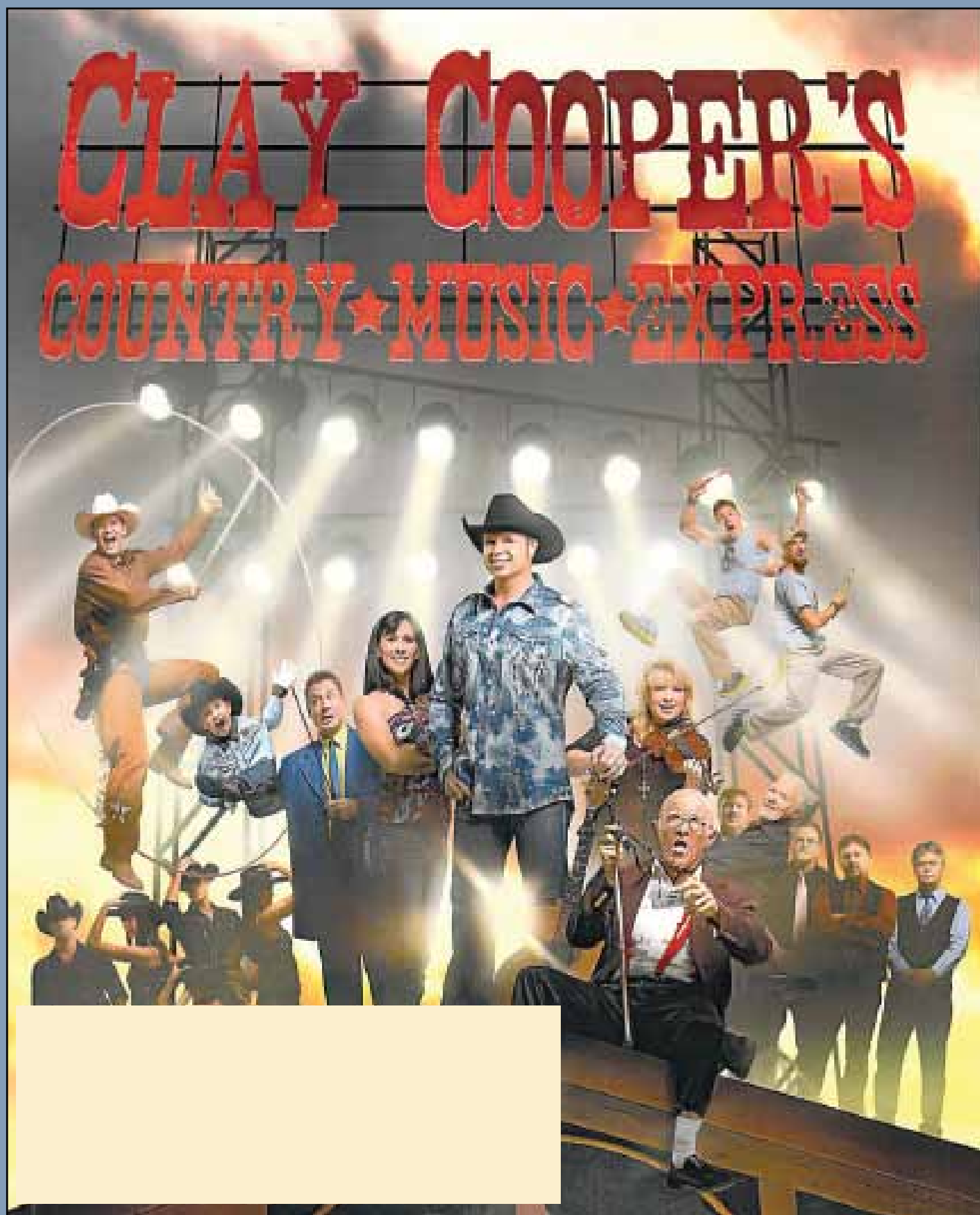




# Ruritan

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## Time is Rushing By



Time is rushing by. Over half of our year is behind us. What a six months we have had! I want to thank each of you for making this a very special year in many aspects. First of all, we have found some stabilization in membership as we have increased our members three out of six months. We have more people joining us than we have leaving. This is a first since 2007. I feel the slogan "BE THE REASON RURITAN SEIZES REVITALIZATION" is working and the "WANTED" program for growth is catching on big time. Thank you for making this possible. Our National Board has been and is working hard across committee lines. Most district cabinets are working hard as well

as club officers. The more members we have, the more work we get done at the club level. We have had great events this year with good fellowship. Our Spring Rallies were well attended. Everywhere First Lady Betty Jo and I have been we have seen and heard excitement in the membership as they show us their facilities and tell us about their activities. The Summer Leadership Conference was a great success with good attendance, wonderful fellowship, and informative sessions. All our presenters were Ruritan leaders and they

did a great job! Thank you, Vice-President Elliott, for your leadership in planning and conducting the conference.

I am asking for your help to promote the distribution of Rudy Bears in your communities, district, and at Branson. The numbers need to be reported to the district governors and then reported to Ruritan National. There will be plaques presented at the National Convention to the club and district that donate the most Rudy Bears.

Our National Convention in Branson is going to be a REVITALIZED event

you don't want to miss with great entertainment, food, fellowship, and the required business of Ruritan. Ladies,

bring your denim and bling for the Denim and Rhinestones event and gentlemen, your blue jeans, hats, and boots are acceptable if you so desire. Continue to be the REASON Ruritan seizes REVITALIZATION! Let's continue to work together to make 2013 the best Ruritan year possible!

*Pictured are Lucas Bowman, grandson of Red Bank (VA) Ruritan Club Member Charlie Bowman, and Rudy Bear.*



*President Dennie visited the Foothills Country Fair in Cleveland, TN. The fair was held by nine Ruritan clubs in the Cherokee District. Ricky Skaggs was the entertainment for the evening. Pictured are President Dennie and Ricky Skaggs.*



*Union (VA) Ruritan Club presented Rudy Bears to the Halifax County Sheriff's Office. Pictured are Charles Newby, Club President Elizabeth Harris, Club Vice President Kenneth Martin, and David Martin.*



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*Make plans to attend  
the 2014 National  
Convention to see the  
Clay Cooper Show!*

## Deadlines Extended to November 1, 2013 for Bus Travel to Branson, MO

**Ohio:** Details of the trip are in the summer 2013 Ruritan Magazine or on the website. Contact Maynard Yoh; [maynardyoh@yahoo.com](mailto:maynardyoh@yahoo.com) or call 330-465-8566. Cost of round trip: \$150 to \$275 (based on the number taking the bus) PLUS \$100 lodging on the way (\$50 per night for double occupancy in a motel room each way). Bus will stop for overnight coming and going. This bus is definitely going – but seating will be limited as the time gets closer to departure. Please contact them as soon as possible to make your reservation.

**Shenandoah Valley of VA:** Details of the trip are in the summer 2013 Ruritan magazine or on the website. Contact: Ruritan National; [office@ruritan.org](mailto:office@ruritan.org); 877-787-8727. Bus will stop for overnight coming and going. Cost of round trip includes overnight stays on 1/21 and 1/26 at Drury Inns which include a complimentary full buffet breakfast. Cost is \$449 single (includes single occupancy at hotel on route); \$339 each for double occupancy (two share room coming and going); \$299 each for triple occupancy (three share room coming and going); \$289 each for quadruple occupancy (four share room coming and going). A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required before November 1, 2013.

**New River Valley of VA:** This bus will offer an early arrival to Branson as it leaves the New River Valley area on Sunday arriving on Monday in Branson. It will return on Sunday – arriving back in the New River Valley on Monday. Cost is \$250 per person and requires two people to a room on the two traveling overnights. No meals are included and you are responsible for your hotel room in Branson once the bus arrives. For details or to book your seat, Contact Pat Davis at 276-238-4653.

**On The Cover:** Every Ruritan and guest registered for the 2014 Ruritan Convention in Branson, MO will be treated to one of the best Branson shows around – the Clay Cooper Country Music Express in the beautiful Clay Cooper Theater. Clay and his incredible staff go the extra mile to provide a safe, fun, family environment for their guests. The theater, formerly owned and operated by the Osmond Family, was taken over by Clay in January 2010. As the Clay Cooper folks like to say, they are "just real people, havin' a real good time!"



## Everything Counts



Since my dad passed away in March, my mother and my grandmother have been living together alone (with some assistance from my sister and me and other family members). However, in July, my grandmother fell and broke her hip. This of course resulted in my grandmother being hospitalized and getting some surgery followed by an ongoing stay in a rehabilitation facility. My mother also has some physical limitations because of an ongoing illness. She has consequently moved in with my sister who is caring for her full time. Before the fall, my mom and grandmother managed relatively well considering my mom's illness and my grandmother's age (she is 88). Since the fall, I have been amazed how much they miss each other. When we take my mother to visit my grandmother, the care and affection that they have for each other is evident. They are both looking forward to the time when they can be together

again, in their own house, doing the things that they used to do together. They will never be able to live alone unassisted again, but they will be able to be together and help each other to the degree that they can.

It's amazing to watch people help each other even when they have limitations themselves. Our clubs are that way. We have over a thousand clubs in 25 states providing assistance to people. Sometimes the need is evident and sometimes it is not, but need always exists. My mother and my grandmother help each other. With my grandmother's advancing age and my mother's limitations, they can't do much but they do what they can. It doesn't matter if your club can do large sweeping projects that affect the entire community or if it does small kind things that go mostly unnoticed by the community at large. What matters is that it is there and doing what it can do to help people in need.

We are all guilty of getting sidetracked by administrative tasks, or politics, or personalities and failing to remember why we exist.

It is never a small thing to care, or to reach out and help someone who has a need, or to show love and encouragement to someone who is suffering. That's why I am so proud of our organization and what we do for people. We don't wait for a need to present itself, we go looking for it, and when we find it, we make a difference.

The bottom line is everything counts. Do what you can do. You may not be able to impact your community in large sweeping ways but even the small things count. You may not have the confidence or personality to build a Ruritan club in a neighboring community, but you can ask your neighbor to join your club. Small things taken together can make big differences in your club and your community. Do what you can...everything counts.



*Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell with the cooperation of Ruritan member Jean Barker has extended sincere gratitude to Executive Director Mike Chrisley and each staff member at the Ruritan National Office for all that each has done in service to Ruritan and the communities it serves.*

*Letters from Governor McDonnell were presented at the August Board of Directors Meeting. Pictured above (l-r) are Sue Ervine, Chris Pugh, Tina Lawson, Bonnie Westpfahl, and Debbie Southern. On the back row (l-r) are Craig Whitt, Mike Chrisley, Kory Wirt, and Crystal Andrews.*

*Pictured left is Chrisley speaking to the National Board of Directors during the meeting.*



# Candidates Announce For National Office



## **National President**

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## **CLUB:** Joined **Abingdon**

(VA) in 1993; President;  
Director; Chair of Scholarship

Committee; Chair of Citizenship and Patriotism Committee; Club's Guinea Jubilee Chair; Club's Co-Chair for Mission of Mercy (3 years); Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Event Chair; Tom Downing Fellow; and Abingdon Club Ruritan of the Year 2011

**DISTRICT:** District Fundraising Committee; Lt. Zone Governor; Zone Governor; Growth and Development Chair; District Lt. Governor; District Governor; District Director; 2011 Vice President of the Association of Virginia Ruritans; 2012 President of the Association of Virginia Ruritans

**NATIONAL:** National Director 2003-2005; Chair of Flag Ceremony 2010; Chair of Candidate Certification Committee; National Convention Sergeant-at-Arms Assistant Chair (2 years); Registration and Credentials Committee; Chair of National Publications Committee (National Board); DRM; Ruritan Forever; Foundation Million Dollar Club; National Vice President 2013

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

**OCCUPATION:** Naval Weapons Station 1966-2005; Awarded the Navy Superior Civilian Medal for Valor; 1968-1970 U.S. Army Viet Nam, Awarded Bronze Star Medal; 2006-2013 Government Contractor; retired grain farmer, currently raise hay; served on local boards of Southern States Co-op and Farm Bureau

**OTHER:** Happily Married to Sandra for 46 years! 2 children: Ann and Jeff and 7 grandchildren (3 are Ruri-Teens); Member of Union Baptist Church, Guinea Jubilee Chair (3 years); Awarded the Masonic Community Builders Award; currently President of the Guinea Heritage Association.



## **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 Chairman for various committees; delivers Meals on Wheels

**DISTRICT:** Appomattox Zone 4 Lt. Governor 2002; Zone 4 Governor 2003-4; Lt. District Governor 2005; District Governor 2006-7; District Mentor 2011-13; Freedoms Foundation Work Detail 3 years; Tom Downing Fellow 2006; Instructor for workshops at District Conventions; Association of Virginia Ruritans Vice President 2012 and Association of Virginia Ruritans President 2013.

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

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Fort Defiance High School; 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. Coached Little League Football and Baseball. Serves meals to homeless once a month at church in downtown Richmond, VA. Married to Linda, 2 sons Donald (wife Cami) and Cory (wife Amoreena), 3 grandchildren.

**\*Biographies were printed as submitted by candidates\***

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### **National Vice President**

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**CLUB:** Joined **Sudlersville** Club (MD) in 1997; Scholarship Committee Chair since 2006; Member

& past chair of Budget Committee; Chair of Citizenship & Patriotism Committee; Director 3 years; Vice President 2 years (2002 & 03); President 2 years (2004 & 05).

**DISTRICT:** Delmarva-New Jersey District Lt. Governor 2006 & 2008; District Governor 2007; Zone Governor 1 year; Youth Coordinator 2009; Newsletter Chair 2008 to 2011; District Directory Chair 2012; Taught workshops.

**NATIONAL:** Convention Sgt. At Arms; Flag Ceremonies; Invocation at Opening Business Session 2007; Taught National Convention Workshops 3 years; Taught Leadership Development Workshop 1 year; Member of Candidate Certification Committee- 2013; National Director 2009 to 2011; National Representative for the Potomac District; Member of the Leadership Development Committee 3 years & chaired it in 2011.

**EDUCATION:** MED in Mathematics, U. of MD, College Park; B.S. in Mathematics Education; Maryland State College, Division of U. of MD; Kennard High School, Queen Anne's County MD

**OCCUPATION:** Supervisor of Instruction, Queen Anne's County Public Schools; Principal, Queen Anne's County Public Schools; After School Program Director, Queen Anne's County Public Schools, Mathematics Teacher, Queen Anne's County Public Schools; Adjunct Instructor, Chesapeake Community College.

**OTHER:** Past treasurer, Vice President & President of the Queen Anne's County Education Association; Coached QACHS Basketball; Enjoys horseback riding and performing on a Horse Drill Team; Selected as a Noteworthy Farmer of Queen Anne's County in 2010; loves playing Basketball and watching Football; Wife (Brenda) of 46 years; 2 Children (Darius & Dorazita) and 6 grandchildren



### **National Director**

Terry R. Call  
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**CLUB:** Joined **Greater Whitsett** (NC) in 2007, was Club President twice and Club Secretary. Joined **Coinjock** in

2012 as Associate member

**DISTRICT:** District Governor; Lt. Governor; Zone Governor; Foundation Chair; Budget & Finance Chair; ANCR Representative; Fundraising Chair; and received Tom Downing Award

**NATIONAL:** Received President's Golden Key Award and Million Dollar Club Member

**EDUCATION:** West Wilkes High School and Wilkes Community College

**OCCUPATION:** Fed-Ex Ground Contractor

**OTHER:** Married to Tina; son-Billy; and Attends Faith Christian Church



### **National Director**

Joe H. Hommel  
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**CLUB:** Served on several committees of the **Bloomingdale** (TN) Club in the Tennessean District; Chairman Christmas Parade; Vice President; President.

**Conklin** (TN) Club in the Davy Crockett District: Sergeant of Arms; Foundation, Secretary, Treasurer; Vice President, President.

**DISTRICT:** Tennessean District - served as Zone Governor-1983; Lt. Governor-1984; District Governor-1985. Davy Crockett District – served as Zone Governor 1990; earned Zone Governor Award 1990; Foundation Chairman 1991; Lt. Governor 1992; District Governor 1993; District had 3% increase in membership and earned National Award; Also the District Convention had 425 in attendance ; and Tennessee Rally Chairman 1995

**NATIONAL:** Attended several national conventions, leadership conference; twice Sergeant at Arms; flag ceremony twice and greeter once; Escort

**\*Biographies were printed as submitted by candidates\***

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**EDUCATION:** Graduate Shoemaker High School, Gate City, Va.; FFA Reporter; Forrester team; Life Underwriters Training Council, Washington, D.C.; Graduate Dale Carnegie Sale and Public Speaking courses and several Sales and management courses

**OCCUPATION:** Retired, Insurance Sales, 4 years in field management; Part-time Farmer

**OTHER:** Son of late, Albert and Ada Hommel. Late wife of 56 years, Nancy Smith Hommel; God-Daughter Leslie and 3 God-Grandchildren, with 1 God-great grandchild; Past Master Masonic Lodge; 32 degree of Scottish Rite. K.C.C.H., Member Emmaus Community; Member Gideon's; Meals on Wheels; volunteer at NHC Healthcare weekly also with Hospice as needed. Military – Korean War; American Legion Post #3, Kingsport, Tennessee with 51 years of membership and continues to put flags in four cemeteries with over 75 graves. Church – Active member at Mount Wesley United Methodist Church; Assistant Sunday School Superintendent; Assistant Bible Class teacher, past assistant Treasurer; Disaster Response team Member; Parish Council member; sing in choir; Delegate member to Annual Church Conference. Church District – Past Finance Chairman; Past Superintendent committee; Delegate at Large at Annual Conference-Served twice as teller.



**National Director**

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**CLUB:** Joined **King William** (VA) in 1990 and joined **Eastern Henrico** (VA) in 2012; King William Club Vice President 2003; President

2004 and 2008.

**DISTRICT:** Chesapeake District Zone 3 Governor 2010; Lt. District Governor 2011; District Governor 2012; and 1<sup>st</sup> year District Director 2013

**NATIONAL:** Sergeant-at-Arms Committee Member 2012 and Convention Registration and Credentials Committee 2013

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from King William High School and Richmond Technical Education Center – Electrician – HVAC/R

**OCCUPATION:** Electronics Technician Sr./Supervisor

**OTHER:** Ruritan Forever and Tom Downing Fellow



**National Director**

Michael E. (Mike) Myers  
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**CLUB:** Joined **South Fork** (WV) in 2009; President (2 years); Vice –President, Secretary (3 years), Public Relations Committee Chair, and Chaplain-5 years perfect attendance and Ruritan of the Year

**DISTRICT:** Upper West Virginia District Zone Governor (2 years) and Lieutenant Zone Governor

**NATIONAL:**

**EDUCATION:** Graduated Paden City High School (Boys State, Tyler Co-Scholastic Award - 4 years); BS Christian Education-Kentucky Christian University; BS Bible-Kentucky Christian University; MDiv-Eastern Mennonite Seminary; MBA (15 hours) Liberty University; Basic Trauma Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support-US Army; and Combat Lifesaver-US Army

**OCCUPATION:** Pendleton County Office of Emergency Management; Romney Christian Church-Minister; US Army Veteran (MAJ); Combat tour in Bosnia, 3 tours Iraq Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM); High School English and Physical Education Teacher; Varsity Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer Coach (5 years)

**OTHER:** Romney Volunteer Rescue Squad-President's Award; Community Emergency Response Team--Vice-President; Family Resource Council-Secretary; Gretna Volunteer Rescue Squad-Squadsman of the Year; Boy Scout-Senior Patrol Leader and Order of the Arrow; American Legion-Chaplain; Emergency Medical Technician and Basic Life Support Instructor (10 years); Volunteer EMS (35 years); Volunteer Fire-fighter (32 years); and Junior Achievement-Treasurer. Married to Vickie Myers (31 years); daughter Whitney; and son Joshua. Hobbies: hunting, fishing, autograph collecting, camping, basketball and volleyball official

**\*Biographies were printed as submitted by candidates\***

# Branson Entertainment Capital To Embrace Ruritan in 2014

It's time to raise the curtain on an extraordinary Ruritan convention in one of the country's premier entertainment capitals. Ruritans will enjoy their usual family reunion atmosphere, conducting the business of Ruritan while visiting a community known for music and theater. Even in January, there are attractions to keep Ruritan attendees busy from the time they arrive until they pack their suitcases and head back home.

The Branson Hilton Convention Center and Promenade hotels feature hundreds of shops, galleries, restaurants and a magnificent light and water show just outside the hotel rooms. Ruritans will enjoy – as a group – one of Branson's finest theater shows – The Clay Cooper Country Music Express on Friday night.

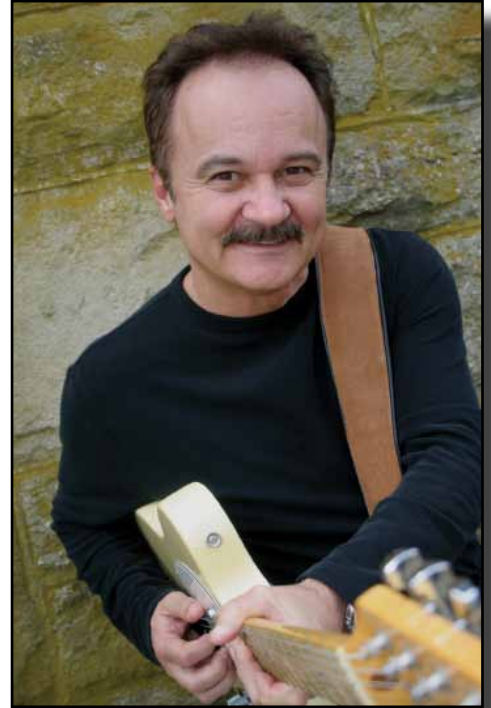
There are multiple ways to get to Branson. Ruritans may opt to drive. If Ruritans choose to fly, there is service to both Springfield, MO and Branson's own airport. In this issue of the RURITAN magazine there are a number of group bus trip options. If you are

willing to share a hotel room going and coming – you can go from Winchester VA to Branson and back for less than \$300 including your hotel room.

Once you are in Branson, a downtown trolley offers access to both the promenade area and the original downtown Branson area. The

Promenade features great shops and eating establishments as well as a front row seat to the nightly water, fire, and light show. The Convention Center tower is, of course, closer to the convention center. If you or your guests have a handicap or any difficulty walking we urge you to use the Convention Center hotel. But if you are able bodied – the Promenade is the place to be! It is fun and exciting and a beautiful facility.

During the convention itself – the Ruritan events shown below will be taking place. Details will be spelled out in the souvenir program. Participants assigned to specific events will receive mailed letters of notification as well.



## **Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

Executive Committee meeting in the morning  
Board meeting in the afternoon  
Committee meetings (Sgt-at-arms, workshop, nomination committee, etc.)

## **Thursday, January 23, 2014**

Free day for many to explore Branson  
Governor's Breakfast and training in morning  
Breakfast with the President in the morning  
Flag Ceremony practice in afternoon  
Workshops  
Foundation Awards Presentation and Foundation Dinner (prior to the Opening Ceremonies) – optional meal  
Opening Ceremonies 7 p.m.  
President's Reception with refreshments  
Hospitality rooms open

## **Friday, January 24, 2014**

Veterans Breakfast with Dr. Rob Marsh – optional meal  
Morning Business Session  
Fellowship Luncheon (with entertainment) – optional meal  
NOTE: Delegate Certification closes at 2 p.m.  
Voting – 3 to 5:30 p.m. (results not announced until Saturday business session)  
Group outing to Clay Cooper Theatre – included in basic registration fee  
Hospitality rooms open

## **Saturday, January 25, 2014**

Denim and Rhinestone Breakfast Honoring First Lady Betty Jo (with entertainment) – optional meal  
Morning Business Session with Awards  
Foundation Live Auction in the afternoon  
Workshops  
Installation Banquet with Jimmy Fortune (pictured on this page)  
Hospitality rooms open

## **Sunday, January 26, 2014**

Worship Service  
2014 Board Breakfast



# 2014 Ruritan National Convention - Branson

## (January 23 - 25, 2014)

One form per attendee - please duplicate as needed.

Please print or type and include member # if you are a Ruritan.  
(Member # appears on every RURITAN magazine mailing label.)

**Club and District listed below will appear on your name tag.**

Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Preferred Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_ I need vegetarian meal(s) for these in my party. # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

\_\_\_\_ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

\_\_\_\_ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance. # years \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ This is my first Ruritan National Convention.

**GUESTS: As a registered attendee you may bring non-registered guests to meal functions and optional events. Pay under 'Extra Tickets' on reverse. They will only be allowed in events they've paid for and they will not have a packet or a name badge. Their tickets will be in your packet.**

### Registration Details

- Thursday evening Ruritan opening ceremonies
- Workshops on Thursday and Saturday afternoons
- Business sessions on both Friday and Saturday mornings
- An evening at the Clay Cooper Theater - Friday night - included in both packages
- **Friday DRM luncheon not included in any package - must be purchased separately**

**For Office Use Only:**

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Group # \_\_\_\_\_

- Saturday Installation Banquet (included on full package option)
- Optional Meals include: Friday morning Veterans Breakfast, Friday DRM Luncheon, Thursday evening Foundation Dinner, and Saturday morning Denim and Rhinestones Breakfast honoring First Lady Betty Jo Clemmer (See reverse for prices and registration options.)

*Appropriate registration package must be purchased in order to attend convention activities including workshops and business sessions. A registered convention attendee may purchase optional meals as well as extra meals for his/her non-registered guests (see reverse). After December 23, 2013, you may only register in person at the convention site.*

**See reverse to choose your options**

### MEALS IN BRANSON, MO

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Branson Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind – anyone waiting to register on-site in Branson (as a walk-in) for the events will not be guaranteed a meal. We **will** be able to register you for all non-meal events at the base rate of \$145. Plan to send your registration to the Ruritan National Office before the December 23, 2013, cut-off date for advance registration.

### How Will You Pay?

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

**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 December 1, 2013

## What Events Will You Attend At The 2014 Convention?

**Option 1: One meal package** #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$215 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Includes: Thursday Ruritan Opening Ceremonies, Friday evening at Clay Cooper Theater, workshops, election, two business sessions, exhibits, and Saturday Installation Banquet. **DOES NOT INCLUDE Friday DRM Luncheon, Foundation Dinner, Veterans Breakfast, or Denim and Rhinestones Breakfast Honoring First Lady Betty Jo.**

**Option 2 - Base fee - no meals** #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$145 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Includes: Thursday Ruritan Opening Ceremonies, Friday evening at Clay Cooper Theater, workshops, election, exhibits, and two business sessions. **NO MEALS**

**Sub Total Basic Registrations** \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Tickets and Optional Convention Events: Any fully registered attendee may purchase these items. These tickets will secure entrance to these events ONLY and will be in the host's packet.**

Friday DRM Luncheon (not included in any package - purchase here) #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Friday Veterans Breakfast (not included in any package - purchase here) #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Foundation Awards Dinner (not included in any package - purchase here) #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Denim and Rhinestones Breakfast Honoring First Lady Betty Jo Clemmer (not included in any package - purchase here) #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA Installation Banquet (1 included in **one meal package**) #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$80 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA Clay Cooper Show (1 seat included in all packages) #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

### Optional events and gifts -

Large Rudy Bears - to be added to Ruritan gift to local charities #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.25 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Small Rudy Bears - to be added to Ruritan gift to local charities #\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.25 =+ \$\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### Thursday, January 23, 2014

Workshops  
Foundation Awards Dinner (optional meal in the late afternoon)  
Opening Ceremonies 7 p.m.

### Friday, January 24, 2014

Veterans Breakfast (optional meal)  
Morning Business Session  
DRM Luncheon – optional meal  
**NOTE: Delegate Certification closes at 2 p.m.**  
Voting – 3 to 5:30 p.m.  
Private Show at Clay Cooper Theatre – included in all registration packages

### Saturday, January 25, 2014

Breakfast Honoring First Lady Betty Jo (optional meal)  
Morning Business Session with Awards  
Foundation Live Auction  
Workshops  
Installation Banquet (included in full package)

### Sunday, January 26, 2014

Worship Service  
  
*Participants will be notified individually about Governors' Training, Breakfast for Outgoing National Officers and Governors, and other special meetings. Hospitality suites will be open Thursday - Saturday evenings.*

**We will be honoring Ruritan military veterans with name badge ribbons and during the optional Friday Veterans Breakfast. Please let us know your branch and era of service.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check both branch and era of service)

#### BRANCH OF SERVICE

\_\_\_\_ U.S. Army      \_\_\_\_ Navy  
\_\_\_\_ U.S. Air Force      \_\_\_\_ U.S. Coast Guard  
\_\_\_\_ U. S. Marines      \_\_\_\_ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

#### ERA OF SERVICE

\_\_\_\_ WWII      \_\_\_\_ Desert Storm  
\_\_\_\_ Korea      \_\_\_\_ Operation Iraqi Freedom  
\_\_\_\_ Vietnam      \_\_\_\_ Peace Time Service

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## USING THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR ESTATE PLANNING

Klem, Gentry & Torbett, a Financial Planning Practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., 208 Sunset Drive, Suite 365, Johnson City, TN 37604 has signed a two - year agreement to promote planned giving to the Ruritan National Foundation. I would encourage you to take the time to consider the following options



in planning your estate.

- What's in your estate?
- How will your assets be used when you are no longer here?
- Would you like to reduce your taxes so you can leave more?
- Are there better alternatives than your present/current plan?

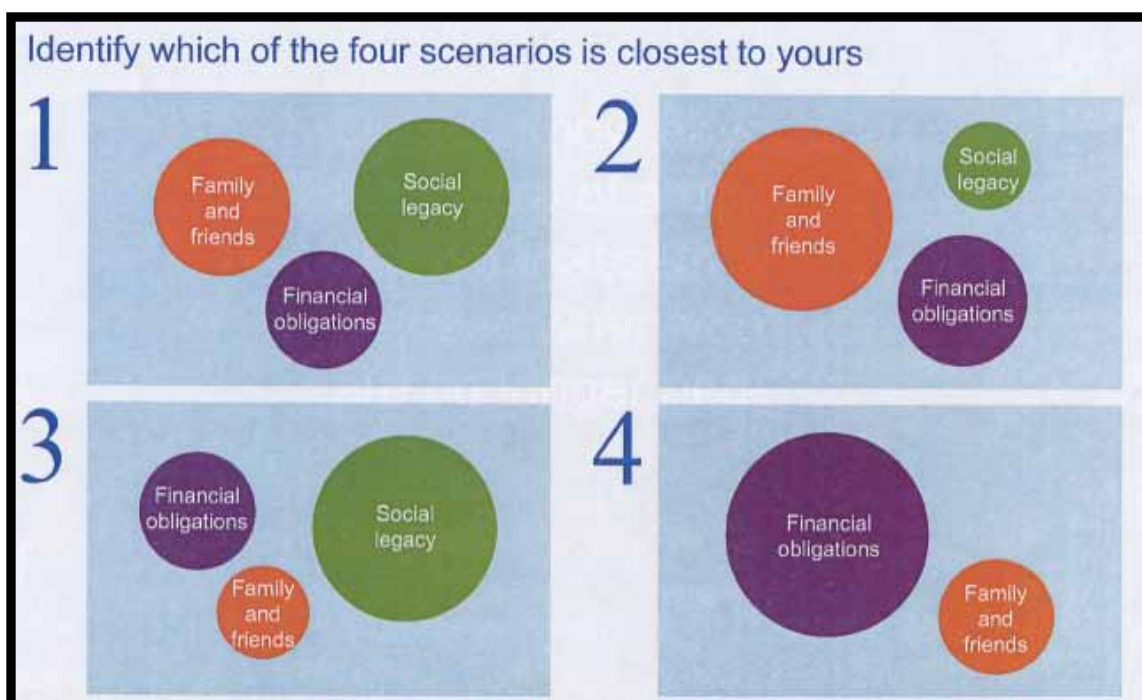
Your estate may be larger than you think. It includes all of your assets – your money, investments, property, life insurance, and any personal belongings.

Creating an estate plan can help ensure your assets go to the individuals and organizations most important to you. A solid plan can also help:

- Efficiently and effectively transfer your wealth.
- Provide financial stability and reassurance to your surviving spouse and children, regardless of their ages.
- Protect your assets for future generations.
- Ensure the succession of a family-owned or other small business.
- Ensure your wishes are carried out as you intended.

Without a plan, your state of residence will determine how to distribute your assets when you die. There may also be higher estate taxes and final expenses, delays, legal problems, and other issues. To help reduce the uncertainty and turmoil your family experiences following your death, think about the legacy you want to leave and then take steps to make your financial goals a reality.

HOW WOULD YOUR ESTATE BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY?





## Ruritan National Foundation News

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE?



A person may have three beneficiaries for their estate. You can choose between family and friends, charity, and the government. With proper planning, in many cases, one of them can be eliminated. Who would you choose to receive nothing?

To make their services available, Klem, Gentry & Torbett will travel up to four hours from their Johnson City, TN office to your club, district, or area to present a program. On a map, the boundaries would be Winston Salem, NC (East), Lynchburg, VA (Northeast), Charlestown, WV (North), Richmond, KY (Northwest), Columbia, SC (Southeast), Nashville, TN (West), and Chattanooga, TN (South). If you would prefer to work with an Ameriprise advisor closer to your home, you can contact a qualified advisor in your area to conduct the presentation. To schedule a program, call 423.283.9660, Toll-Free 866.297.6663 or [ameripriseadvisors.com/team/klem-gentry-torbett](http://ameripriseadvisors.com/team/klem-gentry-torbett).

## Ruritan National Foundation Build Your Dollars Recipients



**Sandy Run** (SC) Ruritan Club Social Development Committee Chair Kay James presented a Build Your Dollars Grant Scholarship to Ashley Russell. She graduated from Calhoun County High School and will attend the College of Charleston and major in physical therapy.

Pictured on the right is **Bald Knob Eagle** (KY) Club President Carl Moore presenting a Build Your Dollar Scholarship to Ciara Goodman. Goodman is a graduate of Western Hills High School and will be entering Georgetown College in the fall.



Pictured (l-r) are **Southern** (OH) Ruritan Club's scholarship recipients Kyler Woodward, Jason Lorah, Haley Dumolin (Build Your Dollars), and Austin West.





## 2013 Youth Conference Photos





## 2013 Founders' Day Celebration



Founders' Day 2013 was an exciting time as Ruritans celebrated the 85th anniversary of the founding of our organization on May 21, 1928. After a formal ceremony and wreath-laying ceremony at the Ruritan National Monument to honor Ruritan's founders, a parade was held.

What an exciting parade it was! Following the color guard there were bands, floats and vehicles representing Ruritan clubs and community organizations, convertibles carrying Ruritan National officers and city and state dignitaries, horseback riders, tractors, and the Shriners' units, a favorite of the children with their clowns and midget cars. A special float celebrating the 25th birthday of Rudy Bear was a highlight of the parade. National President Dennie Clemmer (center), 1993 National President Wayne

Bettis (right), and 2006 National President Joe Pancione (left) were featured on this float.

Residents of Holland sat on their porches, and visitors brought chairs to watch from the sidewalks. Many just took a seat on the curb to watch the special parade.

When the parade concluded, a BBQ Cook-off was held. Those attending got to eat award-winning BBQ. Cooks, representing Ruritan clubs in the area, had been at the site since the early morning hours to prepare the meat that they were coating with their secret sauces.

In the evening Ruritans from many states gathered for more fellowship and a dinner. President Dennie addressed those gathered and proclamations were read.

The entire day was one of celebration. Founders' Day 2013 was a celebration of our founding and a reminder of Ruritan's presence as a leading service organization to communities throughout America.



## 2013 National Vice President Elliott Hogge Visits Middle America



National Vice President Elliott Hogge visited the Middle America District in June. He was able to attend three events, the **Pottawatomie Township (KS) Club fundraiser**, **Middle America District Cabinet meeting**, and the **Hepler Community (KS) Club's June meeting**. Jim Kimball took Hogge on a ride throughout the town and showed him old tractor tires which have been converted to planters. This is one of the Pottawatomie Township's main fundraiser. The District Cabinet meeting was held at the home of Stan Pearce and was led by District Governor Pat Watson (pictured with flat Rudy.) This group is making plans to be the host district at the 2014 National Convention. While visiting the Hepler Club meeting, two new members were brought into the membership to make the club 15 members strong.



## Clarksville Sponsors Fourth of July Parade



**Clarksville** (VA) Ruritans sponsor the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The "Ruritan Kazoo Band" (pictured) entertained the crowds with "Yankee Doodle" and "She's a Grand Ole Flag" while riding on the float. After the parade everyone was invited to eat hot dogs and drink lemonade while listening to patriotic music provided by the Clarksville Country Band.

Addison Gills, the recipient of a \$1,000 **Cartersville** (VA) Ruritan Club Scholarship, is currently a Governor's School graduate at Cumberland High School with a GPA of 3.913. Addison will be attending



Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall. Addison is pictured with his parents and his great grandmother. Emilee Meinhard (not pictured), also a Cumberland High School graduate, received a \$1,000 scholarship from the club.

One of the community service activities of the **Dinwiddie** (VA) Ruritan Club is to recognize high school graduates. This year the club proudly awarded four scholarships totaling \$5250 to four 2013 Dinwiddie

County High School graduates. The Elmer Jeter Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Rachel Jones who will be attending Radford University. The T.O. Rainey, Jr. Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Hoak who plans to attend Longwood University. The club awarded two additional scholarships to Keusha Lewis and Caitlyn Edwards. Both Keusha and Caitlyn will attend Longwood University. Pictured on the front row (l-r) are Rachael Jones, Keusha Lewis, Caitlyn Edwards, and Jessica Hoak. On the back row are Scholarship Committee Members William Jeter, Pat Wood, and John Chappell.



## Gerow Installs Two New Members



**Gerow** (VA) Ruritan Club, who had been on a dry run in recruiting new members, came out of its slump by installing two new members during the May regular meeting. Pictured on the right (l-r) are Club President Rufus Killingsworth, new members Billy and Wanda Gibbs, and Club Installation Officer Billy Wingfield.

**Kenbridge** (VA) Ruritan Club member Frank Warren looks on as members Eddie Edmunds and Jay Fyfe add another box of three-ring notebooks to the annual School

Supply Giveaway. The club's contribution is part of a program involving local business, individuals, and civic organizations to ensure that all children have the necessary supplies to get a good start on the school year.



## News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

### Woodrow Wilson District Presents Rudy Bears



During the **Woodrow Wilson District** Spring Rally, a half-and-half raffle was held. The cabinet used the district's proceeds to purchase 21 Rudy Bears and presented them to the Augusta Health Hospital for use in their emergency room. The picture on the left shows District Governor Curtis McIver presenting the Rudy Bears to Lisa Schwenk the Director of Public Relations at Augusta Health Hospital. Members of the **Beverley Manor** (VA) Ruritan Club participated in the

20th Annual Cecil Wampler Memorial Ruritan Golf Tournament. Jim, Keith, and Ken Elkins came in 4th place with a nine under par score of 61. All tournament proceeds benefit the Ruritan National Foundation. Pictured are Jim Haltigan (left) and Keith Senderak (right).



## News From Ruritan: Columbia District

### Sandy Run Donates to Operation Thank You



Pictured above are Brian Bohlman and Howard Pees.

**Sandy Run** (SC) Ruritan Club's Citizenship and Patriotism Committee Chair Howard Pees presented a \$500 check to Brian Bohlman, Founder and Executive Director of "Operation Thank You." The organization is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring troops, honoring veterans, and remembering fallen soldiers.



Alexis Kalec was presented the **Hollow Creek** (SC) Ruritan Club Scholarship by Club President Jerry Snelgrove. Kalec will be attending the College of Charleston.

## New Clubs for 2013

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

(January 1, 2013 -- August 1, 2013)

| New Club                         | District     | Sponsoring Club    | DRM                         |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bristow Run Elementary           | Rappahannock | Gainesville        | Ken Hinkle and Tracy Walker |
| Rudy Youth Ruri-Teen             |              |                    |                             |
| Patriot High School Ruri-Teen    | Rappahannock | Nokesville/Bristow | Catherine Melusen           |
|                                  |              |                    | Kayla Fyock                 |
| Romney                           | Upper WVA    | Augusta            | Joe Pancione                |
| Headsville Countryside           | Upper WVA    | Upper WVA District | R. Eugene Tasker            |
| Deep Creek High School Ruri-Teen | Holland      | Deep Creek         | Nikki Keegan                |
|                                  |              |                    | Donna Silberholz            |

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



## Bahama Sponsors a Benefit Day

The Durham County Sheriff's Office, the Bahama Volunteer Fire Department, the Bahama Fire Department Auxiliary, and the **Bahama** (NC) Ruritan Club, in cooperation with other private and corporate groups, sponsored a John Buonadonna Benefit Day. John suffered a life-threatening brain aneurism earlier this year and is currently recuperating. He serves as a Deputy with the Durham Sheriff's Office and is the

current president of the club where he has been a long-time member. All of the donations associated with the benefit will go towards supporting him as he recovers. The benefit consisted of a sponsored and escorted motorcycle ride across northern Durham County. The Southern Guns Band provided music during the luncheon. A large number of local businesses and citizens provided items for a silent auction as part of the event. The benefit day continued with a spaghetti supper prepared and served by the club. In addition, the Bahama Fire Department Auxiliary served up hog dogs and hamburgers at the historic Stagville Plantation as part of the fundraising activities. Pictured are Durham County Sheriff Mike Andrews, Bahama Fire Chief Len Needham, Bahama Club Member Carlie Smith, and John Buonadonna (seated).



Nikki Ferrell was presented a \$1,000 scholarship by Bahama Club President Rick Whitaker. Nikki is a 2013 graduate from Northern High School and a member of the National Honor Society. She has volunteered with the annual Bahama Day celebration and has been working at the Bahama Road Veterinary Hospital. She will be attending University of North Carolina at Greensboro and majoring in biology.



**Sylvan** (NC) Ruritan Club presented scholarships to four graduating seniors. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Jeff Neese, Megan Patterson, Summer McVey, Hayley Rumley, Evyan Gainey, and club member Norman Melton.



Pictured left is **Zeb Vance** (NC) Ruritan Club President Dale Wilson presenting Rudy Bears to Bear Pond Volunteer Fire Department's Chief James Edwards.

### Publicity Corner

- \*Develop a club newsletter; explain the club activities, meetings, donations, etc.
- \*Establish a placemat to be displayed on tables at all fundraisers and include pertinent information about the club. The templates for placemats, brochures, and newsletters are available online at [www.ruritan.org](http://www.ruritan.org).
- \*Circulate the newsletters along with the brochures and business cards around your community, go door to door and promote your club.
- \*Attach business cards to the WANTED posters and display on bulletin boards around your area.
- \*Wear Ruritan apparel whenever you are doing any type of Ruritan promotion/recruiting.
- \*Billboard signs are available to you if you have the space to erect them on your property, or you can rent one. Be sure to ask for the non-profit rates.



## Mount Olivet Raffles Car

**Mount Olivet** (VA) Ruritan Club received a \$10,000 Pick Up the Pace (PUP) Grant from The Harvest Foundation for improvements to the Randy Dove Baseball Field. The grant program is designed to engage more people and organizations in the transformation of Martinsville and Henry County. Renovations include construction of dugouts and the development of walking trails.

The club also held a raffle for a 2013 Nissan Versa Sedan. The car was purchased from Jim Mills Nissan, which partnered with the club for the fundraiser. Pictured is Club President Mike McPeck(right) with winner Bryan Howell (left).



**Chestnut Knob** (VA) Ruritan Club was featured in their local newspaper for receiving a \$1,000 check from Annie K. Hairston to help establish a learning center for community children. The money was given in memory of the 20 children who died in the Newtown, Connecticut School shooting. Hairston taught for the school system for 33 years. She also plans to donate a TV, DVDs, educational games, and books to the center.

## Chatham and Dry Fork Present Scholarships



**Chatham** (VA) Ruritan Club announced their 2013 Bobby Stump and Ray Easley Scholarship recipients. Jessica Newby will be attending Danville Community College studying interior design. Caleb Rowles is attending Danville Community College studying engineering.



**Dry Fork** (VA) Ruritan Club hosted its annual Rebekah L. Heldreth Memorial Scholarship Dinner. The scholarship was established by the club after Heldreth died in a tragic car accident at the age of 19 in 2003. This year's recipients were Brooke Collins, Kaelin Echols, and Miranda Melton. Pictured (l-r) are club member Michael Heldreth, Kaelin Echols, Brooke Collins, and club member Marcella Heldreth. Recipient Miranda Melton was not pictured.



## Dan River Community Celebrates 40th Anniversary

**Dan River Community** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Special guests in attendance were National President Dennie Clemmer, First Lady Betty Jo, National Director John Berdine, District Governor Charlie Bowman, and Zone Governor Ray Bowen. Berdine presented a certificate of appreciation to Club President Henry Terry. Clemmer congratulated and presented a 40 year membership pin to charter member Garland Childrey. Pictured are Dan River Community Club members.

## Central Caswell Erects Monument



**Central Caswell** (NC) Ruritan Club honored ten deceased Ruritans, three of whom were charter members of the club. A year ago Larry Whitt, J.C. Powell, and William Lee Powell cleared an area at the clubhouse in anticipation of erecting a monument in honor of the deceased members. Relatives were involved in the planning and design of the area where the monument was to be placed.

Benches were also positioned by the monument by Billie Briggs in memory of Woodrow Foster, Addie Cook, and Thurmon Cook.

**Pilot** (NC) Ruritan Club started a community garden named Charlie's Garden, in memory of club member Charlie Sutphin. Sutphin would always give his produce away to the needy so the club wanted to continue his legacy. All produce will be donated to the Pilot Mountain Outreach Ministries.

Jonah Severt (pictured right) is shown receiving a scholarship check from **Mountain View** (NC) Ruritan Club member Jerry Sidden. Severt will be attending Wilkes Community College majoring in diesel mechanics.

Pictured (bottom left) are members of the **Germanton** (NC) Ruritan Club helping the Germanton Park committee cook and serve breakfast. The park is a community project and the club helps with breakfast twice a year.



## State Delegate Speaks at Belmont



Peter Farrell, State House Delegate representing the 56<sup>th</sup> District, was the speaker at the June meeting of the **Belmont** (VA) Ruritan Club. Delegate Farrell reviewed accomplishments and challenges confronting the state with special note of his continuing efforts to ensure the completion of the new Louisa County High School following the devastating earthquake of 2011. Mr. Farrell is a graduate of The University of Virginia, serves on the Board of Directors for the American Civil War Center, the Board of Trustees for the Robert Morton Museum, and the Little Sisters of the Poor Advisory Board. In the General Assembly he is on the Courts of Justice Committee, the General Laws Committee, and the Commission of Youth Committee. Pictured (l-r) are Delegate Peter Farrell receiving the traditional Ruritan coffee mug from Club President Bill Hayden.

**Salem** (VA) Ruritan Club members (right) are shown grilling over 300 hamburgers for the local high school senior picnic.





## National Trail Announces Essay Winners



Winners of this year's **National Trail** (OH) Ruritan Club's Citizenship Art and Essay Contests were announced at a special ceremony during the New Concord Firefighters Festival. Approximately 350 students from East Muskingum School District entered the contest. Second graders created posters and fifth graders completing essays that depicted a career of interest studied during the students' career exploration units.

In keeping with the traditional contest theme, "My Home: A Step to Success," contest entries reflected the hard work of teachers and students in providing and receiving a quality foundation for success.

## Dalton Sponsors Bike Ride

Team Ruritan (Jeremy Yoh, David Bricker, and Mike Brokaw) sponsored by the **Dalton** (OH) Ruritan Club rode in the 2013 Pan Ohio Hope Ride from Cleveland to Cincinnati, Ohio, in July (a total distance of 328 miles in four days.) Team Ruritan raised \$1,625 for the American Cancer Society's "Hope Lodges" in Cleveland and Cincinnati. A raffle was also held and raised \$700 to assist a local cancer patient with transportation costs for treatments.



Pictured (l-r) are **Washington** (OH) Ruritan Club's scholarship recipients Elizabeth Duerr, Rachel Doty, Matt Wallace, Morgan Bitzel, and Britany Devies. The club also presented them with a Rudy Bear.

## News From Ruritan: Delmarva - NJ District



**Rewastico Creek** (MD) Ruritan Club President Jace Chance is shown receiving an Outstanding Club President's Pen for 2012 from Zone Governor Katherine Allen.



**Smithville** (OH) Ruritan Club members Charles Hostetler (on the ladder) and Curt Deibel install a new sign for Smithville, Ohio.



## News From Ruritan: Lower WV District

### Spanishburg and Bluegrass Holds Clean Up Day



Concord University students from the Rho Alpha Sigma service fraternity partnered with members of the **Spanishburg** (WV) Ruritan Club to clear litter along sections of U. S. Route 19. Charles Wallace, Tyler Compston, Leanne Watson, and Luke Stevens (pictured left to right) covered a two and a half-mile stretch of the highway and collected over 20 large bags of discarded cans, bottles, and other trash. For many years, the club has participated in the spring and fall campaigns with the West Virginia Adopt-A-Highway program, and they clear litter from a nine-mile stretch between Spanishburg and Camp Creek.

**Bluegrass** (WV) Ruritan Club sponsored a "Make it Shine" clean-up day for the community of Sinks Grove. Make it Shine is a program of the West Virginia Environmental Protection's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP). A portion of the tipping fees paid to dispose of material in landfills is used by REAP to clean up abandoned trash piles and to assist communities with clean-up projects. Over 1300 tires, five and a half tons of fence wire and trash, and more than a dozen TVs were collected.

Greg Wittkamper and Anne Gardner graciously allowed their property to be used as a convenient collection site. Edna Burwell assisted in identifying and notifying local landowners, and Bob Liebman helped hand out flyers announcing the clean up.



## News From Ruritan: Upper WV District

### Spruce Mountain Honors Garland Mullenax

**Spruce Mountain** (WV) Ruritan Club paid homage to Garland Mullenax, a sixty-year member. Members prepared a special meal. President Joan McConnell listed important accomplishments either started or spearheaded by the Spruce Mountain Ruritan Club during Garland's tenure. Guest and speaker Joe Pancone gave a testimonial about Garland and their many travels over the years to various Ruritan conventions. Garland was a National Director, District Man of the Year, and District Governor. He helped the club with its many accomplishments including the purchase of land and laying the foundation for the first Community Building on the North Fork, purchasing land and developing the North Fork Community Cemetery, and various other entities to the North Fork Valley.

The club presented Garland with a plaque of appreciation for his years of community service and his wife Gae with a bouquet of spring flowers in appreciation of her support to Garland and the club. In addition, District Governor Marie Sowers presented a certificate to Garland honoring his many years of service. Garland also gave a short speech where he mentioned one of his favorite Ruritan highlights - when he met and encouraged Governor Rockefeller to enact Ruritan Week in WV.

## News From Ruritan: Western NC District

The Watauga Democrat's Newspaper in Education Program was presented at the **Foscoe** (NC) Ruritan Club's meeting in May. LuShep Baldwin, director of educational devices of Jones Media, presented information to club members about how their local newspaper was being utilized in classrooms. Those in attendance completed hands-on newspaper learning activities. Pictured (l-r) are Club Secretary Sue Moore, LuShep Baldwin, and Club Vice President Floyd Moore.



## National President Visits Lincolnland Clubs



National President Dennie visited the **Montgomery** (IN) Ruritan Club and was honored with a luncheon at the Gasthof Restaurant and was given a tour of the Montgomery Ruritan Park. Pictured on the front (l-r) are Lt. Governor Marilyn Bledsoe, District Governor Rita Woods, National President Dennie, and First Lady Betty Jo. Pictured on the back row (l-r) are Past National Director Jim Zehr, National Director Grover Burkett, District Secretary Jim Barger, Club Secretary Albert Kavanaugh, and Club Charter Member Jim O'Brian.



The first couple also participated in the **West Union** (IL) Ruritan Club's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. They were accompanied by several Lincolnland Ruritan officers. While visiting the district, the First Couple attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Mill Shoals** (IL) Ruritan Club. Pictured (l-r) in the front are First Lady Betty Jo Clemmer, National President Dennie Clemmer, Mary Peeple, Marilyn Bledsoe, Linda Adamson, and Leota Burkett. In the back (l-r) are Jerry Adamson and National Director Grover Burkett.



**Beecher City Tri-County** (IL) Ruritan Club wanted to help the Moore, OK tornado victims.

The radio station coordinated a drive for supplies hoping to fill a semi-trailer over Memorial Day weekend and into the next week. Club member PJ Ryan quickly organized a Beecher City collection point at the fire station. Donations were loaded into a 22 ft. covered trailer loaned by club member Jim Reed. Club members and other generous area residents nearly filled the trailer. Club President Ron Bates drove the trailer and unloaded the goods.

## News From Ruritan: New River District



**Wytheville** (VA) Ruritan Club members participated in the Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce Business Expo with a promotional display. Using the theme of "Helping to Support the Limbs of Our Community" the club shared with the business community its efforts by using symbols that represent club projects. Pictured is club member Reverend Brad Simpson standing beside the tree.



**Piney** (VA) Ruritan Club members Gary Poole, Stevie Groseclose, and Victor Gravley received recognition for over 30

years of service to the club. Club President Earl Trivette presented them with a pin. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Earl Trivette, Gary Poole, and Stevie Groseclose.



## News From Ruritan: Greenville-Goldsboro District

### Scrapbook Presented to Eureka Club

Annabelle Watkins earned her Girl Scout Bronze Service Award by creating a scrapbook to display the history of the **Eureka** (NC) Ruritan Club. She presented it at the April 2013 club meeting when two representatives from the district office were present. The club will use the book with prospective members to illustrate the club's activities, fellowship, and service to the community.



**Southwood** (NC) Ruritan Club purchased TY babies from Van Davis, owner of Grandma's Attic to send to the children at Leo Cancer Center in Greenville. For every TY baby the club purchased, Davis donated one. Pictured above are Club Vice President Susan Baker and Van Davis.



**Old Ford** (NC) Ruritan Club presented nine college scholarships during its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

Each student received \$400 to use towards their college tuition. Pictured front (l-r) are Club President Jeff Mault, Jennifer Royal, Natalie Grissom, Morgan Williams, Morgan Boyd, and Principal, Emily Pake, of Beaufort County Early College High School. Pictured back (l-r) are Danielle Hyatt, Candice Coleman, Phillip Peaden, Thomas Hall, and Dodge Buck.

### Longaberger with Ruritan National Logo

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## News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

### Clover Hill Celebrates 60th Anniversary

**Clover Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th anniversary with a special meal prepared by the local 4-H Club, a tribute to the veterans in their community, memories of their early years by charter members, certificates, and remarks of congratulations by Clover Hill Club President James Shiflet and special guests.



Special guests for the evening were Zone Governor Alan Zigler, Rockingham District Governor Lori Ryan and Dick Ryan, National Director Perry Marshman and Joyce Marshman, and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter and Bill Lewter. 2012 National President Phyllis was the keynote speaker. She commended the club for their outstanding community service projects including their athletic field, fire department, support for their elementary school, and the many individuals who have received assistance from the club. Pictured (l-r) are 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter, Rockingham Governor Lori Ryan, Clover Hill President James Shiflet, and National Director Perry Marshman.



### Activities in the Holland District

The Holland District has a new Ruri-Teen club! The **Deep Creek** (VA) Ruri-Teen Club was chartered in June. Officers and directors of the new club are pictured with 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter (left), Zone 4 Governor Steve Pallette (center), and DRM Donna Silberholz (right).

**Deep Creek** (VA) Ruritan Club, in conjunction with the 3rd Precinct Advisory Board, gave Rudy Bears to the 3rd Precinct Police Department. Captain McIntyre had his department join the club for the presentation of the Rudy Bears.

**Creeds** (VA) Ruritan Club dedicated a complex consisting of an Activity Pavilion and a Youth Arena. The Activity Pavilion is an indoor facility named in memory of Ralph Frost. The Youth Arena is an outdoor facility named in memory of Dick Cockrell. The entire complex has multiple uses for the club and community. The dedication ceremony



was well attended by club members, city guests, zone officers, and the families of Dick Cockrell and Ralph Frost. 2012 Past National President Phyllis Lewter brought greetings and congratulations from Ruritan National.

Zone 4 Ruritans collected donations for the Oklahoma tornado victims by sponsoring a food booth at the Knotts Island Peach Festival. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and roasted corn were served. Local merchants donated the food items. Members of the **Wallaceton**



(VA) Ruritan Club served as cooks. Zone 4 Lt. Governor Alton Brinkley stated, "This is a way that our zone can help the tornado victims. I am grateful to the members of the clubs in the zone who were responsible for getting the donations and working in the booth." Alton Brinkley (left) and Bud Mitchell (right) from Wallaceton are pictured at the booth.



Each year at the Peach Festival, the **Grassfield** (VA) Ruritans provide free train rides for the children in their Ruritan train.

The train has been in operation since 1999. Grassfield Ruritan Conductor John Wayne Abernathy is pictured with his young riders.

**Waverly** (VA) Ruritan Club presented two scholarships to deserving students. Club President Bobby Morris is shown presenting scholarships to Morgan Forehand, who will be attending Virginia Tech, and Cody Noblitt, who will be attending Bridgewater College.

## News From Ruritan: Holland District continued



2012 National President Phyllis Lewter was pleased to initiate Danny and Lawanda Smith as new members of the **Great Bridge** (VA) Ruritan Club.

**Knotts Island** (NC) Ruritan Club held its annual Peach Festival featuring entertainment, craft and vendor booths, and food booths. Those attending could purchase fresh peaches and peach pie. The Peach Festival is one of many events held by the club to raise funds to support their many community service projects.



### **Smithfield** (VA)

Ruritan Club President Julie Hopkins is shown presenting Eldon "Skip" Sharpley with a Ruritan Forever Award. Sharpley joined the club in 2008 and has served as Club President and Vice President. He runs a tent service and always donates his tents to the Smithfield and Isle of Wight Clubs.

## News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District

### **Ashburn Presents Awards to Students**



**Ashburn** (VA) Ruritan Club President Randy Poland presided at the Ashburn Club's 18th annual "Outstanding Student Citizen Awards Night."

Students, who had been selected by their principals and teachers as the Outstanding Student Citizen of their respected school, received awards. Eighteen Ashburn area elementary and middle schools participated.

The awards consist of plaques engraved with the winning student's name for display in each school. Additionally, a certificate of recognition and a donation in each students name to the charity of their choice were awarded.

The club also presented plaques to two new schools (Discovery Elementary & Moorefield Elementary) and made donations to assist with costs faced by the schools.

**Stafford** (VA) Ruritan Club presented five \$1,500 scholarships to students accepted to a four-year college. Pictured bottom left



are the recipients. Throughout the year the club helps support many local organizations such as food banks, Moss Clinic, Hunter's for the Hungry, and the International Association of Firefighters Burn Foundation.



## News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

### Short Pump Donates \$50,000 to Virginia War Memorial



**Short Pump** (VA) Ruritan Club presented a check for \$50,000 to the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation. The donation will be used to finance the production of a new film about the Vietnam War as part of the War Memorial's award-winning *Virginians at War* film series.

The check was presented in a ceremony in the War Memorial's Shrine of Memory on May 22 by Club President Don Fitzgerald, 2012 Club President Harold Englert, and Club Treasurer Claiborne Leonard. Accepting on behalf of the Virginia War Memorial Educational Foundation were John V. Cogbill, III, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Jon Hatfield, the Memorial's Executive Director.

### Abingdon and Gloucester Clubs Gain New Members

**Abingdon** (VA) Ruritan Club has gained four new members (Tim Brown, Jennie Kigans, Glen Aycock, and Alena Dziadul) since May. Pictured on the right is Club President Ed Ewell welcoming two of the new members.



**Gloucester** (VA) Ruritan Club installed two new members in June. Pictured left (l-r) are Henry Thompson, District Governor David Taylor, and Marsha James.



**Varina** (VA) Ruritan Club was recognized by the Henrico County Division of Fire for their continuing efforts to fund and provide smoke detectors to families. This has been a project of the club for more than 25 years. Approximately 250 smoke



alarms have been donated each year. Pictured right (l-r) are Henrico Fire Chief Anthony McDowell, Club President David Duke, Assistant Fire Marshall Captain Chris Burhen, and Club Member Thomas E, "Pop" Harding.



(VA) Ruritan Club members after they collected over 30 bags of trash along their section of Forge Road.

Chesapeake District Governor David Taylor presented **Westmoreland County** (VA) Ruritan Club President Connie Allen with a Blue Ribbon Award and 2012 Club President Cathy Sanford with an Outstanding Club President Award.





## Burkittsville Assists in Medical Expenses



**Burkittsville** (MD) Ruritan Club held an antique tractor pull and car show to benefit a local man recovering from open heart surgery. The club, with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary, raised \$3,000 to assist in medical expenses. Pictured (l-r) are Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Shelby Beaver, recipient Shon Andrews, daughter Shilo Andrews, and Club President Francis (Butch) Menzner.

**Jefferson** (MD) Ruritan Club presented eight charter members with a Ruritan Forever Award. Pictured (l-r) are Richard Grove, Artie House, Henry Lakin Jr.,

George Lakin, Ralph Brown, and Jack Lakin. Not pictured were Joe Long and Charles Smith.



**New Franklin** (PA) Ruritan Club presents 14 seniors with a \$1,500 scholarship. Pictured on the front (l-r) are Taylor Parson, Marina Barnett, Shannon Leary, Abigail Mosior, Abigail Zychal, Mackenzie Cook, and Club Vice President Sharon Guyer. Pictured on the back (l-r) are Club Secretary Doug Dearsdorff, Madison Brookens, Randi Shultz, Kyle Myers, Charlie Scanzello, Eric Brunner, and Timothy Martin. Unable to attend the meeting were recipients Abigail

Salter and Tia Huff.

**Keedysville** (MD) Ruritan Club sponsored a T-ball team and gave each player a Rudy Bear. After one of the games, the club took the players and their families out for an ice cream treat. Pictured on the right with the team are club members Art Williamson, Darrell Wilhelm, Bob Merrell, and Christopher Fisher.



**Lothian** (MD) Ruritan Club received first place for constructing a patriotism and community action float at the Fourth of July Parade in Shady Side, Maryland. Pictured on the left are club members with the float.

## News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

### Albemarle District Clubs Present Scholarships

Sierra Banks was presented a \$2,500 scholarship from the **Coinjock** (NC) Ruritan Club. Sierra will be attending Liberty University and is enrolled in the nursing program. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Chris Hooper, Melody Banks, Jason Banks, Sierra Banks, and Dot Henley.

**Bethel** (NC) Ruritan Club held their annual Spring Fling and presented Nicole Rae with a \$500 scholarship. Nicole is ranked seventh in her class. She will be attending the College of The Albemarle in the fall and is enrolled in their nursing program.



**Parksville Township** (NC) Ruritan Club President Tommie Dale presented three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. Pictured right (l-r) are recipient Dylan Elliott (attending NC State University), Club President Tommie Dale, and Cody Roach (attending NC State University). Not pictured was recipient Victoria White who will be attending UNC.



## News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

### Glade Hill Celebrates First Anniversary

**Glade Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated their first anniversary in a grand way with a delicious dinner, beautiful cake, and special guests that included Peaks of Otter District Governor Betty Moore, District Treasurer Carol Tyler, Past District Governor R. J. Trent, National Director Roger Gammons, and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter. Charter President and DRM Gary Solomon presided over the anniversary meeting that



included highlights of the first year, donations to the community, and a scholarship presentation. President Gary stated, "Our first year has been a successful one. Our membership is growing, and we have made numerous donations to the community." Pictured are those in attendance at the anniversary celebration.

## News From Ruritan: Roanoke District

### Roanoke District Presents Scholarships

Roanoke District gave out a \$500 Scholarship to Morgan Drugos. She plans to attend Roanoke Chowan Community College in the fall. The **Como** (NC) Ruritan Club nominated her for the scholarship. There were four nominations from other clubs in the district. Scholarship Committee Chair George Holliday presented her with the scholarship check. Pictured are Drugos and Holliday.

The club also gave Morgan an additional \$300 check. Summer Futrell (pictured on the left) was also awarded a \$300 check. Summer will be attending nursing school in the fall.





## News From Ruritan: Cape Fear, Davy Crockett, Tall Corn, and Tennessean Districts

### Activities Across Ruritan



**Johnsonville (NC)** Ruritan Club presented two scholarships at a recent club meeting. Amanda Holochwest and Allison Price were the recipients. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Polly Bouldin, Amanda Holochwest, Allison Price, and Vice President Larry Taylor.

Pictured left is the crowd of the **Back Swamp (NC)** Ruritan Club's annual Senior Citizen's Fish Fry.



**Camp Creek (TN)** Ruritan Club presented a certificate and a monetary gift certificate to sixth graders with perfect school attendance. Pictured (l-r) are Club Member Allan Brown, Rebecca Blake, Harley Bailey, and Haley Gaby.



The club also presented Rudy Bears to the local fire department.

**Buffalo (TN)** Ruritan Club honored veterans with a meal and presented them with a certificate of appreciation and an American flag. Pictured (l-r) are Ray French, Bob Hall, Joe Doan, Homer Stout, James Nace, Horace Crussell, Basil Malone, Gaines Pullon, Jimmy Miller, and Bill Smith.

**South Holston (TN)** Ruritan Club (pictured lower right) celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by honoring students with high grade point average. Scholarships were also presented. Since the club's first banquet in 1963, over \$81,000 in scholarships have been presented.

**Brooklyn (IA)** Ruritan Club held its annual



Ministerial Breakfast. Shown are some of the local youth preparing made-to-order omelets. Other breakfast

items included pancakes, biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit salad, coffee, milk, and juice. Over \$2000 was raised for the Ministerial Association which uses the money to help those in need.



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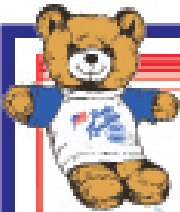
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