



# Ruritan

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*Northern Kentucky  
School of Music Choir*

*Wonderful  
Entertainment  
Planned for  
2013 National  
Convention*

## *Ladies for Liberty*



*Betsy Ross*



# Why are you a Ruritan?

Do you remember why you became a Ruritan? There is a Ruritan button that says, "I am a Ruritan because someone asked." That is true; however, each of us had a reason we joined Ruritan. I joined to work beside my husband Bill on community service projects.

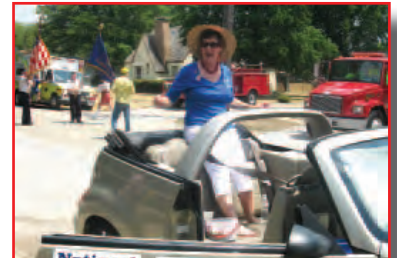


I knew about Ruritan. As a youth, I watched as my father and grandfather worked in barbecue fundraisers and played in donkey baseball games to raise funds for projects in my small town. As a Ruritan wife, I had prepared and served dinners at Ruritan meetings in my church. So when Bill's club invited the wives to join in 1996, I was excited to join and become a Ruritan.

Over the years, I have seen the membership in my club become a family affair with fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, and even grandparents working together to make their communities stronger. What better reasons to join Ruritan than to work on community service projects with family members!

In my Ruritan travels I have discovered that some members joined Ruritan clubs to meet a specific community need. The need for community athletic fields for youth is an example. Community members joined together in a Ruritan club, held fundraisers, built fields and athletic complexes, purchased equipment, and recruited coaches. They continue to contribute greatly to youth athletic endeavors, but now have branched out in other areas. Other examples include joining Ruritan clubs to start volunteer fire departments or build community houses.

I am also aware of community and church members becoming Ruritans to save a church that was experiencing loss in membership and financial difficulty. They formed a club, began holding fundraisers, and made repairs on the church. The small, beautiful church has a dedicated group of Ruritans working to keep it a vital part of their community.



*It's tradition for the sitting Ruritan National President to visit clubs in Lincolnland over the July 4th holiday. Pictured above are action shots of that visit.*

*National President Phyllis Lewter and First Gentleman Bill attended the Greensville County (VA) Ruritan Club's*



*Chicken Barbeque fundraiser. The club has been a partner with Perdue Farms since the early 80's. Perdue Farms has supported the club's effort to serve the community. Pictured (l-r) are Perdue Farms Plant Manager Bob Birch, Past Club President and Fundraising Chair Mack King, and National President Phyllis Lewter.*

A last example of why people join Ruritan occurred at a club meeting where scholarships were presented. I congratulated the recipient and asked her parents if they were Ruritan members. The mother replied, "No, but we should be! This club has honored our three daughters with scholarships." The parents left with membership applications in hand.

Why did you become a Ruritan? The reasons for becoming a Ruritan are varied. Each reason fills a personal need. Regardless of the reason, you joined and became a Ruritan. Through your efforts, lives are being changed for the better, and communities are becoming better places to work

and live.

Where each of us lives there are community-minded individuals, who are aware of Ruritan. Share with them how Ruritans are working together to build a stronger America. Invite them to become a part of Ruritan.

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Easton (MD) Ruritan Club restores an old windmill. See story on page 18.

## Special Features

### **Get Your Room For The 2013 Convention In Northern KY**

The Passkey lodging program for 2013 Ruritan lodging registrations for the two headquarters hotel – the Marriott RiverCenter and the Embassy Suites are now open and taking reservations. When these two hotels fill their Ruritan room block – there will still be rooms available at the two overflow properties: The Radisson and the Marriott Courtyard. Both will have shuttle access to the convention center. Do not call any of these hotels directly. These rooms must be booked through Passkey and not with the hotels. To access Passkey, go to the Ruritan website (<http://ruritan.org>) and pull down the Member Resources option to 2013 Convention Lodging and get the link or to find printable lodging forms in both Word and PDF. These can be filled out and faxed or mailed in if you are not comfortable with on-line registration.

**Cover caption:** Local entertainment acts will be featured at the 2013 Ruritan National Convention. Several are featured on this issue's cover including The Ladies For Liberty, The Northern KY School of Music, and an actress portraying early patriot Betsy Ross. Read more about them on page 10.

## Think Outside the Box

I just moved my oldest son into a dorm room at college. That was one of the toughest days I've had in a long time. The hard part was not the physical move, but the change that it brought. People generally don't like change, and when it involves someone or something that we love it is even harder. I had a really hard time leaving Brent at the school even though I know that he will be fine, and it is the best thing for him.



We love Ruritan the way it is. We love our traditions and the way we do things, particularly if we have been doing it that way for a long time. But sometimes change is good for us even when the change is hard.

Brent is still the same...he is at school, but he's still Brent. The values we instilled in him, his upbringing, his core is still the same. When he graduates he will be a very different person, but hopefully, his core values will be intact. He will be different but better.

Ruritan should retain its core values, but if we want to grow we need to allow some change. For years I have talked about the fact that our core membership...the traditional group, is growing smaller every year. According to our exit surveys the new members come but leave in the first five years of membership. We need to change so that more of the new members stay, or change so that we are attractive to a much larger group that is looking to serve for a few years.

I heard a presenter say that in order for groups like ours to grow we need to accept volunteers on their terms not ours. We have to be willing to let volunteers serve the way they want to serve. We also have to become the organization of choice when a volunteer is deciding which group to join to serve their community. What sets your club apart from the other organizations in your community?

We also have to get our target right. One of our Past Presidents tells the story of a young archer who proclaims that he can hit the target as accurately as William Tell...provided that you blindfold William Tell. If you can't see your target...you can't hit it. The largest population in this country is between 45 and 65 years old. We should be aggressively recruiting in this market.

The **Bargerton** (TN) club recently took advantage of one of our newest membership initiatives when it made all of its 22 members Ruritan Forever members. This club is thinking outside the box. What a great way to retain members.

Change can be good even when it is hard. Growth is change. I know this from personal experience. We have to be willing to accept some change to remain relevant and grow. Ruritan is worth the growing pains that we will experience. We need to make sure that the Ruritan we know and love is here for future generations.

What we do is good. Communities need us. Help us grow Ruritan.

Yours in Ruritan Service,

Michael Chrisley  
Executive Director

### Come Visit the 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. 301.

### Clubs Honor Members with a Ruritan Forever Endowment

A Ruritan Forever endowment may be purchased by or for a member in good standing. The lifetime endowment may also be purchased in memory of an already deceased Ruritan, ensuring an ongoing contribution to the operation of Ruritan in his or her name. Dues for a living participant must be current through the previous quarter to participate. The Ruritan National plan manager, will administer these prepaid dues in a separate fund with the original amount remaining in perpetuity. Interest on the fund will provide the money paid to Ruritan National for national dues.

Upon payment of the fee, the Ruritan will receive a certificate, a lapel pin, and a permanent life participant card. In addition, for endowments purchased for a deceased member, a special plaque can be provided for the club to present to the deceased member's family.



Dues increases will have no effect on participants enrolled in the plan, although the purchase price of \$600 may be adjusted over the years as necessary. There will be no special assessments or charges made to Ruritan Forever participants.



In July, the **Bargerton** (TN) Ruritan Club in the **Hermitage District** signed all 22 members up as Ruritan Forever's. When speaking with club member Houston Jordan, he said the club wanted to do something special for its members so decided to honor them with a Ruritan Forever endowment.

**Max Meadows** (VA) Ruritan Club in the **New River District** honored Warren Thompson (pictured above) with a Ruritan Forever at its May meeting. Thompson joined Ruritan in 1974 and has been a valuable

participant in all club activities. A dinner was held in his honor for club and family members.

An entire family from the **Pineview** (SC) Ruritan Club in the **Columbia District** became Ruritan Forever's. Pictured left (l-r) are Fran, Andrew, Past National President Jimmy, Ryan, and Jeremy Bristow.



**Corapeake** (NC) Ruritan Club in the **Albemarle District** honors club member Gary Casper with a Ruritan Forever. National Director Foster Parrish was on hand to present the award. Pictured bottom left (l-r) are Foster Parrish and Gary Casper.

**Hickory** (VA) Ruritan Club (bottom right) in the **Holland District** honored Jack Peoples with a Ruritan Forever. Past National President Frank Guthrie was on hand to present the award on behalf of the club. (See page 32 for application)



# Growth and Development News

## Are you ready for some football?

Get ready because it will soon be time for football and with football comes blitzes. We are going to have our own blitz. We are not going to rush the quarterback, but we are going to rush to grow Ruritan membership and we are going to do it in "BLITZ STYLE." We are going to push the team to grow membership and we are going to create excitement at the same time to reward Ruritans who bring in new members to their clubs. The reward will be chances to win TV's or gift certificates from HH Gregg-retailers of electronics and home appliances.



*Pictured:  
National President  
Phyllis Lewter and  
National Director  
Don Yeargan doing  
their homework with  
store Mgr. Lance York  
at HH Gregg*

### Here are the details:

The Blitz membership drive campaign will run 9/1/2012 until 12/31/2012.

For each member signed, the signing member will receive a "first down." Each "first down" will result in a point and a chance in a drawing. The drawing will be made at the National Convention, January 24-27, 2013, in Covington, KY.

After a member recruits 5 new members, they will score a "touchdown" which will be worth an additional 7 chances in the drawing. So, if a member recruits 5 new members, they will have a total of 12 chances in the drawing. The scoring will follow along on that basis. Each new recruit equals one first down or one chance in the drawing. For every five first downs, one earns a touchdown or an additional 7 chances in the drawing. Five chances plus 7 chances equal 12 chances in the drawing.

**Coupons for drawing:** Coupon will be printed and available from Ruritan Magazine and also on-line from the Ruritan website. Ruritan member must fill in the coupon with all information asked for and then mail the coupon(s) to Ruritan National to be placed in the barrel for drawing in Covington, KY.

**Prizes will be as follows:** There will be two tickets drawn at the National Convention. Each will redeem one 40" and one 22" television from HH Gregg. The 40" television is for the winning Ruritan and the 22" television for that Ruritan's club. They may use that television as a prize for their own raffle or it may be donated to a worthy cause-whatever the club decides.

In lieu of actual television sets, gift certificates from HH Gregg may be substituted.

All prizes must be redeemed/handled through the HH Gregg retail store in Colonial Heights, VA.

This promotion will not replace or interfere with any other membership program currently in progress. It is in addition to any existing program.

Put on your recruiting shoes. Blitz for new members and let's move Ruritan up the field with first downs and touchdowns. Let's fill the stands with new Ruritans.

## Play ball!

### Membership Coupon

NAME OF NEW MEMBER

#### RECRUITING MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

#### CLUB INFORMATION

DISTRICT

CLUB

MAIL TO "MEMBERSHIP BLITZ"  
RURITAN NATIONAL  
P.O. BOX 487  
DUBLIN, VA 24084



## Growth and Development News

### Three New Clubs Charter in June



*Pictured above (l-r) are charter members of the Glade Hill (VA) Ruritan Club, LeAnne Gill, Chris Gill, Jennifer Smith, Anthony Meeks, Terry Solomon, Dian Ware, David Ferguson, Sharon Ferguson, Brenda Solomon, Serena Clark, Jason Clark, Danna Hayes, Ann Altice, Oliver Fralin, Alise Fralin, Penny Prillaman, Eddy Prillaman, and Gary Solomon.*

The month of June saw the chartering of three new Ruritan Clubs. **Glade Hill (VA) Ruritan Club** was chartered in the **Peaks of Otter District** on June 5. Charter president was Gary Solomon. On June 18, the **Fieldale (VA) Ruritan Club** (second picture) in the **Dan River District** was chartered with charter president Bill Maxwell. Then on June 25, the **Bluff City (TN) Ruritan Club** (third picture) was chartered in the **Tennessean District**. Charter president is J.C. Gentry. All of Ruritan National extend a warm welcome to our newest clubs and wish them much success as they work to serve their communities.



Three new members were installed at the **Gates (NC) Ruritan Club** by National Director Foster Parrish at a recent club meeting. Pictured left (l-r) are Mike Lefler, Jimmy Smith, Ron Reagle, and Foster Parrish.



**Rockawalkin (MD) Ruritan club** installed its fourth new member of the year at its July meeting. Gary Hitch (I) was sworn in by Club Vice President Fred Dysart.



**Williamson (PA) Ruritan Club** initiated 4 new Youth members in April. Pictured (l-r) are Kaleb Keefer, Carly and Renee Sollenberger, and Madelyn Hissong receiving their lapel pins and plaques. Club Secretary Cindy Hissong said, "The club is encouraged by our Youth members who will be leading us into the future."

## 2013 Convention Has Something for Everyone

Plans are well under way to give you a great convention in 2013 in Covington, KY. If you have heard me speak (or if you have heard anyone else representing me) you will know my favorite way of describing our host city: "If you like small towns you'll love Covington, but if big city life is more to your liking then you can either walk or take the trolley across the river to Cincinnati for big city life."

The representatives from our host city are so excited to have us visit. They will make you feel quite at home all around the area.

We will be emphasizing **celebration** in 2013 and we will have a lot of firsts in Covington: a breakfast with the penguins on Wednesday morning hosted by National President Phyllis and First Gentleman Bill Lewter at the Newport Aquarium, drawings for prizes at almost every event, a bus trip to a nearby Air Force Museum, a visit to the All American Ballpark, and a very important charity to support - *Operation Smile*. Each of these features will let the citizens of

Covington and Cincinnati know we are in town, and we are sharing our love with them.

You can find the official registration form several places (on line and in print) but please read it very carefully so you understand the a la carte options for choosing the package that best suits you. See an article in this issue of the Ruritan magazine that explains the selections.

If you find you have concerns before you send in your form to be processed, feel free to ask questions. Call the national office, your district governor, your assigned director – or me personally. We definitely don't want any of our attendees to be surprised when they open their packets and don't find tickets they thought they had purchased.

I have just scraped the surface in explaining all that is planned for you, and we hope to see your family in Covington next January. Please read this issue of Ruritan carefully as well as other mailings you might receive so you will be well versed in plans for a fun-filled celebration in Covington. Make your reservations and plans today.

John L. Hancock  
2004 National President and  
2013 Ruritan National Convention Chair

### Pick Registration Package That Best Fits You

In Northern KY in 2013 Ruritan again offers variable registration pricing this year. Basic registration is \$105. For that price you can participate in every event – no meals. A two-meal package includes everything plus the All American Luncheon and Installation Banquet at \$180. Everything plus just the All American Luncheon on Friday – is \$135. Everything plus just the Installation Banquet on Saturday is \$160.

**No package includes Breakfast with Bill, Foundation Dinner, Breakfast at the Aquarium, Dayton Air Museum trip, or all American Ballpark tour – those are all extra and must be purchased separately on your registration form.**

There are several ways to do this:

- \* use the form provided in your Ruritan magazine and fax or mail it in with payment information.
- \* use the member management system (MMS) by logging in with your member number and password, going to your information page, and going under the events tab.
- \* go to the Ruritan website and find links for a pdf that can be downloaded as well as a pdf that is fillable and can be printed or sent as an attachment to email.

### Attendees Can Win Prizes!

There will be lots of extra prizes in Northern KY. The district with the highest percentage of members pre-registered and attending will be given two free basic registrations for the 2014 National Convention in Branson, MO.

Everyone pre-registered for the convention (prior to December 24, 2012) will be entered into special door prize drawings at each ticketed event. The prizes will range from gift certificates for Ruritan Supply to a flat screen television! First-timers will be honored at a First-Timers Reception, where they will participate in drawings for three prizes: a flat screen television, a free registration to the 2014 Convention in Branson, MO and a grand prize of a registration and three-days lodging for the 2014 convention.

Drawings for an item of your choice from Ruritan Supply will be held at the Ruritan Celebrates America Opening Session, All-American Luncheon, Breakfast with Bill, and the on-site blood drive. You must be present to win any of these give-aways.



# Use Mini-Schedule to Plan Trip to Northern KY

### Tuesday, January 22, 2013

- Ex Com meets in evening

### Wednesday, January 23, 2013

- **Breakfast at Newport Aquarium** (trolley or car – adult and child prices)
- Board in the afternoon
- Dinner on your own

### Thursday, January 24, 2013

- Buses board and leave for **Wright Patterson Air Museum**
- Governor's Breakfast and Training in morning
- Past National Presidents meet (morning through lunch)
- Past National First Spouses and Daughter meet (morning through lunch)
- Flag Ceremony practice in afternoon
- Ruritan Celebrates America Opening Ceremonies with a Patriot Brass Ensemble and **Betsy Ross\***
- President's reception
- Hospitality rooms open

### Friday, January 25, 2013 (Education Day)

- Morning Workshops

- All American Luncheon featuring Buffalo Ridge Jazz Band, Ruritan DRMs, and presentations to charities
- Afternoon Workshops
- Afternoon tour of **Great American Ballpark** – home of the Cincinnati Reds
- Foundation Dinner and Auction (auction is open to all attendees)
- Hospitality rooms open

### Saturday, January 26, 2013

- Breakfast With Bill (2012 First Gentleman Bill Lewter) with **Ladies of Liberty\***
- Morning Business Session
- Certification closes one hour before voting begins
- Voting
- Food available in Convention Center at lunchtime or across the street in two hotels
- Afternoon Business Session
- Installation Banquet featuring two young people's groups from **Northern Kentucky School of Music\***. Stringed instrument group will greet attendees and play during dinner. A chorus of children will perform following the installation banquet.
- Hospitality rooms open

### Sunday, January 27, 2013

- Worship Service
- 2013 Board Breakfast

*\*pictured on cover*

## Calling All Yarn Artists

Everyone who knits, crochets, or can use a loom is invited to create chemo caps for donation to Northern KY area hospitals. In addition to the caps that are made in advance, there will be a "chemo cap parlor" on site where members can gather and work together – or even learn how to knit or crochet.

Instructions for chemo caps (both knit and crochet) can be found on the Ruritan National website. Under "member resources" use the library to search for "chemo caps."

Some of our yarn artists are using knitting looms – available at department and craft stores. You can watch a video showing how to use this kind of loom at <http://you.tube/1i7W4M4dwYw>



## Entertainers Drawn From NKY Area

Drawing entertainment from communities near Covington KY was a priority for the 2013 convention committee. 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter and 2013 Convention Chair John Hancock, who was also national president in 2004, are pleased to be able to bring local talent to the Ruritan stage in January.

Kicking off the convention during the Ruritan Celebrates America Opening Ceremonies will be the **Patriot Brass Ensemble**. The actual musicians will be from nearby Cincinnati but the ensemble is actually a 501(c) 3 charity with ensembles in many American cities. The group is dedicated to improving the quality of life for veterans and military families through musical programs and services. The group performs in veteran medical centers, state veterans homes, fundraisers, parades, ceremonies, parties, and many other events. When the group plays for an event like the Ruritan convention they funnel their modest fee directly back into performances for veteran's groups that are held at no charge. Learn more at <http://www.patriotbrass.org/>. Also participating in the opening festivities is a true American patriot, and the creator of the first American flag, Betsy Ross (pictured on the magazine cover).



On Friday, at the All American Luncheon, the American-themed entertainment continues – nothing is more American than Dixieland jazz. Ruritans will be welcomed into the banquet hall by the sounds of the **Buffalo Ridge Jazz Band** (pictured here), a group of well-seasoned musicians from across the river in Cincinnati whose specialty is classic traditional jazz. The musical effect is at once entertaining, humorous, and infectious. This band is sure to provide listeners of all ages with a thoroughly enjoyable experience. See more at <http://www.jazz-trek.com/>.



Saturday morning our first-ever breakfast honoring a First Gentleman has been dubbed "Breakfast With Bill." Emcee and 1977 National President Jerry Ellis will make it a memorable event as will the patriotic **Ladies for Liberty** (pictured on the

magazine cover). These ladies, who come from nearby Louisville, KY, hearken back to the music from the 1940s. It was a time when the spirit of patriotism was at its highest. World War II was just beginning and every American felt compelled to do his or her duty. The music of that era reflects the spirit of those people. You can feel it in the lyrics and melodies they created. See the ladies at <http://ladiesforliberty.com/>

On Saturday evening Ruritans will celebrate the energy and enthusiasm of young people with two musical groups from the prestigious **Northern Kentucky School of Music**. A stringed ensemble will be playing as we assemble for the installation banquet and continue to play during the meal. Following the installation of the 2013 National President, young people in the children's ensemble (pictured on magazine cover) will sing several numbers. You can learn more about this school and the young people who attend at <http://www.nkyschoolofmusic.org/>

## Blood Drive Set for 2013 Convention

Once again Ruritan will sponsor a blood drive on site at the 2013 National Convention. The designated blood bank for that area is Hoxworth Blood Center. Hoxworth, from the University of Cincinnati, was founded in 1938 and proudly serves 31 hospitals in 17 counties in Southwestern Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana.



The Ruritan drive is planned for Friday, Jan. 25. Annually, Hoxworth collects over 90,000 units of blood from local donors to help save the lives of patients in their area hospitals. At least 400 products are essential each day to keep up with the demands of tri-state hospitals and their patients. Help Ruritan give the gift of life to our host community. Call the Ruritan National Office today to put your name on the donors' list (877-787-8727).

# Education Day - Friday - Features Helpful Workshops

The Leadership Development Committee is planning the following workshop topics for the 2013 Convention: **Bylaws Issues, Club Fundraising Ideas, Club Presidents' Training, Club Secretaries' Training, Club Treasurers' Training, Club Vice-Presidents' Training, Conflict Resolution, District Lt. Governors' Training, Estate Planning, Identifying Potential Leaders, LDC Training, Meeting Parliamentary Procedure, Memorable Meetings, MMS Advanced** (newest features), **MMS Basics** (introduction, navigating the site), **Operation Smile, Potential National Officers, Promoting Ruritan, Rudy's 25th Anniversary, Ruritan Foundation Programs, Ruritan Insurance and Legal Issues, Ruritan Today and Tomorrow, Ruri-Teen and Youth in Adult Clubs, Social Media** (websites, Facebook, Twitter, MySpace), **Starting New Clubs** (first person stories), **Treble Clef** (Are you singing the right note for Ruritan?), and **Zone Governors' Training.**

The designated charity for the 2013 National Convention is **Operation Smile**. If you don't know what the charity is, you can watch a moving video of First Gentleman Bill at <http://you.tube/nffQYXQG41A>. **Operation Smile** is an international children's medical charity that works in more than 60 countries and is based in Norfolk, VA. A secular non-governmental organization, the charity provides free reconstructive surgery for children and young adults born with facial deformities such as cleft lips and cleft palates worldwide, trains in-country doctors to help build self-sufficiency in developing countries, and works to reduce the incidence of cleft lips and cleft palates.

Attendees may add a donation to your convention registration. Those individuals, clubs, and districts wanting to donate outside of the registration may send it to Ruritan at P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084. For a tax deduction, make the check out to **Operation Smile**. Ruritan will record your donation and send it on. Otherwise the checks can be made out to Ruritan National and one large check will be presented in Northern KY in January.

## Gifts For Operation Smile!

## WANTED: Community Service Displays

All districts, areas, zones, and clubs are invited to participate in the Community Service Display Program (first come, first served). These displays reflect the activities, projects, and recognition of the districts, areas, zones, and clubs for their community service efforts. These displays are to be for exhibition purposes only and will not be judged at the 2013 National Convention. There is a \$25 fee for each display.

All districts, areas, zones, and clubs participating will receive a certificate of appreciation signed by the National Executive Director. Send your check for \$25 along with the name of the group sponsoring the display to Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084 no later than December 1, 2012. No displays will be accepted after this date.

## Ruritan Shares Unexpected Winnings with Operation Smile

*Dan Allen of the Greenville County Ruritan Club (VA) attended the Holland District zone three summer meeting in August and went above and beyond his Ruritan commitment! When he was announced as the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle, he promptly turned around and made his donation of \$145 to Operation Smile. He is pictured here with 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter. With her husband Bill, President Lewter has made Operation Smile her 2012 charity of choice – culminating with a presentation to the organization at the 2013 National Convention.*



# Candidates Announce For National Office



## **National President**

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**CLUB:** Joined Middlebrook (VA) in 1967; Environment Committee 1994-96; Chair Membership Committee 2000-07; Public Service Committee 2004-11; Vice President 1997, 1998, 2002; President 1999, 2003; Outstanding President Award 1999, 2003; Board of Directors 1997-2006; Gold Key – with 60 member bar; Golden Jubilee Pin, first VIP (5 member) award 2005; FRAN pin 2007

**DISTRICT:** Zone II Governor 2004; District Lt. Governor 2005; District Governor 2006, District Trainer 2004-10; Growth and Development Chair 2007, 2010-11

**NATIONAL:** 2012 Vice President; Summer Leadership Conference 2004-11; Ruritan Players; Sgt-At-Arms 2006; Flag Ceremony 2006; National Growth and Development Committee as nonboard member 2006; instructor for National Convention workshops 2006-11; contributed growth articles to RURITAN magazine 2007; invocations at various National Convention events; Registration and Credentials 2007; National Director 2008-10; Candidate Certification Committee 2009; started two clubs in 2009; Board Song Leader 2009-10; Chair Publicity and PR 2010; Tom Downing Fellow 2010; Ruritan Forever (earned with 65 new members); Ruritan FFA Leader Service Award 2011

**EDUCATION:** Riverheads High School, extended agri-business classes Virginia Tech

**OCCUPATION:** Virginia Farm Bureau agent; field man and assistant milling director Augusta Cooperative Farm Bureau; retired Augusta County substitute teacher and bus driver; beef cattle producer and farmer for 45 years

**OTHER:** Organizing President Riverheads young Farmer Assoc.; President Augusta County Young Farmers Association; Reporter Northern VA Young Farmer Association; Served on USDA Area Stabilization-Conservation Board; Organizing Committee Member – Augusta Expo Fair; Catalog Chair, Co-Grounds Chair – Augusta Expo; Coach/Manager local softball; Former member Riverheads High School Band Boosters and Marching Band Pit Crew; various 4-H and FFA roles including supporting Market Animal Show and Sale, judging speaking and parliamentary procedure contests, member FFA Alumni Organization, state livestock judging, all FFA chapter offices, and received the American Farmer Degree, Active member Redeemer Lutheran Church – Sunday school teacher, superintendent, assistant superintendent, and secretary, church lay leader, served on church council 9 years, president of church congregation 4 years. Married to Betty Jo with daughter JoAnna, son-in-law Garrett Nichols and grandson Alex – all Ruritans

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## **National Vice President**

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**CLUB:** Joined Chesterfield (VA) in 1993; Vice President 1998-99; President 2000; 2001 Ruritan of the Year; Committee Chair for various committees; delivers Meals on Wheels

**DISTRICT:** Zone 4 Lt. Governor 2002; Zone 4 Governor 2003-4; District Lt. Governor 2005; District Governor 2006-7; District Mentor 2011-12; Freedoms Foundation Work Detail 3 years; Tom Downing Fellow 2006

**NATIONAL:** Sergeant-at-Arms Committee 3 years; Flag Ceremony 2005-6; Summer Leadership Conferences; Youth Leadership Conferences; National Director 2008-10; Growth and Development Committee 2008-10; Invocation at 2012 Installation Banquet

**EDUCATION:** Fort Defiance High School graduate; attended John Tyler Community College

**OCCUPATION:** Retired 2005 with 30 years of service at Philip Morris USA. Vietnam Veteran – Army

**OTHER:** Providence United Methodist Church - usher team and Trustee Board. Serves meals to homeless once a month at church in downtown Richmond, VA. Coached Little League Football and Baseball. Married to Linda, 2 sons Donald (wife Cami) and Cory (wife Amoreene), 3 grandchildren Megan, Grant, and Carson.



## **National Vice President**

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**CLUB:** Joined Abingdon (VA) in 1993; President; Director; Scholarship Committee Chair; Guinea Jubilee Club Chair; Mission of Mercy Club's Co-chair 3 yrs.; 50th Anniversary Gala Event Chair; Tom Downing Fellow; and Abingdon Club Ruritan of the Year 2011

**DISTRICT:** District Governor; Lt. Governor; Growth and Development Chair 7 yrs.; Governor's Adviser; Zone Governor; Lt. Zone Governor; Director and District Fundraising Committee; President of the Association of Virginia Ruritans 2011-2012; Vice President of AVR 2010-2011

**NATIONAL:** National Director 2003-2005; Chair of Flag Ceremony; Chair of Candidate Certification Committee; Assistant Chair Sergeant-at-Arms 2 yrs.; Registration and Credentials Committee; Chair of National Publication Committee (National Board); Ruritan Forever; Foundation Million Dollar Club

**EDUCATION:** Gloucester High School, U.S. Army Leadership School, Various Department of Defense Schools; U.S. Army Logistics Management College

**OCCUPATION:** Served in U.S. Army in the Republic of Viet Nam; awarded the Bronze Star; Retired Civil Service from Naval Weapons Station/Yorktown, VA; awarded the Navy Superior Civilian Medal for Valor; Retired Grain Farmer; served on Local Boards of Southern States Cooperative and Farm Bureau.

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**OTHER:** Happily Married to Sandra for 45 years! 2 children: Ann and Jeff and 6 grandchildren; Member of Union Baptist Church, Guinea Jubilee Chair 3 yrs.; Co-chair 1 yr; Awarded the Masonic Community Builders Award; currently President of the Guinea Heritage Association, Inc.



**National Secretary**

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**CLUB:** Joined King George (VA) in 1999; 12 Years of Perfect Attendance; President (3 years); Vice President (4 years); Secretary (3 years);

Director

**DISTRICT:** Chesapeake District Governor; Lt. District Governor; Zone Governor (4 years); Lt. Zone Governor; Director; Foundation Chair

**NATIONAL:** National Director (2009-2011); Youth Committee (Chair-2011); National Board Sgt.-at-Arms; Sgt.-at-Arms Committee; Summer Leadership Conference (5 years); Youth Leadership Conference (4 years); Tom Downing Fellow

**EDUCATION:** The Pennsylvania State University; Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering; M.Eng. in Engineering Science; B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

**OCCUPATION:** Radar System Engineer - Technology Service Corporation (16 years); Research Faculty - The Pennsylvania State University (16 years)

**OTHER:** Life Member of Penn State Alumni Association; Member of Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers; Charter Member of Northern Neck Farm Museum; Past Chairman of Ferguson Township Sign Review Board; Virginia High School Swimming Official; Rappahannock Swim League Official; Little League Coach; Youth Bowling Coach; Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor; Wife-Donna, Son-Kevin, 3-Stepchildren; Hobbies: Genealogy, Antiques; Sports



**National Secretary**

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**CLUB:** Joined Hiram (GA) in 1992; Charter Member of County Line (GA) in 2002; Director; Secretary; Treasurer; Vice President;

President

**DISTRICT:** Georgia-North Alabama District Zone Governor; Leadership Development Coordinator; Foundation Promotion Chair; Secretary; Lt. District Governor; District Governor; Currently First Spouse to District Governor Vicky

**NATIONAL:** National Director (2002-2004); Chair Leadership Development Committee; Sgt.-at-Arms Committee; Summer Leadership Conference; Convention Planning Committee; National President's Aide to the convention in Knoxville, TN; Non-board Committee Member of the Publications Committee (2000)

**EDUCATION:** Smiths Station High School in Smiths, AL; Chattahoochee Valley Community College; Phillips College AA Data Processing. Numerous college level courses on management and financial topics during my carrier at Yamaha

**OCCUPATION:** Operations Manager for the Marine Rigging and

Parts Department of Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (24 years). Secretary and Treasurer for the Association of Marine Technicians (5 years) (2006-2011)

**OTHER:** CFO of Cross Walk Chapel (2006-present)-a non-denominational Christian church in Hiram, GA. Married to Vicky for 32 years; two sons: James III (and his new spouse Jamie) and Richard. Hobbies: Hike; Camp; Fish with my family



**National Director**

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**CLUB:** Joined South Hill (VA) Club in 1996; Director (1997-2000); Director (2002-2003);

President (2006-2007); Golden Key Award-15 Member Bar (2006); Chair-Citizenship & Patriotism (2006-2007); Chair-Onion Sales (2006-2012); Chair-Cooking Committee (2008); Chair-Membership (2008); Chair-South Hill Ruritan Club Antique Farm Machinery & Vehicle Show-SHRC AFM & VS (2010-2012); Chair-Programs & Entertainment (2011-2012); Secretary (2011-2012); 50<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Chair

**DISTRICT:** Zone II Governor of Appomattox District (2008); Lt. District Governor (2009); District Governor (2010-2011); Awarded Tom Downing (2011)

**NATIONAL:** Awarded Largest Percentage Club Membership Increase (2006); Bylaws Committee (2010); Summer Leadership Conference (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

**EDUCATION:** Graduate Mecklenburg Academy (HS); Graduate U.S. Navy Apprentice Program NARF Cherry Pt. NC Chowan College; U.S. Navy Airframes Journeyman Mechanic NARF Cherry Pt. NC; Graduate USAF BFE & TTU-C-141B; Graduate USAF TTU-KC-10A

**OCCUPATION:** FAA Turbojet Flight Engineer; FAA A&P Mechanic; Private Pilot; Instrument Rating-Single Engine; USAFR-Aircrew (Ret.); Commercial Aviation-Aircrew (Ret.)

**OTHER:** Married to Katherine Ann Boyd (1985); Children Jessica Lauren and Christopher Scott; Member of Ephesus Baptist Church; Member of South Hill Chamber of Commerce BOD (2008-2012); Member of Lake Detachment 1085 MCL; Member of American Legion Post 79; Member of VFW Post 3433; Hobbies: Cooking, Gun Collecting/Shooting Sports, Shade-Tree Woodworking and Reading

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**CLUB:** Joined Gamewell (NC) in 2003; President; Secretary; Treasurer; Chair of Fundraising Committee; Chaired Social Development Committee; Chaired Public Services Committee; Director; Publicity Chair; Scrapbook Committee member;

Fellowship Committee Chair; Youth Coordinator

**DISTRICT:** District Governor; District Lt. Governor; Zone Governor; District Leadership and Development Coordinator; District Convention Chair; Was "Master of Ceremonies" for Smoky Mountain (TN) District Convention

**NATIONAL:** Sergeant-at-Arms at National Convention; Registration and Credentials Committee; attended Summer Leadership Conferences for four years. Attended Youth Leadership Conferences for 2 years. Assisted in gathering evaluation sheets from workshops at National Convention; Participated in Flag Ceremony at National Convention. Volunteered service hours at National Office. Assisted in setting up supply tables at the National Convention for the Ruritan Supply. Worked the "First-timers" Hospitality area – greeting and fellowshiping with new attendees

**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Academy of Richmond County. University of Georgia - Certified Credit Counselor. Georgia Tech/Augusta, Georgia – Accounting

**OCCUPATION:** Retired/Office Manager/Augusta Sash & Door Company; Served 4 ½ years on the Caldwell County Board of Health; Currently Serving on the Dangerous Dog Board for Caldwell County; Worked 2 years for former State Senator Jim Jacumin in his regional office. Work part-time now for State Senator Warren Daniel

**OTHER:** Attend Buffalo Cove Baptist Church, Mother of 4 daughters and 1 son, Grandma to 6 and Great Grandma to 7. Wife of Bob Reece. Member of Red Hat Society. Love fishing; gardening; sewing; crafts; canning and cooking



**National Director**

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**CLUB:** Member of York (VA) Club – 21 years; President – 4 years; Vice President; Secretary – 2 years; Member or Chair of all committees

**DISTRICT:** District Governor; Lt. District Governor; 1<sup>st</sup> Year District Director; Zone Governor – 3 years; Lt. Zone Governor; Zone Governor of the Year 2009; conducted officer training sessions 2010-11

**NATIONAL:** Attended 11 National Conventions; Sergeant-at-Arms 2010-11

**EDUCATION:** BA – Lynchburg College; MA – George Washington University Certificate of Advanced Studies; Old Dominion University Certificate of Advance Studies, Virginia Tech

**OCCUPATION:** Retired after 38 years in education, teacher, coach, principal, shuttle drive for Enterprise – 9 years

**OTHER:** Member Bethel Baptist Church; Member – York County Employee Grievance Board. Member York County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Married to Nancy for 42 years; daughters – Amy, Sara; Son – Chad; 2 grandchildren – Brianna and TJ



**National Director**

Earl M. Smith  
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**CLUB:** Charter Member of the Grand Junction Club (TN) in 1981; Served as President for 7 terms of Grand Junction Ruritan Club

**DISTRICT:** Hermitage Zone Governor;; Lieutenant Governor 2008; District Governor

2009; Growth and Development Chairman; District "Ruritan of the Year" 1986; "Ruritan Forever"

**NATIONAL:** National Convention attended: Nine; Served on Honor Guard Veteran's Breakfast National Convention; Served on Flag Ceremony National Convention; Tennessee State Rally; Summer Leadership Conference – Ruritan National Headquarters

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Grand Junction High School; Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science from University of Tennessee at Martin

**OCCUPATION:** Farmer in the Grand Junction, TN area (Row crop operation) Age 62; Served in the United States Army 1972-1975 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant

**OTHER:** Advisory Board of the First South Bank; Served on the Co-op Board of Directors; Served on the Farm Bureau Board; Tennessee Soil Conservation Farmer of the Year 2010; FSA USDA County Committee; Hardeman County Soil Conservation Board and Deacon at First Baptist Church Grand Junction. Married to Judy Moss Smith for 39 years, retired teacher; Two sons – Adrian and Justin/Kim wife; One grandchild – Waverly; Hobbies: Local history buff; Genealogy research

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# Participate in the "Build Your Dollar" Program

Dear Fellow Ruritans,

By the time this article reaches you, our Olympic athletes will have returned home from London and another class of students will have gone off to college. What do these two groups have in common you might ask? Well,



*Cleve Wright  
2012 Foundation  
President*

they both possess a high degree of dedication and worked hard to prepare themselves to capitalize on the opportunities that were provided to them. Can you imagine Michael Phelps or Gabby Douglas not being allowed to attend and compete in the Olympics and not allowed the opportunity to pursue their greatness because they lacked the funds. It would be a crime to waste such talent. Unfortunately, that is exactly what happens to many young people in our country. They have shown great focus and dedication throughout their high school classes and prepared themselves for future success and greatness. They have overcome much adversity in their personal lives and still found a desire to work

and serve their communities. Yet, these young people will not have the opportunity to achieve their dreams because they lack the funds to attend college. Again, it is a crime to waste such talent. However, there is hope. Through your support of the Ruritan National Foundation, we are able to provide funds to assist many of these gifted and well deserving young people in achieving their potential. This past April, your Ruritan Foundation Trustees met and awarded 30 Regular Grant Scholarships totaling \$18,000 (\$600 each). In addition, we contributed \$250 to each of the 356 clubs that participated in the "Build Your Dollar" Program totaling \$89,000. Together these two programs resulted in us being able to provide \$107,000 of scholarship assistance. Unfortunately, with the ever increasing cost of college tuition, the constant increase in grant applications, and overall need in our communities, this was not enough to assist everyone that made a request. Our limited funds forced us to pass over many qualified and well deserving scholarship requests. It is sad because the needs and economic hardship detailed so poignantly in these scholarship applications were so great and heart wrenching. There are so many young people that so desperately need our support and assistance. I sincerely wish we had the means to help them all.

## Ruritan National FOUNDATION

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As I have stated before, it continues to be my goal to get more and more Ruritans consistently involved in supporting and contributing to the Foundation on an annual

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basis. If we could get just 25% of all Ruritans contributing just \$100 per year, we would generate an additional \$750,000 towards our corpus annually and be able to double our current corpus in just five years. This is a real challenge but, also one that is reasonable and realistically achievable. Only through the loyal and generous support of Ruritans throughout our whole organization will we be able to reach out and provide educational assistance to the many students who desperately need our help.

Finally, we want to again remind all Ruritans that as members of your local clubs and Ruritan National, you are also valued members of the Ruritan National Foundation. We also need and depend on your support and involvement to be successful in achieving our goals. We ask and encourage each of you and your clubs to kindly consider a gift to the Foundation, whether it is to the Foundation Scholarship Program, OWC Program, or both. Many clubs have already informed us of their intentions to hold "special" fundraisers this year with all proceeds being ear-marked for the Foundation. To those clubs and the many other Ruritans that have faithfully supported the Ruritan National Foundation in the past and all of those that will in the future, I extend my sincerest Thank You!!!

Yours in Ruritan Service,



"Cleve" Wright  
2012 Foundation President

## Items of Interest

### 1992 Past Foundation President Powell Dies



1992 Ruritan National Foundation President **Raymond Earl Powell**, 79, died August 2, 2012, at Spartanburg Regional Hospice House. His first wife was the late Joyce Dobbins Powell.

A native of Spartanburg County, son of the late William "Bill" and Mary Belle Moore Powell, he was a retired drywall contractor for 35 years, served as an MP in the US Army, and was a member of Zoar United Methodist Church. He played football for Clemson University in the early '50s. He was an avid Clemson fan and IPTAY Representative. He was very involved with the Ruritan Club at the local, state, and national levels.

Surviving are his wife, Sadie Ray Powell of the home; two sons, Raymond Powell, Jr. (Virginia) of Greer and Ron Leidy (Maria) of Columbia; five daughters, Diana Dobbins (Joe) of Greer, Marianne Edwards (Mark) of Spartanburg, Melanie Boccio of Inman, Martha Stansell (Rick) of Simpsonville, and Margaret Lemmons (Wick) of Greer; three sisters, Christine Littlejohn (Bill) of Duncan, Geneva Farmer (Wilton) and Lucille Powell all of Lyman; twelve grandchildren, Wendi Ridge, Jessica Edwards, April Beck, Savannah Boccio, Abby Walker, Jennifer Stansell, Jacob Stansell, Brittany Childs, Bobby Lemmons, Amber Hayes, Alicia Lemmons and Caroline Leidy; and two

great-grandchildren, Harrison Walker and Vivian Walker.

Raymond's Foundation fund is called **The Raymond and Joyce Powell Educational Fund (#112)** if you care to make a gift in his memory.





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## President's Award for Innovative Service

# Innovative Service Awards Presented to Two Clubs



National President Phyllis has awarded Innovative Service Awards to the **Isle of Wight (VA)** and **Easton (MD)** Ruritan Clubs. The Isle of Wight Ruritan Club participates in the American Military Mission Project, which sends packages of food and personal items to our military. Project founder and club member Sonja Hardison gathers and packs the items, and the club raises the money for the postage. A collection jar is at each meeting for



To make their club meetings more fun, club members are fined if they forget to call their fellow club members by their nicknames. All fines are added to the jar. The club recently held a military night, and soldiers were present to share how much they appreciated the packages. Pictured are American Military Mission Founder Sonja Hardison (center) with Col. Michelle Rose and Isle of Wight Member Fred Barb.



The Easton Ruritan Club is restoring a windmill, a landmark at the Pickering Creek Environmental Center. The windmill was dismantled in February and is now reassembled with a new coat of paint, a new motor, and a new concrete pad. Local businesses are assisting in the restoration by supplying equipment

and supplies. This has become a community event as those living in the Easton area come out to watch the restoration and are invited to become club members.

## New Clubs for 2012

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

*(January 1, 2012 -- August 1, 2012)*

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
T. Clay Wood Elementary Rudy Youth Ruri-Teen Club	Rappahannock	Nokesville	Rick McMahon
Marsteller Middle School Ruri-Teen Glade Hill	Rappahannock Peaks of Otter	Nokesville Waidsboro	Ken Hinkle Gary Solomon/ Roger Gammons
Bluff City	Tennessean	Holston	Armetta Hunigan/ Gary Olinger
Fieldale	Dan River	Oak Level (VA)	William Maxwell

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

## Salem Presents Outstanding Public Service Awards

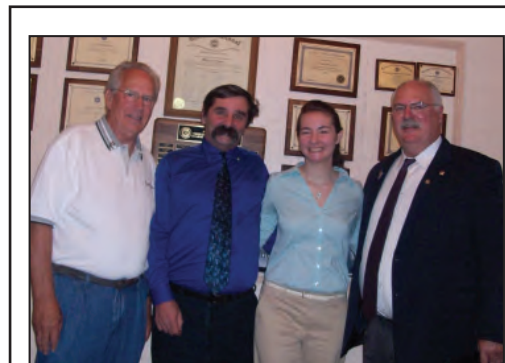


Salem (VA) Ruritan Club recently recognized six individuals for outstanding public service at its regular monthly meeting. The individuals were nominated by their superiors who also read the recipient's letter of commendation. Club Committee Chair Roger Mitchell presented each with an engraved plaque. The recipients, families, and supervisors were also served dinner by the club. Pictured (l-r) are the recipients and their corresponding agency: Sgt. Jeff Dodson - Law Explorer, Post Captain Michael Mawdsley, Trooper Joshua Taylor, Dispatcher Casey Hall, Dispatcher Mathew Cody Dodson, and Deputy William Christopher Ubben.

## Greene County Club Cleans Highways

Greene County (VA) Ruritan Club President Bill Martin (left) and Environment Committee Chairman Carl Schmitt (right) participated in the county's 2012 "Keep it Clean" campaign to clean the highways and rural roads in Greene County. Schmitt coordinated efforts by the Sheriff's Office, Virginia Department of Transportation, Commonwealth Attorney's Office, and various church and nonprofit groups to make this year's clean-up efforts the most comprehensive in history. The club

leads this effort twice per year and is encouraged by the energy that their new partners bring to their roadside clean-up efforts.



**Three Chopt** (VA) Ruritan Club installed two new members Rick Collins (father) and Candace Collins (daughter). Pictured (l-r) are Club President Fulton Payne, Rick Collins, Candace Collins, and National Director Chuck Myers.

## News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District



**Beverly Manor** (VA) Ruritan Club sponsored a "What is Citizenship?" essay contest among fourth graders at the local elementary school. Pictured from (l-r) are the top three winners, Emma Houseknecht, Brittany

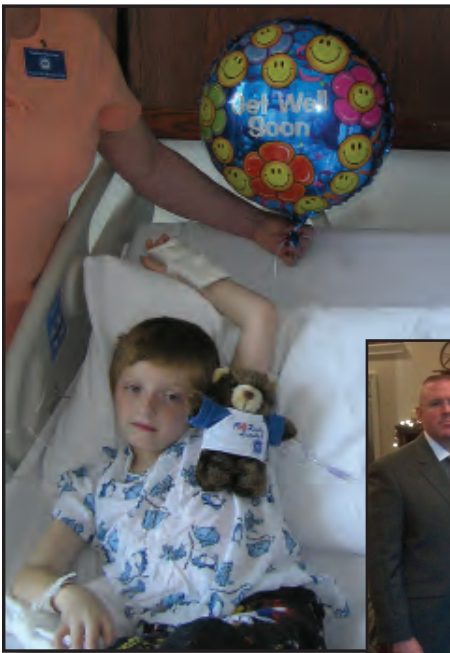
Mongold, and America Diehl. The winners received a certificate and a \$30 check during the club's May meeting.

## Massies Mill (VA) Club Builds Benches



**Massies Mill** (VA) Ruritan Club members built four benches in front of their clubhouse in memory of deceased Ruritans and friends. Club members donated their skills and labor to build the benches, each of which carries a plaque honoring the deceased members and/or friends. The benches provide welcome outdoor seating for the evening dances and a place for families to rest amidst the excitement of carnivals and other events. Pictured (l-r) are L.B. Moody, H.T. Brown, Randy Powell, Dave Hight, Carrington Wilkerson, and Bob Stevens.

## Round Hill and Nokesville/Bristow Clubs Donate Rudy Bears



**Round Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club delivered Rudy Bears to children at the Winchester Medical Center. Pictured is Elijah Pigeon receiving his Rudy Bear.

The club also celebrated its 60th anniversary recently. Charter members received the anniversary certificate.

**Nokesville/Bristow** (VA) Ruritan Club presented the Sheriff's Department with 100 Rudy Bears and a check for \$2,500 for Project Lifesaver International. This will provide five autistic children in Prince William County with locating devices. This organization started in



Chesapeake, Virginia, and is now going worldwide. Pictured (l-r) are Major Terry Fearnley, Public Service Committee Chair Allen Thomas, Josh Hinkle, Sheriff Hill, and Master Deputy Sutton.

## Ashburn Presents Outstanding Student Citizen Awards

**Ashburn** (VA) Ruritan Club held its 17<sup>th</sup> annual "Outstanding Student Citizen Awards" night in May. Club President Barry Dwyer encouraged the students to continue to display the enthusiasm for learning, cooperativeness with the teachers, compassion and assistance to peers, and the community service activities that have earned them this award.

Students from 18 schools were selected by their principals and teachers. Students received a donation to the charity of their choice, a certificate, and a plaque with their names on it to be displayed at their school.



A special Ruritan civic service award was presented to Ashburn Club Student Member Emily Dawson. Recipients were Hodan Mohamed, Carson Swank, Cameron Coccozza, Sreya Mallipeddi, Isabella Mehrotra, Keely McNeme, Nathaniel Jones, Grace Godwin, Jack Darnell, Srija Pinnamaneni, Vlad Ratiu, Sarina Asher, Carson Forsyth, Maria Peters, Kyleigh McGrail, Meila Grantham, Brian Grant, and Zackery Wold.



## Sumerduck Participates in Golf Tournament

Pictured on the left (l-r) are **Sumerduck** (VA) club members Tom Yarbrough, Gary Jackson, Lettie Glenz, Bill Glenz, Mike Timm, Tyler Day, Harley Christensen, and Bill America after participating in the National Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Shenandoah Golf Course.

## Kenbridge (VA) Club Donates School Supplies

**Kenbridge (VA)** Ruritan Club members John Scales (*left*) and Steve Israel Edmunds (*right*) unload supplies for the annual School Supply Giveaway. The club donated 50 three-ring binders with dividers for this year's program. The School Supply Giveaway is supported by local Lunenburg County churches, civic organizations, and private citizens. The event provides school supplies to less fortunate children.



## Evergreen Club Runs for Education



Colton Blanchard and Tiffany Bryant were the winners of the "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Evergreen (VA)

Ruritan Club's "5K/Fun Run/Walk for Education." Blanchard finished with a time of 21:15, beating out his dad Gary, who had a time of 23:17. Vince Decker finished third with a time of 23:54. Bryant edged out Lydia Phelps by one second. Bryant, finished with a time of 26:42 to Phelps' 26:43. Pam Robinson

finished third with a time of 27:29. A total of 36 runners and walkers participated in the event, and Race Director Larry Mobley called it a success. Proceeds from the event go to the Evergreen Ruritan Scholarship Program. Pictured (l-r) are Pam Robinson, Lydia Phelps, Tiffany Bryant, Race Director Larry Mobley, Colton Blanchard, and Gary Blanchard. (Not pictured is Vince Decker.)

## Clarksville (VA) Sponsors Independence Day Parade

**Clarksville (VA)** Ruritan Club sponsored an Independence Day parade. Floats, bands, horses, and vehicles moved down the eight blocks of Virginia Avenue as spectators lined the sidewalks. The parade ended at the Ruritan Thrift Shop where the club provided hot dogs, drinks, and musical entertainment. "Despite the heat wave we served around 1,000 hot dogs. It has grown each year and the club is delighted to do it," said Parade Organizer Skip Norcross.



## Cartersville Presents Scholarships

**Cartersville (VA)** Ruritan Club presented scholarships at their June meeting.

Pictured (l-r) are Emily Pleasants (\$750-attending Longwood University), Breanna Davis (\$1,000-attending James Madison University), and Joshua Woodley (\$1,000-attending John Tyler Community College.) Pictured in the back is Club Secretary and Scholarship Chair Bruce Robinson.



Pictured is Ruritan National Treasurer and former Appomattox District National Director, Corky Camin, (left) picking up his new generator

from **Amelia (VA)** Ruritan Club Member Jim Lawson (right). Corky's lucky raffle ticket was drawn from among 500 tickets. Corky was very excited and gracious after winning the generator.

### Damascus and Laker Club Present Scholarships



**Damascus** (OH) Ruritan Club members served 300 FFA club members, sponsors families and guests a swiss steak dinner with all the trimmings and dessert in the West Branch High School gymnasium. After dinner an awards program was held in the auditorium. The proceeds helped the club give graduating FFA member Michael Estock a \$500.00 scholarship. Estock plans to attend Ohio State University, where he will study agriculture in the field of animal husbandry. Pictured top left are club members preparing the steak.



**Laker** (OH) Ruritan Club presented three scholarships at a club meeting recently. Kenna Griffith received \$600 and the scholarship was matched by Youngstown State. Emily Miller received a \$1,000 scholarship and will be attending Bowling Green University. Katie Holmes received \$1,000 and will be attending Edinboro.

Pictured right (l-r) are Kenna Griffith, Emily Miller, and Katie Holmes.

Club Secretary Claire Davis (left) is shown planting flowers on veterans' graves for Veterans Day at area cemeteries.

### Flushing Area Club Featured in Local Paper

**Flushing Area** (OH) Ruritan Club was featured in their local paper for erecting a wall that features a bell and flag pole from the former Flushing School. Club members began the project with hope that people would purchase granite placards to be placed around the bell. Club member Henry Williams said the memorial will help residents remember the old school, which still stands today, but is in disrepair. Pictured front row (l-r) are Faith Lancaster, Annabelle Brokaw, Fred Kidd, and Jim Wagner. Back row (l-r) are Frank Garretson, Barbara Bashline, David Jones, Sandy Kidd, and Henry Williams.



Pictured are the Wayne County Commissioners presenting the proclamation for Ruritan Awareness Month to three of the five clubs in Wayne County,

Ohio. Pictured (l-r) are County Commissioners Jim Carmichael and Ann Obrecht, **Westwood** (OH) Ruritan Club Member Don Redman, **Smithville** (OH) Ruritan Club President Rick Dilyard, **Fredericksburg** (OH) Ruritan Club President Kent Adams, and County Commissioner Scott S. Wiggam.

## News From Ruritan: Columbia District



**Eastover** (SC) Ruritan Club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three students in

June. Columbia District Governor Jimmy Hiott was on hand to do the presentations. Pictured (l-r) are Club Treasurer Billy Wannamaker, John Edward Beale, Club Vice President David Smith, Rebecca Boyer, Club President Buddy Sturgis, and Lykes Claytor.

## News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District

### West Union Club Hosts Dinner for Veterans



**West Union (IL) Ruritan Club** hosted a dinner for area veterans in May at the West Union Community Center. Veterans and wives of deceased veterans in attendance were front (l-r) Mrs. John Wheeler, Gene Lindley, Mrs. Frank Bubeck, Ethel Cline, Mrs. Russell Crumrin, Mrs. Marvin Sullins, Mrs. Everett York, Penny Brown, Mrs. Lyman Shawler, Dale Poorman, and Willie Bounds. Back row (l-r) were Morgan Sanders, Mrs. Dan Cornwell, Carl

Robinson, Charles Isbell, Gary Booth, Bill Crumrin, Charlie Jackson, Bob Watson, Greg Clark, Don Kendall, Gary Crumrin, Scott Strohm, Jim Medley, and Burton Riggs.



**Dundas (IL) Ruritan Club's** Citizen and Patriotism Committee researched area cemeteries for deceased Ruritan members and placed flags on the headstones. Pictured (l-r) are Bob Berry, Elaine Ochs, and Pauline Volk.



**Beecher City Tri-County (IL) Ruritan Club** installed a backstop at the Beecher City Grade School playground. Pictured (l-r) are Charles Miller, Peter Brandenburger, Timothy Petty, Ron Bates, Jim Reed, Roger Steele, and David Petty.

## News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt-Durham District



Pictured above are charter members Tom Vick (l) and Milton Griffin (r) attending the **Dortches (NC) Ruritan Club's** 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



**Bahama (NC) Ruritan Club** President Richard Miller is shown presenting Jordan Lauva with a \$1,000 scholarship check. Jordan will be attending the University of North Carolina.

## Coinjock (NC) Club Presents Scholarships

**Coinjock** (NC) Ruritan Club presented their annual scholarship awards of \$1000 checks to Caroline Lindsey and Matthew Miller. Caroline will be attending COA to continue with her nursing degree, and Matthew will attend the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, to pursue a degree in law. Both recipients are members of the first graduating class at J.P. Knapp Early College High School. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee Chair John Murray, Caroline Lindsey, Matthew Miller, Coinjock Ruritan Club President Tom Oakes, and J. P. Knapp Principal Renee Dowdy.



Club President Tom Oakes accepted a Certificate of Recognition from National President Phyllis Lewter on June 10th. The certificate was presented in recognition of the labor and service that club members have dedicated to the community as well as renovations to the club house. The presentation was made during a dedication of the renovations made to the forty-year old club house. Others in attendance were Albemarle District Governor Nell Davis, Lt. Governor Francis Long, Ruritan members from throughout the Albemarle District, and Currituck County Commissioners. The dedication was followed by a barbeque.

## Sunbury and Bethel Celebrate Anniversary



Albemarle District Governor Nell Davis (pictured left) is shown presenting **Sunbury** (NC) Ruritan Club President Ginny Crocker with an anniversary certificate for 77 years of service.

**Bethel** (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently. Plaques were given to charter members Tom Proctor and Madelyn Long. Certificates were presented to Charles Ward and Dewey Perry, and scholarships were awarded to Brittany Chappell and Katie Copeland. Others in attendance were National President Phyllis Lewter, First Gentleman Bill Lewter, National Director Charles Davis, Albemarle District Governor Nell Davis, and Zone 3 Governor C.W. Overton. Pictured at bottom left (l-r) are Club Vice President Morris Saunders, Club Treasurer Lois Saunders,



First Gentleman Bill Lewter, National President Phyllis Lewter, Albemarle District Governor Nell Davis, National Director Charles Davis, Club President Dale Freeman, and Club Secretary Michelle Freeman.

### Rocky Hock Supports Relay For Life

Under the direction of **Rocky Hock** (NC) Ruritan Club Treasurer Jack Evans, the club held two Rocky Hock Opry shows, dinners, and auctions raising approximately \$28,000 for the American Cancer Relay for Life.



## Three Clubs Celebrate 50th Anniversary Together



Ruritan history was made in New Jersey when three clubs in Zone 4 of the Delmarva-New Jersey District celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary together. **Mannington Township** in first picture, **Lower Alloways Creek** in second picture, and **West Cumberland (NJ)** in third picture held a combined picnic attended by club members, former members, district officers, and guests. National President Phyllis congratulated the clubs and presented each an anniversary certificate. A picnic lunch was served, door prizes were presented, and auction items were awarded. The combined anniversary event was a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration.



Pictured from (l-r) are Peter Councill, and Lee Bailey being honored by **Easton**

(MD) Club President Harry Hinkle and Zone 6 Governor Jay Walls at the clubs award night banquet. Pete and Lee received pins for 46 years consecutive attendance. Both men are charter members of the club.



**Rockawalkin (MD)** Ruritan Club presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Caitlin Twigg. Pictured with Caitlin is Club Vice President

Fred Dysart. The club also presented Boy Scout Troop 194 with a \$1,000 check to help support their troop activities.

## News From Ruritan: Upper WV District



**Fellowsville (WV)** Ruritan Club President Don Post is shown presenting a check to Olivia Murray, the first place winner of the club's patriotic essay contest.

## Warwick and Abingdon Club Welcome New Members



**Warwick (VA)** Ruritan Club Vice President Woody Sanders Jr. (pictured left) is shown welcoming new member Mark Wheatley into the club and presented him with his badge and new member package.

Jeff Grant pictured on the right was welcomed as a new member of the **Abingdon (VA)** Ruritan Club by Club President Marshall Butler.



**Five Forks (VA)** Club President Donna Murdock (left) is shown presenting Mary Effmetz a certificate of appreciation for being the club's guest singer at a recent club meeting. Mary is a 2012 Walsingham Academy graduate and starred in the title role of "Hello Dolly."



### Clay Springs (VA)

Ruritan Club's charter members are pictured on the right at the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

celebration. Pictured (l-r) are Buck Hale, Monroe Loving, and Alvin Loving.



**Piankatank (VA)** Ruritan Club President Clint Bowles is pictured with the club's scholarship recipients. Pictured on the left (l-r) are Kasey Lyerly who will be attending RCC's nursing program, Rebecca Warren who will be majoring in biology at JMU, Alexis Spriggs who will be majoring in accounting at Hampton University, and Club Vice President Dave Parker.

## Southwood (NC) Club Visits Ronald McDonald House



**Southwood (NC)** Ruritan Club took lots of food and goodies to the Ronald McDonald House. Club member Susan Baker made 12 fleece throws, one for each family to take home. The 110 pounds of donated drink tabs amounted to \$700. Pictured in the back are Kenny Durham and Jay Robinson. In the front row are Lisa King, Leslie Jones, Betty Potter, C.J. Rouse, Roger Hill, and Eddie Hill. Club President Wendy Roberson and Susan Baker are seated.

## Lothian, Rohrersville, and Marlowe Celebrate Anniversaries



**Lothian (MD)** Ruritan Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a banquet at Skippers Pier. Approximately 58 attended the celebration. County Executive John Leopold, County Councilman Jerry Walker, and State Senator Edward Reilly presented proclamations and citations to Lothian Club President Bob Hruby for the club's dedicated service to the community. Immediately following the dinner, Club Treasurer J. J. Bernard Lerch III gave a brief history of the club. National President Phyllis Lewter acknowledged the many contributions the club has made with regards to providing eight \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors, contributing food to the South County Assistance Network

Food Bank, contributing to the "Snacks for Heroes" project at Walter Reed Hospital, and providing assistance to families of Southern Anne Arundel County in times of need.

The club handcrafted and delivered a poker table with several decks of playing cards and playing chips to the veterans' home in Charlotte Hall, MD. The poker table was made with adjustable legs to accommodate veterans in wheelchairs.

**Rohrersville (MD)** Ruritan Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July with a dinner at the Old Rohrersville Schoolhouse. National Director Dennis Barthlow presented certificates to the oldest member and the only living charter member Richard Haynes and to the youngest member and Club President J.R. Smith. Pictured on the right (l-r) are National Director Dennis Barthlow, Richard Haynes, and Club President J.R. Smith.



**Marlowe (WV)** Ruritan Club celebrated its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May with a catered dinner. Potomac District Governor John Lovell was the guest speaker for the evening and presented Club President Erich Fronck with a certificate.

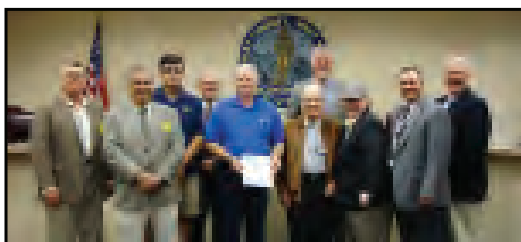
Others in attendance were National Directors Dennis Barthlow and Glenn Davis. Commemorative mugs were presented to charter members and guests. The club unveiled a new banner proclaiming 55 years of service. The banner will be displayed on the front of their building.

**Burkittsville (MD)** Ruritan Club presented eight \$1,000 scholarships at a recent club meeting. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Erika Burgoyne-Hongell, Erin Groff, Jenna Green, Maureen Groff, Diana Groff, Ian Groff, Eric Groff, and Merle Ferguson. The Groff quintuplets plans to attend Frostburg State University, Erika Burgoyne-Hongell plans to attend Shepherd University, and Jenna Green plans to attend Hagerstown Community College. Merle Ferguson received the Robert S. Delauder Sr. Memorial Scholarship Award.



**Keedysville (MD)** Ruritan Club celebrates Memorial Day by placing

wreaths at the monuments in the town park and planting a memorial garden for fallen heroes. Pictured on the right (l-r) are Bob Merrell, Robert Markle, Art Williamson, Chris Fisher, Chewy Wilhelm, and National Director Dennis Barthlow.



Berkeley (WV) County Council recognized May as Ruritan Awareness Month by presenting a resolution. Pictured (l-r) are Potomac District Governor Richard Zigler, Potomac District Secretary Larry Cassell, Bedington (WV) Ruritan Club's Past President Charlie Triggs, County Council Member William Stubblefield, **Bedington** Club President James Kief, **South Jefferson** (WV) Club Director Calvin Hough, County Council members Douglas Copenhagen, Elaine Mauck, Anthony Petrucci, and James Whitacre.

## Smithfield Presents Check to Band Boosters



**Smithfield** (VA) Ruritan Club presented a check for \$600 to the Smithfield High School Band Boosters in June from proceeds of a yard sale held earlier this year. The band program was represented by 2012-2013 Student Directors Luke Johnson, Simone Stewart, and Jessee Reon, along with Director of Bands Mr. Aaron Hill.

Smithfield Ruritan Club President Dennis Galante was presented with a Community Ambassador Award from the Smithfield and Isle of Wight Conventions and Visitors Bureau. The presentation was made by Judy Waxham Hare Winslow.

## Meherrin Club Celebrates its 50th Anniversary



**Meherrin** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July. National President Phyllis Lewter, Past National Presidents Bobby Wrenn, George Winslow, Frank Guthrie, Donald Worrell, National Directors Don Yeargan, Chuck Myers, Clay Byrum, and District Governor Stan Turner attended the celebration. Lewter praised the club for its community service.

### 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 Bylaws 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.

**Rye Valley** (VA) Ruritan Club member William Jesse Choate received Citizen of the Year Award from the Rotary Club in April. During the program he was recognized as unique, caring, and sympathetic in his community. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" and Choate was determined to definitely be an example of that concept.



**Grassfield** (VA) Ruritan Club members are shown cooking breakfast at a zone event. Pictured are Ken Johnson cooking sausage, Russell Gwynn cooking eggs, and John Wayne

Abernathy cooking pancakes.

## News From Ruritan: Southwest VA District

### Wadlow Gap Dedicates Ruritan Flag

Pictured right is Vice President Dennie Clemmer dedicating the Ruritan flag at the **Wadlow Gap** (VA) Ruritan Club's flag dedication ceremony that was held by Vietnam Veterans.



## News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District



### Little River II Raises \$4,500

Little River II (NC) Ruritan Club raised \$4,500 by having two benefit breakfasts this year for two men, one needing a kidney transplant and the other man is battling cancer.

In May, an annual auction was held bringing in \$2,000 for the club. Pictured are club members serving at one of the breakfasts.



### Todd (NC) Club Awards Scholarships

Each year the Todd (NC) Ruritan Club awards scholarships in honor of retired teacher Ruby Trivette. Brian Joseph Travers, Benjamin Wilson Hicks, and Ethan Daniel Greene were the recipients this year. Each received \$2,000.

### Deep Gap Club Receives Award For Community Service

Deep Gap (NC) Ruritan Club received \$250 for "exceptional community development projects" at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Western North Carolina Annual Honors Award Program. A few of the club's projects are subsidizing a "backpack" food pantry for their elementary school, participating in the "Adopt a Highway" Program, supporting Operation Christmas Child and Hunger and Health Coalition, and providing an annual \$1,000 college scholarship.



## News From Ruritan: Tennessean District



### Fordtown (TN) Awards Scholarships



Tennessee State Representative Tony Shipley honored the Fordtown (TN) Ruritan Club scholarship recipients. Shipley identified and applauded the ways the two students give back to the community. Mr. Shipley is pictured on the left with Michael Moore and on the right with Taylor Boyd.

## News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

### Millbridge (NC) Club Remodels Old School

Pictured on the right are **Millbridge** (NC) Ruritan Club members remodeling an old elementary school into a military museum. Twice a year the museum has an open house and the club sells food as a fundraiser. Club President Paul Rogers said, "This project has been very gratifying for our club with hopes that many generations to come will learn and benefit from the sacrifices our country's veterans have made." Pictured (l-r) are Don White, Eddie Poteat, and Doug Goodman.



**Farmington** (NC) Ruritan Club placed 52 American flags along the road during patriotic holidays to show appreciation for men and women serving our country. Pictured (l-r) are Frank Payne, John Caudle, and James Latham.



### Leasburg Presents Scholarships

**Leasburg** (NC) Ruritan Club awarded Sterling Carter and Lee-Anne Berdine scholarships in May.

Sterling will be attending the University of Charleston majoring in history. He is looking forward to becoming a teacher and sharing his love of history. Sterling is very active in many organizations in and outside of school. He is the 2012 class president and is a part of the Future Teachers of America. He enjoys the hands-on approach of history and hopes to pass this on to many of our future youth. Lee-Anne will be attending Piedmont Community College majoring in graphics arts. She aspires to continue drawing and possibly publishing a comic. Lee-Anne is also very active in and outside of school. She has been a member of the Leasburg Ruritan Club for five years and has been an inspiration for other club members. She hopes to transfer to the Art Institute of Virginia Beach to receive her bachelor's degree in her desired major. Pictured (l-r) are Sterling Carter, Scholarship Committee Chair Brenda Bender, and Lee-Anne Berdine.



## News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

### Boone Trail and Anderson Creek Present Scholarships

**Boone Trail** (NC) Ruritan Club's Scholarship Chair James Currin presented 12 scholarships to high school graduates in June. Pictured front (l-r) are Hannah Williams, Abby Coggins, Courtney Parker, Morgan Cameron, Allison Price, and Jessica Cameron and the back row includes (l-r) Devin Powers, Randy McNeill, Thomas Lasater, Josh Holder, and Carson Rosser. Unable to attend was Jessica Martin.



**Anderson Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club President James Mobley is shown presenting the club's scholarship winner, Kalyn Jordan Terry, with an award certificate. Kalyn will be attending UNC to study psychology.



## Clubs Across Ruritan Making a Difference



**Salvisa (KY)** Ruritan Club celebrated its 45th anniversary. Pictured top left is National Director Beverly Tanner (on the far right) presenting a certificate to the club on the night of the celebration.

**Fontaine (VA)** Ruritan Club ( second picture on the left) held a special Bingo night in June. Proceeds went to the Community Storehouse Backpack Program, which provides food to children when they are not in school. **Fontaine (VA)** Ruri-Teen Club (third picture on the left) provided refreshments for the event.

**Red Bank (VA)** Ruritan Club members observed

Ruritan Sunday at the Mt. View Pentecostal Holiness Church. Pastor Neil Pressley and the congregation opened their arms of love to the club. Club President Rachel White expressed their appreciation for opening their doors for this special time.

Pictured right is **Stantonville (TN)** Ruritan Club Secretary Ken Salvack standing in front of the club's Veteran Memorial. The club intends to make bricks, inscribed with military service records, available for veterans to purchase.



**Western Yell (AR)** Ruritan Club presented \$553.02 to the Havana Assembly of God Food Bank. The generous offering was presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Independence Day Community Worship Service, sponsored by the club. Pictured bottom right (l-r) are Hoover Willard and Reverend Bob Caldwell.

The **Roanoke District (NC)** presented Trenton Burgess with a \$500 scholarship. Trenton plans to attend Wake Technical Community College in the Diesel Mechanic Program in the fall. Trenton is a member of the **Severn-Pendleton**



(VA) Ruritan Club. Pictured bottom left are Roanoke District Governor Al Cochran and Trenton Burgess.



# Ruritan Forever

*A Perpetual Life Plan  
Protecting and preserving Ruritan  
as a legacy for future generations.*

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

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

The lifetime endowment may also be purchased in

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

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

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

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

This application is for: (check one)

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

Name of Applicant (If not you): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTION #1 Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

OPTION #3 Enclosed please find the 1st \$200 installment of the \$600 Ruritan Forever fee.

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