

UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

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



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



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We're rolling out the red carpet! At UFDC's 70th annual convention opportunities to be among the stars abound! Won't you join us in Nashville, Tennessee July 23-27 at the fabulous Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center for this star-studded event? Watch for convention packets to be mailed mid-April containing all the exciting details.

Convention is very much in need of **volunteers to clerk and monitor** exhibits. Earn a pin or charm for your donated time. To sign up email the appropriate chairperson below.

Clerks Chair Martha Simmons: marthabs.428@gmail.com
Competitive Monitors Chair Reba Hood: reba1740@aol.com
Special Exhibit Monitors Chair Barbara Corson:
barco37@mchsi.com

Consider providing a **Dynamic Doll Dialogue**. Present information about one of your favorite doll topics to small groups of attendees who rotate from table to table. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer a few hours of your time to help convention run smoothly please email 2019convention@ufdc.org.

If you haven't yet registered for convention you can do so today from the UFDC website www.ufdc.org under the Convention tab.



ReAL Services Speakers Bureau

The Education Department of ReAL Services is continually updating our list of individuals willing to speak on a wide variety of topics. Current topics range from antique (Rare Chinas) to modern (American Girl). If you have specific dolls, types of dolls, era of dolls, or a collection of dolls that you are willing to give a program on consider sharing your know-ledge! Hosting an event and are in need of a speaker? For information or application contact Barbara Stone, UFDC's Director of ReAL Services, at Barbara@ufdc.org

UFDC Spring Open House April 6

Come to the April Open House and go home with a doll! The UFDC Headquarters will be open for a very special Open House and Tender Loving Boutique sale. The event will take place on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10 am until 3 pm. The Tender Loving Boutique is a fundraising event usually held at convention where UFDC offers for sale excess dolls and accessories. This year because of the many generous donations we have received we will be offering the Boutique at the open house and at the convention in Nashville.

This is a great opportunity to possibly find a great bargain – and tour the Museum all in one visit!

Last chance - visit the UFDC Museum through March 23, 2019 to enjoy the Special Exhibit Maggie Bessie, A North Carolina Moravian Doll, provided by Billye Harris. Coming up next, the fabulous Barbie 60th Anniversary Special Exhibit.



Bylaws Completion Rate is at 45%

In July 2017 UFDC membership voted at the annual meeting to change bylaws. This means **EVERY** club in UFDC **MUST** submit new bylaws. Club presidents have received numerous communications about this subject and yet of our 427 clubs only 195 are approved (as of January 17). Another 64 are in for corrections, but achieving 100% should have happened long ago. If you're not sure if your club is in compliance then reach out to your Regional Director, as they are the liaison for approval. Many clubs have taken no action and this is unacceptable. Action will be taken with those clubs which are not in compliance.

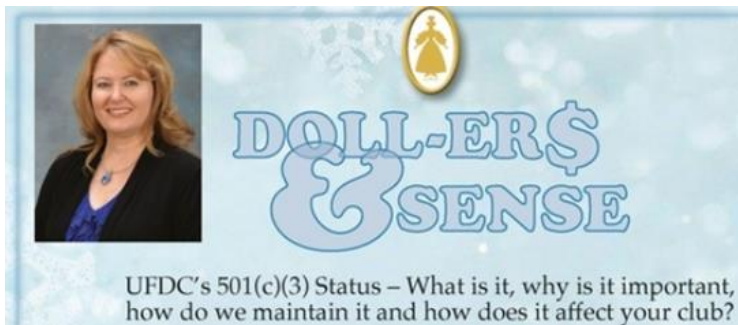


Bylaws and Standing Rules Distribution

Club members are entitled to receive a copy of club bylaws and standing rules. Club presidents are responsible for ensuring this happens and it's not optional.

CLUBS MUST COMPLY WITH IRS LAWS

Clubs continue to violate IRS laws by making donations from treasuries to **for profit** businesses or individuals and/or organizations which do not support our mission. Donations must be made to those which combine **both** – our mission and are a 501(c)(3). All others put our non-profit status at risk. Individuals may donate money from their pockets any way they wish, but clubs have restrictions. Please refer to the article in the winter issue of DOLL NEWS, pages 170-171, for details. It is the club presidents' responsibility to insure compliance. Noncompliance puts UFDC and club charters at risk.



Is Your Address Correct at UFDC?

This is a reminder to be sure to let UFDC know when you move so that you don't miss out on important communication and your subscription of DOLL NEWS. With the recent postage rate increase, we're looking for ways to keep costs down and having to mail replacement communications due to a member's move is not an expense UFDC can continue to bear. Also be sure that the email address UFDC has on file is current.

Club Rosters & Activity Reports

The annual club activity reports are essential to ensure that UFDC is in compliance with IRS regulations for non-profit organizations. Forms are due April 1. Club rosters will be mailed in March so make sure your current treasurer is on file with UFDC. The deadline for rosters to be returned is June 30.

2019 Scholarship Opportunities

UFDC offers scholarships to promote original research leading to better knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of dolls and is one way we carry out the educational component of our mission. Applications are on the UFDC website at www.ufdc.org and are due April 1, 2019. For information contact Barbara Stone, Director of ReAL Services at Barbara@ufdc.org.

In Our Memories Submissions



Please use the In Our Memories form to acknowledge the passing of a club member and to have their name included in DOLL NEWS magazine. This form may be downloaded at www.ufdc.org from the Membership tab under Membership Forms. Indicate if the member was a past-president or charter member and 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 summer issue is May 13.

2019 Awards of Excellence

Nomination forms were included in the UFDC Club President's mailing. Please review the criteria carefully. Nominations must be submitted by May 1.

Mail to headquarters: Attention: Awards Chair, UFDC Inc., 10900 N. Pomona Ave., Kansas City, Missouri 64153.



2019 UFDC Audio Visual Program Contest

Members and clubs interested in creating programs for the annual contest are encouraged to request contest guidelines by visiting the "Education" tab on our website, or by contacting our Director of ReAL Services, Barbara Stone, email Barbara@ufdc.org. The deadline for program submissions is April 1.

Advertise Club Events in DOLL NEWS



Did you know that for as little as \$100 clubs and members can purchase a business card-sized ad to promote their events in our DOLL NEWS magazine? Contact advertising manager Donnell Wisniewski with any questions you may have by dropping an email to her at

dollnewsadvertisingmanager@ufdc.org. Deadline for the summer issue of DOLL NEWS is May 15.

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.