

NEWS FROM REGION 12 WINTER, 2007

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IT'S BEEN A BUSY AUTUMN

The end of August meant a trip to Tiffin, Ohio to attend the Sandusky River Valley Doll Club annual show and sale where I also did doll identification and appraisals. Despite the heavy rains which had flooded much of the area the previous week, the turnout was good as the visitors enjoyed the competitive display and bought from the many dealers there.

In September, I traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for a luncheon hosted by the Doll Circle of Indianapolis. Dealers, helpers, a wonderful program by Patricia Gosh, and delicious food made for a fun-filled afternoon. The next morning I drove down to Erlanger, Kentucky for the Triple Crown Doll Club show and sale. There was even a busload of shoppers from Michigan there. Then it was back to Indiana to visit the Dollaholics of SW Indiana at their monthly meeting. Before the meeting, I was treated to visits to the homes of two members to see their collections. They made me feel very welcome (and very spoiled). Thanks for a great visit. In mid-October, I flew to Kansas City for meetings at the UFDC Central Office with the officers and all the Regional

Directors. We discussed many things for increasing our membership and raising the funds needed to continue to run UFDC as the top quality organization it is today. We even got a sneak preview of the colorful catalog you all received with your latest issue of *Doll News*. You will learn more about what we did there in the coming months.

Our building there is much more than just an office. There is a museum filled with wonderful dolls of all types. There is a library of books and magazines for research. The next room is a large classroom where classes and workshops are held. In the process of being finished is an acquisition area where dolls are received into the collection, identified, catalogued, and freshened for display in the museum. If you are in the area, a visit to our headquarters building should be on your to-do list.

The month ended with a visit to the Olentangy Valley Doll Club Show and Sale in Columbus. If your club would like to take a trip and see a great show with lots of quality dealers, you might consider visiting this one next October.

BRAVOS TO THE ANN ARBOR DOLL COLLECTORS

In my last newsletter, I acknowledged all the hard work by Region 12 clubs on the many meal events at our convention in Detroit. I neglected to mention another event which has drawn raves from all who attended. That would be the Junior Collectors' Tea held on Thursday afternoon. You can see many of the happy faces in the article about the tea in *Dolls News*, but that doesn't tell how diligently the members of the Ann Arbor Doll Collectors Club worked for months to put on such a memorable afternoon

for our future UFDC members. Thank you all for a beautiful job.

**JOHN NAGY IS
THERIAULT'S DOLL
HERO OF THE YEAR.**

Every year at their summer auction, Theriault's creates a hat decorated with all sorts of doll-themed accessories. Known as Charlie's hat, it is auctioned with all proceeds going to a charity of the buyer's choice. This year, the hat was won by John Nagy, a Region 12 MAL and the husband of our former RD Joan Nagy, for a whopping \$2500. Stuart Holbrook joked that if John would wear the hat for one hour on a street corner in his hometown of Saginaw, MI, Theriault's would add another \$200 to the total. John wore the hat and went further by getting his friends to contribute as well. The final result was that \$10,000 was raised to benefit the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Our hats are off to you, John. Well done.

**THANKS TO OUR
GENEROUS MEMBERS**

An anonymous donor gave \$150.00 to the Unity Fund in memory of Polly Judd.

Sandusky River Valley Doll Club donated \$100.00 to the building fund in memory of Frieda R. Beckhusen

Snow Babies of West Michigan gave \$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Margaret Cruikshank

Thank you for your support.

**FILE YOUR DELEGATE
FORMS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.**

Attention Club Presidents. Send in your delegate names for our next convention. With the holidays, it is easy to let time get away from us. Don't let the deadline slip by. Forms must be postmarked no later than January 16, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact me.

**WHAT ARE YOUR
THOUGHTS ABOUT A
REGION 12 PIN?**

I haven't received any suggestions about a new regional pin. Please let me know if you would like us to reorder the current pin.

**REGIONAL FILES STATUS
FORMS**

Club Presidents, please send in those status reports. I really do use them. If you need another copy of the form, please let me know.

NEW MAL'S

We want to welcome the following new Region 12 members at large:

Barbara Bacyinski – Warren, MI
Linda Holden – Flint, MI
Karen B. Kurtz – Goshen, IN
Nick Pinizotto – Mentor, OH
Mary Rumisek – Ionia, MI
Kathy Schneider – Sterling Hgts. MI
Deborah Smith – Hamilton, OH
Margaret Stavick – Youngstown, OH
Joyce Sutton – Cincinnati, OH

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Olentangy Valley Doll Club of Ohio has scheduled its 20th annual spring luncheon for Saturday, April 19, 2008 from noon to 4pm at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Rd, Columbus, OH. The theme is *Alice in Wonderland at the Mad Hatter's Tea*. Program is by past UFDC President Alice Toovey and her talented troupe. Cost is \$35.00 Contact Brenda Doughty, 5800 Loganwood Rd., Columbus, OH. Tel: (614) 848-3772.

Columbus 2008 Doll Show & Sale will be held Sunday, April 20, 2008 at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Rd, Columbus, OH. Hours are 10-4. Admission is \$4.00. For further information, contact Henrietta Pfeifer at (614) 836-5573 or send email to dollmuseum@sbcglobal.net.

Ohio Valley Doll Club is having a luncheon titled "A Toast To The 20's & All That Jazz!" to be held on May 3, 2008 from 11am to 3pm at the Presidential Banquet Center on Presidential Drive in Kettering, Ohio. Souvenir doll is by Elaine Roesle. For information, contact Ann Moore at jmoorej@juno.com. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Heart of Doll Country 2008 Luncheon, "A Diller. A Doller", will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 10:30am to 3pm at the Kirtlander Party Center, 9270 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland, OH 44094. Cost is \$25.00
The speaker will be Ellen Haytas, aka "Aunt Moonie", a maker & designer of cloth dolls. Send payment to: Marianne Page, 12002 Nicki Lane, Chardon, Ohio 44024. For additional information,

contact Pat Dutchman at (440)785-4183 or email to pdutchman@roadrunner.com

Snowbabies of W.Michigan Doll Club is holding their 27th annual doll show and sale on May 17, 2008 from 10am to 3pm at the Mayflower Congregational Church, 2345 Robinson Rd, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Admission is \$3.00. Contact Sandy Johnson Barts at (269) 629-5131 or sjbbetsys@comcast.net.

Next newsletter deadline: Feb. 15th

PLEASE SHARE THE NEWSLETTER

To all club presidents, I hope you will share this newsletter with your club members. It is a good way to let them know all the news and to make them realize what an important part of UFDC they are.

CLOSING THOUGHTS...

I'm sure we are all working feverishly to prepare for Thanksgiving and the coming holiday season. We are baking, shopping, and wrapping. Thoughts fill our minds of all we have to do, but in the background is a little voice that says, "I hope someone buys me a doll for Christmas"

Until next time, have a safe and blessed holiday season. I hope all your wishes come true.

Shirley

