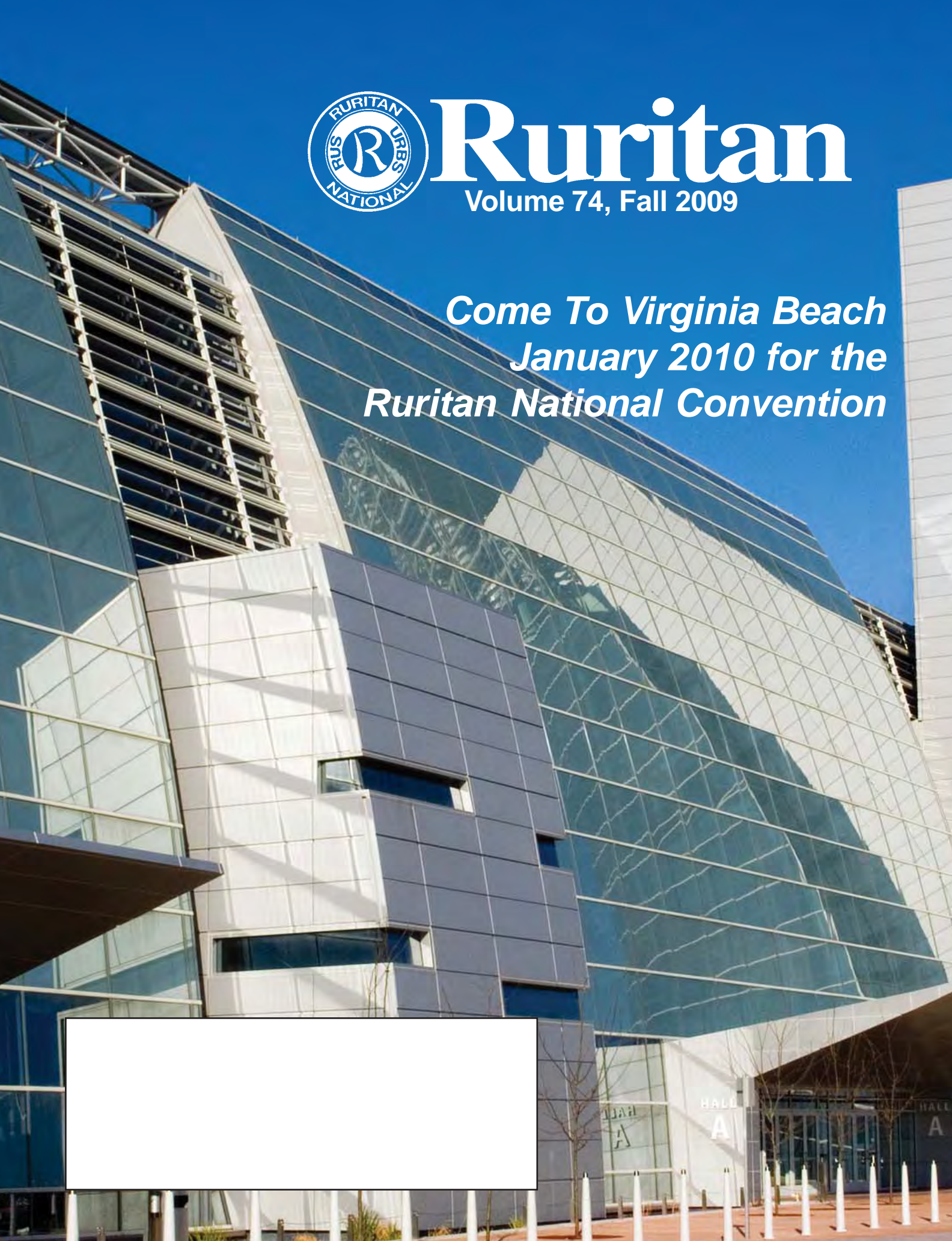




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# Ruritans Are Volunteering in America

Ruritans are making a big difference in communities across our nation. As Roseland and I have traveled throughout Ruritan Land, we have seen Ruritans in action. More Americans are working together in communities. I have observed how you are the one the community looks to when there is a need because you are the go-to people for action.



Ruritans are getting involved in their communities in multiple ways by volunteering to solve community problems and making a difference. Volunteering increases your character. The word “volunteer” does not say anything about the nature of service it provides except - it is free. Often it is assumed that something free is not valuable. Some people think of volunteerism as something nice, but not necessary. In the tough economy of today, the nice to have has turned to need. Research has shown that people who volunteer are more likely to experience health benefits when it comes to longevity, mobility and mental health. They have made their community healthier as well as themselves. In looking at the longevity of many of our Ruritan members, there has gotten to be a significant relationship between volunteering and good health.

Recently the Corporation for National and Community Service partnered with Johns Hopkins University to conduct a nationwide survey on the volunteers of over 1,400 nonprofit organizations during this tough economy. The findings revealed that volunteers helping nonprofits are continually helping to meet community needs and respond to increasing demands despite financial stress of their own membership. Ruritans fall in this category.

We were in Lincolnland for a few days for their July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations. In many areas we visited, Ruritan was the community. If it had not been for Ruritan's involvement in the town's initiatives of “making it a better place to live”, the town would not exist as it is today. I was impressed with the pride and community service they showed in their community, not verbally but in their actions. But, you know what really impressed me – the local townspeople (not Ruritans) who were so giving in lending a helping hand to the Ruritans in their events. They did not ask for recognition, just that they were proud to be a part of helping out this great organization. Recent research has stated that the Midwest Region of the United States was the #1 region for volunteer rate. I witnessed this and I am honored to have had the opportunity to visit this area and see their remarkable community service at work.

Ruritans rely on volunteers, but poor leadership can result in members' dissatisfaction. We need to help our leaders develop a more careful approach to managing our overlooked and undervalued, talented members. At times, we fail to recognize the contributions of our members. If it is a monetary donation it is readily recognized. Do we do the same for the members that unselfishly give their time? The dollar value of their time is priceless. We need to invest more time and money in **recruiting, developing, recognizing and retaining** our members. For the first time in Ruritan history, we are noticing an increase in family memberships. What better way to spend quality time with your family. Family volunteering is a hands-on way to teach your kids good citizenship and community responsibility.

I challenge you to continue to build new clubs to service our communities and build a better America. Growth is vital to our organization and it is an important aspect of Ruritan membership. I salute you that have already built new clubs this year! Thank you for taking this responsibility to improve your community. I empower and encourage you and your family to build a club and make a difference to that community for a better place to live. And, as the Lowe's commercial says, “**Let's build something together...**” Together, we can make a difference in helping the needs of our communities by volunteering.

Donald Worrell  
Ruritan National President

**SHARE RURITAN!**





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Water, wood, glass, steel, and lights – the fabulous Virginia Beach Convention Center featured on this cover will host the 2010 Ruritan National Convention. Find your registration and lodging details in this issue.

## Message from Executive Director Michael Chrisley

### Improvements Are Being Made at the National Office

We hope you have had a productive summer. We certainly have. Again, I want to say thank you to clubs and members right up front for your generosity. We have received more than \$58,000



for Capital Replacements at the National Office. The windows have been installed and we know that we are saving money on electricity already! There are pictures of part of the installation process on page 18 of this magazine.

As I write this we are tearing out the old wooden ramps and replacing them with new concrete ramps with railing that are at ADA compliant slopes. We have the paving team ready to cap the driveway and parking lot at the office right after the ramps are completed. We have ordered a new heat pump and air handler that uses a new type of refrigerant that is EPA compliant (R410A instead of the old R22 which cannot be manufactured after December 31 of this year). After all these first round projects are complete we will have enough left to begin the second round of projects. Two years ago when we replaced the roof a part of the ceiling had to be removed to check for mold. What we found was that there is no insulation between the ceiling and the roof deck. The first priority on the second round of improvements is to put insulation in the space between the ceiling and the roof deck. We

will likely have nearly half of the estimated cost to make this upgrade. We are trying to upgrade the office with improvements that will make us more energy efficient and save money in the long run.

We are also very excited that we have nearly 70 clubs committed to offering their clubhouses or meeting places as collection points for the Ruritan and AARP Virginia food drive. Last year the board of directors entered into a memorandum of understanding with Virginia AARP so that both organizations could collaborate on issues that are important to us all. Efforts like last year's Project Energy Save helped hundreds of elderly people winterize their homes. This year we will work together to feed hungry people. Please rest assured that Ruritan is in no way involving the organization with political initiatives. We are simply working along side others in initiatives that directly serve those with special needs. In every joint venture the board of directors and staff take every measure to insure that what we are involved with stays true to the mission of our organization and serves the community. See our article on page 26.

Finally, plans are underway for a great convention in Virginia Beach. See pages 7-14 for more details. Come join us for a great time of fellowship!

Yours in Ruritan Service,



Michael Chrisley  
Ruritan National Executive Director

## New Clubs for 2009

### New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors & DRMS\*

(January 1, 2009 -- July 31, 2009)

<u>New Club Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>DRM</u>
Providence Middle School Ruri-Teen	Appomattox	Midlothian	Larry Ford
Alexander Ruri-Teen	Western North Carolina	Gwaltney	Shelby Earp
Ooltewah Middle School Ruri-Teen	Cherokee	East Hamilton County	Sherry McCullough
Black River Ruri-Teen	Ohio	Homer	Chuck Scotch
Capon Bridge Ruri-Teen	Upper WV	Capon Bridge	Jeannie Lopez-Smith
Washington & Lee Ruri-Teen	Chesapeake	Westmoreland	Peggy Mothershead
Pennyroyal Ruri-Teen	Ohio	Pennyroyal	Larry Starcher
Wentworth	Piedmont	Ayersville	Jayson Duncan
Germanton Elementary Ruri-Teen	Piedmont	Germanton	Jayson Duncan
Wadlow Gap	Southwest Virginia	Copper Creek	Paul Babb
DeBusk	Davy Crockett	Clear Spring	Calvin Shelton

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

## New Club Formation Highlights Ruritan Summer

The **Wadlow Gap** (VA) Ruritan Club located in Scott County VA was chartered June 25th with 23 people signing the charter. Seated are the officers of the club (L-R):



Director Willie Mae Kilgore; Director Kathy Brooks; President Paul Babb; Vice President John Kilgore; Secretary Janet Edwards; Treasurer Kathy Babb; and Director Jim LaFollette. Also on hand were Zone 1 Governor Edsel Bellamy (top left); Zone 1 Lt. Zone Governor Steve Shelton (top right); and National Director Dennie Clemmer (left, center row).



For the first time in 10 years a new Ruritan club has formed in Greene County, TN. The **DeBusk** Ruritan Club, organized by Past Davy Crockett District Governor Calvin Shelton, chartered in June with over 40 people in attendance. 1993 National President Wayne Bettis (above, right) presided at the meeting with Interim Club President Mike Davis. Club officers were installed by 1967 National President Robert Bailey and include President David Malone, Vice President Madge Walker, Secretary Sally Bolinger, Treasurer Nancy Harrison, and Directors Andy Dockery, Shane Harrison, and Gary Compton. Also in attendance were National Directors Kay Pearson and Joe Jaynes, 2009 National President Donald Worrell and a variety of current and past Davy Crockett District leaders.

The **Wentworth** (NC) Ruritan Club formed in the Piedmont District recently. Jessica Reynolds had attended the Ruritan Youth Conferences for the past three years, but wasn't a Ruritan member and wanted to be one. Finally the ball starting rolling and the Wentworth club came to be with Jessica as one of the charter members. By the time officers were elected - she was club secretary.

President Donald Worrell inducted new officers: Director Frank Green; Director Nathan Rich; Director Keith Bolden; Secretary Jessica Reynolds; Vice President Monette Rich; and President Charles Boswell.





# All Ruritans Can Access Computerized MMS

Ruritans at all levels of the organization are now using a new member management system (MMS) that allows them access to edit and update individual information and view summary data about Ruritan. The only requirement to set up an individual member access, or a club or district officer access, is a current e-mail address in the system.

The MMS was introduced to staff and national officers in the spring and after a beta testing period with a limited number of test clubs was introduced to district officers in late May. Throughout the early summer district and zone officers were invited to participate in using the system. In July all club officers with e-mail addresses in the system were sent e-notices inviting them to use the system and giving them their security access information. These same officers were encouraged to turn on security clearance for all of their club members, provided e-mail addresses were in the system.

Today, any Ruritan member who wants to be able to update his or her information may do so directly. Further, all club officers who want to update club officer roles and add and drop members can make those changes themselves.

National staff continues to process information for clubs and individuals who do not have computer access to the information or who prefer not to make those changes on line.

Ruritan Executive Director Michael Chrisley noted that the new system increases efficiency in a number of ways. "First of all, individual members know their personal information – phone numbers, mailing addresses, and so on – better than anyone else. It only makes sense to have them responsible for making those corrections and updates. Second, club officers are in the best position to make changes when members add, drop, or change status – so it makes sense for them to correct that information."

Chrisley added, "Every time a member or an officer updates their club or individual information directly, it frees up our staff to focus on those members and clubs who do not choose to use the automated system. Because of the MMS we are nearly current with our part of the posting – entering changes today that came in yesterday's mail, instead of being weeks, even months behind."

However, Chrisley noted, "We are always willing to make the changes that clubs ask us to make. Our goal is to be as accurate as possible and

keep our data as current as possible."

The system also provides summary data to Ruritan leaders including membership growth trends.

2009 National President Donald Worrell gave much credit for the new system to the Ruritan National Information Technology (IT) Committee – formed in 2008 and consisting of: Chair Frank Kinsey and members Corky Camin and Carroll Lowe. All three are members of the National Board.

Worrell also said, "Ruritan National has made outstanding progress by introducing the MMS system ahead of schedule and within cost. The new system has made work at the national office more efficient. It is exciting to think that by early October we will be introducing Quick Books for the accounting side of the business and that will also make our work much more efficient. With today's technology in the business world we must continue to identify programs and systems that will allow our organization to operate in the most cost-effective manner."

Anyone who would like access to the MMS is invited to contact their club or district officers who can update their e-mail information and then grant them access to the system.

Club and district officers who need assistance are invited to call Ruritan Member Services Coordinator Craig Whitt toll free at 877-787-8727 ext. 13.

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## 2010 Candidates for National Office



### National President

Jerome Rodes

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Dawson, WV 24910

CLUB: Member of Smoot (WV) Ruritan Club — club president, vice president, business and professions committee chair

DISTRICT: 2006-07 Lower WV District Growth and Development Committee Chair; 1997 governor;

1996 lt. governor; 1995 secretary; 1994 program ad coordinator; 1993 zone governor; 1992 lt. zone governor; district officer trainer

NATIONAL: 2006-07 representative for New York Area; 2003-05 national director; 2004-05 growth and development committee chair; 2005 MC of opening ceremony at national convention; 2004 and 2006 MC of fellowship luncheon at national convention; 2004-06 workshop presenter; 2007 aide to program convention chair; 2004-05 presenter at summer leadership conference; National Growth and Development Award as district governor

EDUCATION: Concord College (2 years); graduate of Smoot High School  
OCCUPATION: Owner Jamar Vending (29 years); owner/manager rental property; beef cattle farmer

COMMUNITY: Member of Maude Chapel UMC (Sunday school teacher, church trustee, district parsonage trustee, certified lay speaker, UM Men secretary/treasurer); Gideon camp chaplain and church speaker

OTHER: Private pilot; wife (25 years) – Marsha; four children; four grandchildren

### National Vice President

Jayson Duncan

3196 Hwy. 311 N.

Pine Hall, NC 27042

CLUB: Member of Pine Hall (NC) Ruritan Club (31 years perfect attendance) – president (5 terms), vice president, treasurer; Ruritan of The Year (3 times); member and treasurer of Germanton (NC) Ruritan Club; associate member of Wentworth (NC) Ruritan Club; advisor of South Stokes (NC) Ruri-Teen Club

(10 years); advisor of Pine Hall (NC) Ruri-Teen Club (2 years)

DISTRICT: Piedmont District Governor (2 terms); lt. governor (2 terms); Zone governor (7 years); policy committee, growth and development committee, budget and finance committee, youth committee, convention committee, trainer for vice presidents, ANCR board member

NATIONAL: National director; advancement committee; Tom Downing Fellow; Jack Gwaltney Award; Ruritan Forever; sgt.-at-arms (4 years); lead/assisted (6) workshops at national convention; lead/assisted (5) workshops at leadership conference; registration and credentials committee; master of ceremonies at first lady's breakfast; organized (3) Ruritan clubs and (3) Ruri-Teen clubs

EDUCATION: Eagle Scout; Appalachian State University, B.S. Health and P.E.; North Carolina A and T State University; Masters in Administration and Masters in Intermediate Education

OCCUPATION: Teacher at Pine Hall Elementary School — 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades (33 years); Stokes County Teacher of The Year 1990 and 1995; North Carolina Science Teachers Association president, treasurer, and (4 years) on board of directors; presented workshops at state and national science teachers conventions (15 years); president of Stokes County Association of Educators; high school girls volleyball coach

COMMUNITY: Member of Bethesda United Methodist Church – youth Sunday school teacher, trustees chair; pastor-parish relations committee; Pine Hall Boy Scout Committee; district Boy Scout committee; Stokes County

Habitat Board for (6 years) and chair; East Stokes Outreach Ministry board and volunteer; chair of Host Town for Special Olympics World Games; coach of youth basketball, soccer, baseball, and softball

OTHER: Wife – Gail (35 years); one daughter — Kara (Shannon), one son – Jay (Emily); one granddaughter — Cori



### National Vice President

Fred E. Venable

503 Jessup Grove Ch. Rd.

Pilot Mountain, NC 27041

CLUB: Member of two clubs, Pinnacle (NC) Ruritan Club, president, vice president, DRM from Pinnacle Club; South Westfield (NC) Ruritan Club, secretary, treasurer, vice president, president, served on all committees; voted to receive Ruritan of The Year

award (4) Years

DISTRICT: Zone governor, lt. governor, district governor, certified club officer trainer, policy committee, fundraising committee, district convention chair, budget and finance committee, growth and development committee, foundation committee chair, constitution and bylaws committee; 1991 president of Association of North Carolina Ruritans

NATIONAL: Served as national director 2001-2004, national treasurer 2006-2009, budget and finance committee 2006-2009, executive committee 2006-2009; chair of growth and development committee 2004, flag ceremony, sgt.-at-arms committee, constitution and bylaws committee, registration and credentials committee, Distinguished Ruritan Member (DRM) and Tom Downing Fellow

EDUCATION: Pinnacle High School, Surry Community College, Banking School at East Carolina University and Clemson University; US Army Leadership and Instructor Academy

OCCUPATION: Textiles (14 years), plant superintendent (5 years), sole-proprietor lawn and garden business (15 years), Army Reserves MSG, 80 Div. VA — retired; organizing director and vice president of the Community Bank (16 years), retired 2000

COMMUNITY: Member Jessup Grove Baptist Church, past Sunday school teacher, Masonic Masons, Ararat Lodge 558, treasurer of South Westfield Community Center, past director and treasurer of Pilot Mountain Foundation, past director and treasurer of Pilot Knob Park and past director of Pilot Mountain Rescue

OTHER: Wife – Jane (51 years); sons — Robert and Freddie Venable



### National Secretary

*(for a three year term)*

JoAnn C. Wenger

132 Skymont Dr.

Broadway, VA 22815

CLUB: Member of Broadway-Timberville (VA), Grottoes (VA), Rockingham Luncheon (VA); Broadway-Timberville (VA): president (1994); secretary (2009) vice-president (1993); chair of

social development, public service, membership, youth, and publicity committees; (18) years perfect attendance; President's Golden Key Award (sponsored more than 30 members). Rockingham Luncheon: chaplain and song leader

DISTRICT: District governor (2004); lt. governor (2003); treasurer (2001-2003); foundation chair (1998-2000); zone 3 governor (1997); lt. zone 3 governor (1996); zone 3 secretary/treasurer (1995)

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**NATIONAL:** National secretary (2009); national director (2006-2008); growth and development committee chair (2008); resolutions committee chair (2006, 2008); delegate to 14 conventions; national convention presenter (2005-2008); Summer Leadership Conference presenter (2006-2008); sergeant-at-arms committee (2004-2005); escort to 2004 national president; Tom Downing Award recipient; Ruritan Forever; registration and credentials committee (2007)

**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Broadway High School; Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science degrees – James Madison University

**OCCUPATION:** Classroom teacher (23 years); public school administrator (12 years); retired

**COMMUNITY:** Active member of Sunset Drive United Methodist Church (choir, V.B.S., Bible study instructor, nurture chair, worship committee chair, lay leader); past member of Broadway Hometown Partners Board; 2003 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award; 2008 Character Counts Community Award; industrial and commercial ministries (ICM) chaplain.

**OTHER:** Wife of Ruritan member Winston (48 years); two sons (one is a Ruritan); three grandsons (two are Ruritans)



### National Director

Anne Hillard  
1170 Taylor Branch Rd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**CLUB:** Member of Choateville (KY) for (21 years) – president, secretary (4 years), treasurer (2 years), director (6 years); chaired all committees; club member of the year 1991

**DISTRICT:** Bluegrass District Governor, Lt. governor, zone governor; youth activities director; foundation chair; hospitality room committee; Ruritan of the Year 1994

**NATIONAL:** Flag ceremony (2 years); sgt-at arms (2 years); registration and credentials (3 years); special committee “resale shop” and “pillow making” at national convention in Louisville, KY 2007; (8) craft workshops; assisted youth committee (3 years); Tom Downing Fellow

**EDUCATION:** Harrison County High School; KY State University, Associate in Business Administration; USPS – bulk mail technician, window service technician, driver instructor

**OCCUPATION:** Secretary/administrative assistant (12 years); USPS (23 years) – USPS Award for Excellence; United Way Award; retired (5 years)

**COMMUNITY:** Member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church – Eucharist minister, greeter, teacher, Catholic Women's Organization (CWO); Franklin County Fair Board (12 years) – chaired and served baby show, children's pageant, booths, hospitality, events, float, exhibits; American Sewing Guild – retreat committee (3 years), teach classes; home makers; Red Hat Society

**OTHER:** Hobbies: sewing, traveling; Husband – Chester; (5) children; (6) grandchildren



### National Director

Ray Lautzenheiser  
1429 Valaan Farm Court, Box 6  
Rock Hill, SC 29732

**CLUB:** Member of Stanton (OH) Ruritan Club (30 years) — all offices held in local club; Ruritan Community Service Award. Member of Croft Ruritan Club (SC).

**DISTRICT:** Ohio District Governor 2006, 2008; Lt. governor 2005, 2007; spring banquet and fall district convention chairs; policy and procedures chair; Ruritan of The Year

**NATIONAL:** Attended (9) national conventions; attended leadership school, Founders Day, and Foundation Fellowship Weekends; sgt.-at-arms committee, resolution committee; flag ceremony; Tom Downing Fellow

**EDUCATION:** B.M. Ed. Mt. Union College; M. Ed. Kent State University; Edison Local Schools Vocal Music Director (37 years); director of Stanton Community Chorus (31 years)

**OCCUPATION:** Music teacher (37 years) – H. S. Edison Local Board of Education; teacher at Franciscan University (4 years); Tom Jennings Scholar; director of Stanton Community Chorus; co-owner of Y& S Tour's Company

**COMMUNITY:** Member Irondale United Methodist Church — Sunday school teacher/superintendent, administration board chair, treasurer, pianist/organist, choir director; delegate to East Ohio Conference (33 years); East Ohio Methodist Committee Council of Ordained Ministers; Local Board of Ordained Ministries; district registrar; conference choir director

**OTHER:** Wife – Yvonne (46 years); three children – Mark Lautzenheiser (wife Velma), Jo Ann Stagani (husband Bob), Kay McNutt (husband Spike); nine grandchildren



### National Director

Steve D. Mullis  
535 Farmersville Road  
Summerville, GA 30747

**CLUB:** Member of Armuchee (GA) Ruritan Club since 1977 – current president, held all offices multiple times; Ruritan of The Year 1984; awarded by club 2007 Ruritan Forever

**DISTRICT:** Georgia-N. Alabama District Governor 2006, 1986; current foundation chair; Lt. governor; secretary, treasurer, zone governor, district convention chair; permanent Steve Mullis Educational Fund with Foundation established by district

**NATIONAL:** DRM member, flag ceremony; sgt.-at-arms; reception and fellowship committee; attended (14) national conventions & 2 summer leadership conferences

**EDUCATION:** Gordon Lee High School; University of Georgia, B.B.A

**OCCUPATION:** Retired as Chief U. S. Probation Officer for Northern District of Georgia (28 years); Distinguished Alumnus Award from Gordon Lee H. S. for professional achievement

**COMMUNITY:** Member of Horizon Baptist Church – Deacon, choir, Sunday school teacher; Eagle Scout Award; Habitat for Humanity – Chattooga County Chapter; volunteer election poll worker; Hobbies – cycling, golf, tennis; Hunter – Quality Deer Management and Wild Turkey Federation

**OTHER:** Wife – Susan (37 years); two children – Abby and Scott; three grandchildren



### National Director

Karen D. S. Pallette  
Box 169/2476 Nimmo Pkwy. Suite 115  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

**CLUB:** Member of Knotts Island Ruritan Club; secretary 2002-2004 and business and professions chair; president 2005

**DISTRICT:** Holland District Lt. Zone 4 Governor 2006; district Lt. governor 2007; district governor 2008; certified trainer 2007-2009

**NATIONAL:** Ruritan Forever – given by club; welcome committee 2005, 2006 national convention; Rudy bear and food drop table national convention 2006; sgt.-at-arms committee national convention 2007; registration and credentials national convention 2008; summer leadership conference 2007-2009



## 2010 Candidates for National Office

**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach, VA; Tidewater Community College – Associate in Science – Cum Laude  
**OCCUPATION:** Currently a registered client service associate at RBC Wealth Management – been in this industry since 1973 and registered since 1993

**OTHER:** Husband – Steve Palette (29 years) – he was also given a Ruritan Forever by our club; hobbies include Nascar and Ruritan



### National Director

Foster Parrish

1396 N. Hwy 32

Corapeake, NC 27926

**CLUB:** Charter member of Moyock (NC) Ruritan Club; present member Corapeake (NC) and Gates (NC) Ruritan Clubs; president (5 years – 1992, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2009); President's Golden Key Award; club Ruritan of The Year; secretary, vice

president, director

**DISTRICT:** Expansion training program 1995; growth and development 2002, 2009; instructor training 1996, 1998; foundation chair 1993, 1994, 1997; Garland Grey Award 1994; zone governor 1995, 2006; Lt. governor 1998, 2007; district governor 1999, 2008

**NATIONAL:** Sgt.-at-Arms 2000, 2008, 2009; summer leadership conference 1998, 2007, 2008; flag ceremony 2000, 2009; 17 national conventions; distinguished Ruritan member (DRM); award committee; poster committee  
**EDUCATION:** Attended Old Kentucky High School (OKHS); attended trade schools for automatic transmission

**OCCUPATION:** Auto technician (50 years); Ford transmission specialist; retired from Ford

**COMMUNITY:** Member of Eureka Baptist Church; governor's award for volunteering; meals on wheels volunteer; received Gates County NC Rotary Award (service above self)

**OTHER:** Wife – Debbie; 4 daughters; 5 grandchildren



### National Director

Robert A. (Bob) Reece

8000 Old Sampson Rd.

Lenoir, NC 28645

**CLUB:** Member of Happy Valley (NC) and Gamewell (NC) Ruritan Clubs; (5 years) perfect attendance; president and vice president of Happy Valley club; received Outstanding Club President's Award and President's Golden Key Award

**DISTRICT:** Western NC District Zone Governor 2006; district Lt. governor 2007; district governor 2008; ANCR board member 2008; certified district trainer

**NATIONAL:** Sgt.-at-Arms at national convention; delegate to (4) national conventions; summer leadership conference 2006-2008.

**EDUCATION:** Big Springs Elementary School; Grace Academy High School

**OCCUPATION:** Retired building supply manager; retired residential builder

**COMMUNITY:** Member of Caldwell County (NC) Equalization and Review Board; member of Caldwell County Board of Adjustments

**OTHER:** Wife – Lorene (23 years); 5 children; 6 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren



### National Director

Don Yeargan

3514 Crossings Way

Midlothian, VA 23113

**CLUB:** Member of Midlothian (VA) Ruritan Club – president (2 years), vice president, secretary

**DISTRICT:** Appomattox District Governor (2 years); zone governor (2 years); Lt. zone governor

**NATIONAL:** Sgt.-at-arms committee – Nashville, TN

2008; resolutions committee – Myrtle Beach, SC 2009

**EDUCATION:** University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill – B.S., Business Administration; Campbell University – Masters, Business Administration

**OCCUPATION:** Retired from Kraft Foods – retail sales manager, (34 years) with Kraft in sales and sales management positions

**COMMUNITY:** Former Cub Scout den leader

**OTHER:** Hobbies – golf, fishing, boats and airplanes; one daughter – Amanda and one son Bryce



### Foundation Trustee

Danny Privott

677 Ocean Hwy. N.

Hertford, NC 27944

**CLUB:** Charter member of Inter-County (NC) Ruritan Club – (18 years) perfect attendance; director, secretary, treasurer, vice president, president, treasurer in 2009

**DISTRICT:** Convention planning, secretary, youth committee, growth and development, zone governor, Lt. governor, district governor, secretary in 2009; Association of North Carolina Ruritans (ANCR) director; secretary 2008-2009 and president 2009 - 2010.

**NATIONAL:** Attended (12) national conventions as delegate; sgt.-at-arms, flag ceremony, constitution and bylaws, resolutions, national director 2000-2002 assigned to growth and development; Ruritan National Foundation Operation We Care (co-chair and chair); summer leadership conferences; President's Golden Key Award; Tom Downing Fellow and \$1000 permanent fund recipient

**EDUCATION:** Graduated 4-year apprenticeship at Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company; attended management training classes while employed

**OCCUPATION:** Currently employed as production manager at Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding in Newport News, VA

**COMMUNITY:** Member of Woodville Baptist Church and have been men's bible class teacher for (12 years); chair of deacons; previous member of Perquimans Band Boosters (12 years) and president (4) of those years

**OTHER:** Wife – Linda (43 years); son – Jeff; daughter – Jana (husband T. W. Hurdle) with children (Lindsay, Amanda, Danielle, Cassie and J. T.) Linda, Jeff, Lindsay, Amanda and Danielle are Ruritans — Linda also has a Tom Downing Fellow Award

# Computerized Voting Introduced in Virginia Beach

Ruritan National will be rolling out a computerized voting system at the 2010 National Convention in Virginia Beach.

To use the new system, certified delegates will be provided with an access code that will be required to place their vote. The code will not be tied to their member information in the computer system – allowing for complete anonymity and privacy for the voter.

For the 2010 use of the system, all voting will take place at a polling place where computers will be provided. Delegates will be given exit interviews to determine their satisfaction with the process and to determine if remote voting (i.e. from a personal computer in your hotel room) might be used in the future.

Each delegate will be shown a simple screen that will allow them to choose the candidates of their choice for each office. If the delegate chooses too many options for the office in question, the computer system will notify the delegate so the vote may be corrected. Once a final vote is approved and the delegate selects “submit my votes” the delegate number assigned to that delegate will be de-activated so that it cannot be re-used. (In the case of a run off election – all delegate numbers will be re-activated for a second vote.)

Delegates who are uncomfortable with the system will be offered assistance by poll workers and any delegates who prefer not to use the new computerized system will be offered a paper ballot option. Voting will take place during a specific pre-announced voting time period.

2009 National President Donald Worrell noted, “Voter information is considered extremely private information and Roberts Rules of Order with respect to electronic voting will be employed to keep all votes confidential.”

Worrell added, “The national office staff, the executive committee, and the Ruritan National Board of Directors will be involved in a very detailed and rigorous testing process that will ensure that the system works properly and provides accurate results. The policies and bylaws already in place for voting will continue to protect your vote.”

Ruritan National Executive Director Michael Chrisley is also confident the new process is designed with the best interests of the Ruritan member in mind. “We’re working hard to design the system so it will be very easy to use. This includes, but is not

limited to, having photographs of the candidates visible when you place the vote. Prior to the convention you’ll be able to access a mock-up of the process so you’ll know what to expect.”

The system will be able to handle write-in votes and any candidates nominated from the floor. It will also incorporate any ballot issues and/or bylaw amendments being considered. If we should lose power or computer access on site, back up plans will be in place, said Chrisley.

Prior to each district convention, district officers will be provided with updated information about this new system. President Donald noted, “We will also share information on the Ruritan website, in e-mail communications, newsletters, direct mail, and through the Ruritan magazine.”

As to the question, “*why are we doing this?*” President Donald noted “Tallying up all the votes at the convention is a very lengthy and labor-intensive task. Much time is required to ensure that accurate results are provided. We’re using automation to decrease the time required and increase accuracy. Most importantly - if we’re spending less time counting votes, we can spend more time focusing on Goodwill, Fellowship, and Community Service.”

The current Ruritan Bylaws allow for elections to “be held at the National Convention by ballot vote using paper ballots or voting machines” The computer is considered a voting machine in this case, said President Donald.

## Hunt Family Fiddlers to Entertain in VA Beach

What do you get when you cross world-ranked step dancing with champion fiddling and a family of nine?

Answer: A high-powered energetic and refreshing experience with **The Hunt Family!** They perform original, Celtic, bluegrass, inspirational and popular tunes, offering a unique blend of diversity. This fantastic family group will be sharing their music with Ruritans at the 2010 National Convention. Don't miss it!





### Draft Mini-Schedule for 2010 National Convention

*NOTE: Events are subject to change. The official convention program will contain the final times and locations of events.*

#### Wednesday January 27

Board of Directors Meeting  
Registration & Credentials open until 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
(closed 4-7 p.m.)  
Welcome Reception: *Dancing with the Presidents*  
Candidate Certification Committee Mtg. w/Candidates  
Sergeant-at-Arms Committee Meeting

#### Thursday January 28

Various Individual & Group Photos  
2010 District/Area Governors Breakfast  
Registration & Credentials open 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
2010 District/Area Governors Training  
Youth Activities Room – opens today and remains  
available until Sunday  
Association of Past National Presidents Meeting  
followed by lunch  
Bylaws Convention Committee to receive delegates  
Flag Ceremony Practice  
First Time Convention Attendees Welcome Reception  
(expected to start at 3 p.m.)  
Resolutions Committee to receive delegates  
Foundation Dinner & Awards (additional ticket required)  
Flag Ceremony/Memorial/Vesper Service  
National President's Reception

#### Friday January 29 \*

President's Breakfast Honoring Retiring District/Area  
Govs and National Officers (by invitation only)  
Registration & Credentials open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**NOTE: voter certification closes at 2 p.m. Friday**  
Friday Business Session  
Friday Fellowship Luncheon with First Lady Roseland  
Election-Voting (3 - 6:30 p.m.)  
Foundation Live Auction (immediately following meal)  
Friday Evening Entertainment: **Rocky Hock Opry**  
(ticket required; benefit for Relay for Life)

#### Saturday January 30

Run Off Election-Voting (only if necessary) 6:30 to 9 a.m.  
Veterans Breakfast (additional ticket required)  
Saturday Business Session  
Group Photos 2010 Trustees/Board  
Installation Banquet & Closing of Convention &  
Entertainment

#### Sunday January 31

Worship Service  
Breakfast and Orientation for 2010 Board and Trustees

*\*NOTE: Caucuses shall be held at the discretion of  
the district governors.*

## Former Presidents: Put Your Dancing Shoes On!

**Message to the Former Ruritan National Presidents** - Put your dancing shoes on! Ruritans are having their first "reality show" at the 2010 Ruritan National Convention in Virginia Beach.

On Wednesday evening to kick-off the convention, a very elite group - our own former National Presidents and their spouses (or guests) - are being invited to entertain us. You need not be a professional ballroom dancer to slow dance, moonwalk, hip-hop, shag, jazz, break-dance, salsa, swing, or just dance on air. There will be an invitation sent to the former Ruritan National Presidents with more information on this event this fall.

Please enjoy the moment and keep in mind that you are part of a select group. So get on your boogie shoes and just see who carries home the trophy.... "Elvis" will also be dropping by to entertain and then everyone will be invited to the dance floor. See you in VA Beach!



### Get Your Seat for the Rocky Hock Opry

The **Rocky Hock Opry** is comprised of a seven member band and a 16 member cast. All of the performers, musicians included, are amateurs but that's never stopped them from gaining a strong following. The performances are sponsored by the Rock Hock (NC) Ruritan Club and used as fundraisers for the clubs charitable contributions.

According to the North Carolina newspaper **The Daily Advance** the hometown shows in Edenton, NC are so popular they usually sell out quickly. But you can be guaranteed a seat with your \$10 donation (see the 2010 convention registration form) and know that the proceeds are going to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.



### Greetings From the Shores of My Kingdom in VA Beach



King Neptune, his court, the entire Virginia Beach Community along with the Ruritan National 2010 Convention Program Committee want to let you know we are all excited about your visit to Virginia Beach in January. Plans are well under way to make your stay on the shoreline of Virginia one you will remember for time to come.

Our guest hotels, the Cavalier and Courtyard Marriott North, are preparing your rooms and awaiting your arrival. It isn't too late to make plans now to attend by using the lodging form available on the Ruritan website or making your reservations on line. Do not call the hotels directly as reservations are being handled by the VBCC personnel.

With the summer season still well into swing as you read this magazine, you could even check out one of these hotel facilities early and help King Neptune celebrate his reign at the annual Neptune Festival in September. If this isn't possible then be sure to be at our opening night of the convention when King Neptune will personally come ashore to welcome you to his Kingdom. The Virginia Beach Convention Center (featured on the cover of this issue) is a wonderful facility for us to hold our convention and we believe it will afford you all the comforts needed to make this a memorable time. With its large exhibit halls and carpeted grand ballroom for banquets – it will definitely meet our needs. The foyer and public areas of the VBCC is quite large and we hope to have many Ruritans gathering there for fellowship. Bus transportation at the beach will be available from each of the convention hotels and convention center during all convention activities. For those attendees choosing other lodging, ample and well-lighted parking is available free right across from the center.

While most activities, entertainers, and programs are well in the planning stages it is never too late to make suggestions. During the months since the last convention ended, our 2010 committee has been fortunate to hear from many of you. We hope you will see that some of your ideas have been incorporated into the plans for Virginia Beach. If you would like to send along your thoughts, ideas, or suggestions feel free to do so by going to <http://ruritan.org> and look for the 2010 convention comment button.

Again, we are excited about our 2010 plans in Virginia Beach and hope you will make your plans to attend today. I'll look forward to seeing each of you there.

2010 Convention Chair and  
2004 National President  
John Hancock



*Large public areas and built in registration windows make the Virginia Beach Convention Center perfect for Ruritans who want to gather for fellowship.*

#### **How To Get Your Room**

Hotel rooms may be secured using the official lodging form in this magazine and available at <http://ruritan.org> or by going directly to

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2010RuritanHousing>

#### **Ruri-Teens: We Want You, Too!**

We are recommending that Ruri-Teens choose to stay at the Fairfield Inn so that they may fellowship in one location and also enjoy the indoor pool there. The VBCC is prepared to take reservations by using either the lodging form or by going to the VBCC Passkey website featured in the box on this page. Teens should use the access code of **RURITEEN2010** to get into the Fairfield block of rooms. Plans are being made by the Youth Activities Committee to keep our Ruri-Teens busy at both the convention center and hotel. Mark your calendar now and join the other young people who will be in attendance.

*– 2010 Convention Chair John*





# 2010 Ruritan National Convention

## Virginia Beach Convention Center

(January 28-30, 2010)



Please print or type

1st Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Badge Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Badge Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Check items below that apply:

☐ I need vegetarian meals for these in my party.  
(list names below)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals

☐ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

☐ I will be using a scooter and will need assistance with transportation at the hotel/convention center

☐ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

GUESTS: As a fully registered attendee you may bring non-registered guests to meal functions only. List names below and pay for their meals under "Extra Tickets" on reverse. They will only be allowed in events they've paid for.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This is my first Convention/Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am a Delegate/Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Details

Your convention registration includes:

- Wednesday night Social with Entertainment
- Thursday Evening Opening with Flag Ceremony, Vesper Service, and Memorial Service
- Friday and Saturday business sessions
- Friday Fellowship Luncheon with the First Lady
- Saturday Installation Banquet with Entertainment
- President's Reception
- Name badge, printed program, workshops, entertainment, speakers, and more.

Registration must be paid in order to attend convention activities including workshops and business sessions. A

registered convention attendee may purchase extra meals for his/her non-registered guests.

The deadline to qualify for "early" registration is December 27, 2009. Between December 27, 2009, and January 7, 2010, late registration fees will apply. After January 7, 2010, you may only register in person at the convention site.

### Optional Events & Meals

There are several optional events that may be purchased separately for attendees or for their guests. These are listed on the back of this registration form.

We will be honoring Ruritan military veterans during the Saturday Veterans Breakfast. Please let us know your branch and era of service for special recognitions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one in each column)

☐ U.S. Army

☐ U.S. Air Force

☐ U. S. Marines

☐ U.S. Navy

☐ U.S. Coast Guard

☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ WWII

☐ Korea

☐ Vietnam

☐ Desert Storm

☐ Operation Iraqi Freedom

☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

### Lodging

Hotel rooms may be secured using the official lodging form in this magazine and available at <http://ruritan.org> or by going directly to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2010RuritanHousing>

## What Events Will You Attend At The Beach?

**Convention Registration:** Includes Fellowship Luncheon with the First Lady and Saturday Installation Banquet.

**Early Registration**

Postmarked on or prior to December 27, 2009

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$155 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Registration**

Postmarked after December 27, 2009

# \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$185 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub Total Basic Registration** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Meals:** These prices are for registered attendees only. Guests who are not registered should purchase their meal tickets under "Extra Tickets" below.

**Thursday**

Foundation Awards Dinner # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday**

Veterans' Breakfast # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub Total Optional Meals** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Tickets:** For any guests of a fully registered attendee. These tickets will secure entrance to these events **ONLY**. **Names must be listed on front of this form.**

**Thursday**

Foundation Awards Dinner # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday**

Fellowship Luncheon with the First Lady # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Rocky Hock Opry Show\*\* # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Entire ticket price goes to American Cancer Society*

**Saturday**

Veterans Breakfast # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Installation Banquet # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub Total Extra Tickets:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

Rudy Bears - Large # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.25 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rudy Bears - Small # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.95 =+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash donation for food drop \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(will be credited to your district total)*

**Sub Total Other** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign up, above, to donate Rudy Bears to the bear drop in Virginia Beach! And If you can't go - send Rudy in your place. Call Ruritan Supply at 800-836-5431 and order a bear to send.**

*Have you given donations to your local food pantry? Has your club sponsored a Red Cross blood drive? Don't forget to tell your District Governor about your total donations and total pints of blood collected for a contest at the National Convention.*

### How Will You Pay?

**Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084**

**Check payment type below:**

**NOTE:** Aside from some limited special seating, everyone will be seated for meals on a "first come, first served" basis. If you want to be seated with specific attendees, you should send your registration forms in **together**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment made by check      Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa/Mastercard      Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date # \_\_\_\_\_

Check one option below

\_\_\_\_\_ Bill my credit card now

\_\_\_\_\_ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2009



## Summer Youth Conference Draws 107 Attendees

The third annual Ruritan Youth Leadership Conference was held in July at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Conference center at Smith Mountain Lake, VA with 107 students and 40 adults attending.

Students enjoyed a variety of activities which included canoeing, kayaking, swimming, robotics, wall climbing, horse back riding, archery, and teambuilding exercises. Gary Broadbent (the Boomerang Man) from Ohio gave a motivational talk using boomerangs to illustrate the points he wished to make. Ben Gregory, Jr. of the Chesapeake District gave a presentation on American flags. On Saturday night the group enjoyed a dance and feasted on frozen ice treats, watermelon, and popcorn.

The principles of Ruritan were introduced to the students using a variety of posters around the walls – illustrating facts about the organization. Ruritan Youth Committee Chair and National Director Carson Stanley said, "There are so many fine Ruritans to thank for making this conference a successful one. If you were one of those who helped in any way, the youth committee would like to offer our thanks."

He added, "We hope to increase our attendance next year. Please consider sending the young people in your districts to our conference. It is an enjoyable learning experience for them. Youth are our future. Let's get them involved in every possible way."



### 2009 National President's Program

## Rudy Bears Donated Locally Count Toward Convention Totals

Rudy Bears that are donated at home will still be considered in the 2010 National Convention Rudy Bear drop contest between Ruritan's districts. National President Donald Worrell wants to remind Ruritan clubs to give their district governors their totals for Rudy Bear donations in time for the convention contest. Totals should be turned in to the Ruritan National Office before December 1 or brought to the national convention to be added to the master lists.

Also being considered are food donations at home and at the convention as well as pints of blood donated by clubs through American Red Cross bloodmobiles.

Recognition of all three types of donations will be made at the large, medium, and small district levels, explained President Donald. These winners will be announced during one of the convention events.



### Come Visit Us!

#### Ruritan National Office

Traveling northbound on Interstate 81, take exit 98, turn left onto Rt. 100 (from southbound Interstate 81 turn right onto Rt. 100). At the second stoplight, turn right onto Rt. 682, cross over Interstate 81 and turn left onto Rt. 662.

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

# Foundation Kicks Off New Fundraising Program



The Foundation has always encouraged large and repeat contributions to the educational funds, but we have never encountered economic conditions similar to what we are currently experiencing. Therefore we are embarking on a campaign to encourage donations by every member of Ruritan in amounts in

which each of us can participate. Actually there are several reasons for pursuing this path. First is the probability of raising significant additional funds for the Foundation. The corpus of the foundation needs to reach or exceed \$10,000,000 to be self sustaining. The earnings from this sum will ensure grants for every club which participates in Foundation grant programs at a much more significant level than currently possible. Second, the earnings would also allow many more regular grants to be awarded annually and at a greater dollar amount. Third, we hope the program will encourage many more folks to be a part of the Foundation. The program is outlined on the facing page.

This program has been introduced to the Ruritan National Board of Directors and to the leaders of the organization in a letter on July 15, 2009. It will be formally introduced at the Foundation Fellowship Weekend in Lancaster, PA where we hope to receive the first contributions to the program. Please consider the opportunity to be among the first donors to the "\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$".

Your next opportunity to support the efforts of the Foundation will be in Virginia Beach when we hold our silent and live auctions. Please bring items for sale and be prepared to purchase some of the interesting items. The Foundation dinner will be held on Thursday evening prior to the opening ceremonies with the live and silent auctions concluding on Friday.

## Ruritan National FOUNDATION 2009 Board of Trustees

**President:** J. J. Bernard Lerch III  
**Vice President:** Richard Keener  
**Secretary:** Bruce W. Thompson  
**Treasurer:** Robert "Cleve" Wright  
**Promotion Chair:** Norman O'Dell



The trustees of the Ruritan National Foundation thank each of you for your continued support of the efforts of the Foundation to make higher education attainable for more students as well as making disaster assistance available.

Yours in continuing Ruritan Service to **Others**  
J. J. Bernard Lerch, III  
2009 Foundation President



## Outstanding Student Honored

Ruritan National Foundation Trustee Norman O'Dell attended North Iredell High School Awards Ceremony and presented Amy Beth Schnieder with a \$600 foundation grant. Amy was one of 9 receiving grants from a pool of 58 applicants. Amy also received a scholarship from **V-Point** (NC) Ruritan Club. She will be attending the University of North Carolina and is considering majoring in chemical engineering.

## Former Foundation President Named Alumnus of the Year



Nell Jeffries was honored "Alumnus of the Year" in May at the annual alumni dinner of Concord University for her devotion to the Alumni Counsel. Dr. John David Smith, vice president of student affairs and president of the Concord University Alumni Association, presented Nell with her plaque.



# New Million Dollar Club Program Outlined

The trustees of the Ruritan National Foundation, Inc., at their April 2009 meeting approved a new five year program to be known as “\$\$\$ Million Dollar Club \$\$\$” as set forth below.

**WHO:**

RURITAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC

**WHAT:**

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

**SLOGAN:**

*BROTHER/SISTER CAN YOU SPARE ME A DIME*

**Purpose** – To increase the assets of the Foundation in order to provide additional earnings to fund increased numbers and amounts of scholarships.

**Participants** – All Ruritans and Ruri-Teens are members of the Foundation and therefore members of the Foundation’s “\$\$\$ Million Dollar Club \$\$\$” and “FRAN’s” namely friends, relatives, associates and neighbors are encouraged to participate.

**How** – Each member is encouraged to save a dime per day and forward to the Foundation at the end of each year which would total \$36.50. To give the program a boost, you may want to send the first years funds of \$36.50 to the Foundation at the beginning of the program and at the beginning of each of the next four years. Your funds when aggregated with the funds from nearly 33,000 members will total over \$1 million dollars per year.

**When** – The program is to begin October 1, 2009 and run for an initial period of five years. With full participation, our membership will have contributed to the Foundation over the next five years funds of nearly \$6 million dollars in additional assets.

**Why** – To provide funds to meet the demand for additional scholarships and to meet the ever rising costs of education beyond High School.

**Will I benefit** – Your contribution may be added to any existing fund or you may establish a fund in your name or a loved one’s

name. All donations to the Foundation are income tax deductible under IRS Code 501(c)3.

**May I increase my contribution** – Of course, all amounts are welcomed and appreciated. The suggested amount listed above is simply the minimum donation by all Ruritans and Ruri-Teens to accomplish the one million dollar annual level.

**Membership notice** – The first notice to our membership is this article in the fall 2009 RURITAN magazine and each issue thereafter. Additional notices will be included in other publications beginning October 1, 2009.

**Why such a program?** – This would give every Ruritan a challenge to support the Foundation and would mean giving only a dime per day.

**Ruritan Membership** – According to the membership reported by Ruritan National we have approximately 32,750 members. Using this membership times the 10 cents per day would result in donations of \$1,195,375 per year and with no change in membership over the next five years, aggregate donations would total nearly \$6,000,000. What a boost this would give the Foundation!

**Clubs and districts** – Clubs, districts, and individuals are encouraged to continue their support of the Foundation through their current activities.

**Summary** – All Ruritans and Ruri-Teens are encouraged to participate in this program through their tax deductible donations to the Foundation in order to fund the demand for scholarships and the increased costs of higher education.

**THANKS** – Thanks for all you have done to support the Foundation during the past 41 years and your participation in this new program “\$\$\$ Million Dollar Club \$\$\$”.

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

### Coupon

Ruritan National Foundation Inc.

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Fund to Credit \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Five Amendments to be Considered by Delegates

Delegates at the 2010 National Convention will have at least five bylaws amendments to consider on the ballot. One new proposed amendment will allow lieutenant zone governors, in the districts that have them, to be voting members of their district cabinets. Another new amendment will allow the district chaplain to be a voting member of the district cabinet. Both actions affect Ruritan National Bylaws, **article XVI, section C** and both were approved by the Ruritan National Board of Directors at its August meeting.

At that same meeting the Board approved a motion to allow media conferencing and voting for conducting the business of the Board of Directors of Ruritan. The amendment to **article XII: meetings** adds a new **section F** that states: *Business may be conducted via media conferencing and voting as appropriate to the type of media tool being used to conduct the meeting. A majority of Board of Directors or committee members shall constitute a quorum.*

In addition to these three items are two other ballot items approved by the board in April and outlined in the Summer 2009 **RURITAN** magazine (page 14). The first amendment changes the voting procedures at the national conventions to allow officers, directors, and trustees to be elected by a plurality of the vote rather than a majority of the vote on the first ballot only. The second amendment will clarify the process for amending the national bylaws. All four items require the approval of the delegates to be enacted.

## Ruritan Visa Program Changes

The Ruritan National Visa program – which once provided Ruritan with approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year in non-dues revenue based on a rebate from Bank of America – has come to an end.

Anyone holding a Ruritan Visa may continue to use it – but they will be contacted soon by Bank of America and asked to upgrade to a different style of card. Ruritans who have participated in the program should know that any money they spend on the card now will not benefit the Ruritan organization financially.

At their August meeting the National Board of Directors voted to partner with Card Partner in a new credit card rebate program that will, once again, provide income to the organization without directly costing the members who use the new cards.



*Handicapped ramps at both the front and the back of the Ruritan National office were being installed in August thanks to generous donors to the capital replacement fund.*

*New double-paned insulated windows have been installed at the Ruritan National Office thanks to donations through the Capital Replacement Committee.*





# Latest Donors to Capital Replacement Fund Listed

Over 250 donations have been made by members, clubs, and districts toward the Ruritan Capital Replacement Fund to pay for much needed repairs to the National Office building. To date over \$57,000 has been raised and many of the repairs are already underway – including new energy efficient windows (pictured on the opposite page).

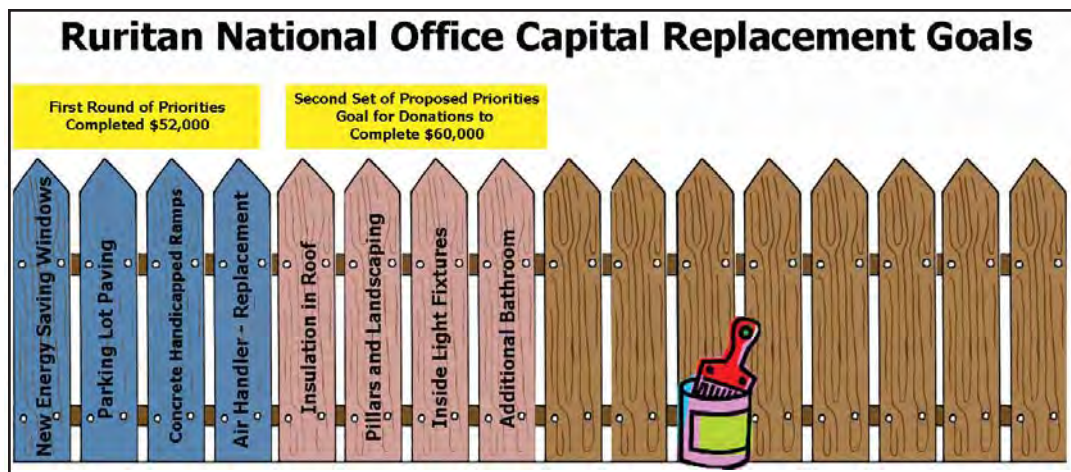
Executive Director Michael Chrisley noted that the local power company conducted an evaluation of the building recently. “They determined that the old single-paned windows were the equivalent of a four-inch hole in each office wall – in terms of energy efficiency,” said Chrisley. “We expect these new windows to show a savings in heating and cooling costs almost right away.” Chrisley added that he was very pleased that the Capital Replacement Committee formed in 2008 was concentrating on ways to reduce operating costs and to make Ruritan as efficient as possible.

1998 National President Gary Taylor, who chaired the committee and initiated the first appeal for funds, says he has been overwhelmed by the response and the

many donations from Ruritans at every level – individuals, clubs and districts. “We are grateful for whatever amount has been given,” he said. “Our Ruritan National Office can become a showplace that stands for what it means to be a Ruritan. We have come a long way, but we still have a way to go. Bless you all!”

The first \$52,000 in donations has been earmarked by the committee for the windows, re-paving the parking lot, concrete handicapped ramps, and replacing the central heating and cooling unit. Projects for future donations are being considered – as noted in the picket fence graphic on this page. A first priority will be insulation in the ceiling – again a cost-saving effort that will help reduce operating expenses.

Donors since the last issue of the Ruritan magazine are listed below:



### Gifts From Clubs

Hamburg Ruritan Club  
Beloit Ruritan Club  
Mount Pleasant Ruritan Club  
Tuscarawas Valley Ruritan Club  
Tenth Legion Mt. Valley Ruritan  
Hanover Ruritan Club  
Greenville Ruritan Club  
Pineview Ruritan Club  
Brookville Ruritan Club, in memory of  
Virgil Cauley and L.W. Bibb  
St. Luke Fairview Ruritan Club  
Warrenton Ruritan Club Inc.  
Draper Ruritan Club  
Bethlehem Ruritan Club  
Wistarburg Ruritan Club  
Pottawatomie Township  
Jonesborough Ruritan Club  
West Branch Area Ladies Club  
Sumerduck Ruritan Club  
Stafford Ruritan Club

### Gifts From Clubs

New Franklin Ruritan Club, PA  
Jefferson Ruritan Club  
Earlsville Ruritan Club  
Prince George Ruritan Club, in honor  
of Donald Worrell  
South River Ruritan Club  
Bridgewater Ruritan Club  
Hardin's Chapel Ruritan Club  
Hunterdale Ruritan Club  
Thompson Ruritan Club  
Hymera Ruritan Club  
Pleasant Valley Ruritan Club  
Shawnee Ruritan Club

### Gifts from Districts

Lincolnland District No. 33  
Woodrow Wilson District

### Gifts From Associations

Association of NC Ruritans  
Venable on behalf of ANCR

### Gifts from Individuals

J. Calvin Vaughan, in honor of Kitty  
Vaughan  
Frank and Janet Kinsey  
Dennis and Betty Clemmer  
Raymond Powell, in memory of Joyce  
Powell  
Dennis Holmberg  
Tom and Carole Davis

### Gifts from Past National Presidents

Jim and Lou Rader, for paving project  
David and Anne Freshly  
Charles and Juanita Bridwell  
John Hancock  
Kelly Chapman, in memory of Earline  
Charles and Juanita Bridwell, for  
paving project  
Braxton Bell

# Holland Clubs Have Busy Spring, Summer

The clubs in the Holland District have been working, playing and celebrating this spring and summer. The **Bethlehem** (VA) Ruritan Club held its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Over 60 members and guests attended the event. Comments were made by 2009 National President Donald Worrell and National Director Roy Malloy. The history of the club was given by 2003 National President George Winslow and City Councilman Jeff Gardy.

Some Ruritans will do anything to entertain their fellow members. Take Bill Robins (black wig) and President Eddie Woods who joined others to entertain the **Deep Creek** (VA) club at a meeting in June (pictured).

Clean the Bay Day is a popular environmental event in the Hampton Roads area. Volunteers from civic groups, scouts, and environmental organizations gather to clean the land along the creeks and streams that feed into the Chesapeake Bay. Participating was a team from the **Great Bridge** (VA) Ruritan Club.

The **Indian River** (VA) Ruritan Club presented \$4000 in scholarships to four students from Indian River High School in Chesapeake, VA. Recipients include Kenneth Boyd, Jr. (attending Howard University), Rosemary Willis (attending the College of William and Mary), Christopher Eaton (attending Virginia Tech), and Joseph Frazier (attending Virginia Tech).

The **Isle of Wight** (VA) Ruritan Club held a Public Service Night by giving donations to local law enforcement departments, fire departments, and rescue squads. Part of this special night was presenting Rudy Bears to the Virginia State Police Department. Sgt. Williams who accepted the bears from 2009 Ruritan National President Donald Worrell on behalf of the Isle of Wight Club. Holland District Governor Clay Byrum was also part of the presentation.

The **Jarratt** (VA) Ruritans celebrated their 75th anniversary with a picnic for the community and invited guests from the Holland District. They also celebrated by receiving a Blue Ribbon Award and Outstanding Club President Award and welcoming two new members into their club.

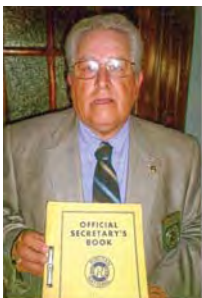
The **Meherrin** (VA) Ruritan Club built a handicapped ramp for one of their members who was recently diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. The members who helped work on this project were Floyd Hobbs Jr, Mitch Booden, Kurt Lynch, Matthew Lynch and Burt Lynch.

Members of the **Prince George** (VA) Ruritan Club are maintaining the environment around the roadsides in their county through the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Often referred to as the "Spring Rite of Virginia Politics", the 61<sup>st</sup> Shad Planking again served as the unofficial kick-off to the political season in Virginia. This year it was even featured nationally in a segment on the Fox News Channel. The Shad Planking is sponsored annually by the **Wakefield** (VA) Ruritan Club and serves as the club's principal fundraising event, with all proceeds from the event being donated to local community service organizations such as Wakefield Youth Baseball League, fire departments and rescue squads.

Congratulations go to the **Waverly** (VA) Ruritan Club on their 70th anniversary. As part of the celebration, they displayed memorabilia. One of the documents on display was their secretary's book from their charter year of 1939. Club member and Past National Director Raymond Warren is pictured holding the 1939 booklet.

The 13th Annual American Indian Festival was held in Chesapeake, VA. The festival included Indian dances, exhibits, singers, and was presented by the Nansemond Indian Tribe. In 1608 when Captain John Smith attempted to bargain with the Nansemond Indians for grain, their population was 1200 with 300 bowmen. The Nansemond Tribe is one of the remaining tribes of the Powhatan Confederacy.





### Bridgewater (VA) Ruritans Promote Rudy Bear Donations

The **Bridgewater** (VA) Ruritan Club recently donated Rudy Bears to the town's police, fire and rescue departments. First responders give the bears to children involved in accidents, house fires, domestic disputes, and to those who are ill. When Glen Thomas attended the National Convention in January, he returned with 48 bears to distribute among the emergency departments. "I think it completely relaxes a child when they are under stress and it gives them something to cling to," Thomas said.

Gary Moyers, president of the Bridgewater Rescue Squad, said most children stop crying when they hug the bear. Moyers added that the gift of a stuffed animal shows the child that "we're not just rescue people anymore and they are ideal for rescue organizations because they are sterile and wrapped in plastic, a requirement in order for first responders to hand them out." Bridgewater Police Chief Bobby Hill said that all officers keep a Rudy Bear in their patrol car. Officers don't always know what children think about them, but giving them a bear helps break the ice, especially in domestic situations. Hill said that the departments appreciate the club for the bears because they give them another tool to do their jobs.

The club also celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary at their May meeting. Pictured (l-e) are National Director Morris Clyburn, Secretary Charles Wright, President Glen Thomas, Ruri-Teen Sara Hulvey, 2009 National President Donald Worrell, Vice President Liz Shinaberry, National Secretary JoAnn Wenger, Rockingham District Governor James Driver, and Treasurer Wally Knox.



### More News From Rockingham

The **Belmont Community** (VA) Ruritan Club presented spelling bee bobblehead dolls to two Thomas Harrison Middle School students who took part in the **Daily News Record** Regional Spelling Bee Contest. The Rockingham District gave a new computer to the winner Andrew Logsdon.



The **Fort Valley** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently. Holding the plaque from (l-r) are: Derrick Stephens, Dagan Stephens, Keith Stephens, Anna Belle Stephens, Donald Worrell, Rick Saffel, Tim Stephens.

## News From Ruritan: Greenville/Goldsboro District

### Pactolus (NC) Club Proud of Blue Ribbon Status



The **Pactolus** (NC) Ruritan Club was presented the Blue Ribbon Award for 2008 at its regular May meeting by District Governor Jeff Edwards. Club President Jerry Mizell Jr. accepted the award on behalf of the club. Edwards commended the club on their accomplishments and challenged the club to earn the award for 2009. Pictured left to right are Jerry Mizell, Jeff Edwards, Bill Jones, and Bruce Branch.



## News From Ruritan: New River District

### *Ceres (VA) Ruritans Raise New American Flag*

Woodmen of the World Financial Advisor, Whit King, presented a U.S. Flag to the **Ceres (VA)** Ruritan Club at their June meeting. Members present at this ceremony were Danny and

Frieda Hanshaw, Buddie and Lorree Waddle, Joyce Lindamood, Garnett Hubble, Lorin and Jennifer Hanshaw and their children, Thomas and Daniel. Pictured in front (l-r) Joyce Lindamood and Frieda Hanshaw. Back row (l-r), Whit King, Danny Hanshaw, Buddie Waddle, Lorin Hanshaw, Garnett Hubble, Thomas Hanshaw. Also pictured are Whit King and Lorin Hanshaw raising the flag.



## News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District



It is tradition for the sitting national president of Ruritan to spend time over July Fourth visiting Ruritan clubs in the Lincolnland District. While 2009 National President Donald Worrell and First Lady Roseland were in the area they visited 20 of the 22 clubs in the district and took part in parades, barbecues, and park dedications.



Deborah Lin is shown being installed as a new member of the **Dundas (IL)** Ruritan Club by Zone 3 Governor Grover Burkett at a recent club meeting.



The **Town of Dubois 2010** float won first place in the July Fourth parade. Members of the **Dubois (IN)** Ruritan Club are pictured with the winning float.



## Rougemont Honors Veterans at Ice Cream Social



The **Rougemont** (NC) Ruritan Club held its annual free Community Ice Cream Social on the clubhouse grounds in July. Over 175 residents were in attendance (the largest crowd ever) to enjoy the free homemade ice cream (16 selections to choose from) and baked goods.

A special program honored all veterans in attendance. Musical entertainment was provided while fellowship and goodwill abounded. Ruritan leaders attending included (l-r): National Director Corky Camin, Zone Gov. Joe Haenn, 2009 National President Donald Worrell, Governor Dennis Raper, 1984 National President Ervin Miles,

Rougemont President Linward Hedgpeth, and 2002 National President Millard Thacker.

### More News From Rocky Mt. - Durham

Rocky Mt. – Durham Zone 7 Governor Joe Haenn and **Mount Sylvan** (NC) Club President Benny Andrews are shown presenting Harvey Tippet of the Mount Sylvan club a 50 year service award. Tippet also volunteers for Meals on Wheels and at the Ronald McDonald House. Pictured from right to left: Harvey Tippet, Joe Haenn, Benny Andrews



**Cedar Grove** (NC) Ruritan Club awards their 2009 scholarship to Charles Sheridan.

The club offers a \$1000 per year scholarship to graduating seniors who pursue further education. The scholarship pays \$1000 a year up to four years or until a degree is obtained, whichever comes first. Pictured from (l-r) are: Scholarship Committee Chair Kenny Ray, Charles Sheridan, Priscilla Sheridan, Philip Sheridan, and Club President Sam Hobgood.



The **Momeyer** (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated 45 years of Ruritan service in June by hosting its annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. During the event, five charter members were honored for still being active with the club. They are (l-r), Paul Bass, Charles Bass, Wilbur Jackson, Bobby Lee Bass, and Pete Hinton.



## MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Military personnel who are also Ruritans and who might be unable to attend regular meetings should not be counted as absent according to the Ruritan National Board of Directors.

If your club has a member currently serving in active duty, your club secretary should count him or her as "present" at meetings so that his or her absence doesn't penalize the member or cause the club to fall short on attendance percentages.

The Board cited the National Constitutional provision for using "four hours of community service" as the equivalent of a make-up meeting -- a substitution that members of the U.S. Military are surely qualified to use.



## News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

### *Plenty of Ruritan Action Here!*

The **Spottswood-Raphine** (VA) Ruritan Club's citizenship and patriotism committee supported a blanket project for wounded soldiers and veterans. Kay Connor, committee member, introduced the project to the club after she had spent 300 hours making blankets this year.

The **Sangerville-Towers** (VA) Ruritan Club served 1,780 hungry folks at their Oyster, Ham and Turkey Supper. After serving 130 gallons of oysters, the fundraiser ended successfully bringing in after expenses \$10,746. In addition to the supper, the club lined the tables with baked goodies to sale. The bake sale's profit amounted to \$2052.

What does "Old Glory" mean to you? The **Bolar** (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual "Old Glory" essay contest recently. Every year the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to tell the club what Old Glory means to them. The winner's receive a \$50 savings bond, a flag that has flown over the US Capital and a certificate from the club.

Pictured with club secretary Tammy Hicklin (far right) are the three

essay winners (l-r): Nirina Walters, Samantha Blagg, and Austin Tuley.



## News From Ruritan: Rapidan District

### News From Ruritan: Georgia - N/ALA District

#### **Armuchee Names Honorary Member**

Martin Blackwelder is shown with his plaque commemorating the honorary membership unanimously awarded to him by the **Armuchee** (GA) Ruritan Club recently. The accolade came as a surprise to Martin, whose family attended the event. Under the terms of the honorary membership, the club will assume payments of his national dues.



#### **First Lady of Albemarle Club**

National Director Dennie Clemmer inducted Doris Floyd as the "first lady" of the **Albemarle** (VA) Ruritan Club in the Rapidan District. Doris is the first female to join the club in their 60 year history and she is the wife of the club president, Ed Floyd.

Doris was immediately assigned to the membership committee because she has plans to have several of her friends join.



## News From Ruritan: Ohio District

### *Ohio Clubs Entertain and Support Their Communities*

The **Beaver Township** (OH) Ruritan Club held its fifth annual Father's Day Car show in June. Beautiful weather, over 120 vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles, food vendors, 50/50 raffle, auction, prizes and a disc jockey made for an enjoyable community event.

**Goshen Center** (OH) Ruritan Club host its annual Bunker Hill Shootout Truck and Tractor Pull. The club started hosting the pull since its inception in 1961 drawing an average of 800-1000 spectators each night, and generating in excess of \$10,000 each year.

The **Leetonia High School Ruri-Teen** (OH) club recently presented checks of \$250 each to their local "Care and Share" program and the Christian Concern of Leetonia. The club raised the money through various community and school events. Pictured from left to right: Kyle Gray, Leetonia Police Chief John Soldano, Ashley Thompson, Theo Smith, Melanie Stelts of Christian Concerns, and Emma Nappi.

The **National Trail** (OH) Ruritan club has maintained the Peters Creek S-Bridge Park for many years.



## News From Ruritan: Columbia District



### *District Picnic Held in Columbia, S.C.*

Columbia District Picnic in July was held at the Army National Guard facility in Columbia, S.C. The meal was followed by a tour of the South Carolina Military Museum. Eight Ruritan National candidates visited with the attendees that day. Pictured are District Secretary Virginia Franklin; Lt. Governor Von Taylor, Ruritan National Vice President Jerome Rodes, Governor Martha Amick and Treasurer Henri Bishop.

## News From Ruritan: Alabama - Florida District

### **Kinston (AL) Raises Funds for Local Man**

The **Kinston** (AL) Ruritan Club recently held a benefit barbeque for a local businessman, Michael Wilkerson who is undergoing cancer treatments. Club president Heflin Smith is shown presenting a check to Michael Wilkerson for \$5,463.35.



### Western NC Clubs Are Spreading the Ruritan Message

**Peak Creek (NC)** Ruritan Club received a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque along with the Blue Ribbon and the Outstanding Club President Award for the first time. Receiving President Donald Worrell's SHARE coin (pictured with banner) were (l-r): Doug Worsharm, he also received the five member bar, Walt Skroch, Carol Skroch, Don Tucker, Dympsa Bowlin, Bill Henson, Ruth Robertson. Charter members pictured with National Director Joe Jaynes (far right) were (l-r) Wheeling Miller, Fred Wagoner, Bob Robertson, Dympsa Bowlin, and Bill Henson.

The **Hopewell Hollis (NC)** Ruritan Club celebrated Ruritan National's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday by sharing a special American flag cake. Joyce Bridges spoke on the history of Ruritan.

Eddie Bingham, member of the **Old Fort (NC)** Ruritan Club, received the 2009 Volunteer Award at the



McDowell Center Award Ceremony. Eddie is currently the president of the McDowell County Crime Stoppers and has led efforts for his club to clean up the highways for 15 years. He has helped with the

Wheels of Love program by bringing 200 old bikes to be refurbished and in addition he has picked up 88 bikes over the past three years to be given to children at Christmas.



## News From Ruritan: Southwest VA District



*Willie Mae Kilgore was presented a F\*R\*A\*N pin by National Director Dennie Clemmer for recruiting two new members into the **Copper Creek (VA)** Ruritan Club.*

### Ruritan and AARP Join Forces to Feed Hungry

Ruritan clubs in Virginia and AARP Virginia are joining forces to provide food for those hardest hit by the economic recession. On October 24, 2009 members of AARP across Virginia will go to participating Ruritan club sites to drop off food that will be distributed by Ruritan to food banks across the state.

All Virginia Ruritan clubs were contacted about this project and to date nearly 75 have opted to participate in the program. Ruritan Executive Director Michael Chrisley noted, "This is a perfect time to introduce potential members to Ruritan. I encourage the clubs participating to have materials available about Ruritan in general and about their clubs in particular. Also, by participating in this project, your club will be able to count the total weight of the food donated toward your district totals for the Ruritan National Convention."

Chrisley went on to explain that Ruritan clubs outside of Virginia were also encouraged to announce local food drives and make similar donations to food banks.



## News From Ruritan: Dan River District

### Red Bank 'Holiday Tree' Sparks Conversation

If you are looking for a conversation piece during your meal at your club's monthly meeting, try a holiday tree. The **Red Bank** (VA) Ruritan Club has one and every month they decorate the tree according to that month's holiday theme.

**Horsepasture** (VA) Ruritan Club President Bill Maxwell gave Debra Parsons Buchanan a 25 member recruiting pin recently. She has brought in a total of 27 new members. At that same meeting 2009 National President Donald Worrell met with Christopher Stevens of the Appalachian Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross to discuss plans to promote Ruritan club sponsored blood drives.



## News From Ruritan: Delmarva/NJ District

### V.C.F. (DE) Club Helps Fill Local Food Bank

The V.C.F. (DE) Ruritan Club members have been busy this summer helping with the local food bank. Because of the problems with the economy right now, food banks are in more need than ever before.

Here the club members are pictured with some of their food drive items.



## News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District

### Ashburn (VA) Rewards Students Making Positive Contributions

**Ashburn** (VA) Ruritan Club president Barry Dwyer established the theme for the club's 14<sup>th</sup> annual "Outstanding Student Citizen Awards" night when he stated, "We are bombarded daily with negative stories and images of our youth. Tonight you will hear about 23 young men and women who have already made a positive impact on their communities and who are building a strong foundation for their futures and by extension the future of our nation." Students from 21 Ashburn area schools who had been selected by their principals and teachers of their respective schools received the award.

The awards consisted of savings bonds for the elementary and middle school student winners, cash scholarships for the high school winners, and plaques engraved with the winning student's name for display in each school.





## News From Ruritan: Appomattox District

### Appomattox Clubs Bring Ruritan Service to Life

The **South Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club presented money to Debra Bowers with Mary Kay Cosmetics to help with the mailing expenses of boxes for a troop support program she initiated recently. Pictured are club president Scott Smith, Debra Bowers and one of the youngest Ruritans, Scotty Smith. Lisa Clary from the club recently presented three scholarships to students who are continuing their education.

The **Wilson-Hebron-Ford** (VA) Ruritan club partnered with Midway Elementary School in recognizing its outstanding student citizens. The "Midway Monthly Citizenship Award" program for children K-5 encourages appropriate behaviors and attitudes toward friends, classmates, and adults.



## News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

### *The Latest Activities from the Richlands (NC) Club*

The **Richlands** (NC) Ruritan Club donated \$100 to Resurrection Missions for the location, documentation, and preservation of endangered cemeteries. The director of the program, Jack Robinson, is a member of the club. He completes most of these tasks on his own time, donating his labor and expense. Some cemeteries under the mission's protection date back to before the 1800s.

The ladies of the club are shown after they cooked for their annual fund raising breakfast. Pictured are (l-r): Sandy Rouse, Sue Huffman, Hilma Mills, Norma Gibbs, Nancy Cox, Barbara Dumphy, and Mary Jane Heath.



## News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District

### Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area Club Active in Community

The **Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area** (VA) Ruritan Club has been busy this summer awarding scholarships and sponsoring blood drives. The club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Jordan Mullins and Craig Tripp at their meeting in June. Pictured are (l-r) Becky Mady, Jordan Mullins, Craig Tripp and Susan Kilpatrick.

The club also sponsors six blood drives a year, holding them every other month. During a July bloodmobile visit, the club was honored to have two first time donors on hand, sixteen-year-old twins Trevor and Danny Byrd. The twins were making their first donation for the American

Red Cross and came through the experience with flying colors. Pictured are (l-r) Trevor, Martie (their mother) and Danny Byrd.





# Potomac Clubs Are Getting Ruritan Work Done!

Potomac District Governor Michael Danley presented the Blue Ribbon Award to **Leitersburg** (MD) Club President Sue Edwards-Doyle recently. He also recognized 2008 Club President Bruce Melton with the Outstanding Club President Award.

**St. Thomas Area** (PA) celebrated Charles "Babe" Harrison's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday in June. Pictured (l-r) are: Pat Dietle, Lois Yeakle, Russ Yeakle, John Smith, Mary Smith, Robert Poe, Tom Iacona, Cathy Iacona, Roger Beckner, Sabrina Poe, Ruth Bard, Linda Beckner, Joyce Malone, Harold Bard, Robin Poe, Irv Dietle, John Malone, and Tom Danzberger. The club also recognized scholarship recipients at their June meeting.

The **Churchville** (MD) Ruritan Club celebrates the Fourth of July by strolling in their club car during their town parade. Don Arthur of the **Lothian** (MD) Ruritan Club was awarded the South Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award in May. The award was given to him for his contributions to the community including deliveries of snacks to the recovering heroes at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.



## Jefferson (MD) Club Cleans Up Medal of Honor Grove

On a recent Saturday, a crew from the **Jefferson** (MD) Ruritan Club drove three hours to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge to lend their hand to cleanup of the Medal of Honor Grove, part of the grounds of the 85-acre campus.

The Jefferson work crew brought chain saws, weed trimmers, rakes, blowers, and their time and energy to assist in cleaning up the 52-acre woodland dedicated to the recipients of Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award of valor.

The Jefferson Ruritan crew focused on several specific areas. First and foremost, the acre dedicated to Maryland was cleaned up, along with several other states' areas. In addition, an outdoor amphitheater dedicated to the 29<sup>th</sup> Blue and Gray Infantry Division needed some attention. The work crew included Chuck Harp, John Lovell Jr., Larry Cassell, Scott Easton, Mike Young and Larry Putman. Assisting was Ruritan National Director Larry Blount, who organized this day of cleanup.



Jefferson Treasurer Larry Putman commented, "When you visit the nearby Valley Forge National Park, you should stop by the grounds and walk through the Medal of Honor Grove. It would be worth your time and effort."



## Sponsor a Scout to the Medal of Honor Adventure

This fall, Ruritans can sponsor Boy Scouts to the Medal of Honor Adventure at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The three-day program for Scouts emphasizes leadership, patriotism, and courage by impressing upon the minds of the nation's youth the tenets of responsible citizenship. Participants will perform service work in the foundation's 52-acre Medal of Honor Grove, attend workshops, organize council fires, and tour Valley Forge National Historical Park.

The participants' knowledge and understanding of the Medal of Honor will be enhanced by opportunities to meet and talk with Medal of Honor recipients in various settings. Tuition includes housing, meals, and tours.

The dates for the 2009 Adventure are October 16-18. For more information contact Carolyn Santangelo at 610-933-8825 ext. 234 or via e-mail at [csantangelo@ffvf.org](mailto:csantangelo@ffvf.org).

## News From Ruritan: Cherokee District

# Cherokee Clubs Are Young and Young At Heart

The **Harrison** (TN) Ruritan Club is proud to announce the award of three \$1,000 scholarships to recent Central High School graduates. The recipients and their families were recognized at the June club meeting. Pictured (l-r) are guest speaker Judge David Bales, Bethany Barclay, Bethany LaFoe, and Amelia Hickman.

**Walker Valley High School Ruri-Teens** (TN) visit the residents at the Bradley Healthcare Nursing Home every other Saturday with occasional help from **Bradley Central High School Ruri-Teens** (TN) and **Ocoee Middle School Ruri-Teens** (TN). The teens help with bingo and give the residence cards on different holidays such as Valentines day and Easter. The administrator of the facility tells Cherokee District Treasurer Joyce Johnson that the teens are such a blessing to the residents that they treat the teens as if they were their own grandchildren.



## News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

**Gloucester** (VA) Ruritan Club delivers annually fresh flower arrangements for Mother's Day to "Meals on Wheels" recipients. Many of the recipients told the club that the flowers made them happy and that they haven't received flowers in a long time. Pictured at left is Eulah Norman receiving her arrangement.



**Westmoreland** (VA) Ruritan Club added two new awards to their 73-year-old trophy case as Club President Peggy Mothershead (left) was awarded Outstanding Club President and the club earned the Blue Ribbon Award. Chesapeake District Governor Betty Lee Stanley (right) attended a recent meeting to make the announcement and to present the awards.



## News From Ruritan: Blue Grass District

# Blue Grass Clubs Demonstrate Ruritan Values Every Day

Past National Director William "Bill" Church was honored with a Ruritan Forever endowment from members of the **Choateville** (KY) Ruritan Club in June with over 60 friends and Ruritan members in attendance. Bill has 28 years of membership.

Cecil Franklin of the **Cropper** (KY) Ruritan Club is shown holding his plaque of 45 consecutive perfect attendance tabs. Pictured (l-r) Bryan Franklin, Cecil Franklin, and National Director Roger K. Carter.

Vice President Paul Hampton of the **Bald Knob Eagle** (KY) Ruritan Club presented two scholarships on behalf of the club recently. One went to Alison Hamilton who received the Marraccini/Fint Education Scholarship of \$590, and the other to Casey Smith who received a Ruritan Foundation Build Your Dollar scholarship of \$590.





## News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

### *Snapshots of Activity Around the Piedmont District*

The **Germanton Elementary Ruri-Teen** (NC) Club had their first meeting before school released for the summer. 1988 National President Willis Overby (left) and Piedmont District Governor Stephen Tulbert (center) installed the officers of the club and were on hand for the charter signing.

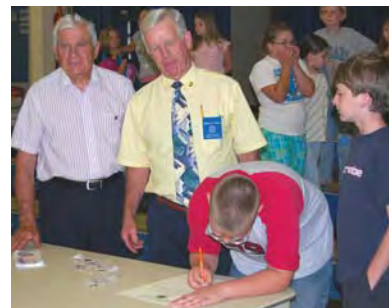
The **Germanton** (NC) Ruritan Club raised \$400 and purchased American flags to display throughout their town. The flag brackets were made by Sonny Dalton and Don Ganshaw, members of the **Pine Hall** (NC) Ruritan Club.

The **Leasburg** (NC) Ruritan Club's youth members (pictured left) have been hard at work for the club: gardening and serving dinner to over 150 people during a recent fundraiser.



Piedmont District Governor Steve Tulbert presented **Sandy Ridge** (NC) Ruritan President Sarah Wood the 2008 Outstanding Club President Award at a club meeting recently. The club also received the Blue Ribbon Award for 2008.

David Jones of **Union Grove** (NC) Ruritan and Bill Wooten of **Windsor's Crossroads** (NC) Ruritan Club spend time in "jail" to help Southern Community Bank and Trust raise funds for their annual Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser.



## News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

### Albemarle Ruritans Recognize Students & Veterans

The **Currituck** (NC) Ruritan Club has been busy over the past couple of months. As one of their fundraisers, they make a community birthday calendar. Club Treasurer John Forbes proudly shows off the finished product. In May the club cooked for the Currituck County High School's senior class picnic. Pictured over the grill are Wayne McClanan, Wynn Evers, Neil McClanan, and Tommy Irving. The club participates in the "Build Your Dollar" program and this year gave checks totalling \$600 to Nathan Evers and Joani Mason.

The **Hall** (NC) Ruritan Club presented a \$590 scholarship check to Blake Hudgins at their club meeting recently. Blake's father Bryan Hudgins is one of the active charter members remaining in the club. Veterans were honored with retired Army Major General Aaron Lilly as their guest speaker. Pictured lower right are (l-r): Bobby Ewell, (Desert Storm) Cecil Taylor, (WW II and Pearl Harbor survivor), Glenn Askew, (Korea) and Larry Greene (Vietnam).

The **Shawboro** (NC) Ruritan Club awarded four scholarships to graduating seniors. Pictured above right (l-r) are: 2009 Club President CJ Hutson, Jordan Ferrell

(College of Albemarle), Michael Litten (East Carolina University), and Chelsea Kovach (Chowan University). Not pictured is Joani Mason (University of North Carolina).



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