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Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!



*Plan Now for the
2012 National
Convention in
Raleigh, NC*

Remember: Teamwork Makes The Dream Work

The following speech was given on January 29, 2011 after Jayson Duncan had been installed as the new Ruritan National President for 2011.

Every one of you help make your community and our country better places to work and live. We are all bound together by the Ruritan spirit. Thank you for your confidence in allowing me to be your National President.



2011 Ruritan
National President
Jayson Duncan

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jaguar's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the car back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, Mister, ... please. I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do." He pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop ..." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger.

Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk

back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

Let me tell you about some of my Ruritan "brick moments":

When you get home from this convention ask to borrow and read the Club and District Officers' Handbook from one of your club officers. Then read it from front to back. Each time I look at it I learn something new. It has press releases, proclamations, clip art, handout samples, all types of public relations information (which we really need to use), awards and more. My Ruritan brick moment!

You can also find the complete book on our website so use it even if you need to go to the public library to view it on line. If every Ruritan was familiar with the information in this handbook, our clubs would be more efficient, more industrious, and utilize many more of the resources that are available at their fingertips.

I was at a local restaurant when I ran into a couple I know. The lady said she was in the doctor's office and saw a Ruritan magazine on the table. She said she realized, after looking through it, that she did not know how much Ruritans do in their communities. My Ruritan brick moment!

National has asked us for years to put our extra copies of the Ruritan magazine in Dr.'s offices, beauty salons, etc. Let's do it. The Ruritan magazine is one of our best recruiting tools! By the way, she and her husband were at the last Germanton Club meeting and plan on joining.

I have spent some time trying to start a Ruritan Club in a neighboring town. One of the future members was the president of the local High school Ruri-Teen Club eight years ago. I offered her some of our mail-out postcards to get her friends to join but she said she would not need them. My Ruritan brick moment!

She would contact her friends on Facebook about membership. We should all be thinking about ways to use social media in helping find and recruit new Ruritans and communicate with our current members.

A recent Sunday's Parade magazine had an interesting story called, "What America Cares About". They found compassion counts more than ever. Of the

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'Nourish Your Community' Food Drive Set for Founders' Day - May 21

Ruritan would like to encourage all clubs to participate in an organization wide day of service on May 21, 2011 by conducting a food drive for your local food bank. In Virginia Ruritan will once again cooperate with AARP of Virginia on this food drive. Clubs may set up a collection point for food delivery, have members available to receive the food, and to publicize this event to your members and local community. Your club decides which local food bank gets the collected food. Ruritan National would like to keep a master list of clubs planning to participate in 2011. If your club is interested please e-mail office@ruritan.org or call toll free at 877-787-8727 to be added to the list.

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The results of elections at the 2011 National Convention are reported in this issue.

Cover: 2011 National President Jayson Duncan was installed in Knoxville TN with his family on hand for the celebration. Pictured (l-r) are: Emily and Jay Duncan with Hannah; First Lady Gail and President Jayson with Cori, Kara Duncan, and Shannon McMillian.

Message from Executive Director Michael Chrisley

Don't Get Distracted - Communities Need Ruritan

Each year at the convention I begin my report with "Every year there are Ruritan Clubs serving communities is a good year." I really mean that. Sometimes we forget the value of what we do in communities and for people. It's easy to get side tracked by national agendas, district agendas, even club and personal agendas and miss the real value of what we do. There are communities in 25 states that benefit everyday from the service we provide to people.

My own club has taught me so many lessons over the years. We muddled along for almost 20 years with only a few thousand dollars to give back to the community. A little over a year ago we began a new fundraising project that has been quite successful for us. The money in and of itself has made a big difference in our club. We donated nearly \$40,000 to our local community last year. The thing that strikes me as the most significant is that



no matter if we were raising and distributing \$3000 or \$40,000 there was always more need than money. People need us. People need Ruritan.

The money aside, our club has become significantly more active. We've recycled thousands of pounds of paper and aluminum, held blood drives (in memory of Curtis Graham), walked miles and miles in Relay for Life, given dictionaries to school kids, supported feeding programs including Hunters for the Hungry, supported youth and youth programs and a variety of other service projects. For the first time in 20 years we won two gold awards for service. After a meeting in which we gave away a large batch of donations one of our members was overheard saying "who wouldn't want to be a part of this club?" People need us. People need Ruritan.

Don't get distracted. Serve people. You don't have to have large amounts of money to give away. Give what you have. Do something that causes people to want to be a part of your club. Be open to new ideas and ways of doing things and people will say "who wouldn't want to be a part of this club?"

We are fortunate to have so many members and clubs serving people. No matter how many we have, there will always be more need than people to meet the need. We need to grow this organization. In one of my previous letters to you I said "The most important thing you can do for Ruritan is to recruit the next Ruritan member or organize the next Ruritan club". That is still true. Let's do all we can for Ruritan and for communities and for the people who need us.

2011 Magazine Cover Contest Deadline April 1

The Publications Committee is announcing a contest for the front cover of the Summer 2011 Ruritan magazine. Send in your club's action photo and see if you will be used on the front cover. Photos must be in color and high resolution (at least 300 dpi). While making donations to local charities is certainly important, the committee is looking for more than a check presentation picture – they are interested in photograph that shows Ruritans in action in their communities.

Send your picture by mail or e-mail no later than April 1, 2011. The Committee will consider the entries during it's April 1-2 meeting. Remember to include a caption or identification for the members pictured. Runners up may also be used in the summer issue.

Send your pictures to COVER CONTEST, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084 or email to publications@ruritan.org and for the subject line use "cover contest."

New Clubs for 2011

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors & DRMS*

(January 1, 2011 -- February 1, 2011)

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
Cedar Point Elementary Rudy Youth Ruri-Teen	Rappahannock	Nokesville	Ken Hinkle
Mountain View	Natural Bridge	Callaghan Area	Charlie Wiley, Sr.

*DRM stands for Distinguished Ruritan Member, who is the person most responsible for organizing the new club.

District Governor Asks: Why Are You a Ruritan?

For this issue of the RURITAN magazine's growth message, the National Growth and Development Committee offers this sample of a greeting, encouraging growth, shared by a current district governor to his district.

"As I start this year as your district governor, I asked myself the same question we should all ask ourselves. Why am I a Ruritan? Ruritan is starting a program of growth this year. National is asking that we grow our clubs and start new clubs. Before we can do this, we should ALL try to remember WHY we are a part of this organization in the first place. How else can we get others interested in Ruritan?

"For me, there are several reasons. First, there is the strong dedication Ruritan and its members have to our country. As a Marine Corps veteran, our country is extremely important to me. Every time we open a meeting singing "America" and end with the "pledge", I know I'm in the right place. These are things other organizations take for granted, but not Ruritan. Patriotism is important to all Ruritans.

"Second, I like making a difference in my community. All of our communities are having a hard time right now.

Cities and counties have had to tighten their budget to make ends meet. Now more than ever, our communities are going to need strong civic groups like Ruritan to help out. Each club in our district fills a unique gap in their community. It is very rewarding to know that as a group, we can make our community a better place to live and work.

"Last, I like the fellowship I experience every time I'm around Ruritans. It is like being part of a huge family. I can't tell you how many times I have gone to a Ruritan meeting feeling a little down, or tired and left energized. There is just something special about being around people you care about, sharing a meal, and doing something for others.

"Now, you know some of the reasons I like being a Ruritan. I look forward to visiting with as many clubs as possible this year. I want to hear why the people in our district are Ruritans. I also want to invite each of you to attend district cabinet meetings. We could use your fresh ideas, and we want to know how we can help your club grow during 2011. We all need to spread the word about how great Ruritan is by asking our friends, relatives, associates, neighbors, and everyone we meet to be a part of Ruritan."

-- Harold D. (Dee) Pearson, Jr., 2011 Georgia –
North Alabama District Governor

Ruritan Adopts Points Incentive Program

Frequent shopper points systems – we've all seen them. Look at practically anyone's set of keys and you will see at least one bar coded tag hanging there – a code that gives the shopper extra value for his or her money. The point system may offer an immediate discount at check-out or rebates at periodic intervals. Whatever the value - the truth is these programs DO appear to work. Shoppers make decisions about spending money based on where they get the most "bang for their buck."

Capitalizing on that idea, at the January meeting the Ruritan Board of Directors adopted a points incentive program to encourage Ruritan growth. The brainchild of a special incentives sub-committee of the national growth committee, the program will offer points for various positive growth activities – such as recruiting member and organizing new clubs. Bonus points will be added when the new members or the new clubs celebrate one year with Ruritan.

Points can be "spent" on a variety of Ruritan products and services – from Ruritan supply items to registration and lodging at the annual national convention. Points may even be accumulated and redeemed for larger items like vacation cruises or Disney packages.

The point system is approved to begin April 1. Sub-committee members working on the project include National Director Ray Lautzenheiser, chair; 1995 National President Frank Guthrie, and Past National Directors Debby Hussey and Laura Northstein. A complete outline of ways to earn points, how points will be tracked, and possible point rewards will appear in the summer **RURITAN** magazine and on the national website.



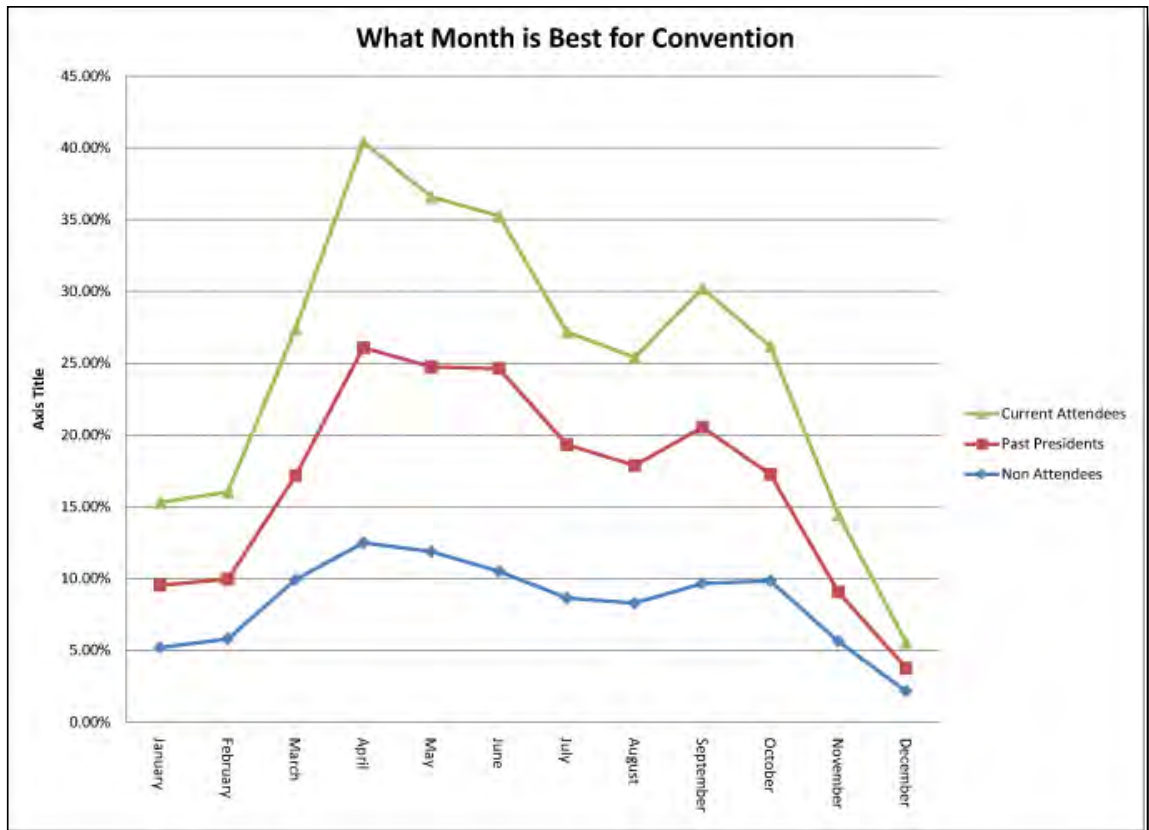
Data From National Convention Survey Presented

In the winter RURITAN magazine, data was shared concerning some of the responses to a series of surveys concerning the Ruritan National Convention. With over 100 pages of survey data collected – sharing all of the survey results and comments in these pages isn't practical. Complete survey results were provided to the Ruritan National Board of Directors, however. In the winter issue we simply highlighted the very similar responses of the three groups surveyed – looking at four specific questions:

- Reasons each group believed convention attendance had declined;
- Things that might entice new attendees to the national convention;
- The months preferred by each group for the convention; and
- The top reasons each group gave for why a national convention is important.

In the charts and graphs shown on these pages the actual response tallies that made up the responses summarized in December are presented. If you have any questions, please feel free to direct them to Executive Director Michael Chrisley, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084.

Chrisley explained the survey procedure, "We used an online survey service called 'SurveyMonkey' to collect and tally the responses. While we provided opportunities for commentary and subjective views, we also tried to create some statistical models that we could use for future decision making. Most of our respondents went directly to the SurveyMonkey input site, keeping the data collection process confidential and clean. We have faith in the procedure and believe that the collection process was sound."



	Non Attendees	Past Presidents	Current Attendees
January	5.19%	4.35%	5.77%
February	5.80%	4.17%	6.07%
March	9.93%	7.25%	10.24%
April	12.50%	13.59%	14.31%
May	11.88%	12.86%	11.84%
June	10.50%	14.13%	10.63%
July	8.65%	10.69%	7.83%
August	8.29%	9.60%	7.53%
September	9.67%	10.87%	9.68%
October	9.84%	7.43%	8.90%
November	5.63%	3.44%	5.39%
December	2.15%	1.63%	1.81%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

SurveyMonkey meets section 508 accessibility standards set by the federal government (otherwise known as Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973).

NOTE: After original data was collected in the fall for the winter RURITAN issue, an additional 451 non-attendee participants completed the survey – causing several responses to switch position slightly since the first publication of data. The results shown

on these pages take into consideration all of the responses through December 31, 2010 when the surveys were closed.

The question about declining attendance is speculative for general attendees and past presidents: Why do you **think** attendance is declining?

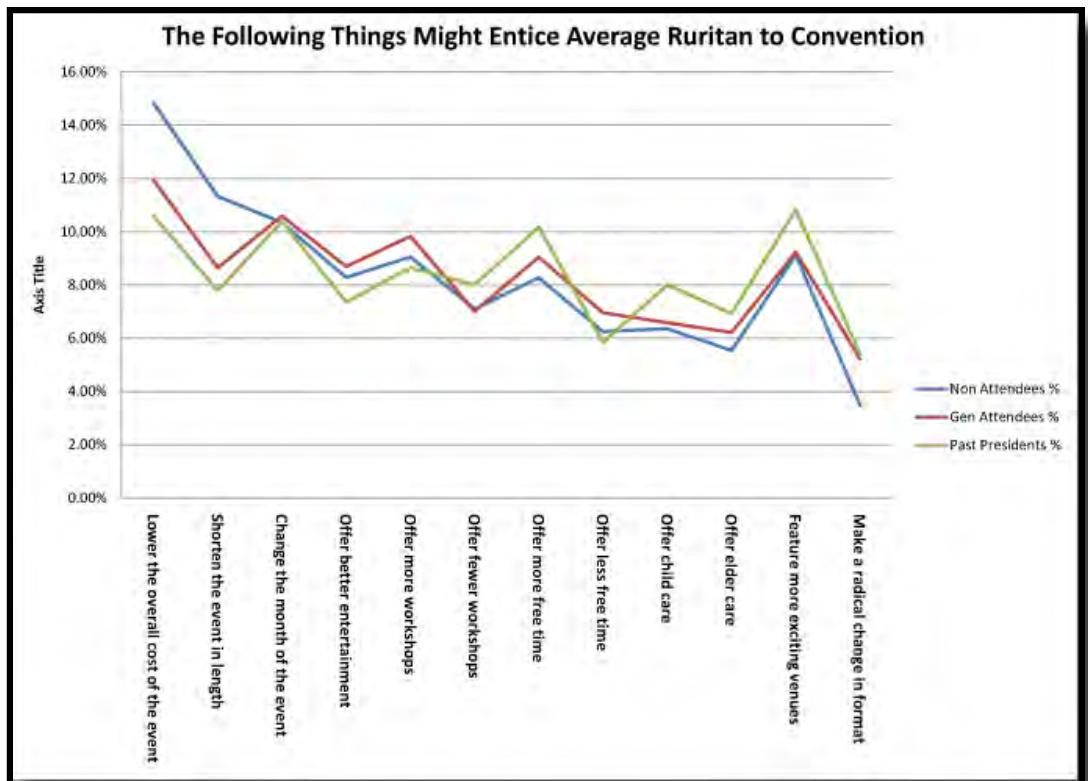
For non-attendees it is more direct: Why have **you** never attended the national convention? The fact that attendance is declining is irrefutable. Chrisley noted that the 2011 attendance of less than 800 was down about 25% from 2010 attendance numbers and down a whopping 60% from the recent high of nearly 2000 attendees in the

year 2000.

The survey was sent by e-mail and regular mail to three groups – former national presidents, past general attendees, and members

who have never attended a convention. All were offered the option of completing the survey on-line or mailing it back to the national office.

A bylaws amendment to remove the word “January” from the convention portion of the governing document failed to get the required 2/3 approval of the delegates at the 2011 National Convention (see related story on page 11.)



The Following Things Might Entice Average Ruritan to Convention:			
	Non Attendees	Current Attendees	Past Presidents
Lower the overall cost of the event	14.84%	11.95%	10.61%
Shorten the event in length	11.33%	8.65%	7.79%
Change the month of the event	10.35%	10.59%	10.39%
Offer better entertainment	8.28%	8.70%	7.36%
Offer more workshops	9.06%	9.83%	8.66%
Offer fewer workshops	7.10%	7.02%	8.01%
Offer more free time	8.27%	9.05%	10.17%
Offer less free time	6.25%	6.96%	5.84%
Offer child care	6.36%	6.58%	8.01%
Offer elder care	5.54%	6.22%	6.93%
Feature more exciting venues	9.13%	9.24%	10.82%
Make a radical change in format	3.48%	5.23%	5.41%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

I have NOT attended a Ruritan National convention because (reasons for decline in attendance):			
	Non-Attendees	Current Attendees	Past Presidents
Lack of interest in the national level of Ruritan	13.47%	13.72%	13.14%
Expense/cost	16.58%	15.78%	14.86%
Time commitment	17.33%	12.58%	11.71%
Time of year of event	12.54%	12.85%	12.29%
Boredom	8.25%	9.95%	9.71%
Lack of appropriate marketing to members	10.40%	10.47%	10.86%
Low priority for the average Ruritan	15.02%	14.70%	15.14%
Failure of the convention to meet the needs of the attendees	6.41%	9.95%	12.29%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

1982 National President James K. 'Corky' Rader Dies

The only president of Ruritan to come from the Roanoke Valley of Virginia passed away December 8, 2010. James K. "Corky" Rader was a member of the **Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area** (VA) Ruritan Club and served as Ruritan National President in 1982. He was retired from the US Postal Service in 1989 as a supervisor after 24 years of service.

Rader served on the Ruritan National Board of Directors from 1964 through 1967 and served as national secretary from 1977 – 1979. He was vice president in 1981 and national president in 1982. He also served as a Ruritan National Foundation trustee from 1973 through 1976. While he was Ruritan National President he attended the Service Club Leaders Conference at the White House at the invitation of President Ronald Reagan. Rader was a Ruritan Forever, a DRM, and a Tom Downing Fellow.

During Rader's term as national president Ruritan grew – adding two districts (Tall Corn and Rapidan) and 28 new clubs. The Ruritan Foundation experienced its most successful campaign and its highest level of contributions that same year. The foundation is the non-profit arm of the organization which provides educational scholarships for hundreds of young people each year.

Rader served in the United States Army. He was a lifelong active member of Bonsack United Methodist Church. After his retirement he was an active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Toys for Tots, and the National D-day Memorial. He was an avid camper and traveler. Following his active terms as a Ruritan leader, Rader continued to be a familiar face at Ruritan – while his wife of 56 years, Lou served a term as a Ruritan national director, as well as later as they were both frequent volunteers. Lou and Jim were even known to park their RV outside the Ruritan National Office in Dublin, VA, hook up to the power and water, and enjoy a "commute" of just a few steps as they volunteered for weeks at a time.

Lou and Jim together made a connection with Sgt. Bob Slaughter and the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA – spearheading Ruritan fundraising that helped retire the memorial's debt. In addition to his wife Lou, Rader is survived by two daughters, Lynne Rader Alger and her husband, Bruce, of New Market, and Cindy Rader Durham and her husband, Al, of Covington; seven grandchildren, Katie Durham, Erin Durham, Morganne Durham, Trey Alger, C.B. Alger II, Amanda Alger and Greg Alger; in-laws, John and Hallie Seibel, Cookie Seibel, Ginny and Eddie Keith, and Betsy and Lewis Hoback; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Two Past National Directors Pass in Late 2010

Two former Ruritan national directors died in the final months of 2010. Olin F. Armentrout, 83, of Max Meadows, Va., passed away December 29, 2010. He was the sole surviving charter member of the **Max Meadows** (VA) Ruritan Club founded in 1951 and was a past national director. He was a World War II veteran having served in the United States Army- Air Corps as part of the occupational forces on the island of Okinawa. He maintained a beef cattle farm until his death. Over the years he served an unprecedented five terms on the Wytheville Community College Board serving as both chairman and vice chairman of the Board. He is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Rowena Todd Armentrout as well as many other family members.

Past National Director Raymond E. Nieukirk, 80, of Greenwich, NJ died, November 8, 2010 following a brief illness. A member of the **West Cumberland** (NJ) Ruritan Club, he was presently completing his 44th year with perfect attendance and had served on local, district and national levels and had completed a three year term as a Director on the Ruritan National Board. A lifetime Greenwich resident, he was the husband of Ann Williams Nieukirk. He owned and operated Nieukirk Farms in Greenwich his entire working life and during the winter months had delivered heating oil locally for several area companies. A graduate of the Bridgeton High School Class of 1948, he was one of the youngest members to serve on the Greenwich Township Committee. He had also served on the townships Planning Board and he had been a volunteer with the Greenwich Fire Company. He was an active and longtime member of the Greenwich Presbyterian Church where he had been in attendance for over 70 years and had served in several church appointments.

Ruritan Recognizes Oldest Living WW I Veteran

According to 2010 President Jerome Rodes, of the most memorable experiences of his year in office was meeting Frank Woodruff Buckles, the last remaining U.S. WWI veteran who turned 110 in February of this year. Rodes is pictured right with Buckles (center) and 2008 Potomac District Governor Lawrence Massie, who, along with 2009 Potomac District Governor Joe Jupia, set up the meeting between Rodes and Buckles. While they were there they presented Buckles with a certificate honoring his long service to his country and his community.

According to a recent article in [The Huffington Post](#) about Buckles' 110th birthday, "The veteran, who served in WWI (and was dragged into WWII), is also the last remaining doughboy ... During WWI, the decorated veteran served as a member of the ambulance corps, evacuating bodies from the battlefield - a particularly gruesome task during the first World War. If that wasn't brave enough, Buckles survived three years in a Japanese POW camp as a civilian after the shipping freighter he was working on was captured."



2011 Convention in Knoxville, TN

Ruritan Overwhelms Knoxville with Donations

Ruritans attending the 2011 National Convention responded in true Ruritan fashion to a program sponsored by 2010 National President Jerome Rodes and First Lady Marsha. The couple was moved by the need for diapers and shoes for children being cared for in Knox County's child welfare system. Throughout the year, diapers and shoes were collected and on Friday at the convention – representatives of the city came forward to receive the gifts.

Ruritan donated 18,754 diapers, 971 pairs of children's shoes, 426 Rudy Bears, 21,880 baby wipes, 85 items of children's clothing, four baby blankets, one baby bathtub, one baby wipe holder, and \$350 in donations to organizations in Knoxville. A display of just some of the items collected was set up in the hallway of the

Knoxville Convention Center and local television stations covered the event.

In addition, Ruritan clubs reported local food bank donations of over 48 tons of food. That total came from only 10% of the districts who reported.

Rudy Bears were also given to local fire and rescue personnel as well as representatives of East Tennessee Children's Hospital. Pictured above right is 1992 President Jerry Walker, who assisted the Publicity and Public Relations Committee with the bear drop, presenting Rudy to Lt. Ronald Green of the Knoxville Police Department



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Tours can be arranged by calling Debbie Southern at the National Office, toll free at 877-787-8727 ext. 18.



2011 Convention in Knoxville, TN

Outstanding Members Recognized During Convention

Three outstanding Ruritan and Ruri-Teen members were recognized at the national convention in Knoxville in January. The National Rudy Youth of the Year, Lee-Anne Berdine, was recognized by 2010 National



President Jerome Rodes and Youth Committee Chair Guy Cox (left).

Lee-Anne was not only an active club member, but also visited other clubs and attended zone meetings, district meetings and the national convention. Even as a youth, Lee-Anne chaired the citizenship and patriotism committee of her club and held the

office of club secretary. She has brought new members into her club and has spent over 400 hours on club projects. She is active in her church and sings in both the church and high school choir. Lee-Anne is a member of the **Leasburg** (NC) Ruritan Club in the Piedmont District.

The National Ruri-Teen of the Year, Caitlyn Davis, is a member of the **Turner-Ashby Ruri-Teen Club** (VA) in the Rockingham District and is a hard working young person who has visited area clubs and helped form a new Ruri-Teen club at a neighboring high school. She served as her club president and has been at the national convention for four years. Caitlyn was recognized by Rodes and Cox as well (upper right).

The National Ruritan of the Year had planned to attend the convention in Knoxville, but a heavy snow on Tuesday that week kept her at home in West Virginia. Evelyn Johnson-Smith (center below) brought five members into Ruritan and chaired the club's citizenship and patriotism committee spending over 1,000 hours on club service projects. She is a member of the **Fountain** (WV) club in the Upper West Virginia District. Her Ruritan of the Year plaque was delivered to her by 2010 Upper West Virginia District Governor Paul Lewis (left) and newly elected National Director Glen Davis (right).



Jayson Duncan introduces his newest granddaughter, Hannah - age 4 months - to 1988 National President Willis Overby who presided over the installation of Duncan as the 2011 Ruritan National President at the recent convention in Knoxville, TN. Duncan's older granddaughter, Cori, was also on hand for the banquet.

District Retention Trophy

District	% Retention
SMALL DISTRICTS – 500 MEMBERS OR LESS	
Tennessean	90.02%
MEDIUM DISTRICTS – 501-1000 MEMBERS	
Greenville- Goldsboro	92.06%
LARGE DISTRICTS – 1001 + MEMBERS	
Delmarva-New Jersey	93.88%

New Officers for 2011 Installed in Knoxville



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Jayson Duncan
Pine Hall, NC



2011 National
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Phyllis Lewter
Chesapeake, VA



National Director
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Tyner, NC



National Director
Glen A. Davis
Capon Bridge,
WV



National Director
Roger Gammons
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Midlothian, VA

Delegates Vote to Keep National Convention in January

In a vote that fell 65 votes short of a two thirds majority, delegates at the 2011 Ruritan National Convention rejected a bylaws amendment that would have allowed the Ruritan National Board of Directors to explore holding the national convention in a month other than January. The vote was 244 in favor and 220 against the motion. With 464 votes cast, 309 votes were required to pass the amendment. A two thirds majority is required to amend the Ruritan National Bylaws.

The amendment was proposed as: "Change the National Bylaws, Article IV, Annual Meeting by removing, in the first sentence, the phrase "in January of." The new sentence would read: The annual meeting of Ruritan National shall be held each year and shall be referred to herein as the National Convention, at which time the officers, directors and foundation trustees shall be elected."

The delegates also denied the National Board the right to revoke a club's charter for any reason other than non-payment of national dues. That vote, 268 for the amendment and 195 against the amendment also failed to get the required two-thirds majority.

The amendment was proposed as; "Change Article III, Membership, Section F. The new wording is shown in *italics*: Any member club which fails to pay its financial obligations to this organization or which violates the bylaws of Ruritan National, or which fails to abide by the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors , made and adopted pursuant to these bylaws, *or for any other appropriate reason*, may in the discretion of the Board of Directors be suspended or have its charter revoked under such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe ... *Any final action by the Board of Directors shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by those voting members attending such meeting provided a quorum is present.* Upon the suspension or revocation of any club charter the Board of Directors shall have authority to require the return of the charter certificate issued to it.

District Growth Awards

District	% Growth
SMALL DISTRICTS – 500 MEMBERS OR LESS	
Alabama-Florida	13.09%
MEDIUM DISTRICTS – 501-1000 MEMBERS	
No award in this category as all the districts had a net loss	
LARGE DISTRICTS – 1001 + MEMBERS	
Rockingham	1.07%
AREAS	
Great Plains Area	7.59%

2011 Convention in Knoxville, TN

Universally praised in evaluations, the entertainment at the 2011 Ruritan National Convention in Knoxville, TN was unique and varied. The Opening Ceremonies, moved to earlier in the day on Thursday, set the tone with a moving flag ceremony by the **East River** (WV) Ruritan Club members and 2011 District Governors - culminating in the presentation of the American flag by Vietnam Veteran and club member Jeremiah Murphy (left) who lost both legs in the war. That evening the Knoxville Children's Choir also performed.



On Friday during the Fellowship and DRM luncheon, inspiration speaker and author



Krish Dhanam (above) brought a message of patriotism, faith, and community service. At the Breakfast Honoring First Lady Marsha, ventriloquist Ken Groves and friend started the day off with



Dr. Russell Dean Honored at Banquet



During the 2011 Convention installation banquet, the Rev. Dr. Russell Dean was honored for 40 years of service to Ruritan as song leader and minister for the organization's national conventions.

At right, 2010 National President Jerome Rodes presented Dean with a scrapbook of the 40 conventions in which he participated. Dean was also presented with a "Ruritan platinum record" plaque. Dean, whose family had surprised him by attending the installation banquet in Knoxville, turned the tables and invited his children and grandchildren on stage (above) to join him in singing "God Bless America" to the assembled Ruritans who responded with a standing ovation.



laughs (left) and the bluegrass/country music offerings of Mike Snider's band topped off the banquet on Saturday night. During the banquet 2010 National President Jerome Rodes and First Lady Marsha (bottom) were surprised with Ruritan Forever honors.

Installed that same night were 2011 National President Jayson Duncan, pictured with First Lady Gail (second from top). Also installed was 2011 National Vice President Phyllis Lewter, only the second woman to hold this position (pictured with and her husband Bill, above right).



people polled, 94% had the belief that it is "important to be personally involved in supporting a cause we believe in" in our community. It talked about YEPPIES (young, engaged, problem solvers) being at the forefront and distinguished by a reliance on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). YEPPIES enjoy volunteering. It state, "They are particularly susceptible to getting involved because a friend "ASKED". My Ruritan brick moment!

What a unique idea: just ask. I challenge you to find a YEPPIE or someone else in your community and ask them to be a part of Ruritan this week. You could even use social media to do some asking.

I went to vote in November and one of the poll workers was a former student, now working in the county school system. I ask why he had never joined Ruritan. My Ruritan brick moment!

He said, "I have never been asked." He has since visited our club and is thinking about joining.

I had a lady call me all excited. She had been listening to the radio on the way home from work when she heard a Ruritan radio spot. My Ruritan brick moment! For years National has had these CD's for us to give to radio stations but ... How many of us have ever used a radio spot to promote Ruritan? (*The radio spots are also available to download from the Ruritan website.*)

Vaughn Ashby told me about this dictionary program and the excitement these books caused for the third graders who receive them. It took me several years to convince my club to try it. My Ruritan brick moment!

Vaughn was right. Now all the third graders in my county get one. You should try this project just to read the thank you notes you get from the third graders.

When we had our convention in Louisville, KY a few years back, we were ask to bring food for the community's backpack program. I heard what it was but I failed to listen. Three years ago, my club and church decided to try this type of program with our small local elementary school. We started with five students but today we send food home with 23 students. The backpacks have food in them for two breakfast, two lunches, snacks, juice and fruit for the children whose parents may not be home on the weekend to provide these meals for them. My Ruritan brick moment!

Another local club is doing this for 15 elementary students and we may build a new club in a community that would like to start the program but has no organization to be the conduit. What a terrific way to help others in our community!

In the 1952 **Progressive Farmer** magazine, Ruritan co-founder Tom Downing stated "The main value of Ruritan is to get folks in a community to become civic-minded, to consider together their common problems, and try to solve these problems".

Teamwork makes the dream work.

There's a story told of a horse pull event at the county fair. In one event one horse pulled 9,000 pounds and another 8,000 pounds. Together they would be expected to pull 17,000 pounds. However, when they were paired together, the two horses were able to pull a total weight of 30,000 pounds. That is called the principle of synergy.

By definition, synergy is the simultaneous action of separate agents working together to produce a greater total effect than the sum of the individual parts. More can be done through team effort than can be accomplished by each individual member. In order for the principle of synergy to work, there has to be teamwork.

Teamwork makes the dream work.

What, I believe, Tom Downing was saying in that 1952 article is that the main value of Ruritan is creating synergy (or teamwork) to help make our communities better. Everything we do takes teamwork and trust. Every Ruritan member is of value and needed in their club and community.

TEAMWORK makes the DREAM work!

To the attendees during this speech: On your table there is a packet with information about Ruritan, a note pad and a pencil. The Ruritan information is not for your keeping, the dream is that you will share this information. I would like to ask each of you to take a pencil and write in your note pad the names of at least two non-Ruritans you will share this information with. Then ask them to join our great organization. Then think of a community you know, that could use the type of support the Ruritans give in communities and WE (national staff, national board, district officers, zone governors, and fellow Ruritans) will help you build a club in that community to make it better and make America better.

TEAMWORK makes the DREAM work!

If I can do anything for you, your club, your zone, or district – such as help you celebrate an anniversary or special event or assist in starting new adult club -- please let me know. Gail and I will be there if at all possible.

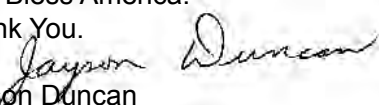
Now the work begins - because you are smart enough, talented enough, industrious enough, loyal enough, and dedicated enough you will continue the goal of making your club and our organization better and stronger. By putting your best foot forward you will meet the challenges that we encounter because, we care, we share, we work, we are Ruritan!

May God bless and guide each of us.

God bless our troops.

God Bless America.

Thank You.


Jayson Duncan

2011 Ruritan National President

Plan now for the 2012 Convention in Raleigh --You Know it Will be Fun!

The story goes that Jayson Duncan (then National Vice President) was approached at the 2010 Foundation Fellowship weekend with a question: "Who is going to be in charge of your convention in Raleigh in 2012?"

When Jayson replied that he'd asked Past National Presidents Gary Taylor and Jimmy Bristow to share those duties, the questioner grinned and nodded. "Well, you know THAT will be fun!"

Duncan, now National President, and his co-chairs Taylor and Bristow joined forces on stage in Knoxville in January with Raleigh representative Julie Brakenbury to introduce the "fun" theme for the next national gathering.

What will YOU find at the 2012 National Convention in Raleigh – here are just a few ideas:

1. You will have increased chances for quality education – giving you practical information you can put to use right away back home in your club.
2. We'll have an expanded Share-A-Thon – bring ideas to share and take ideas home, learning what works best from each other.
3. There will be a game room open in the evenings for fellowship, snacks, and FUN. We will have corn-hole toss, card games, dominoes, and more. We know you come to the convention for great fellowship – so in Raleigh there will be lots of time to enjoy what you love best – each other!
4. And, last but definitely not least, there will be community service! You will have opportunities for service to the thousands of U.S. service men and women who call North Carolina home. The local USO chapter is already on board. We will be collecting items for their service centers at local airports. Watch future RURITAN magazines for details.

Booking Your Rooms

Ruritan will have two convention host hotels in Raleigh. The Raleigh Marriott City Center is physically closer to the convention center and offers underground access so that attendees registered at the Marriott will not have to venture outside



to get to the activities at the Raleigh Convention Center. The Sheraton Raleigh Hotel is located across the street from the Convention Center – but also offers covered access through an underground parking lot so you never have to step outside or need an umbrella. However, the underground access is not handicapped accessible. Most of our hospitality suites will be located in the Sheraton and some evening activities will also take place in the Sheraton.

Rooms in the Sheraton have a base rate of \$99 per night while rooms at the Marriott have a base rate of \$105 per night. Taxes and fees apply to both hotel base rates. We have approximately 250 rooms blocked in each hotel for peak nights.

Sheraton by phone:

The # for attendees to call is 800-325-3535.

Sheraton on line:

A personalized website for Ruritan National Convention has been created for Ruritans. Guests can access the site to learn more about the event and to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from January 19, 2012 to January 22, 2012.

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1101197803&key=50538>

Marriott by Phone:

Call 1-888-236-2727

Tell the agent you would like to book a room at the Raleigh Marriott City Center in Raleigh, NC

Give the agent the group dates and name as well as code RUR

The agent will be able to access group rate and will give a confirmation number over the phone.

Marriott online:



2012 Convention in Raleigh, NC

Go to www.marriott.com/rdumc

On left side under, 'Check rates and availability', enter dates of stay, number of rooms, number of people in room, Marriott rewards number (if available)

Click, 'Special Rates & Rewards' tab to show the group code box

Click box beside 'Group code', and enter the group code (RURRURA)

Click, 'Find', and the website will prompt the guest through the reservations process and a confirmation code will be given once the reservation is completed.

Parking in Raleigh

- Valet parking at the Marriott is \$10 per day
- Ruritans staying at the Marriott may choose self-parking in the Marriott/Raleigh Convention Center lot and will be provided vouchers for free parking there (provided by the City of Raleigh) at the time of check-in, if they choose this option.
- Self parking at the Sheraton is free for up to one car per room/reservation



The "shimmer wall" art installation on the outside of the Raleigh Convention Center measures 211 ft long by 44 ft high. During the day, the wall depicts an oak tree - used because the city's nickname is "City of Oaks" - that changes shape and disappears as the aluminum squares on its facade flap in the wind. At night, 1344 LEDs backlight the wall and are programmed to flash and display more than a million different colors. This picture also shows the two Ruritan hotels - the Marriott City Center (at the right side of the picture) and the Raleigh Sheraton (dark brick in the center of the picture).

Capital Replacement Fund News

Capital Replacement Funds Reach \$87,900

Donations for the national office capital replacement campaign continue to come in with \$87,900 raised to date. Improved lighting is the next project on the list of improvements. Donations since the last publication include:

Clubs:

Deerfield Ruritan Club;
Gainesville Ruritan Club;
Rolling Hills Ruritan Club, in memory of Charles Caldwell and Paul Hinderlong;
Hamilton Ruritan Club;

South Warren Ruritan Club;
Callaway Ruritan Club, in memory of Joe Ben Jamison; and
Hall Ruritan Club.

Districts:

Rocky Mount-Durham District; and
Holland District Ruritans.

Individuals:

Joe Hulver, Jr.;
Mrs. James K. Rader (Lou); and
Jerome and Marsha Rodes.

Founders' Day Weekend

A Time for Ruritans to Celebrate Their 83rd Anniversary

May 20-22, 2011 in Holland VA

Highlights of the Weekend

- Friday, May 20, 2011 – Golf at Nansemond River Golf Club, Suffolk, VA. The format is Florida best ball. Practice begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A buffet dinner is included.
- Those who don't golf can spend Friday shopping or visiting antique shops in the area.
- Saturday wreath-laying ceremony at 9:45 a.m. to celebrate the founding of Ruritan in 1928. Parade at 11:00 a.m. followed by a BBQ/Chicken Cook-off and afternoon entertainment.
- Saturday evening dinner in the Holland Ruritan Club at 5:00 p.m. followed by special entertainment.
- Sunday 11:00 a.m. worship service at Holy Neck United Church of Christ on Pineview Road.



Lodging

Guests may book rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk, VA (757) 925-1300. Mention Ruritan Founders' Day for a special rate.

Founders' Weekend Registration Options

Golf Tournament: \$75.00 X _____ persons = \$ _____
(includes golf, ½ golf cart, buffet dinner)

Friday's Buffet Dinner: \$12.00 X _____ persons = \$ _____
(at the golf course, for those not participating in the golf tournament)

Saturday Dinner: \$15.00 X _____ persons = \$ _____
(Evening Celebration with Entertainment and Fireworks)

TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Area Code and Phone: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Office Held: _____



Deadline for registration is May 6, 2011. Registration is limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Confirmation and other information will be e-mailed to registrants.

Make checks payable to
Holland District Ruritans
Mail completed registration
and payment to:

Clay Byrum
30799 Hunt Club Road
Carrsville, VA 23315
Email: aba123321@aol.com

Send Youth Ages 9-19 to the 2011 Conference

The 2011 Ruritan Youth Conference dates have been set for July 15-17. Once again the event will be held at the W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center at Smith Mountain Lake in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Please start planning to send as many young people as possible to this year's conference.

Attendees do not have to be Ruritans or Ruri-Teens to attend. The conference fee will be \$135. Registration forms are available below and on the Ruritan website.

This could be a good recruiting tool to introduce young people to Ruritan. Several young people became interested in Ruritan after attending last year's conference.

The camp can only house 300 youth along with their adult counselors, so get your young people signed up early. The conference is for students ages 9-19 and they (or their sponsors) must provide transportation. To learn more about the center, check out their web site at <http://www.skelton4h.ext.vt.edu>.

2011 Ruritan Youth Conference

Registration Form for July 15-17

Space for the conference will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline for registration and payment of \$135 per person will be due no later than **June 21**.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Male ☐ Female ☐
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Preferred Badge Name _____ Roommate Choice _____

T-shirt size (*adult sizes, check one*)

Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XL ☐ 2X ☐ 3X ☐

I am registering as (choose one option on each line);

Non-Member ☐ Member ☐

Adult ☐ Youth ☐

Parent/Guardian name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Preferred Badge Name _____

Roommate Choice _____ (*one only, must be reciprocated*)

Please do the following:

Complete the registration form above and mail it along with your check or credit card information to Ruritan National, P. O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084. Also, please contact Craig Whitt at the Ruritan National Office. E-mail him at service@ruritan.org or call toll free 1-877-787-8727, extension #13 to request the forms that are required by the statewide 4-H policy for the adults (counselors or guests) or youth who want to register. Forms required are:

(1) Registration Form from Ruritan National (above), the letter of instruction, and all the required forms as listed in the following numbers 2 to 5 must be completed and returned to the Ruritan National Office by **June 21** by each attendee (adult or youth).

(2) Health History Forms which includes medications, health and medical history, (all required for adults or youth) and the 4-H participant media release (parent or guardian signs for all youth).

(3) Equine waiver will need to be completed by anyone wishing to ride a horse – **no exceptions**. The form must be signed by parent or guardian for the youth attendee, and the adults attending the conference must also sign this form if they wish to ride a horse.

(4) The Virginia 4-H Standardized Code of Conduct for 4-H Programs/Events must be signed by two individuals (the youth attendee and the parent/guardian).

(5) The Standards of Behavior Policy for Virginia 4-H Volunteers must be signed by adults only (all adults attending the conference whether a guest or a counselor). All adults attending the conference must complete on-line training. Information to access the training will be provided if requested.

Foundation Looks For Growth in 2011

Dear Fellow Ruritans,

Your Foundation has completed another successful year under the leadership of President Richard Keener. We acknowledge with appreciation the dedicated work of the Foundation Trustee Board and extend our thanks to Mike Chrisley and his entire staff for handling all of the detail work of the Foundation.



Bruce W. Thompson
2011 Foundation
President

The Ruritan National Convention which was recently held in Knoxville, TN was enjoyed by all. The delegates elected David Freshly of Ohio as our newest

Trustee to serve for the next five years. The Foundation received \$8,865.00 from the silent and live auctions, \$2,905.02 from special donations, and \$1,400.05 for the Operation We Care program for a total received by the Foundation of \$13,170.07. Our thanks go to those who brought items for both auctions and special thanks to those who made purchases. There were many Ruritans and friends who spent hour after hour volunteering time assisting with the auctions. Thanks to all for a job well done!

The Foundation has 406 clubs who are qualified to participate in the 2011 Build Your Dollar scholarship program. In January 2011, each of these clubs received a packet of student application forms to be completed and returned to the Foundation Office by April 1, 2011. The Trustees will be meeting during April to award all scholarships being granted for the current year of 2011.

For those clubs desiring to participate in the 2012 Build Your Dollar scholarship program now is the time to send your \$300 qualifying deposit to the Foundation Office. These funds along with a statement indicating the purpose of your check must be received by September 1, 2011.

During our fiscal year which ended September 30, 2010, the Foundation received

\$138,852.22 in donations which is a slight reduction from the previous year. As part of the donation total our new fund raising program, "\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$" or "Brother/Sister Can You Spare Me A Dime?" contributed over \$20,000. This is a good start for a new program and we are looking forward to additional participants joining in this our second year of the program. Remember, if every Ruritan elected to participate in the program the Foundation would receive over one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in donations. Just think, for as little as ten cents (\$0.10) a day, how many more deserving students could be reached with a scholarship grant. Please complete and forward the coupon found on this page with your "Dime A Day" donations.

Your Operation We Care program received donations during 2010, along with earned income, totaling \$15,382.19, while requests for disaster assistance totaled \$22,000 which were made in the Selmer, TN and the Windsor, NC areas. Clubs are encouraged to include the OWC in their budget each year.

Mark your calendars now reserving September 23-25, 2011 for our Foundation Fellowship Weekend to be held at the Holiday Inn Koger Conference Center

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Ruritan National FOUNDATION

2011 Board of Trustees

President: Bruce W. Thompson

Vice President: Robert "Cleve" Wright

Secretary: Norman O'Dell

Treasurer: Danny Privott

Promotion Chair: David Freshly



\$\$\$MILLION DOLLAR CLUB\$\$\$

Donation Amount \$ _____

Name of Fund to Credit _____

From _____

Club _____

Address: _____

District _____

City, State, Zip _____

Pay by check or Credit Card (Visa/Master Charge)

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Mail to: Ruritan National Foundation, Inc. P. O. Box 487 Dublin, VA 24084-0487

Capon Valley Presents Two Tom Downing Awards



In December **Capon Valley** (WV) Ruritan Club awarded two members the Tom Downing Award. Tom Pugh has been on the board of directors for 10 years and was voted member of the year in 2003 and 2006. He served as vice president once and president four times. He has 18 years of perfect attendance and was responsible for having the clubs first flag retirement ceremony when he served as chairman of the citizenship committee.

Harry Spaid has been a member for 16 years and is currently the clubs secretary. He serves as the zone two governor, and is the district growth and development chair. Spaid also has served three times as club president, and in 2007 served as the district governor.

Scholarship Recipient Says 'Thanks!'

Shelton Matthew Trail (right) sent a "thank you" to the Ruritan National Office for receiving a scholarship:

All of my college accomplishments would not have been possible without the assistance of Ruritan National and the local Ruritan club scholarships, as well as others, which allowed me to graduate in December 2010 with a Suma Cum Laude Bachelor's Degree in History with a minor in English Literature and Philosophy. I am very grateful for the generosity and assistance the Ruritan organization granted me that gave me the opportunity to learn and achieve this milestone in my life. Now as I am transitioning out of college into employment, I am happy to thank the organization for appreciating my academic successes and dedication to learning as their dedication to the community continues to shine brightly in the public's eye.



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in Richmond, VA. The room rate is \$95 for single to quad occupancy including two breakfast buffet coupons per day per room. Reservations may be made by calling 804-379-3800 or toll free 800-379-1034 and be sure to advise the clerk that you are attending the Foundation Fellowship Weekend. The registration forms will be available at a later date.

Be sure to include the Foundation's OWC and Scholarship programs in your club's budget. Thanks for your past, present and future support of the Ruritan National Foundation. Remember all personal donations are tax deductible under our 501(c)(3) designation by the IRS. Serving the Foundation,

Bruce W. Thompson
2011 Foundation President

2010 FOUNDATION AWARDS

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF CLUBS DONATING

3 rd Place	Glen A. Davis	40%	Upper WV
2 nd Place	James Robinson	42%	Columbia
1 st Place	Nell Jeffries	70%	Lower WV

MOST DOLLARS DONATED BY CLUBS

3 rd Place	Duane Eby	\$8,656.00	Holland
2 nd Place	Bruce Thompson	\$12,694.60	Appomattox
1 st Place	J.J. Bernard Lerch III	\$15,128.46	Potomac

HIGHEST AVERAGE DONATION PER MEMBER

3 rd Place	Bob Houck	\$10.46	Rapidan
2 nd Place	Bruce Thompson	\$11.01	Appomattox
1 st Place	J.J. Bernard Lerch, III	\$11.30	Potomac

*Foundation Promotion Chairs for each winning district are listed by name



Ruritan Forever

A Perpetual Life Plan

*Protecting and preserving Ruritan
as a legacy for future generations.*

"Ruritan Forever" is a plan for the payment of national dues by members who wish to make a long term investment in Ruritan. The "Ruritan Forever" plan allows a member in good standing to pay \$600 and become a life-time participant of the National Organization. Ruritan National will invest these prepayments in a special managed fund, transferring the dues quarterly to the business office of Ruritan National. Even after the life participant dies, dues will be transferred quarterly to Ruritan National, thus offering a perpetual memorial to the organization on behalf of the deceased Ruritan.

A "Ruritan Forever" endowment may be purchased by a member in good standing, or may be purchased for a member in good standing. A Ruritan Forever endowment may be purchased to honor a non-member provided they are brought into a club as an Associate Member at the same time. In this case the Associate Member's dues would be covered by the \$600 endowment.

The lifetime endowment may also be purchased

in memory of an already deceased Ruritan, ensuring an ongoing contribution to the operation of Ruritan in his or her name. Dues for a living participant must be current through the previous quarter to participate. The Plan Manager, at Ruritan National, will administer these prepaid dues in a separate fund with the original amount remaining in perpetuity. Interest on the fund will provide the money paid to Ruritan National for dues. A "Ruritan Forever" Committee will oversee the fund.

Upon payment of the fee, the Ruritan will receive a certificate, a permanent life participant card and a pin. For endowments purchased for a deceased member a special plaque will be provided for the club to present to the deceased member's family. National dues increases will have no effect on participants enrolled in the plan, although the purchase price of \$600 for new enrollees may be adjusted over the years as necessary. There will be no special assessments or charges made to Ruritan Forever participants.

Please detach or photocopy this portion if you would like to participate in this endowment plan to secure the future of Ruritan, in your name or in the name of a fellow Ruritan.

Your Name _____

Your Club Name _____

Your Address: _____ Telephone: _____

This application is for: (check one)

☐ Myself ☐ Current Member ☐ Deceased Ruritan ☐ NEW Associate Member
(application attached)

Name of Applicant (If not you): _____

Applicant's Club: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

☐ OPTION #1 Credit card number _____ Expiration Date _____

☐ OPTION #2 Enclosed please find a check/money order for \$600

☐ OPTION #3 Enclosed please find the first \$200 installment toward the \$600 Ruritan Forever fee.

I understand that the perpetual life endowment will not begin until the entire \$600 has been paid.

Two Gulf Area Clubs Collects Personal Care Items



Good Will (MS) Ruritan Club delivered baskets full of personal care items to an apartment complex they adopted. Pictured left from left to right are Barbara Bruce, James Heckard, Cynecia Hill, Jasmine Winding, and Kya Singleton.

Linwood Circle (MS) Ruritan Club (right) started a project called "Adopt a Troop", where toiletries, stationery items, and food were mailed to help make the troops more comfortable. Pictured left are club members Ella Lyles and Roderick Whitney.



2010 RURITAN SCOUT LEADER AWARD WINNERS

Name	Club	State
John Wayne Abernathy	Grassfield	Virginia
Lankford W. Gardner	Chuckatuck	Virginia
John Pilson	Middlebrook	Virginia
Wallace Pilson	Middlebrook	Virginia
Ronald Arnold	Slanesville	West Virginia
Ronald Ayers	Slanesville	West Virginia
Sharon Ayers	Slanesville	West Virginia
Preston Brown	Southwood	North Carolina
A. Steve Church	Powhatan	Virginia
James Mohr	Winona	Ohio
Scott Judy	Winona	Ohio
Jack W. Beard	Catawba Valley	Virginia

2010 4-H SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Winner	Club	State
Marsha Sowers	Slanesville	West Virginia
Hattie W. Harris	Good Will	Mississippi
Scott E. Judy	Winona	Ohio

2010 FFA LEADER/ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Winner	Club	State
Dennis Clemmer	Middlebrook	Virginia
Bryan Flanagan	Slanesville	West Virginia
Allen Burriss	Choateville	Kentucky
William L. Simmons	Sangerville-Towers	Virginia
O. Beverley Roller	Weyers Cave	Virginia
Jeremy Wooten	Union Grove	North Carolina

Upcoming Ruritan Events

Mark Your Calendar!

Tennessee Rally

The 23rd Annual Tennessee Rally is scheduled for May 13-15 at the Music Road Hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN. Events are planned for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The District with the most paid reservations by May 12 will receive a \$50 cash prize. For more information contact Danny Shelton, 1070 West Vann Road, Greeneville, TN 37743.

Antique Farm Machinery and Vehicle Show

The South Hill Ruritan Antique Farm Machinery and Vehicle Show will be held April 2-3 at the Dixie Warehouse Complex in South Hill, VA. The show features antique tractors, cars, trucks, farm equipment and more. There will be vendors, exhibits, live entertainment, and more. The show is free for all spectators and exhibitors. Vendors are charged a nominal fee. For more information contact R. Wallace "Wally" Hudson at wally-hudson@buggs.net.

V.C.F. and Little Pungo Clubs Award Scholarships



V.C.F. (DE) Ruritan Club members attended a recent Kent County, Levy Court public meeting to donate toys for use in Kent County Habitat for Humanity projects. The toys will be placed in the yards of homes being refurbished for families with young children. Teeter totters in the shape of a helicopter and an airplane, were donated. Kent County Levy Court is the local county government. Pictured (l-r): Kent County Parks and Recreation Director Keith Mumford, Commissioner Eric Buckson, Commissioner and Ruritan Public Service Chair Jody Sweeney, Commissioner Brad Eaby, Club Secretary Doris Biggs, Commissioner

Harold Brode, Club member Gene Errera, Levy Court President Brooks Banta, member Charlie Semans, Commissioner Dick Ennis, Club Treasurer Jim Testerman, Vice President Rick Patton, and Kent County Administrator Michael Petit de Mange. The club also distributed their annual scholarships, Build Your Dollars, and savings bonds to high school seniors. Receiving awards were Jasmine Manley (\$1000 scholarship), Laura Beth Reynolds (\$600 Build Your Dollars), Logan Bishop (\$100 savings bond vocational-technical), Jeff Sullivan and Liz Baker (\$100 savings bond academic), Kristine Millman, Claire Chambliss, Skyler Sweeney, and Sara Kitchen (\$1000 scholarship). Pictured (l-r): President Sherman Mayle, Lake Forest Seniors Jasmine Manley, Laura Beth Reynolds, Logan Bishop, Jeff Sullivan and Liz Baker, and Vice-President Rick Patton.



In 2010, **Little Pungo** (VA) Ruritan Club donated \$2,000 in college scholarships, thousands of dollars to organizations, and various community projects. Members cooked and served breakfast

after an Easter sunrise service, and worked hundreds of combined hours at the annual carnival. During Christmas the club assisted with the Salvation Army. Pictured (l-r): Vice President Doris Kilmon, Treasurer Don Varney, Director David Fluhart, President Ernie Ruediger.

Rockawalkin Honors Veterans

Rockawalkin (MD) Ruritan Club held its second annual Salute to Veterans in November. Members were asked to bring a veteran to the meeting. Veterans ranging from a paratrooper from the D-Day invasion, a young marine that recently returned from Afghanistan, and veterans from the Korean and Vietnam wars attended the honorable event.

Paxton (FL) Club Honors Veterans with Meal

In November the **Paxton** (FL) Ruritan Club honored 14 veterans and spouses with a hamburger and hotdog supper. District Governor Bill McRae held a short program on flag respect and the history of the folding of the American flag. Pictured back (l-r): Joby Leister, Chris Buck, Jackie Simmons, Michael Wright, Frank McIntosh, Al Bennett, Mac Rankin, Thalon Hobbs, Scott Adams, Chester Wilkerson, James Adams, Bill McRae, Sherman Huckaba, Missy Bolon.



News From Ruritan: Georgia - N/ALA District

Valley Point Recognizes Two Hard-Working Youth



Valley Point (GA) Ruritan Club recently recognized two of its youth for their commitment in volunteering for the summer lunch program. The program is set up for those children who might not have a good healthy lunch during their summer vacation from school. Over 6,300 lunches were picked up by the New Haven United Methodist Church at the Whitfield County Career Academy. Taylor Harrison and Callie Burnette were honored with a certificate and a gift card for their outstanding

work. The project was carried out by less than 20 volunteers with several between the ages between 10 and 15. Club member Ernestine Holland said, "The two girls worked tirelessly in being instrumental with the program which not only helped other children, but taught them the importance of helping others." Pictured (l-r): Selena Burnette, Callie Burnette, Taylor Harrison, George Holland, and President Tommy Ragan.

Spring Place (GA) Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Spring Place (GA) Ruritan Club celebrates its 60th anniversary in December. To commemorate this latest milestone, the club had a covered dish supper followed by birthday cake cut by charter member Edwin Wilbanks, and members Carlton and Henrietta McDaniel. Club members also gave some highlights of its history such as helping to get a new school constructed in 1969. On hand for the celebration were



2010 District Governor Anna Pearson, 2011 District Governor Harold Pearson, and District Growth and Development Chair Les Hopper. Anna presented Club President Jyana Smith an anniversary certificate. To close the evening the club presented 50 toys to Community Christmas Board Member David McDaniel. Meanwhile, **Bryant** (AL) Ruritan 2010 Club President Herbert Pace (shown left) presented a new American flag to the Principal of North Sand Mountain High School Chris Davis, and scholarship checks to Taylor Anderson and Alanna Evans.



News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

Twenty seven members and spouses of the **Boone Trail** (NC) Ruritan Club attended the 2011 Ruritan National Convention in Knoxville. Instead of each couple driving separately, the club charts a bus so everyone can be together enjoying each others company. Pictured (l-r): Mack Dickens, Johnny Holland, Jennie Holland, Eldon Sloan, Betsy Sloan, Tim Currin, Libby Currin, Kenneth Cummings, Gladys Cummings, Ned Cummings, Carolyn Cummings, Baxley Thomas, Frances Thomas, Donald O'Quinn, Elaine O'Quinn, Joey Shue, Nancy Shue, Clyde Patterson, Christine Jones, Charlie Butler, Margaret Butler, Halford Thomas, Gail Thomas, James Stancil, Jennie Stancel, Hoey Holder, Alpha Holder, and bus driver Al Johnson.



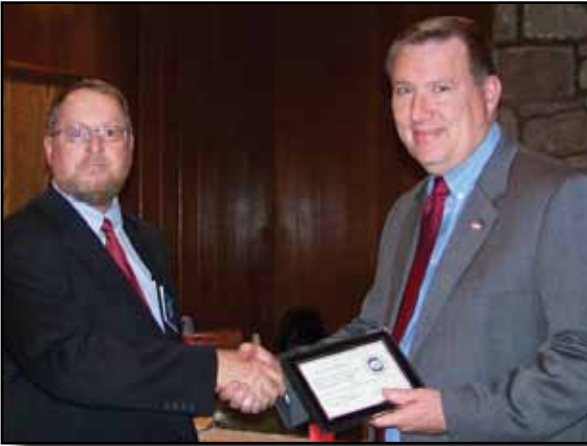
Seventy - First Club Donates To Warriors On The Water

Seventy-First (NC) Ruritan Club has donated \$100 for the past three years to Warriors on the Water. Every year this organization takes a sunny day in April to take Veterans out on the water for a fun day of fishing and boat riding. Warriors on the Waters goals are to let the Veterans forget about their health ailments, and their troubles, and have a day of relaxation.

News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

Luray (VA) Club Gives Community Professional Award

Ron Vickers of the **Luray (VA) Ruritan Club** is shown presenting Habitat for Humanity affiliate Mark Reed with a \$50 community professional award. The club invited the recipient to the December meeting for the presentation. After receiving the award Reed decided to forward his \$50 to the thrift store and food bank.



Club member Teresa Dodson dressed up as Rudy Bear for the town's Christmas parade giving stuffed animals to children along the way, while club members Terry Dodson, Robert Spencer, Cora Frymyer, David Hull, and Bill Amonette greeted spectators and handed out candy and toys.



TOP FIVE CLUBS: GREATEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE

Club	District	Increase
LARGE CLUBS		
Stonewall District	Rappahannock	1.06%
Silk Hope	Rocky Mt.-Durham	1.06%
Prince George	Holland	1.07%
Abingdon	Chesapeake	1.08%
Deep Creek	Holland	1.25%
MEDIUM CLUBS		
Fountain, WV.	Upper West Virginia	1.22%
Cropper	Bluegrass	1.23%
Redwood, NC	Rocky Mt.-Durham	1.32%
Horsepasture	Dan River	1.38%
Wayne City	Lincolnlnd	1.41%
SMALL CLUBS		
Piney Flats	Tennessean	1.50%
Fall Branch	Davy Crockett	1.52%
Port Royal	Chesapeake	1.53%
Jericho-Hardison	Piedmont	2.07%
East Roane County	Smoky Mountain	2.21%



Dayton (VA) Ruritan Club members are shown participating in the town Christmas Parade.

News From Ruritan: Western NC District

Gwaltney Honors Veterans and Installs New Club Officers

Gwaltney (NC) Ruritan Club honored veterans at its November meeting. Ben Hines gave a flag presentation using the flags of different branches of service, and gave lapel pins to veterans for the branch of service they were assign to. **Alexander Ruri-Teen (NC) Club** members assisted the veterans by carrying drinks to their seat.

2010 National President Jerome Rodes gave a speech and he installed new club officers. Pictured (l-r): Director Martha Smith, Treasurer Mary Lackey, Secretary Glenda Cook, Vice President Ray Johnson, President Wayne Wooten, 2010 National President Jerome Rodes.



News From Ruritan: Tennessean District

Piney Flats Club Sends Neva Member to Washington

In October, Ralph Gouge, a WWII veteran and a member of the **Neva** (TN) Ruritan Club was among the 124 east Tennessee veterans to make a one day, all expense paid trip by the **Piney Flats** (TN) Ruritan Club, to Washington D.C. This was the eighth trip taken by Honor Air. To date more than 800 East Tennessee veterans have participated in the program.



After walking through the honor guard from the Knoxville Military Entrance Processing Station, the veterans received a send off at McGhee-Tyson Airport in which Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam participated.

Veterans were greeted by patriotic music provided by a Knoxville symphony quintet and the sight of over 100 balloons and American flags waving.

There were tours of the Vietnam, Korean, Marine, and Air Force memorials. In addition, the group had seen the Changing of the Guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Another Honor Air flight is tentatively planned for spring 2011. However, future flights will be dependent on the level of funding the program receives from the community.

2010 COMMUNICATION AWARDS

2010 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER AWARDS

<u>Place</u>	<u>District</u>
3 rd Place	Chesapeake
2 nd Place	Delmarva-New Jersey
1 st Place	Davy Crockett

2010 CLUB NEWSLETTER AWARDS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>District</u>
3 rd Place	Madison	Chesapeake
2 nd Place	East Orange	Rapidan District
1 st Place	Spottswood-Raphine	Woodrow Wilson

2010 ZONE NEWSLETTER --- NONE SUBMITTED

2010 DISTRICT ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

<u>Place</u>	<u>District</u>
1 st Place	Holland

2010 CLUB ELECTRONIC WEBSITE

<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>District</u>
1 st Place	Forestburg	Albemarle

2010 DISTRICT WEB SITE DESIGN

<u>Place</u>	<u>District</u>
1 st Place (tie)	Holland
1 st Place (tie)	Albemarle

2010 ZONE WEB SITE DESIGN--- NONE SUBMITTED

2010 CLUB WEB SITE DESIGN

<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>District</u>
1 st Place (tie)	Pineview	Columbia
1 st Place (tie)	Forestburg	Albemarle

News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

Wentworth Donates Dictionaries and Food

Wentworth (NC) Ruritan Club was recognized in their local newspaper for donating dictionaries to third grade students. The article stated how the club members held a contest for the kids to see who could find information the fastest.

Club President Monette Rich, and club members Francis Paschal, David Smith, Charles Boswell, Mary Joe Boswell, and Debbie Smith joined in on the fun as they announced information for the kids to find in their new dictionaries. The kids who got the answers correct got to read the next question and received a quarter for their good work.

In December the club saw a need to stock the Reidsville Food Pantry. Pictured is Club Director Charles Boswell loading the collected food.



News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

Fishersville (VA) Club Celebrates 70th Anniversary



Fishersville (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 70th anniversary at the Fishersville Methodist Church in October. Attending the celebration were the following officers. Pictured (l-r): 2010 Woodrow Wilson District Governor Roy Derrow, National Secretary Jo Ann Wenger, 2010 National President Jerome Rodes, National Director Don Yeargan, Zone Governor Albert Richardson, Past National President Kelly Chapman, and Club President John Baker.

Beverley Manor (VA) Club Builds Christmas Display



Beverley Manor (VA) Ruritan Club kicked off December activities with caroling at the Emeritus Assisted Senior Living facility in Staunton, followed by a fellowship soup and sandwich at a member's home. Also, club members were busy building a Christmas display for the annual Festival of Lights in the park. This was the first time

the club erected a display for this event. Pictured (l-r) are club members Keith Senderak, Chris Senderak, Fran Senderak, Vicki Drumheller, Charles Drumheller, Meredith Arneson, Jon Arneson, volunteer Roberta Kennedy, club members Robin Ruleman, Michael Ruleman, Peggy Davis, Carmen Davis, Michael Dundas, and Carroll Siron.



*Pictured are attendees at the **Deerfield (VA)** Ruritan Clubs spaghetti supper fund-raiser. The supper is all you can eat which keeps customers coming back for more.*

News From Ruritan: Cherokee District



Coker Creek Gives Fruit Baskets

Coker Creek (TN) Ruritan Club has been making Christmas fruit baskets and distributing them to senior citizens for the past 20 years. Baskets include oranges, apples, banana, walnuts, peppermints, and a jar of strawberry jam. This year over 150 baskets were made. Pictured are club members working the assembly line.

Valley View Builds Handicap Ramp

When the **Valley View (TN)** Ruritan Club members heard that a family in the community needed a handicapped ramp for their home, they rolled up their sleeves and went to work. The club received discounts from Home Depot for lumber to complete the project. Builders were Tom Truelove, Arnold Truelove, Billy Wayne Peirce, Ralph Mason, and Vanis Truelove.



News From Ruritan: Upper WV District

Spruce Mountain (WV) Club Donates to School Program

Gene McConnell, president of the **Spruce Mountain** (WV) Ruritan Club presents John Jenkins, principal of the North Fork Elementary School, with a check for \$300 for its Christmas for Kids Program. This donation is made possible each year from the proceeds of the club's annual pancake/buckwheat supper. The club has been making these donations the past couple of years.



Fountain Club Awards Member

Evelyn Johnson Smith (right) was the 2010 recipient of the **Fountain** (WV) Ruritan Clubs Ruritan of the Year Award, and the 2010 recipient of the Upper West Virginia District Ruritan of the Year Award. Club Treasurer Ginny Mason was the evenings presenter.



RURITANS BRINGING IN 10 OR MORE MEMBERS IN 2010

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>DISTRICT/AREA</u>
Roy Wallen	10	East Roane County	Smoky Mountain
Fred Parker	10	Ottway	Davy Crockett
Hattie Harris	10	Good Will	Gulf Area

MOST NEW MEMBERS RECRUITED IN CALENDER YEAR (2010)

(Members claimed on the Golden Key form)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>DISTRICT/AREA</u>
David Kipfinger	15	Horsepasture	Dan River

News From Ruritan: Roanoke District

Everetts (NC) Club Recruits Two New Members in December



Everetts (NC) Ruritan Club held its annual Community Widows and Ladies Night in November. Over 60 ladies attended, feasting on a turkey and ham dinner, drew for gifts, and were entertained by the bluegrass band, Dry Creek.

In December, the club was pleased to announce that two new members were added to its roster. Pictured (l-r): Mike Connell, Club President Roger Coltrain, and Richard Cherry.



News From Ruritan: Hermitage District

Eastview Charter Member Celebrates 100th Birthday



Ruritan Forever and charter member Dudley Richard of the **Eastview** (TN) Ruritan Club was featured in the local newspaper for celebrating his 100th birthday on January 9, 2011. 1977 National President Jerry Ellis was on hand to congratulate his success with Ruritan and presented him a plaque from Ruritan National for his many years of service.



*The **Stantonville** (TN) Ruritan Club recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary recognizing their charter members. Pictured (l-r): Edward Smith, Larry Raines, Willie Jones, Owen Qualls, T.E. Sowell, and Bobby Surratt.*

News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Redwood (VA) Makes Headlines

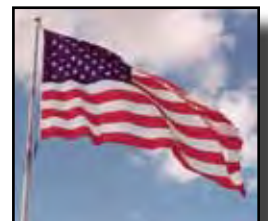
The **Redwood** (VA) Ruritan Club was featured in The Roanoke Times in November for taking over a community center in 1967. Renovation occurred so the club started having dances once a month and bingo games every Tuesday. All money raised helps families in need and provides scholarships.

News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District



Ottway (TN) Club Honors Disabled Veterans With Meal

Veterans were honored in November at the **Ottway** (TN) Ruritan Club. A meal was prepared with a total of 89 in attendance and 34 of these were veterans. The evening program included the Disabled Veterans of America. Pictured is Past National Director Roger Carter presenting Kenneth Fullen with a D-Day coin. Kenneth is a WWII veteran who served from 1942-1945 and was one of the first soldiers at D-Day. He was injured and received many awards for his service including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, President Unit Citation, and Oak Leaf Cluster.



Clubs in Holland Give Awards to Members

Chuckatuck (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 80th anniversary in conjunction with Ladies Night in December. Over 90 members and guest were in attendance. 2010 National President Jerome Rodes presented 2010



Club President Dwight "Driller" Bradshaw (top left) with an anniversary plaque, and helped present certificates of membership to five members with 273 years combined of Ruritan membership. Pictured right is Joseph Bishop, Rodes, Leroy Howell, William Whitley, Samuel Calhoun.



Al Saunders was also awarded a certificate but was unable to attend the meeting. Rodes spoke

about the clubs participation in the early development of Ruritan and its support of organization. The club gives in excess of \$20,000 each year to various organizations. Others in attendance were 2003 National President George Winslow and Judy Winslow, and 2010 Holland District Governor Chuck Meyers. Jarvis Winslow (left) of the **Liberty Spring** (VA) Ruritan Club was presented a certificate of appreciation and a plaque for serving 30 years as club treasurer from National Director Foster Parrish, and 2010 Holland District Governor Chuck Myers.



Smithfield (VA) Ruritan Club Vice President Skip Sharpley (right) congratulated Bob Taylor as the clubs Citizen of the Year at a recent club meeting.

Pictured left is **Knotts Island** (NC) Club President Lori Roth presenting a 30 year pin to Donald Austin and a 35 year pin to Al Keel. The clubs are proud of these individuals' invaluable years of service to the community.



News From Ruritan: **Dan River District**

Stanleytown (VA) Plants Shrubbery Along Highway

Stanleytown (VA) Ruritan Club coordinated with the Martinsville and Henry County Street Scape to refurbish the shoulder of Highway 57 from South Bassett to the town of Bassett with new trees and shrubbery. The goal was to give the area a more aesthetic view for residents and travelers entering the town.

The club worked with various vendors, VDOT, and Norfolk & Southern Railroad to get permission to complete the project. The entire process took over a year and a half but the club received its reward when several thousand residents and



Mount Olivet (VA) Ruritan Club member John M. Richardson (l), Jr. is shown presenting James. W. "Jimmy" Paris (r) with the 10 member bar for the President's Golden Key award.

visitors arrived for the annual Bassett Heritage Festival in September. The trees were standing tall and some still in bloom. The club has committed to maintain the area, keeping it beautiful for the community and for the viewing pleasure of the town's visitors.



News From Ruritan: Ohio District

Muskingham Hills Club Shoeboxes



Samaritan's Purse is a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. The organization helps meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine.

Muskingum Hills (OH) Ruritan Club heard of this organization and decided to get involved with their shoebox program for children. The club filled each shoebox with toys, school supplies, items for hygiene, and clothing.

Beloit Supports Fire Departments

In December the **Beloit (OH)** Ruritan Club provided over 250 hotdogs, coffee and hot chocolate to fire fighters representing nine different fire departments. The departments held training near the community park and burned a vacant home for training purposes. The club also held its eighth annual "Share Christmas". The club bought presents for eight families. Each child received a coat along with additional presents and the parents received a fresh fruit basket and a gift card.

Winona (OH) Gives Certificates for Years of Service

2010 National President Jerome Rodes presented members of the **Winona (OH)** Ruritan Club who have 25 years or more of service, a certificate of appreciation at their December meeting. Pictured (l-r): Gordon Dawes 27 years, John Gamble, Sr. 30 years, Bruce Marhefka 35 years, John Stamp 39 years, Jerome Rodes, Jim Drotleff 33 years, Bob Doyle 33 years, Donovan Winn 44 years, Homer Althouse 46 years, Jack Schuller 35 years, Tom Sanor accepting for Don Sanor 45 years, and Fred Pamer 33 years. Also honored was club member Jim Mohr for his 50 plus years of service to the Boy Scouts of America.



News From Ruritan: Potomac District

Lewistown (MD) Holds a Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser

Lewistown (MD) Ruritan Club sponsored a chicken barbeque and was able to give generously to several organizations from the proceeds of the event. Pictured (l-r): representative from the 4H Therapeutic Riding Organization and Thurmont Library Dick Basely, Lewistown Elementary PTA Harold Staley, Lewistown Fire Company 22 Chuck Jenkins, Catocin High School Safe and Sane Richard Rippeon, 4H Camp Center Dave Axline, Thurmont Food Bank and Lewistown United Methodist Women Elza Hurst, and Club President Ron Demory presented the checks.



News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

Chesapeake District Clubs Present Awards to Members

Piankatank (VA) Ruritan Club award three men for their outstanding service to the club and the community. Pictured right (l-r): Club Ruritan of the Decade 2001-2010 Richard Sherrill, Club Ruritan of the Year 2009 Reggie Deagle, 2010 Club President Rad Dobson, Club Ruritan of the Year Clint Bowles.



Gloucester (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual Christmas dinner meeting in December honoring the clubs Ruritan of the Year Harry Thomas. Thomas has assisted the club with its monthly meals, built ramps for the handicapped, delivered Meals on Wheels, and planted assorted flowers for the county.

Varina Donates Smoke Detectors

Varina (VA) Ruritan Club (right) celebrated its 75th anniversary recently by presenting the Henrico Fire Department with 250 smoke detectors to provide for people who may not be able to afford fire protection within their homes. Pictured left are representatives from the fire department presenting club president Gary McMullin with a certificate of appreciation.



News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District

Bluegrass Adds Humor to Convention

The Bluegrass District held their district convention in November at the **Finchville** (KY) Ruritan Club. 2010 District Governor Bryan Franklin challenged his club that if more than 20 members from his club attended the convention a member of the **Cropper** (KY) Ruritan Club would be allowed to throw a pie in his face. The challenge was met and club member Kim Franklin, Franklin's daughter, won the right to throw a pie in his face.



Choateville Helps with Medical Expenses

Choateville (KY) Ruritan Club was able to raise over \$1000 by hosting a benefit bean soup supper and gospel music singing for Amy Stosberg, daughter of club members Allen and Betty Burris. Stosberg needed help with recent medical expenses.

Alton (KY) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a community open house in August 2010. Two charter members were present. Pictured



(l-r): Past National Director and 2010 Gov. Chester Hillard, Noal Cotton Sr., National Director Anne Hillard, Paul Drury, 2011 Governor Bryan Franklin.

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