

The Quinlans' Marvelous Weekend by Terrie Stong



Members of the Tinicum Township police and fire EMS officers flank Mary Beckner-Houseman during the gifting. Our GBW traveling teddy, Gulliver, in the arms of the man on the right was helping too!

The 2016 Quinlan Doll and Teddy Bear Weekend was an extraordinary event! The marvelous weekend started with a Good Bears of the World gifting to the Tinicum Township Police Department and Emergency Medical Service. The weekend guests all seemed excited to be a part of our gifting and everyone enjoyed having their pictures taken with our GBW teds *and* the handsome young men who came to accept the bears for their respective departments.

Almost immediately following our gifting was the festive Friday evening welcome reception and banquet. What a fabulous way to greet old friends and make new ones! After the banquet, Terry Quinlan always gives show promoters the opportunity to talk about their future events. While I

was sad to announce that last year's Jubilee was the last Jubilee, I was proud to announce that this year's GMM will be held in conjunction with the October Doll & Bear Show in my hometown - Toledo! **(Next year's GMM will be held during the May Quinlan Convention - more information will be in our next issue of *Bear Tracks*.)**

Saturday is always a weekend highlight. It starts bright and early with a Market Place where everyone is invited to set up a table with teddy treasures and bearaphinalia. We always do well with the many items that have been donated and also enjoy the fun of perusing all the delightful items at other people's tables!

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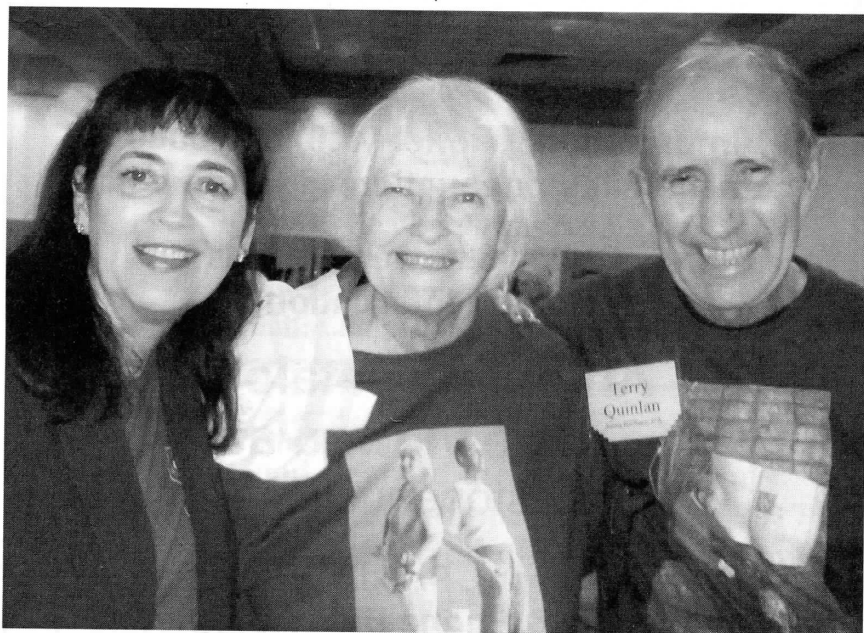
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delicious meals and a serendipitous mix of seminars, galleries and a late afternoon sales table preview. It's a good thing the Quinlans offered a weekend "Boot Camp" for new show guests. I have never attended but I am sure they must stress pacing yourself!

Even with the Saturday shopping preview, the show guests are always eager to start their Sunday shopping experience (after yet another delicious breakfast) and our GBW table is always an exciting place! Lots of happy "hellos", many hugs and, of course, lots of teddy bear adoptions! Truly a

teddy bear and/or doll collector's bearadise!

If you know anyone who has attended one of Quinlan's four previous events, I know you have heard stellar stories and anecdotes! Please be sure to check Quinlan's website for more information about this year's event and plan now to attend in May of 2017! PS The Tincum Police Department recently contacted GBW to see if more teddies were available. Thanks to the generosity of our members - they were and have been shipped.)



(L to R) Susan Fleener (Terry's niece) and Susan and Terry Quinlan are pictured at the show. Susan Fleener is a member of the wonderful Blue Crew Team that makes this amazing weekend a huge success.