

UNITY'S NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2021



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!!!

Convention excitement continues to build! We're headed towards our cut-off of **800** attendees. **Convention packets** have been mailed, COVID restrictions are easing in Maryland, and everyone is ready for some much-awaited doll fun! It's not too late to join your doll friends in Baltimore, July 19-23, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, 700 Aliceanna St., Baltimore, MD. Register online, while space is available. Felt doll artist R. John Wright has created a charming **8" souvenir doll** and a darling, smaller companion. Order the souvenir doll now and the companion at Convention. **Souvenir Journal** editor, UFDC past president Loretta Nardone, has assembled an extraordinary array of articles as a keepsake of our 2021 Convention. Journals are available to order even if you're not going to Convention, while supplies last. Continue to watch for updates in our Friday emails, on our Facebook page, and in the summer DOLL NEWS!



UFDC FUNDRAISING: We hope to see many of you at the two convention events organized by the Fundraising Committee, the "**At Your Service Open House and Ice Cream Social**" to be held Sunday evening, July 18th and the Thursday night ticketed "**Beach Party**" featuring the Beach Blanket Bebes Doll Contest. In addition to convention activities, we encourage members and clubs to help UFDC by donating to the many funds, including the Unity Fund, ReAL Services Fund, Regional Directors Fund, the Building Fund, UFDC's Endowment Fund, DOLL NEWS Fund, Junior Collectors Fund, the Pay-A-Day Challenge and the Adopt-A-Doll Program. **Your support is truly appreciated.**

UFDC'S 72ND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



The 72nd UFDC Annual Business Meeting will take place on Thursday, July 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, 700 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. The meeting is open to all UFDC members. Please remember to bring your current UFDC membership card for entrance. UFDC officers will be elected for Secretary-Treasurer, 2nd Vice President and 1st Vice President-President Elect, and Regional Directors for Regions 2N, 2S, 7, 9, 13 and 14. Maryll Goldsmith has already been elected by the membership at the UFDC 2019 Annual Business Meeting to serve as President, succeeding current President, Barbara Stone.

NOMINATION PROCESS FOR 2022 ELECTION



Any active club member who wishes to be considered by the 2022 UFDC Nominating Committee as the nominee for the position of UFDC Director for Regions 1, 5, 6, 8, or 15 must declare so in writing to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, care of the UFDC Central Office, no later than **August 31, 2021**. This process does not change a member's floor nominating privilege. Members of the Nominating Committee from these regions will be elected at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting. This committee will recommend a slate of nominees for election at the 2022 Annual Business Meeting. The form is on page 18 of the spring 2021 issue of DOLL NEWS. Note that the wrong regions were listed, so the form and the corrected information will be included in the summer issue.

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

2021's WORLD DOLL DAY SATURDAY JUNE 12, 2021

The response to the article on World Doll Day in the spring DOLL NEWS has been amazing! Individual members and clubs have all sorts of wonderful things planned. The RDs have also risen to the challenge and organized a number of special Zoom gatherings for you to enjoy!



We have created a World Doll Day page on the UFDC website www.ufdc.org/world-doll-day. It has details of the zoom gatherings, examples of some face-to-face events, what some of our partner organisations and corporate members are doing, how you can share your stories about WDD, the history of how this day came about and a heads up on special World Doll Day offers in the UFDC Shop. And have a look at the video we have put together for your enjoyment. As we all reflect on how our dolls have helped us get through the last 18 months, Mildred Seeley's words have never been so true:

*Happiness is the hobby of collecting and
helping other doll collectors and makers.
Happiness is World Doll Day.*

THANKS TO UFDC'S OUTGOING REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The Executive Committee thanks the Regional Directors, whose terms are ending at the next Annual Business Meeting, for their three years of dedicated service:

Cathy Noone – Region 2North
Michele Wise Simpson – Region 2 South
Fred Patton – Region 7
Marsha Hunter – Region 9
Elise Adams – Region 13
Jean Kestel – Region 14

As well as being members of the Board of Directors, these individuals served their regions, providing a voice for their members and supporting the UFDC mission. We are grateful to have had an opportunity to work with them. We wish them well in their future endeavors and hope that they will continue to play an active role in UFDC.

*Thank
you*



LATEST ON THE +1 CHALLENGE

The March 1, 2021 +1 Challenge Award winners are in – you can see the full list in the summer DOLL NEWS. We are excited to report that since the start of the +1 campaign, a total of **262** awards have been given to members who have recruited a new member to UFDC – well done to all of you!



In particular, we would like to thank the 10 people who have each recruited between 5 and 7 new members – a total of 57 between them! Once the June 1 awards have been counted, we will work out the top award winners – we have something very special planned for them in Baltimore. So, watch this space!



Our Zoom adventures continue. Lots of clubs are using it and the RD gatherings, with their great range of programs, are proving to be very popular (the top attendance so far has been 86!). Some clubs have told us that even when face-to-face meetings start up again, they would like to continue to use Zoom as it allows those who cannot attend in person to participate in the fun. The RD Gatherings will also continue as they enable all members to keep connected and continue their learning. So, we will be renewing the Zoom licenses for another year. Happy Zooming!!!

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

Club Rosters were 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.

Delegate Packs will be sent to you shortly. Please give them to your club delegates so they can prepare for the Annual Business Meeting in Baltimore.

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.



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.