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Region 5 Newsletter Spring 2021

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Dear Friends, I sincerely hope that you are doing well and that you either had your vaccinations or soon will. I have been spending time in Iowa, Missouri, Massachusetts, Texas, Arkansas, California, Rhode Island, Kansas, England and, of course, Minnesota. The travel is all done remotely, and it has been most enjoyable. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of UFDC, Karen Allen and Fred Patton, region five members have had ample opportunities to join gatherings by simply clicking a link. If you have questions or concerns on the use of Zoom, please do not hesitate to contact me. Getting together virtually is of course not the same as in person visits but making connections with other doll lovers is amazing. Please invite others that have an interest in dolls maybe earn a +1 pin! Be sure to check out the great improvements on the UFDC website and calendar to view upcoming Zoom presentations.



Hopefully, everyone had a chance to view some of the educational and highly entertaining *Celebrating Our Love of Dolls*, on February 13th, possibly even indulging in a little retail therapy. If you missed the event or want to watch it again, just go to the website www.ufdc.org or the Facebook page or YouTube. Several of our region five members had a brief appearance in the segment *Love My Doll*. Linda Beu and her wonderful Alice just missed the deadline for their photo to be included. Our own Neal Foster had his own piece *May I have This Dance?* and introduced the fascinating UFDC automatons in motion. Are you aware that there is a UFDC Region 5 Facebook page? Sadly, this page has been neglected lately but I resolve to do a better job in future. If you have any free advice or wish to lend a helping hand your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Region Five Quarterly Donations - 15 Donors for a Total of 1,236.19

Convention Fund 2021: Rosie Morrill, Barbara Patrick, Judy Porter

Building General Fund: Carolyn Christopherson (2) one in **memory** of Alice Haraldson, Cheryl Cloutier in **honor** of Christine Faust, Hawkeye Doll Club of Iowa in **memory** of Marlene Wiedenhoff, Donna Zellmer in **memory** of Suzi Smith

Collections Fund for Future Acquisitions: Cheryl Cloutier, Forever Children Doll Club of MN, Greater St. Louis Doll Club, Star of the North Doll Club, Twin Cities Antique Doll Study Club

DOLL NEWS: Twin Cities Antique Doll Study Club in **memory** of Phyllis Brottlund

Junior Collectors Fund: Christine Faust in **memory** of Dianna Effner

Museum Fund: Karen Callahan, Carole Martino in **honor** of Christine Faust

Regional Directors Fund: Carolyn Christopherson, Christine Faust

UFDC Unity Fund: Show-Me Doll Club





If you're thinking of parting with some dolls,
read this poem first – a cautionary tale!

The Doll Sale

By *Betty Webster Bishop*

The time had come to sell some dolls,
My house was overrun
With dolls and bears and other toys
With which I'd had such fun.
I chose the dolls I least preferred
I dressed each one just so
And as I looked into each face,
I'd think, "I can't let go."
I lined them up and tagged each one,
I double-checked their eyes.
I'd straighten clothes,
Then hear their plaintive cries.
Folks would come to look at them
And see their selling price.
They'd ooh and aah and pick them up
And say they looked so nice.
I'd hesitate at offers made,
Each flaw I'd quickly tell
And try to change the buyer's mind
Before I'd have to sell.
I'd walk along the row of dolls
Once more, each one to see
And as I'd touch each tiny tot
They seemed to say "not me!"
How can I let these dollies go?
What made me think I could?
They've been a comfort through the years
And shared each changing mood.
One baby doll that I picked up
Just snuggled to my breast;
It seemed as though he breathed a sigh
Then settled down to rest.
I slowly checked each doll for sale,
It nearly broke my heart
And as I stood and looked at them
I knew we'd never part.
The bulging rooms are bulging still,
The house is still too small,
So let it bulge a little more-
I'm keeping every doll!



June 12, 2021 will mark the thirty-fifth anniversary of World Doll Day. Mildred Seeley started the custom of giving someone a doll on the second Saturday of June every year. Ms. Seeley's message was to spread love and happiness through the gifting of dolls. Doll artist Boots Tyner created a doll in the likeness of a three-year-old Millie and designed the logo. This year, UFDC wishes to revitalize this tradition and encourages everyone to give a doll to a child or an adult and advance the enjoyment and significance of dolls. Please remember boys need dolls too, see Charlotte Zolotow's *William's Doll*. See spring DOLL NEWS for some fun ideas on how you or your club can join in the fun!

NEW REGION 5 MEMBERS

Mary Norris is a new MAL from Independence, MO
The Forever-Loved Dolls Museum of Dolls
is a new member of the **Twin Cities Doll Study Club**



REGION 5'S "+1 CHALLENGE" LATEST AWARD WINNERS



Carrie Caldwell Forever Children Doll Club of MN +1
Christine Faust Minnesota Go-Fer Dollies +1
Sue Figuero Twin Cities Doll Study Club +1
Cindy Prince Minnesota Go-Fer Dollies +1

Spirit of St. Louis Doll Club's
45TH ANNIVERSARY is on March 1, 2021



Attendee numbers continue to climb for our convention in Baltimore, **Monday July 19 through Friday July 23**. The **Minnesota Go-Fer Dollies** has agreed to sponsor the Elizabeth Cooper meal event. The club would love for you to attend.

The Minnesota Jamboree Council is hopeful about holding their annual event on **October 2, 2021** at the Crowne Plaza in Plymouth, followed by a doll show the next day. A decision will be made in April to either proceed as planned or postpone for another year. There will be a **Region 5 World Doll Day Zoom Event on June 12th**. Take care, stay safe and healthy, and come to a Zoom event, *Christine*

