

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

UFDC'S 72ND ANNUAL CONVENTION!!!

July 19-23, 2021 at The Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel

Excitement is building for our Convention in Baltimore
as attendee numbers continue to climb.

Reserve your spot either online or by mailing the form in DOLL NEWS.

Volunteer at convention, earn a charm! Contact the chairs below to sign up:

Special Exhibit Monitors

Barbara Corson at barco37@mchsi.com

Mini Office Workers

Becky Rice at ricesis5@gmail.com

Helper Room Monitors

Lori Roller at rollfive@gmail.com and

Glenda Warren at warrenfamily2@yahoo.com

Convention Registration Desk

(Souvenir Journal/Tote Bag Stuffing & Distribution)

Victoria Christopherson at vchristopherson@icloud.com



Dynamic Doll Dialogues - Have a favorite doll subject or interest? Why not present a round table dialogue about it at the upcoming UFDC convention in Baltimore this summer. To find more information and an application form go to the UFDC webpage (www.UFDC.org), click on the Convention tab and scroll down to the Doll Dialogue application form. **The application due date has been extended to April 1st.** For further information please contact Maryll Goldsmith at maryll@ufdc.org or by phone at (916) 716-5490.

REFLECTIONS ON UFDC'S "CELEBRATING OUR LOVE OF DOLLS"

UFDC's online event *Celebrating Our Love of Dolls* was a big hit with doll lovers. As one member said, "You warmed up my cold, dreary and pandemic Saturday with the wonderful presentations, and well-informed presenters."

Thanks to everyone who has let us know how much they enjoyed it - we welcome feedback - keep it coming!



2021's WORLD DOLL DAY SAT JUNE 12 - SAVE THE DATE!

Plan to join in the World Doll Day celebrations. Started by Mildred Seeley in 1986, it was created to spread the universal message of happiness and love. Many people give a doll to someone but how you celebrate it is up to you. See the upcoming weekly email blasts and the spring DOLL NEWS for ideas.



REMINDER - TO AVOIDS DELAYS (AND COST) IN GETTING YOU YOUR DOLL NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION - IF YOU MOVE HOUSE OR CHANGE YOUR EMAIL, PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEW DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Thanks

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to all our members and clubs who have donated to the Annual Campaign so far. Donations from September 1, 2020, to February 1, 2021, totaled **\$28,538** with **171** individual member or club donors. There is still time for you or your club to contribute. Help support UFDC by donating to any of our primary funds:

UFDC Unity Fund	ReAL Services Fund
Building Fund	Museum Fund
Library Fund	Regional Directors Fund
Junior Collectors Fund	Convention Fund
Pay-A-Day Project	Adopt-A-Doll project

You can make a donation online at <https://www.ufdc.org/donate/> or mail your contribution to our headquarters at UFDC, 10900 N. Pomona Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64153.

Thank you!

LATEST ON THE +1 CHALLENGE

Great news! There were **62** new UFDC members enrolled on Dec 1, 2020, with **51** of them being recruited by members. Adding those to the results to date, **175** members have successfully recruited **234** new members in the last 4 quarters! And **1** of our members has now been awarded the **+7** star – Jennifer Kohn Murtha - with Ed Ferry on **+6** and both Karen Allen and Sue Wooley on **+5**. Keep up the great work everyone!



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

If you haven't done so already, go view the new look UFDC website and let us know what you think. There is a lot more to do to bring it up to date, but it will give you a sense of the direction we are going in – more visual, easier to navigate. And while you are there, have a look at the Calendar, which now shows the regional Zoom gatherings. If you are in the relevant region, (and if we have your email!), you will get sent the link. If you are from another region, then contact the RD listed and ask if you can join. Enjoy!



2021 UFDC AUDIO VISUAL PROGRAM CONTEST

Members and clubs interested in creating or submitting a program for the annual contest are encouraged to review the guidelines at <https://www.ufdc.org/education/av-program-contest/> or contact the Director of ReAL Services, Maryll Goldsmith, (maryll@ufdc.org) or (916) 716-5490. The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2021.



2021 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

UFDC offers scholarships to promote original research on topics leading to better knowledge, understanding and appreciation of dolls. This is one of the ways UFDC carries out the educational component of its mission. To find more information and an application form go to the UFDC webpage (www.ufdc.org), click on the Education tab and then choose ReAL Services from the drop-down menu. Applications are due by April 1st. If you have questions, please contact 1st Vice President Maryll Goldsmith, Director of ReAL Services at maryll@ufdc.org or phone (916) 716-5490.



ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

You can **advertise your club events** in DOLL NEWS, on the new look UFDC website calendar (via Jenny) and on the UFDC Facebook page (via Connie or Barbara).



The **Annual Club Activity Reports** recently sent to Club Presidents are due back by April 1st. These reports are important as they support UFDC's status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Club Rosters will be sent to Club Treasurers in March and are due back by June 30th. This date enables UFDC to send out the 2021-2022 membership cards on time.

IN OUR MEMORIES SUBMISSIONS

Please use the "**In Our Memories Listing Form**" found on <https://www.ufdc.org/membership/forms> to notify us of the passing of a UFDC member. 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 Carol Cameron at carol@ufdc.org or send to Carol via mail c/o UFDC Inc., 10900 N. Pomona Ave., Kansas City, MO. 64153. Thank you.



CLUB PRESIDENTS: Please present this information at your next club meeting and make copies for members who do not have email. All newsletters, UNITY's and Regional, are available at www.ufdc.org.