

UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

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



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

Annual Convention

Une Journée de la Poupée



The 68th UFDC National Convention will be held Wednesday August 2, 2017 through Saturday August 5, 2017, at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando Florida. Plan to arrive early for additional activities and events, including tours of the local area, which start on Tuesday, August 1.

Hotel reservations may be made after January 4th. Full registration is \$375, if you book your room reservation through the convention hotel. If you plan to stay elsewhere, the registration fee is \$475. Helen Kish will produce the souvenir doll.

Registration: Priority Registration, February 1st – March 1st (only those with priority status including club delegates and alternates). General registration, March 15th and family members and non-UFDC, April 1st. Registrants between the age of 8 and 18 must be accompanied by an adult UFDC member who agrees to take full responsibility for the attendee in this age group.

Complete convention details can be found on the UFDC website and in the winter issue of DOLL NEWS.

First time convention attendee? Long time convention attendee? Or just want to start the day off with some convention fun? *Newcomers and Friends Breakfast* is a new convention event, which will take place on Wednesday morning August 2 in Orlando. Look for the details when you receive your tentative schedule book!

UFDC Annual Business Meeting

Bylaw amendment -

By virtue of Article X of the Bylaws of the United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc., the Board of Directors of UFDC will put before the members the following proposed amendment of the UFDC bylaws:

Motion to amend the Bylaws of the United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc., Article III, Section A.1 Active Club Members - by striking “*not less than ten (10)*” from this section, as follows. “Persons of at least eighteen (18) years of age owning a personal collection of ~~not less than ten (10)~~ dolls who regularly attend meetings and participate in the activities of the Association or member club/online club and pay any fees assessed by the member club/online club or Association shall be deemed to be active club members. Active club membership shall include a subscription to Doll News in at least one club to which a member belongs.” Motion made by Secretary/Treasurer Maryll Goldsmith.

Rationale – This change should help the clubs and Regional Directors encourage more new members. Also, as written, this sentence was unrealistic for documentation of those wishing to join as Members at Large.

This proposed Bylaw amendment will be presented for a vote of the representative body of delegates and Board of Directors at the UFDC Annual meeting August 4th, 2017 in Orlando, Florida.

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

Awards of Excellence

Nomination forms were included in the UFDC Club Presidents' mailing. Please review the criteria for the Awards of Excellence carefully. Nominations must be submitted by May 1st, 2017. Mail to our headquarters, UFDC Inc., 10900 N. Pomona Ave., Kansas City, MO 64153

Annual Club Activity Reports

Annual Club Activity Report forms are being sent with the February mailing to all UFDC Club Presidents. These forms are to be returned to the UFDC Office by April 1st. The club activity report is essential to insure that UFDC is in compliance with the IRS regulations. Any questions can be directed to Maryll Goldsmith, Secretary-Treasurer at Maryll@ufdc.org

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2017

In carrying out the education component of our mission, UFDC offers scholarships to promote original research leading to better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of dolls. Applications are on the UFDC website www.ufdc.org and are due April 1, 2016. For information, or to apply, contact Loretta Nardone Director of ReAL Services at Loretta@ufdc.org.

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 the form to "In Our Memories" Coordinator, Maryll Goldsmith

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Fundraising

It's never too late to support UFDC. UFDC greatly appreciates your continued support through the Annual campaign and our other campaigns.

- PAY-A-DAY CHALLENGE
- eBAY PROJECT
- ADOPT-A-DOLL
- UFDC TREE & BRICK MEMORIALS

Donations can be sent to UFDC, 10900 N Pomona Ave, Kansas City, MO 64153

Regional Directors Fund

Clubs are encouraged to invite their Regional Director to visit a meeting or attend a special event. The RD is your voice on the UFDC board of directors. UFDC appreciates any donations to the Regional Director's Fund to help cover the costs of their visit. Donations should be made out to the UFDC Regional Directors Fund. UFDC does not cover the costs of event registrations.

Shop UFDC

The UFDC Gift & Online shop has a fine selection of dolls, books and UFDC merchandise including a very limited number of our special Tiny Riley.



There is free shipping on all orders. Go to the UFDC Online Gift Shop at www.ufdc.org and *click on the Shop tab or call UFDC Headquarters at 816-891-7040 for further information.*

The Executive Committee wishes to thank all members who continue to support UFDC through their donations and expressions of encouragement.