



President's Message

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy."

– Kahlil Gibran

I began my love of dolls as a child, my dolls gave me great joy as I played with them, imagining the various paths my future life might take me down; mother, princess, fashion designer, rock star, teacher, explorer, hair stylist, spy, business woman, and on and on.

As a young adult my love of dolls continued as I began to collect. The beauty of dolls, the ingenuity employed in their creation inspired me. The quest for knowledge about dolls led me down paths I had never explored before both in terms of technology and historical study.

Once I joined my local doll club I began to experience the joy of service through doll collecting. My doll club supported worthy community projects and actively participated in a charitable organization called UFDC. As I began to understand this larger community I had joined, the meaning and strength of the UFDC mission statement began to crystallize in my mind. Here was a group whose goals for doll collecting matched my own. Preserving dolls, sharing doll knowledge, creating a strong, thriving environment for the hobby of doll collecting, to make the world a better place through the power of doll collecting.

Continuing on my life's journey I found that by serving my doll club both locally and regionally I experienced the great personal satisfaction that comes from working with others to accomplish something worthwhile.

During my terms both as a Regional Director and as an Officer I have had the privilege of serving the members of UFDC. In doing so my knowledge of dolls, my personal skill set and my joy have grown exponentially. I want to thank you all for allowing me this experience. Even with the stresses that sometimes accompany being an officer I would not trade this experience for all the gold (or dolls) in the world.

Being a part of the United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. empowers all of us to be strong links in a chain that stretches to the past and the future. Avail yourself of what your doll club has to offer you. Whether it is in friendship, education, service, or leadership, every member of our club has the opportunity to reap the reward of belonging. That reward is joy and as I come to the end of my term serving as President of this great organization joy is what I will take away with me and it is what I hope for all of you.



Linda Edward
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