place, Annapolis, MD 21401, email faye.ed@comcast.net.

February 25, 2012 - Capital DC's Annual Doll Show and Sale. The Showplace Annex, 3002 Mechanicsville Pike, Richmond, VA. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information contact Jackie Price 804-275-0091.

April 21, 2012 - Chesapeake DC's "1812 Star-Spangled Luncheon," Annapolis Sheraton Hotel, Annapolis, MD. Souvenir Leeann doll by Denis Bastien, Cost \$135. Contact Barbara Stone, 410-266-5715, BSConsults@aol.com.

Reminders

Read Unity's Newsletter for all the 2012 Convention News!

Donate a doll or other item for the UFDC on-line auction!

Reminder – if you are making a donation to UFDC, be it cash or an item for the on-line auction, you may want to do it before December 31 in order to claim the donation on your taxes for 2011. A receipt for IRS information will be mailed to you from HQ.

Calling all Delegates for the 2012 National Convention: Credentials forms are due. (Must be received by UFDC HQ by January 18, 2012)

Reminders

Host Clubs Needed for Convention Meal Events

Several planned meal events are still looking for host clubs. If your club is interested in helping out by volunteering to host an event at the 2012 convention please contact Janet Gula at bruhaha@rogers.com for further information.

Any club willing to assist with the Jr. Collectors Tea contact Jeri Robinson at jr1896@verizon.net or Cheryl Greene at vze2m68b@verizon.net

2012 UFDC Audio Visual Program Contest

Members and Clubs interested in creating programs for the annual contest are encouraged to request contest guidelines from Kate Reed at 201 Wood St., Warren, PA 16365. Phone: 814-723-4520

Email: dreed107@verizon.net

Deadline for submission is March 15, 2012

A Jambalaya Jubilee

July 24th to July 27th, 2012

New Orleans, Louisiana

UFDC's 63rd Annual Meeting and Convention will be held at the New Orleans Sheraton Hotel. Convention, hotel and registration information will be in the winter issue of DOLL NEWS along with registration cards.



UFDC Officers and new Regional Directors

Front row left to right – Janet Gula, Second Vice President; Samy Odin, Region 16; and Loretta Nardone, Secretary-Treasurer. Back row left to right – Linda Axtell, Region 4; Linda Edward, First Vice President; Barbara Stone, Region 11; Ada Diedrich, President; Cindy Nichols Bailey, Region 12; Kathy Monier, Region 3; and Julia M. Furman, Region 10.