

Region 15 Newsletter

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Winter 2020

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Club Spotlight!

In August 2019, the South Shore D.O.L.L.S of MA club celebrated their 30th anniversary! In celebration of this achievement, they celebrated with a Tea Party on August 29th. Although only seven members, this club remains active and vibrant. Their club President, Nina Tolken, has been a member for 27 years.

Through the years, the club has participated in a few annual events. Since 1997 they have hosted the annual Madame Alexander Doll Club Fall Friendship Luncheon which focuses on a passion for Alexander dolls. In addition, for 22 years the club participated in decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees which raised money to support the Cranberry Hospice of Plymouth, MA. Their doll inspired tree was a favorite that people anxiously came to view each year.

The club currently meets the first Tuesday evening of the month (excluding July and August) at Joe's American Grill in Dedham, MA and welcomes perspective new members.



Club Members (left to right): Ruth Kajunski, Diane McCarthy, Susan Rood, Ellen McCauley, Pat Snow and Nina Tolken, absent: Janice Delgado

Regional Recap

On Sunday September 22nd, the Nellie Perkins Doll & Miniature Society and the Granite State Doll Club sponsored a doll show titled "Fairyland" in Nashua NH. The clubs graciously provided a UFDC table during the show where information and membership information was distributed. There was a fabulous raffle with the show. Thank you for supporting the only show sponsored by a Region 15 club!



Above left: Nadyne Stamps of the Black Gold Doll Club of New England won a lovely Barbie in the raffle.

Above right: Faith Hirsch of the Doll Study Club of Boston shows off the Raggedy Ann she won in the raffle.

National News



Registration is now open! Our 71st convention will be July 21st—25th in Dallas, TX. You have the option to register with or without the convention doll by Diana Effner. Among other wonderful events, there will be a ticketed tour of Gail Cook's outstanding doll collection!

Join us in Dallas for The Fabulous Fifties!



Doll Shows & Events

June 4th to 6th, 2020 — VERMONT REGIONAL conference, Among the Trees, sponsored by the Green Mountain Doll Club in South Burlington, VT. A pre-conference trip to Shelburne Museum is planned for June 3rd. The trip will feature a behind the scenes guided tour conducted by museum staff. For additional information on this fun event, visit: <https://www.greenmountaindollclub.org/> Registration is full, please contact Frank Swasey to be added to the waiting list (frank.swasey@gmail.com).

May 16th, 2020 — **Madame's Inspirations: From Whence Her Designs Came** sponsored by the Doll Study Club of Boston. Guest speaker is Region 9 Director Marsha Hunter—an expert on Madame Alexander. This covers the widest range of her dolls with an emphasis on how Madame used literary and newsworthy names to create her dolls. The day will include a fabulous Silent Auction of antique and modern dolls and accessories; as well as a plated lunch and special souvenir. Contact: Rosemary Laverdier for further information (rlaverdier@aol.com).

Donations & Gifts

UFDC Unity Fund - Doll Study Club of Boston, Pamela Simperts, Kristen Strand-Tibbitts

Regional Directors Fund - Donelle Denery

Dorothy & Evelyn Jane Coleman Scholarship Fund — Elizabeth A. Coleman

2019 Convention – Donelle Denery, Rebekah Kaufman, Diane McCarthy and Gail Wilson

Total Donations: \$1,924.28

Welcome New Members!

Sharon Lee Dube, Wilhelmina Margalis, Dr. Kristen Strand-Tibbitts—Members at Large

Nancy Jean Baptiste, Raveen James, France Neff—Black Gold Doll Club of New England

How Are Donations Used?

The winter 2020 UNITY'S NEWS lists all the different funds you can donate to, along with what they are used for (or you can find information online at <https://www.ufdc.org/donate/>). But you can also donate for a specific need. Here is an example.



During Ada Diedrich's Presidency, a tree died just outside our UFDC head quarters building in Kansas City. Doll Study Club of Boston funded the purchase of a new tree. During RD training in September, Regional Director Donelle Denery stands under the lovely tree.

IMPORTANT DATES - FOR ALL MEMBERS	
Registration for 2020 Convention	Open now
RD Nominations (2020 -2023) letters of endorsement	December 15, 2019
Student/Apprentice Judge Programs	January 1, 2020
Bookings for 2020 convention hotel opens	January 6, 2020
71 ST Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas	July 21-July 25, 2020
IMPORTANT DATES - FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS	
Completed Regional Status forms	Already passed!!!
Credentials forms for registering 2020 Annual Business Meeting delegates/alternates	Sent out September 2019 Returned by Jan 15, 2020
Date to return updated club bylaws	Already passed!!!



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