

UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

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

SUMMER 2018

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*UFDC information for
Member Clubs, Online Clubs
& Members-at-Large*



PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

Who's ready to get their summer adventure started?

The 69th annual UFDC convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona July 17-21, is just around the corner. By now you've registered for convention, turned in your event registration form, and are pondering which dolls to enter into competition, right? Well if you haven't registered there's still time for you to join over 800 of your doll friends. Have you signed up for a **Themed Meal Event**? There are still a few spaces left in several events. Contact the office for availability and help support this important component of convention. You'll have a delicious meal, an entertaining program, and leave with a wonderful souvenir and maybe a companion or centerpiece. Sit with old friends or meet new ones, the meal events are lots of fun! Sponsors include: Boneka Doll Fashions, Stephanie Blythe, Erika Catellani, Elizabeth Cooper, Maggie Iacono, Helen Kish, Darlene Lane, Jennie Sykes and Sophie Pearson, Robert Tonner, Gail Wilson, R. John Wright and don't forget the Murder Mystery Dinner.

Convention Delegates and Attendees: don't forget to bring your UFDC membership card. 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 **Competition** Room is always one of the highlights of convention. Please consider bringing your dolls for study and enjoyment. Forms are available on the website. Entries must be postmarked by June 15.

Public Day will be Saturday, July 21 along with the Publisher's Preview.

If this is your first UFDC convention, you will want to attend the **Newcomers' Orientation Program** on Monday, July 16 at 4:15pm.



Make Volunteering Part of Your Adventure

We need your help in several areas of convention, and the great part is not only do you get to immerse yourself in the complete convention experience, you can earn a charm or pin for donating your time! Consider volunteering in one of these areas and contact the person listed below:

- Registration: contact chair Mary Goodreau at mary.goodreau@att.net
- Monitors: contact chair Evelyn Reed at ear56223@aol.com
- Clerks: contact chair Martha Simmons at marthabs.428@gmail.com
- Tote bag stuffers: contact Pauline Pilovar at pivoline@gmail.com

Thank You to UFDC's Outgoing Regional Directors

The Executive Committee thanks the Regional Directors, whose terms are ending in July, for their three years of dedicated service:

Patricia Bellamy – Region 2N
Robin Hochteil – Region 2S
Barbara Bankston - Region 7
Susan Steirn – Region 9
Brian Taggerty – Region 14

And thanks to Elise Adams who finished out the vacant term of RD for Region 13.

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 and we extend them our very best wishes for their future endeavors and hope that they will continue to play an active role in UFDC. Be sure to attend your Regional Meeting at convention where you have the opportunity to thank them and get better acquainted with your new Regional Director candidate.

In the World of Doll Collecting...

Nobody Knows Everything,

But Everybody Knows Something.

We are in the process of updating our Speakers Bureau List and would like to invite YOU to help others in learning more about dolls. Doll Clubs within your desired traveling area may invite you to one of their meetings to provide them with a program that YOU have knowledge of.

You may have specific dolls, types of dolls, era of dolls, or collection of dolls that some collectors know nothing or little about and are eager to learn. Your program(s) need not be entirely doll oriented... Programs on fashion, photographing, displaying, accessories, advertising, doll post cards, doll books and many other areas are also needed.

Don't concern yourself that your program may already be offered; we have 17 large regions so the odds are great that YOUR program won't be duplicated within your traveling area. For information or application – Contact Barbara Stone, Director of ReAL Services at Barbara@ufdc.org.

**Don't Be Shy... Share Your Knowledge...
Join UFDC's Speakers' Bureau**

Club Bylaws Update Deadline June 1

A friendly reminder that the deadline to return club bylaws is June 1. Send to the attention of Jenny Yocklin at the office.

In Our Memories Submissions



Please use the In Our Memories form to acknowledge the passing of a club member or MAL and to have their name included in DOLL NEWS magazine. This form may be downloaded at www.ufdc.org. Please indicate if the member was a past-president or charter member. Please email the form to "In Our Memories Coordinator" Connie Reynolds at Connie@ufdc.org, or mail to 6514 W. Warren Circle, Wichita, Kansas 67212. Deadline for the fall issue is June 13.

Nomination Process for 2019 Election for UFDC Officers and Regional Directors

Any active club member who wishes to be considered by the UFDC Nominating Committee as the nominee for the position of UFDC Officer or 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, 2018**. 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 2018. This committee will then recommend a slate of nominees for election at the 2019 annual meeting in Nashville. Additional information and the form will be in the summer 2018 issue of DOLL NEWS.

Invite your Regional Director

Why not invite your Regional Director to a club meeting? One of the goals of an RD is to interact with as many clubs in their region as possible.

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, 2018. Clubs who have not submitted their reports may experience a delay in receiving their membership cards.

Thank You Members!

The Executive Committee wishes to thank all of the clubs and members who generously support the UFDC mission through their donations. Without your continual support we would not be able to operate our office and museum and fund projects to enhance the enjoyment of our hobby.

The United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization with the goal of being the foremost in research, education, conservation and appreciation of dolls.



CLUB PRESIDENTS: Please present this information at your next meeting or make copies for members. Unity's News and all regional newsletters are available at www.ufdc.org.