

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

GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!

Maryll Goldsmith, President
Connie Reynolds, 1st Vice-President,
Director of ReAL Services
Carol Cameron, 2nd Vice-President,
Director of Convention Services
Fred Patton, Secretary-Treasurer,
Director of New Membership

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR 6 NEW REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Region 2N - **Jean Smith**
Region 2S - **Stephanie J. Moore**
Region 7 - **Cynthia Orgeron**
Region 9 - **Catherine Peterson**
Region 13 - **Valarie M. Moyer**
Region 14 - **Susan Rood**

THANK YOU FOR BEING WILLING TO SERVE



Please meet us in St Louis, MO, August 2-6, 2022, for UFDC's 73rd Annual Convention, "*Timeless Treasures*," to be held at the delightful **Hyatt Regency At The Arch hotel**. The main souvenir artist is the wonderful **Jennifer Sykes**. Convention registration opens **October 1, 2021**. See the fall DOLL NEWS for the mail in registration form. To watch the invitation video; apply to give a Doll Dialogue, Program, Seminar or Workshop; host a Meal Event or Gathering; donate a Helper; or apply to register online post October 1, see the convention page on the UFDC website: www.ufdc.org/convention/. **Let the fun begin!**

Please present this information at your next meeting or make copies for members. All newsletters are available online at www.ufdc.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO UFDC'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

Meritorious Service

Nancy Smith, Doll Study Club of Boston

Protection and Preservation of Dolls

Carolyn Barry, Barry Art Museum at Old Dominion University

Contributions to DOLL NEWS

Kathy Monier, Dallas Doll Club, Fort Worth Antique Doll Club

Educational Endeavors Through Dolls

Lauren Welker, White Rose Doll Collectors of York, Central Penn Doll Collectors

2021 AV Contest Winner

Kari Gluski, Ann Arbor Doll Collectors
"Modern Dolls in Historical Costumes: The Twentieth Century"

ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD RECIPIENTS

Anne Luree Leonard, Theriault's,
Cindy Bailey, Margaret Vitale,
Ruby Red Galleria,
Suzanne McGinn, Luanne Burgess,
Marsha Hunter, Karen Lintala,
Sheryl Sunderman, Mary Rudell,
Green Mountain Doll Club

We recognized all Members present who have been Pandemic Essential Workers

2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP CARDS & 2022 CREDENTIALS

The 2021-2022 **membership cards** will be mailed from UFDC Headquarters in September. Club Presidents should give them to the Club Treasurer for distribution. If they have not arrived by **October 1**, then Club Presidents should contact Jenny at membership@ufdc.org, (note if you have not returned your roster and dues, there will be a delay!). Member-At-Large cards will be mailed to the individuals. Club Presidents, please look for **CREDENTIALS FORMS** for registering delegates and alternates for the 2022 Annual Business Meeting in the package which will be mailed to you in September and note the return deadline of **January 19, 2022**.

Dolly and Me by the Sea



The Executive Committee would like to thank all of the many volunteers who made our **72nd Annual Convention**, held in Baltimore, MD this year, such a success. Convention would not move along so smoothly without all your active support. And a big thank you to those who made monetary donations to convention.

This convention met all the contracted requirements and should end with a very positive number. We also extend thanks to **R. John and Susan Wright for the wonderful souvenir doll** and for their willingness to sign as many as they could. Keep watching the UFDC website for any leftover convention items you could purchase. Informational Video for the 73rd Annual Convention in St. Louis is available for viewing on the home page of our website ufdc.org.

IN OUR MEMORIES SUBMISSIONS

Please use the *"In Our Memories Listing Form"* to notify UFDC of the passing of a UFDC member.

<https://www.ufdc.org/membership/forms/>

This enables us to send condolences to the family and the club(s) involved and inform the broader UFDC doll family in DOLL NEWS. Please email the completed form to Fred Patton at fred@ufdc.org or send to Fred via mail c/o UFDC Inc., 10900 N. Pomona Ave., Kansas City, MO. 64153.

NOMINATION PROCESS FOR 2022 ELECTION OF UFDC REGIONAL DIRECTORS

A reminder that any active club member who wishes to be considered by the UFDC Nominating Committee as the nominee for the position of UFDC Director for Regions 1, 5, 6, 8 and 15 must declare so in writing to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. You may use the form on page 18 of the spring 2021 issue of DOLL NEWS or simply write a note stating your candidacy. This information is to be returned to the 2022 Nominating Committee Chair, UFDC, Inc., 10900 North Pomona Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64153-1235. For the individual to be eligible for consideration by the 2022 Nominating Committee, this declaration must be postmarked no later than August 31, 2021.

Headquarters

The **UFDC Headquarters and Museum** are still closed to the public due to the COVID-19 virus. However, our wonderful staff is available by phone at 816-891-7040 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Central Time or by e-mail at ufdcinfo@ufdc.org.

2021 REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The UFDC Board of Directors met Tuesday, August 10th to address the accusations circulating online as a result of the elections at the Annual Business Meeting in Baltimore. The Regional Director in question has voluntarily submitted his resignation and a new RD has been approved by the Board to represent Region 14 for the term 2021-2024. At the same meeting a special committee was established and approved by the Board of Directors to review UFDC's approach to safeguarding and to propose language, policies and practices to achieve a safe environment for our members. As a priority, the committee was instructed to help determine the course of vetting candidates who apply for elected positions either by the established process, where they are vetted by the Nominating Committee, or by running from the floor, where there is no established vetting process at this time.

The committee will be meeting to review current language and propose new or additional language towards that end. The committee will report to the Executive Committee monthly and to the full Board every two months. This committee consists of UFDC members and Board members with the appropriate background and life skills needed to address this critical area. The target for completion of these tasks is March 2022. The committee is chaired by Rhoda Wade and includes Becky DeBruler, Valarie Moyer, Jeri Robinson and Glenda Ridgeway. An email is being set up for members to send any helpful comments, resources or questions to the committee.

REAL (RESEARCH & ARCHIVAL LIBRARY) SERVICES

2022 Scholarship Opportunities: UFDC offers scholarships to promote original research leading to better knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of dolls. It is one way we carry out the educational component of our mission. Applications are due April 1, 2022.

Join the **UFDC Speakers' Bureau:** What's your favorite doll topic? If you are an experienced speaker about a particular doll subject, then we need your help! We are compiling a list of speakers and organizing it by region. When an event is in need of a speaker, we can connect the most appropriate speaker with them. The official form is online. And let us know if you are able/willing to give your program by Zoom and we will add you to that list as well!

2022 UFDC Audio Visual Program Contest: Members and clubs interested in creating programs for the annual contest are encouraged to review contest guidelines. The deadline for program submissions is April 1, 2022.

For additional information about ReAL Services, visit the Education tab on our website or email Connie Reynolds, Director of ReAL Services, at Connie@ufdc.org.

REMINDERS FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS

Activity Reports, Sent to Club Presidents in January, were due back April 1, 2021. These reports are important as they support UFDC's non-profit status.

Completed **Club Status Updates** (replaces the Regional Status Forms) are due back by October 20, 2021.