

UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

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

Summer 2015

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



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.

Thanks to UFDC's Outgoing Regional Directors

The Executive Committee thanks the following Regional Directors for their dedicated service ending in July: Maryll Goldsmith (Region 2N), Michael J. Kouri (Region 2S), LaVera Johnson (Region 7), Martha Simmons (Region 9), Jane O'Hara (Region 13) and Margaret Vitale (Region 14). As members of the Board of Directors, these individuals distinguished themselves by serving their regions, providing a voice for their members and supporting the UFDC mission. We are grateful to have had an opportunity to work with them. We extend them our very best wishes for their future endeavors and hope that they will continue to play an active role in UFDC.

Kansas City Here We Come!

Due to the popularity of our 2015 Convention, only limited registrations are available for "A Dream Come True." Limited registration fee is \$200 and includes the same convention opportunities as full registration **EXCEPT** it does not include the Sunday night banquet or the Susan Fosnot souvenir doll. Banquet tickets are not transferable and will not be available for sale at the convention.



Tours of the newly renovated and expanded **UFDC Doll Museum** will take place on Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday and Sunday and will include the National Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City. **NOTE:** Tours on Thursday were added recently in order to provide additional opportunities for attendees to visit the museums. Sunday's 8:30 am tour will be to both museums and Sunday's 1:00 pm tour will be to a choice of either museum.

A wide variety of **ticketed meal events** continue our tradition of offering our attendees high quality, limited edition souvenirs created especially for UFDC. Event souvenir artists include Robert Tonner, Madame Alexander, Ruby Red Galleria, Dianna Effner, Helen Kish, Barbie®, Affordable Designs - Canada, Nancy Hall, Susan Sirkis, Maggie Iacono, Erika Catellani, and Berdine Creedy. **A limited number of tickets may still be available so be sure to check the Mini-Office at convention for availability.**

Convention Delegates and Attendees: don't forget to take your UFDC membership card to Kansas City. A photo ID is required for convention check-in, no exceptions. All UFDC members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting and only need to show their membership card for admission.

The **Competitive Room** is always one of the highlights at convention. Please consider bringing a doll or two for study and enjoyment. Forms are available on the website. Entries must be postmarked by **June 10th**.

Public Day in the **UFDC Salesroom** is scheduled for Saturday, **July 18th**. Also on

Saturday is **Publisher's Preview** and the **Doll Artist Showcase** (a great opportunity to meet some of our talented UFDC artist members).

If this is your first UFDC Convention, you will want to attend the **Newcomers' Orientation Program** on Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 PM.

Volunteer opportunities are still available at convention: **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, Helper Room and Special Exhibits** – contact **Barbara Corson** barco37@mchsi.com or 319-233-0448

2016 Election Information For UFDC Regional Directors

Any active club member who wishes to be considered by the UFDC Nominating Committee as the nominee for the position of Director for Regions 1, 5, 6, 8, or 15 must declare so in writing to the Nominating Committee Chair in care of the UFDC Corporate Office, no later than **August 31, 2015**.

This process does not change a member's floor nominating privilege. Members of the nominating committee from these regions will be elected at the annual meeting at convention in July. This committee will then recommend a slate of nominees for election at the 2016 annual meeting. Further information will be contained in the summer 2015 issue of DOLL NEWS.

Attention Club Presidents

If you have not already done so, club presidents must complete and send their **Club Activity Reports** to Headquarters immediately in order to satisfy IRS requirements. These reports were due April 1, 2015. Clubs who have not submitted their reports may experience a delay in receiving their membership cards. Also, **Club**

Rosters were sent out in March to club treasurers. They must be returned to **Jenny Yocklin** by **June 30th**.

Shirley Temple Educational Exhibits
UFDC Corporate Member **Therault's** is hosting a series of educational exhibits on Shirley Temple. Exhibits will include film costumes, props, celebrity gifts, dolls, toys, and playthings. A number of pieces from the private family archives will be traveling to museums around the United States through the months of May, June and July 2015. For dates and locations visit www.theraults.com/love-shirley-temple-events-auction-schedule.

IN OUR MEMORIES Submissions

Please use the *In Our Memories* Listing Form to acknowledge the passing of a club member in **DOLL NEWS**. This form can be downloaded from the UFDC website. Send form to In Our Memories Coordinator **Barbara Stone** at Barbara@ufdc.org or 363 Broadview Lane, Annapolis, MD 21401.

CLUB NOTES Submissions

Club Notes for the summer edition of DOLL NEWS have already gone to press. Please send your *Club Notes* for the fall issue to DOLL NEWS Associate Editor, **Ann Leis**, 2819 University Blvd., Houston TX 77005, or annMleis@gmail.com. Digital photos on a disc or as an email attachment are preferred; photos may be mailed to the above address. Include a SASE for any items you wish returned. High resolution (300 dpi or greater) photos provide the best printed images.

Thanks to Our Members

The Executive Committee wishes to thank all the clubs and individuals who continually support the UFDC Mission through their donations. Your generosity makes it possible for UFDC to continue to operate Central headquarters and fund projects and activities that not only enhance our love of dolls but keep our hobby growing and strong. In these difficult economic times, it's more important than ever to support our love of dolls through UFDC, the only organization dedicated to the Education, Preservation and Conservation of Dolls.