

# Region 15 Newsletter

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## Convention Update



United Federation of Doll Clubs

***OnTime OnLine Doll Celebration!***

July 22-24, 2020

Location: wherever you are!

With presentations from all over the world and live updates from UFDC Headquarters & Museum!

Mark your calendars for UFDC's first online doll event, the ***OnTime OnLine Doll Celebration!*** to be held July 22-24, 2020. Since we can't get together in Dallas we've decided to bring the fun, informative and educational elements to you at home. You'll be able to shop our world-class Sales Room, too! More details will be announced soon.

## +1 Challenge

Did you read the article in the Spring 2020 DOLL NEWS by Carol Cameron titled Membership "Call to Action" starting on page 134? If you haven't already read it, I encourage you to do so. Over the last 12 years, our membership has declined by 29%! Unless we can turn this trend around, UFDC as we know it and love it will not be able to function as it does now. When I think of my dearest friends, we all share the bond of our love of dolls. My life is so much richer for the many friends I've made and interesting people I've met through my doll clubs. Let's not lose this!

In September, we will kick off a +1 Challenge. Members will be challenged to bring one or more new members into our UFDC family. Think BIG! Think of how we might accomplish this. I welcome your thoughts and ideas about how we can go about this.

## Have You Zoom'ed?

During the pandemic, almost all in person gatherings have been cancelled. Some clubs are using Zoom to hold both board and general meetings as well as sharing programs. Zoom is easy to use on a computer or smart phone and it is free for use with some restrictions. An example of a club using Zoom is the Doll Study Club of Boston. Their board started to meet on Zoom in April and in May they will also hold a short business meeting with a full program by one of their members. While there won't be any 'show and tell,' when they reconvene in person each Zoom presenter will have a table to display items they discussed in their program. If you haven't already tried it, it is a terrific way to stay connected. Members/Clubs can contact [carol@ufdc.org](mailto:carol@ufdc.org) to find out about using UFDC's teleconferencing facility or the Zoom videoconferencing. Pictures for inclusion in DOLL NEWS and/or UFDC's Facebook page can be sent to [connie@ufdc.org](mailto:connie@ufdc.org) or [barabara@ufdc.org](mailto:barabara@ufdc.org).

I would love to come visit your club in person. I greatly enjoy giving programs and I'd be happy to host a Zoom presentation for your club. Please let me know if you'd like to try this and we can schedule it! You can contact me via my information at the top of this page.

# Join us in July for our first OnTime, OnLine Celebration!



## Thank You Front Line Workers!

In lieu of a Club Spotlight, I'd like to take a chance to say a special thanks to all of the members in our region who are front line workers during the pandemic. We have many members who are health care workers risking their lives each day for the wellness of others. It isn't just health care or emergency services professionals, but also the people who work in essential businesses such as grocery stores and the food industry. During these trying times, these folks have been there for us. A **BIG THANK YOU** for all you do to keep the rest of us safe.

It has always seemed to me that there is a higher than average number of nurses who are doll collectors. So many of our collections include dolls dressed as nurses. I'd like to share with you one special doll.

This doll is an 18" Kestner 162 on a composition lady body who is dressed as a WW I era nurse. Sewn into the hemline of her dress is a tag which reads "Of Univ of PA, Phila, PA." The doll is in pristine condition and came from its original family from eastern PA. Some of the nursing schools during the period of this doll, purchased dolls and had them dressed in replicas of the nursing uniform of the school. Family members bought the dolls as a gift for the graduating nurse. From a picture found in the University of PA archives, this is the exact uniform of the nursing school in 1915.



## Doll Shows & Events

**June 4 to 6, 2020 - Vermont Regional** conference, Among the **Cancelled** Trees, sponsored by the Green Mountain Doll Club in South Burlington, VT.

**September 18, 2021 - 40th Anniversary Charity Fund Raiser Luncheon** sponsored by Ida Lewis Doll Club. The event will be held at the Wharf Tavern, Warren, RI. More information to follow. **NOTE -NEW DATE!**

## Welcome New Member!

Ms. Katherine M. Ray, Hooksett, NH - Member-at-Large

## Donations & Gifts

**UFDC Unity Fund** - Jeannie Thibodeau

**Regional Directors Fund** - Donelle W. Denery

**Museum Fund** - Doll Study Club of Boston

**Dorothy and Jane Coleman Scholarship Fund** - Elizabeth A. Coleman (3 donations in memory of Ms. Cynthia Musser, Mrs. Mille Yarborough, and Ms. Margaret Dowling)

**2020 Convention Sponsorships** - Joyce Stamps (2)

**2020 Convention** - Cape Cod Doll Club

**Summary: Donors 6, Donations 9, Total \$799.51**

**Thank you, Region 15!**



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IMPORTANT DATES - FOR ALL MEMBERS	
OnTime, OnLine Celebration — members and doll friends	July 22-24, 2020
IMPORTANT DATES - FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS	
Send a copy of this newsletter and UNITY news to club members without email	Upon receipt of newsletter and UNITY news
Annual Club Activity Report - Past Due	April 1, 2020
Updated Club Roster (sent to Treasurers in March)	June 30, 2020
Advertise your club events in DOLL NEWS and on the UFDC website Calendar and Facebook page	Send to: <a href="mailto:connie@ufdc.org">connie@ufdc.org</a> or <a href="mailto:barbara@ufdc.org">barbara@ufdc.org</a>
Date to return updated club bylaws	Already passed!!!