

UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

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



From your President, Executive Committee, Regional Directors, and Corporate Office

CLUB PRESIDENTS: Please present this information at your next meeting or make copies for club members. This newsletter is also available on the UFDC website www.ufdc.org.

"Shared Passions" The 65th UFDC National Convention

July 16 – 20, 2014

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort

Convention registration forms can be found in the winter issue of DOLL NEWS as well as on the UFDC website (www.ufdc.org). Full registration is \$375 if you book your room reservation through the Marriott as a UFDC attendee. If you are not planning to stay at the convention hotel the fee is \$475. This extra fee is to cover the costs of convention function room usage which is factored into the hotel registration.

Full registration includes the opportunity to sign up for special themed meal events, seminars and workshops; admission to the salesroom; doll study in competitive exhibits; participation in Dynamic Doll Dialogues; educational programs; a ticket to the Sunday night banquet and a limited edition souvenir doll produced by Dianna Effner.

Limited registration fee is \$200 if you are staying at the hotel and \$300 if you are not. A small number of limited registrations will be available **only after all full registrations are sold**. Limited registration includes the same convention opportunities listed above for full registration **EXCEPT** it does not include the Sunday night banquet or the souvenir doll. Banquet tickets are not

transferable and will not be available for sale at the convention.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINES February 1 - March 1: only those with priority registration including club delegates and alternates. March 15: general registrations (other UFDC Members). April 1: family members and non-members (including applicants 8 to 18 years of age). A tentative convention schedule **FOR TRIP PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY** is on the UFDC website. Complete information will be sent with registration confirmation in April.

UFDC has secured a room block with a special rate of \$175 for our attendees. **Please make sure you tell them you are with UFDC to get the reduced rate and fill our room block.** If you have not already booked your room you are advised to do so immediately.

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JW Marriott San Antonio Hill
Country Resort
23808 Resort Parkway
San Antonio, Texas 78261
For UFDC Reservations call:
1-877-622-3140

SEW FOR THE ULTIMATE FASHION WORKSHOP

March 27-30 at UFDC Headquarters. Learn advanced sewing techniques from Master Designer-Seamstress Alice Leverett. \$395 for four day workshop and kit. Please call or email the Central Office and reserve your space today with a \$150.00 deposit.

CONVENTION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Want to have more fun at convention? Volunteer! Get even more enjoyment out of your convention experience by joining the volunteer team and working together with your fellow UFDC members to share your passion for doll collecting!

The following is a list of volunteer opportunities available:

Clerks, Antique – contact **Diane Vourderis** dvourderis@aol.com or cell phone 917-417-8050

Clerks, Modern – contact **Marcia Stone** marciasharla@comcast.net or 305-385-5825

Monitors, Antique and Modern – contact **Pat Girbach** aawestie@provide.net (preferred) or 734-662-6676

Monitors, Special Exhibits – contact **Barbara Corson** barco37@mchsi.com or 319-233-0448

UPCOMING DEADLINES

MARCH 15 - 2014 UFDC AUDIO VISUAL PROGRAM CONTEST SUBMISSIONS Members and clubs interested in creating programs for the annual contest are encouraged to request contest guidelines by contacting **Judy Dusek**, 1163 N Charlotte St., Wichita, KS 67208-2656 or call 316-686-7570 or email jdusek7@gmail.com.

APRIL 1 - ANNUAL CLUB ACTIVITY REPORTS Annual Club Activity Report forms were sent in the February mailing to all UFDC club presidents. These forms are to be returned to UFDC Headquarters by April 1st. The Annual Club Activity Report is essential to insure that UFDC is in compliance with IRS regulations. Any questions can be

directed to **Barbara Stone**, Secretary-Treasurer barbara@ufdc.org.

APRIL 1 - UFDC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE In keeping with our educational mission UFDC offers several scholarship opportunities. Applications may be requested from UFDC Headquarters or may be downloaded from the UFDC website. Mail to UFDC Scholarship Committee, 10900 North Pomona Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64153.

APRIL 1 - MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS Club Renewal Rosters will be mailed in the middle of March to all UFDC club treasurers. If you have not received this important club mailing by April 1st please notify Membership Coordinator **Jenny Yocklin** at 816-891-7040 ext. 1006 or email ufdcjenny@ufdc.

MAY 1 - AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS Nomination forms were included in the UFDC Club Presidents' Mailing in February. Please review the criteria for the Awards of Excellence carefully. Nominations must be in by May 1st. Mail to UFDC Awards of Excellence Committee, 10900 North Pomona Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64153

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