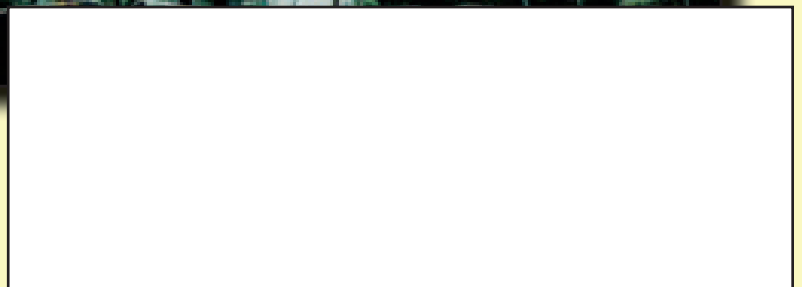




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*Don't Let The Only Piece
Missing Be You!*



Message From 2014 National President Elliott Hogge



HAPPY SUMMER, RURITANS!!!

It's time for us Ruritanians to get hot for membership. If every club gets ONE new member, we would have 1,053 new members. Of course for me, I always lean toward asking the prospective member to bring a friend. Ruritan

is a great organization where a husband and wife, business associates, or just friends can together make their communities a better place to live and raise their families.

Ruritanians, we need to look at the other side of the membership coin. This is the side where we make a new effort to hold on to the members we have in our clubs. This requires that we old members give new members a chance to try new ideas and that we be supportive of these new folks. It's very important that all Ruritan clubs examine themselves frequently to make sure that they are not the reason members are not staying in their clubs.

Of course folks, don't forget to contact the members who have left your club. Times may have changed, and they may be ready to become a Ruritan again.

Ruritanians, our membership numbers are not as high as we would like but with a positive growth attitude, we can make those numbers be on the plus side of our membership ledger! **YOU ARE THE REASON RURITAN GROWS!!!**

We are half way through 2014, and we are marching forward for Ruritan. We need to get out in our communities and promote Ruritan.

Sandra and I thank all of you for your warm hospitality and making us feel welcome in your many clubs and homes. It was fantastic being at the different state association rallies and to experience the Ruritan excitement. We have lots of EXCITING Ruritan events on schedule for this summer and fall.

Thanks to all Ruritanians for supporting our veterans! It can never be said enough - the reason we are free and live in the greatest

land in the world is because a veteran gave us that chance! Please honor our veterans with an event at your Ruritan club this summer. Ask them to join your club, too.

Folks, it's not too soon to book your rooms in Greensboro, NC, for the 2015 National Convention. Gary Taylor and Jimmy Bristow have designed a convention where we will do the business of Ruritan, have double the number of workshops, and have great entertainment. Each day will be a theme day, and I expect, a great conversation starter! Sandra gives everyone an invite to the First Lady Breakfast where she will have great entertainment also.

All 988 rooms have been completely redone in the Koury Convention Center in downtown Greensboro, NC. **COME ON DOWN!!!**

My fellow Ruritanians have an EXCITING but safe summer and **THANKS** for being a Ruritan!!!



1994 Foundation President Joe Hulver donned a Rudy Bear suit and joined National President Elliott on the Ruritan float in the Apple Blossom Festival Grand Feature Parade in Winchester, VA, where thousands lined the parade route.

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Contest for the Fall 2014 RURITAN Magazine Cover

National President Elliott Hogge's special emphasis this year is "Service to Veterans." To honor our veterans the Ruritan National Publications Committee is sponsoring a Ruritan Magazine Cover Contest. Send photos of your club's **veterans events** for a chance to be on the cover of the Fall 2014 Ruritan Magazine. Submitted action photos must be in color and high resolution (at least 300 dpi) and include a caption or identification of the members pictured and a brief description of the event. Send your photo by mail or email no later than August 1, 2014 to: COVER CONTEST, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084 or email to media@ruritan.org. For the subject line use "cover contest."

On The Cover: The Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC, will host the Ruritan National Convention in January 2015. National President Elliott Hogge and Convention Co-Chairs Jimmy Bristow and Gary Taylor are hoping lots of Ruritans will attend the event. In this issue you will find the registration form with nine affordable options for convention attendance – choose the one that best suits your level of participation. Don't be the missing piece in Greensboro next January!

Incorporate Ruritan Into Your Summer Activities



Summer is a time of beginnings. I just returned from the Founders' Day Celebration in Holland Va. I remember the first time I ever attended a Founders' Day Celebration and stood at the monument, thinking that just across the street an idea was born. This idea became the organization that we know today. Our

organization started as a group of concerned citizens in a small community and grew to an organization that has a presence in 25 states, over 1,000 communities, and is nearly 30,000 members strong. The underlying purpose of that first meeting and subsequent meetings of that group in Holland was concern for the community and how this group of people could help. That is still our idea today. The numbers are impressive, but more impressive than the size of the organization is the difference local clubs make in thousands of peoples' lives day after day, year after year. I have been involved with Ruritan on some level for 34 years. Every year I become more aware of the importance of the local club and volunteer. The real work of Ruritan is done at the club level. What we are is defined at the club level.

At the national office we are beginning to work on the outside of the building. We are cleaning up and getting ready for summer. Over the last several years we have made significant improvements to the physical plant that have been aimed at creating heating and cooling efficiencies that will save money for years. It is time, however, to do work that will make the outside of the building look better. Our building is nearly 50 years old and time has taken its toll. That work has started in small ways with

mowing, planting, and mulching. We have plans for painting and additional landscaping so that we can be proud of our building and what it represents not only in our community but because it represents Ruritan nationwide. As the weather warms we have Ruritan visitors dropping by nearly every day. Some were in the area recently for college graduation and took advantage of being in the neighborhood to see **their** national office. We love to see these folks and want them to be proud of their national office. We have cleared and mulched the front patio area of the building temporarily as we wait to pave that area with engraved pavers from the paver program. We have nearly enough pavers to make our first order and begin that work. If you haven't donated a paver yet see page 27 of the March Newsletter or visit the website.

Inside the building we have just completed the installation of a new server/network. We are fortunate to have Past National Director Carroll Lowe, a technology engineer from the Piedmont District, who has done so much to advance Ruritan technology over the years. The weekend prior to Founders' Day, Carroll came up and spent roughly 30 hours migrating data from the old server over to the new one. Not only did he come, but he brought his wife Sandra who worked with him all weekend to set up our new network. We are thankful and grateful to Carroll and Sandra who did all this without any compensation.

We hope you have a great summer with family and friends. Some of the best friends I have are Ruritan members I have met over the years. Invite new members to your summer activities. They might become some of the best friends you will have down the road.

New Clubs for 2014

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors, & DRMS*

(January 1, 2014 -- May 1, 2014)

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
Midway Community	Davy Crockett	Camp Creek	Calvin Shelton
Yellow Branch	Peaks of Otter	Glade Hill	Gary Solomon & Jeremy Lombardo, Sr.

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



Julia Hopkins (r) welcomes Smithfield's newest business member (l) Becky Brickner of Council Sales and Service.

Top Member Recruiter for 2013 - Julia Hopkins

The top Ruritan recruiter for 2013 was Julia Hopkins from the **Smithfield (VA)** Ruritan Club in the **Holland District**. Recruiters were recognized from large, medium, and small clubs, and Julia topped all categories. Julia came back from the Northern KY Convention inspired to personally recruit

new members and to inspire her Smithfield Ruritans to recruit. She brought home two powerful words with her: **JUST ASK!** She wanted to see her club become more diverse. In early 2013 there were no business or youth members, but that was about to change. Julia Hopkins, at just five feet tall, is a giant presence for sharing Ruritan! By the spring, she knew she could achieve her goal of recruiting new members. She was selected as a **WANTED** Program winner. Her name was drawn from the quarterly drawing. She was a \$400 winner. One would think that the recognition of having her picture on the back cover of the Ruritan Magazine would be enough. This only inspired her more.

Julia was thrilled to be asked to share how she recruited 28 members.

Did you have a plan as to whom you would recruit for potential members? If so, what was your plan? First I read the Ruritan Club and District Officers Handbook on membership and discovered that businesses could join as associate members. I asked our businesses that had supported the club in the past. They were delighted to join. The plaque for businesses became a selling tool. I took my family business plaque from "Smithfield Farms" to show other business owners.

Were there certain activities/programs that potential members found appealing enough to pursue membership with your club? The focus on helping our community was the ticket. I appealed to the youth by going with them to our local nursing home and putting up bird feeders and filling bird feeders. The kids got their picture in the local newspaper. They were so delighted! We also had the kids participate in our Christmas Parade for the first time. The kids decorated the truck, and one wore the Rudy Bear costume. Their parents enjoyed being involved

also.

Did you follow up on any of those who initially told you "no?" Yes and no – it depended on the situation. A local printing company said no, but that they would be willing to help in other ways. So when we needed flyers for our club car show, they printed 500 flyers for us. Some people were on the fence. Whenever I saw them, I always told them that they would be great assets for our club. The mayor was a prime example because he belonged to every other civic club in town, but I got him to join as a business member for his construction company.

What tips do you have to share to other Ruritan members and clubs about recruiting new members? **JUST ASK!!!** You will never know you can do recruiting unless you ask. If you get a "no" just turn that "no" into "on" and just keep "on" asking. Our country needs us, and our communities need us. One of my favorite phrases is "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

What are your recruiting plans for 2014? I plan to just keep on asking. I would like to see more youth get on board. I also have several new neighbors that I am looking forward to recruiting. Also, I have contacted several businesses already.

You have compared recruiting to your son's hiking trip. Please share the story.

My youngest son, Scott, graduated from JMU and came home to apply for dental school. He studied diligently for the dental exam and had several dental school interviews. When he got accepted at the University of Maryland Dental School, he said he wanted to walk the entire Appalachian Trail. The trail started in Springer, GA, and he wanted me to take him there. Being a mother, the first thing out of my mouth was "Oh no, there will be lions, tigers, and bears. How are you going to eat or is the bear going to eat you?"

Scott just looked at me, handed me the Appalachian Trail book, and said, "Don't worry, Mom. You are going to send me my food! I will text you what I need and where to ship the box."

So for three months and over 2,200 miles he climbed the mountains, and I sent boxes of home-made trail mix, granola bars, Little Debbie cakes, etc. Finally, the last box went out to Hanover, NH. I dropped it off at the UPS Store and I said, "Alleluia!" Two days later Scott called. "Mom, we've got a problem," he said. He continued, "That last box you sent was to an outfitters store. I'm standing outside that store, and they have gone out of business."

I reminded him that he was standing on Main

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Growth, Development, and Member Retention News



Street, in front of the store where the package was to be delivered that very day. The package was on a UPS truck. I suggested that he chase down every UPS truck he saw and ask if his box was ON their truck. So Scott was off to chase down UPS trucks and wave them down until they pulled over. Later, I stared at my phone when up pops the text: GOT IT MOM! THANKS!

Scott went through snowstorms, heavy rain, and unthinkable conditions. He never gave up and is known as a “Thorough Hiker” – the title given to those who complete the trail from Springer, GA, to Katahdin, ME.

We all need that perseverance for recruiting new members!

The Growth, Development, and Member Retention Committee is grateful to Julia Hopkins for sharing her recruiting experience with 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter, who conducted the interview and wrote the article. Julia and Phyllis are pictured on the left.

Items of Interest

Passing of Past National Directors James Dean Carr and Denzel “Denny” Tunks

Past National Director James Dean Carr, Sr. died on March 6 with his family by his side. He is survived by his faithful wife of over 69 years, Emma Lucille Leonard Carr of Waddell Nursing Home; son J.D. Carr, Jr. and the late Ruth Ann; daughter Pat Moser (Chipper) Thornton of Summerfield, North Carolina; grandson Jay III; great-grandchildren Shannon, Shelby and Jayson Carr; granddaughter Paula (Donnie) Melton and great-granddaughters Paige and Tiffany; granddaughter-in-law Christy and great-grandson-in-law Jesse Davis.

His lifetime passion was establishing the Fairview Ruritan Club and 25 other clubs throughout the surrounding communities and as far away as South Boston. He was instrumental in building the existing Fairview Ruritan Club structure and he loved to maintain the building as well as keeping the grounds in shape. He was a charter member since 1953 and served several terms as president of the club. He was the New River District Governor in 1970 and 1971. In addition, he was national director from 1979 to 1981. On November 5, 2011, he was honored by the New River District Ruritans by dedicating the convention to his honor and to show their admiration to him for his 57 years of fellowship, goodwill and community service to the people of the New River District.

Dean entered the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves on April 7, 1943, and went for training to Manhattan Beach. He served in the Coast Guard only a few short days before he was Honorably Discharged due to a medical condition.

Funeral service was held on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the Mt. Vale United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Callahan and the Rev. Ted Bartlett officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the **Fairview** (VA) Ruritan Club, P.O. Box 486, Galax, Virginia 24333 for the club to continue their assistance for those in need in the community.

Past National Director Denzel “Denny” Tunks, age 82, died on February 12, surrounded by family at the Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA after suffering a heart attack at home.

Denny joined the US Marine Corps in November 1951. He received high marks in all areas during his military service. Denny fought during the Korean War from April 1952 until May 1953. Denny’s family discovered after his death that he had received the Korean Service Medal with two stars, The United Nations Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in March 1956. He then joined the National Guard and made his home in Paola, Kansas. Denny married Carolee Downs on March 19, 1955. They were married until her death on August 27, 1998. Their son, John Charles Tunks also preceded Denny in death.

Denny married Cheryl Spencer January 17, 2002. They first made their home in Paola, Kansas. They traveled extensively with their best friends, Patty and Dale Moser to Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas. In 2012 Denny and Cheryl moved to Ohio and then to Kearneysville, WV. For over 30 years, he was a member of the **Paola** (KS) and **Block** (KS) Ruritan Clubs, where he held all club and district offices during his membership. He was a national director for Ruritan from 2002 to 2004. Service and interment was held with full military honors provided by the US Marine Corps and representation by the Patriot Guard Riders on February 21, 2014, at Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, VA.

Get Excited About Ruritan!



The 2015 National Convention is in the heart of Ruritan: Greensboro, NC January 15 - 18, 2015



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Ruritan 1/15-19, 2015

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Ruritan Room Rate \$110.00 Plus 12.75% Tax for King or Double Room

PLEASE COPY THIS FORM TO PROVIDE ROOMING INFORMATION FOR ALL ROOMS REQUESTED

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Room #2	Arrival date	Departure date	Guest(s) names for this room	Room Type

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Information on 2015 National Convention in Greensboro

You won't want to miss the daily events in Greensboro with themes guaranteed to get you EXCITED!

Sock Hop Wednesday



Kick off your convention experience with President Elliott and First Lady Sandra on Wed., Jan. 14 with the music of the 50's and 60's at a Ruritan Sock Hop. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

7-9 p.m.

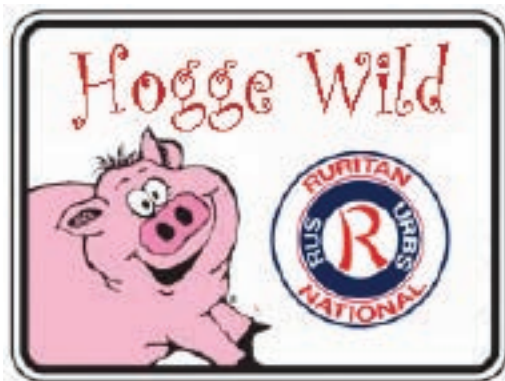
Patriotic Friday!

Wear
Your
Red,
White,
or Blue!



If you need reasons to come to Greensboro, here are a few:

Conduct the business of Ruritan
Elect and install National Officers
See "ole" friends
Greensboro conveniently located
in the heart of Ruritanland
Location all under one roof
The hotel/convention center less
than 200 yards from a major
shopping center
Seven restaurants or cafés in the
hotel/convention center
Rudy Bear donations to local
charities



Have you got a funny hog hat or pig tie? How about a pig T shirt? Wear 'em on Thursday! (Hogge Wild ends BEFORE the opening ceremony at 7 p.m., however.)

Go Hogge Wild Thursday



Get Tickled Pink

at First Lady Sandra's Breakfast Saturday to
Benefit American Cancer Society



Wear Your **Wildest, Ugliest, Big, Wide** Tie or **Colorful** Scarf Saturday up until it is time for the installation banquet. (Banquet attire should be appropriate to honor our newly installed officers and board.)

Ruritan educational workshops on
Friday and Saturday.
Recognizing outgoing officers
Celebrating successes with
Ruritan awards
Multiple, affordable registration
options

Themes for every day:

50s and 60s **Sock Hop** on Wed.
Have fun with **Hogge Wild**
Thursday.

Show your pride in America with
Friday **Patriotic Day**.

Be **Tickled Pink** on Saturday
for First Lady Sandra's breakfast
supporting cancer survivors.

Wear your ugliest, big, old ties and
colorful scarves during the day
Saturday.

Chances for offsite field trips
Support the Foundation and bid on
great items at their auction
Fun!!!
Exhibits
Entertainment
Good food
Growth Ideas
Goodwill
Flag Ceremony
To get EXCITED about Ruritan
Vesper Service
To meet some of your Ruritan staff
It's the experience of a lifetime!
Network: share ideas with other
clubs
Support entire Ruritan organization
It's a vacation!
Red Cross Blood Drive

Ruritan National Convention - Greensboro

January 15-18, 2015

Tell Us Who Is Coming to Greensboro

Register up to two people on this form. Use more forms for additional people. One of the people below must be a Ruritan member. Confirmation will be mailed to the Ruritan attendee for his/her party. There are **nine options or packages** for registration on the back, where you may also purchase single meals for non-registered guests.

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member) _____

Preferred Badge Name _____

Club: _____ District _____

Contact phone number: _____

2nd Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member) _____

Preferred Badge Name _____

Club: _____ District _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

___ I have these food restrictions: _____.

___ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

___ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

___ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance.

___ This is my first convention.

Check items below that apply:

___ I have these food restrictions: _____.

___ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

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___ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance.

___ This is my first convention.

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

Name: _____ (Check one in each column)

___ U.S. Army

___ WWII

___ U.S. Air Force

___ Korea

___ U. S. Marines

___ Vietnam

___ U.S. Navy

___ Desert Storm

___ U.S. Coast Guard

___ Operation Iraqi Freedom

___ Other (explain) _____

___ Other (explain) _____

For Office Use Only:

ID# _____; GRP# _____

MEALS IN GREENSBORO

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Koury Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind – anyone waiting to register on-site in Greensboro (as a walk-in) for the events will not be guaranteed meals. However, we **will** be able to register you for non-meal events at the base rate of \$109. Send in your registration before the Dec. 15, 2014, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals.

How Will You Pay?

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

Check payment type below:

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

___ Payment made by check Check # _____

___ Visa/Mastercard

Card # _____

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Check one option below

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___ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2014

2015 Ruritan National Convention - Greensboro: Jan. 15-18

Have it YOUR way! Choose one of NINE package options for the 2015 Ruritan Convention

Choose one of these nine registration packages. All include opening ceremony, access to exhibits, access to business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting, and all other convention activities.

Meal Package Options

These prices already include the base fee of \$109

	Quantity	Cost	Total
All inclusive meal package (four meals) including Friday Veterans Breakfast, Friday Fellowship Lunch, Saturday First Lady's Breakfast, & Saturday Banquet	Package 1 BEST DEAL	\$244	
Two meal package including Friday Fellowship Lunch & Saturday Banquet	Package 2	\$190	
One meal package including Banquet only	Package 3	\$166	

Friday Package Options

These prices already include the base fee of \$109

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Friday day rate including Fellowship Lunch & Veterans Breakfast	Package 4	\$174	
Friday day rate including only Fellowship Lunch	Package 5	\$144	
Friday day rate including only Veterans Breakfast	Package 6	\$139	

Saturday Package Options

These prices already include the base fee of \$109

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Saturday day rate including Banquet & First Lady's Breakfast	Package 7	\$201	
Saturday day rate including only First Lady's Breakfast	Package 8	\$144	

No Meals Option

Base fee for registration including opening ceremony, access to exhibits, access to business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting and all other convention activities except where a meal is served.

	Quantity	Cost	Total
No Meals - base registration only	Package 9	\$109	

Extra Meal Tickets

Must purchase one of above nine options to purchase individual meal tickets.

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Foundation Banquet (two entree buffet) on Friday evening	Foundation	\$42	
Veterans Breakfast on Friday Morning	Veterans	\$35	
Friday Fellowship Luncheon	DRM	\$40	
Breakfast Honoring First Lady Sandra Hogge on Saturday morning	First Lady	\$40	
Installation Banquet on Saturday evening	Banquet	\$60	

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

GRAND TOTAL

\$ _____

Program of Events *Note the convention is a week earlier in the month than in past years.*

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Sock Hop (evening)

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Governors Training

Opening Ceremonies (evening)

Friday, January 16, 2015

Veterans Breakfast (may be purchased separately or as part of a package above)

Morning Business Session

Fellowship Luncheon (may be purchased separately or as part of a package above)

Workshops

Red Cross Blood Drive

Free Photo Booth in the exhibit area

Foundation Awards Dinner (two entrée buffet – must be purchased separately above)

Foundation Live Auction

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Breakfast Honoring First Lady Sandra (may be purchased separately or as part of a package above)

Workshops

NOTE: Delegate certification closes at 9 a.m.

Voting – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Afternoon Business Session with Awards (following the close of voting)

Installation Banquet (may be purchased separately or as part of a package above)

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Worship Service

Participants will be notified individually about Breakfast for Outgoing National Officers and other special meetings. Hospitality suites may be open Thursday - Saturday evenings. Watch the bulletin board in the exhibit area for details and room numbers.

Message From 2014 Foundation President Danny Privott



Remember the Foundation's Goals for 2014

Thanks to all members, clubs, and districts that have helped meet the challenge by making a donation to Operation-We-Care (OWC) in the month of April. As I write this information, the OWC Challenge Month in April is behind us. Have you made a contribution yet? If not, it's not too late. Do it now.

Remember that any donation made to OWC and any other Foundation Program is tax exempt because of the 501(c) 3 IRS designation.

Also, this is the last year of the initial five-year program called \$\$\$\$Million\$\$\$ Club and because not all Ruritans have given the amount

necessary to acquire a pin and the fact that clubs are still getting new members, the Trustees voted to extend this program beyond the first five years. Contributions made to this program may be applied toward an existing fund or may be used to start a new fund. This is a good way to begin giving to the Foundation on an annual basis. Ask a Foundation Promotion Chair or a Foundation Trustee if you would like additional explanation/information. Also, this is the last of a two-year partnership agreement between the Foundation and Ameriprise Financial. Their representatives will help provide financial planning and other educational resources to assist our Ruritan members. The Trustees voted to extend this partnership for an additional two years so representatives will be on hand at the 2015 Ruritan National Convention in Greensboro for easy access to our Ruritan members.

Your Trustees met in Dublin, VA, on April 16-17 to review and score grant applications and to determine the amount of your Build-Your-Dollar (BYD) Club Scholarships. A total of 368 Ruritan Clubs submitted their \$300 plus all forms as required and on time. These clubs will receive an additional \$245 for a total of \$545 and that's a return of 81.7% on an investment of \$300 from as late as October 1 last year until April 1 of this year. The Trustees also reviewed 61 additional individual grant applications and were able to award a total of 29 grants of \$600 each; 28 traditional and 1 non-traditional. When you do the math though, that still leaves more than 30, most of whom were deserving that we were unable to award. That's where each of you, our Ruritan members can help. In order to award these additional grants, your Foundation must grow. Remember the goal - grow the total corpus of your Foundation to at least \$5,000,000 in 2014. This can only happen with your help in supporting your Foundation. This goal is fully achievable with your help.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all supporters of the Foundation. You are valued members, and we need your continued support and involvement in order to be successful in reaching our goal of helping students further their education and in helping victims of declared disasters recover after an event.

Please note the 2014 Ruritan Foundation Fellowship Weekend registration form. Fill one out today and come join other Ruritan National Foundation supporters for a good time at the beach in September.

Please remember the Foundation's goals for 2014:

Make 2014 one of the best years for donations to the \$\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$.

Grow OWC to \$200,000.

Grow the total value of the Foundation to \$5,000,000 (to provide more funds for scholarships).

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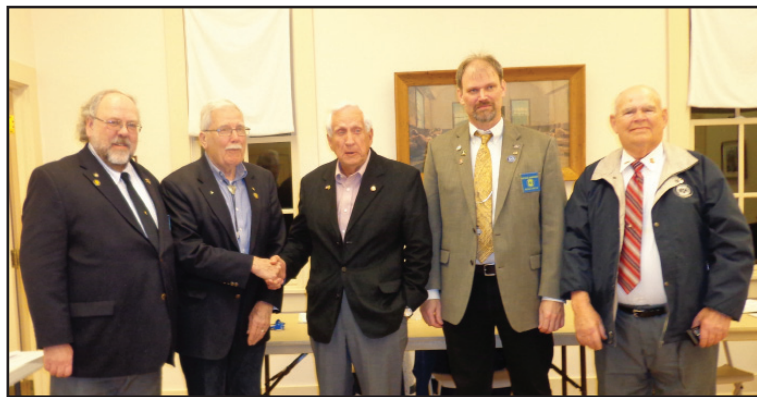
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Fairfield-Henrico (VA) Ruritan Club member James F. Hardee was presented a pin as a new member of the Ruritan Foundation's \$\$\$\$Million Dollar\$\$\$ Program. Pictured (l-r) are District Foundation Chair and Past National Director Roy Maloy, Hardee, 1966 National President Buddy Ragsdale, National Director Mike Morrison, and David Duke.

Register Now For Fellowship Weekend 2014

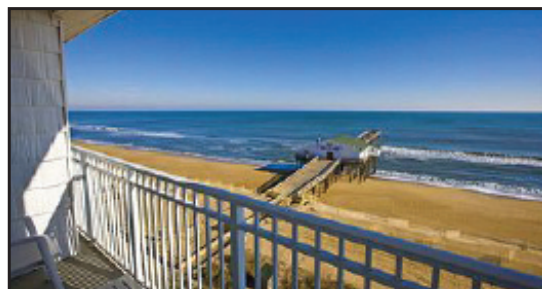


Make your plans now for the 2014 Ruritan National Foundation Fellowship Weekend to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks / Kitty Hawk located on the Outer Banks of North Carolina (September 12–14, 2014). This Hilton property hotel is located adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean and is situated so that each room has a view of the ocean. Located on the property is the privately owned 150-foot Kitty Hawk Fishing Pier that is accessible to all hotel guests at no additional charge during their stay.

Plan to come early to see and experience many of the exciting sites, restaurants, and shopping places on the 20-mile-long span that is filled with something for everyone. Be sure to go to the hotel and pick up a Sunny Day and a Visitors Guide (filled with discount coupons for all businesses and restaurants) before you begin shopping.

Send registrations to: Ruritan National Foundation
P.O. Box 487
Dublin, VA. 24084

The deadline for registration is August 20, 2014. Pre-registration before August 20, 2014, is **\$70** per person. Late registration after August 20, 2014, is **\$80** per person. See below for registration and additional cost options.



Full Package Registration includes Friday dinner buffet and Saturday banquet buffet

*Friday: 2 entree buffet
Saturday: 3 entree buffet*
Before or on August 20, 2014
Registration \$70 X _____ persons = \$ _____

Full Package LATE Registration includes Friday dinner and Saturday banquet

After August 20, 2014
Registration \$80 X _____ persons = \$ _____

Extra Friday Meal

\$35 X _____ persons = \$ _____

Extra Saturday Meal

\$40 X _____ persons = \$ _____

Extra Tour of Wright Brothers Monument/Museum

(Saturday after lunch - This is NOT included in the Full Package)
16 and older \$4 X _____ = \$ _____ (15 and younger free with paying adult)

Extra Kilmarlic Golf and Racket Club (Saturday 8 a.m.)

(This is NOT included in the Full Package)
\$70 X _____ = \$ _____ (includes green fees and box lunch)

☐ I would be interested in playing in a cornhole tournament.

Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone + Area Code: _____

Club: _____

District: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my payment:

Check No. _____

Visa # _____

Visa Expiration Date _____

Mastercard # _____

Mastercard Expiration Date _____

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A Perpetual Life Plan

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 would allow 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 national 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 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 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 national dues.

Upon payment of the fee, the Ruritan will receive a certificate on a plaque, a lapel pin, and a permanent life participant card. 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. Below is an alphabetized list of the 484 Ruritan Forever participants, living and deceased, who have taken advantage of this plan since it began.

Absher, Alice
Adams, Abigail A.
Adams, Jr., Stephen Michael *
Adams, Sr., Stephen Michael *
Addy, Julian B. *
Adkins, Paul
Alford, Nancy
Allen, Charles *
Alley, Betty
Amick, Robert L. *
Amick, James
Anderson, F. Spencer
Anderson, John L.
Andrews, Donald
Ansell, Curtis
Arakaki, Ron
Arehart, Ralph
Armentrout, Olin *
Armstrong, Mary
Armstrong, Joshua
Armstrong, Harold
Ashley, Justin
Austin, Franklin B.
Babb, Paul C.
Bacon, Arella *
Bacon, Arella *
Bailey, Robert H.

Baker, Earl
Ball, James Roy
Baltimore, Lloyd
Barb, Fred *
Barbour, Bobby
Barger, Randy E.
Barkdoll, Charles
Barkley, Bill
Barnes, James Earl
Bartholomew, Billy
Bartholomew, Pat
Bell, Charlie
Bell, Jane
Bell, Jr., William A.
Benfield, Tom
Berdine, John
Bettis, Wayne
Bettis, Wayne
Bibb, L.W. *
Bishop, Jerome Henri
Bishop, Cecil
Bland, Dr. J.M. *
Boggess, Tommy
Bostic, Charles *
Bowersox, Roy D.
Bowersox, Doris Alberta *
Bowman, Dick Delford

Bradshaw, Linda
Brake, William "Bill" *
Bridwell, Charles
Brill, Verne W
Bristow, James E.
Bristow, Jeremy
Bristow, Andrew
Bristow, Ryan
Bristow, Frances
Brogan, Herb *
Brown, Ralph
Brubaker, Dan
Brubaker, Nancy
Bruce, Charles E
Bruce, Martha Jane
Bryant, Graham
Buchanan, Albert Earl *
Burnette, Samuel W.
Burt, Stanley *
Butler, Hunter
Camin, George
Camin, Judy
Campbell, Jack
Campbell, Frances
Campbell, Alan
Cannon, Jr., William
Canter, Edwin

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Canty, Bill
 Capel, Robert
 Carter, Roger
 Carter, Kimberly
 Carter, Walton
 Carter, Jr., Shirley H. "Doc"
 Casper, Gary
 Cavendish, Orvin
 Chapman, Jr., Kelly L.
 Cheatham, James E.
 Cheek, Dan L.
 Church, William *
 Clements, John H.
 Clemmer, Dennis
 Cockrell, Dick
 Cockrell, Russell D.
 Coe, Charles *
 Coffman, Brenda
 Coffman, Howard
 Colendene, Bart
 Cook, James R. Jr.
 Cook, Samuel (Sam)
 Cooper, Edward
 Copley, Floyd L.
 Copley, Dorothy M.
 Cox, Woodfield "Chuck" *
 Cox, Clinton Guy
 Crain, Harvey
 Crumpler, Wiley
 Crumpler, Joan C.
 Culler, Wilford *
 Davis, Thomas W.
 Davis, Carole M.
 Davis, Patricia
 Dean, Russell
 Dean, Daniel *
 Deardarff, John
 Dedi, Virginia
 Dempsey, John
 Dempsey, Grace
 Dixon, Stanley A.
 Donahue, James M
 Downing, Tom *
 Dozier, Pete
 Drewery, Arthur Frank
 Dubois, Rev. Wendell *
 Duke, Maxine
 Duke, Roy L. *
 Duncan, Jayson
 Dunn, Jr., Woody
 Eads, Garland E.
 Eagle, Ray *

Earp, Shelby
 Edwards, David
 Elliott, Carlton
 Elliott, Fay
 Ellison, Roy *
 Ely, Richard
 Estepp, Roberta
 Ethridge, Marvin
 Eubank, Robert C. *
 Evans, Lewis
 Evans, Hassel *
 Evans, John A
 Everett, James A
 Everett, Jr., Paul L *
 Felts, Chad A
 Fint, Kirby *
 Fint, Mary
 Fleming, Judy
 Folino, Karen
 Ford, Larry
 Fowler, Dianne
 Fowler, J.D. (Sonny)
 Fowler, Gray
 Franklin, Bryan
 Free, Jayson Andrew *
 Fretwell, Charles "Bill"
 Frick, Vivian *
 Frost, Ralph *
 Funkhouser, Stephen J.
 Funkhouser, Sue
 Funkhouser, Richard *
 Gallman, Jerry
 Gammon, Howard
 Gardner, Willard
 Garvin, Earl
 Gillen, George *
 Godwin Jr., Mills E. *
 Goerger, Kevin
 Goins, Benjamin G.
 Goode, Greg
 Goode, Donna
 Gravely, Samuel L. *
 Graves, Donald
 Gray, Marvin L. *
 Gray, Garland *
 Green, Seldon L. *
 Gregory, Jr., Benjamin E.
 Griffith, Mahlon
 Grove, Richard
 Guiffre', Tony
 Guin, Neil R.
 Guthrie, Frank

Gwaltney, J. J. *
 H.D. Cain Inc.,
 Haenn, Joseph
 Hairston, Cedric
 Hall, L. T. *
 Hall, Maxine
 Hall, Nancy
 Hall, Nelson
 Hall, Heather
 Hall, Howard K
 Hancock, John L.
 Harkleroad, Terry
 Harrell, Horace
 Harris, Jr., R.M
 Hassell, Alma M.
 Hathaway, George *
 Heath, Mary Jane *
 Hefner, Tommy *
 Hendrix, James W.
 Hepler, David *
 Herndon, JoAnn
 Hicks, K.D.
 Hildebrand, Lawrence *
 Hill, D. R. "Fess" *
 Hines, Lonnie E.
 Hissing, Cindy
 Hodson, Richard A.
 Hogge, Elliott
 Holcomb, Jim
 Holladay, Carlton E. *
 Holmes, Donald *
 Horsley, Donald
 Hose, Craig
 Hott, Arno B.
 Houck, Bob
 Houck, Shirley
 House, Artie
 Hoyt, Norma
 Hughes, Cynthia
 Hulver, Jr., Joseph F.
 Hummer, Thomas T.
 Hunigan, Armetta
 Hunt, William F.
 Hunter, Jr., W. Thomson
 Huscroft, Frank
 Ives, Stuart *
 Jacobs, John
 Jaynes, Joe
 Jeffries, Echols "Phil"
 Jeffries, Nell
 Johnson, David *
 Jones, Dale D.

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Ruritan Forevers continued

Jones, George W "Fog Bound" *	Lyles, Helen	O'Brien, David
Jones, Earline	Mallow, Stephen Leslie	O'Dell, Norman
Jones, Jr., Joseph Franklin	Mallow, Jr., Stephen Leslie	Old, Curtis *
Jordan, C. Frank	March, Mills A	Olinger, Gary
Jordan, Barbara W. *	Marshall, James W. "High Pocets" *	Outlaw, J Wayne
Jordan, Houston	Mashburn, Donald Eugene	Overby, Willis
Jordan, Robbie	Mason, George	Owens, Wayne
Jory, Harell G.	Maxwell, William F "Bill"	Palette, Karen
Joyce, Harry Clay *	Maxwell, Edith Mae	Palette, Steve
Joyce, Joseph Lindsay *	McBane, Dan	Pancione, Joe
Joyner, Lee Horace	McClain, Earl	Parker, Henry D
Joyner, William Douglas *	McCready, Susan	Parris, Amanda
Kail, Claude	McDonnell, Robert F.	Parris, Donnie
Keel, Alvin "Al"	McGill, Shirley	Patterson, Martha Fontaine
Kellam, Frank *	McGuire, W.P. *	Peoples, Jack
Kelly, Ed	McKinney, Jim	Perry, Robert (Stud)
Kelly, Earl	McKinney, Judy	Perry, Donnie
Kendrick, Donnie	McLaughlin, Sr., John J. *	Pickard, Dick *
Kidd, Wendell	Meals, Darlene	Pierce, Hazel D.
Kilgore, Jerry W.	Meals, William (Ed)	Pierce, Bobbie
Kilgore, Terry G.	Melton, Dorothy *	Pierce, H.E.
King, DeWitt *	Melton, Tom *	Powell, Claude F. *
Kinsey, Frank A.	Menard, Paul	Powell, John Henry *
Kinsey, Janet M.	Metzner, Sharyn	Privott, Danny
Kirk, J. R. *	Meyers, Daryl	Privott, Linda
Kortlandt, Nicholaas A "Nic"	Miles, Ervin *	Proctor, Evans
LaFollette, Jim	Miller, Gene	Pugh, Anthea
Lakin, George	Mills, Vicky	Rader, Jim *
Lakin, Jack	Mills, James	Rader, Lou
Lakin, Jr., Henry F.	Mitchell, Aubrey	Ragsdale, Edwin H. "Buddy"
Lambert, Sherman O. *	Montgomery, Luther "Tracy"	Ramsey, Jerry
Lambert, Sr., E. L.	Moore, Wellford H.	Ray, James
LaSueur, Robert *	Moore, Harry E.	Reece, Bob
Lawson, Doyle	Moore, Carl L.	Reed, Zora
Layne, Jr., William E.	Moore, Roberta L	Repass, Roger *
Lee, U.L. Buddy *	Moore, Lloyd E. *	Rhoades, Gilmer
Leedy, Sam *	Morrison, Michael W.	Rhyne, Earl T. *
Leider, Avery	Motley, Bedford	Rodeffer, Robert
Leider, Andrew B.	Mull, Charles	Rodes, Jerome
Lerch III, J. J. Bernard	Mull, Ricky	Rodes, Marsha
Lewis, Roland H.	Mullis, Steve D.	Rogers, Curtis
Lewis, Frances K	Myers, Vonnie	Rosa, Pierre S.
Lewis, Paul R.	Myers II, Charles R.	Rouse, Willie
Lewter, J. William	Nease, George Ray	Rummell, Vera
Lewter, Phyllis	Nicholas, Jr., G. C.	Rummell, Marion
Liskey, James William *	Nolen, Frank W.	Sandridge, Don
Littlefield, Christina	Norris, Phyllis *	Saults, Gary
Lloyd, Patrick	Northstein, John	Savedge, James N. *
Long, Joe	Northstein, Laura	Schmidt, Margaret "Kita"
Lowrey, Swinn *	Northstein, Douglas	Schmidt, Dick *
Loyd, Melissa	Northstein, Linda Ann Duncan	Scott, Wayne *
Lutz, Orville	Oaks, Richard	Scrivener, Annie

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Ruritan Forever's continued

Sease, Ronnie
Shankle, Edith T.
Sharpley, Skip
Shaver, Larry *
Shell, Chester *
Shelton, John Calvin
Shelton, Danny L.
Shelton, Patsy
Shepard, James M.
Shreiner, Robert
Sitler, Richard F.
Smallwood, Joyce A.
Smallwood, Jim
Smith, Charles
Smith, Barbara *
Smith, Luther
Smith Jr., Earl M.
Smithey, Jerry
Snider, Jack E. *
Solomon, Gary
Southern, Deborah
Sprouse, K. Wayne *
Sprouse, Ann
Stamey, Ted
Stanford, Jerry
Stanford, Lyndal
Stanford, Patricia
Stanley, Carson *
Stewart, James Wesley
Stroud, James E.
Stroud, Shirley F.
Sweitzer, Barry J.

Sykes, John A.
Tasker, Richard Eugene
Taylor, Gary
Taylor, Ivan *
Taylor, Larry Brooks
Telescan, Gary
Thacker, Millard
Thacker, Marlene (Marty)
Tharrington, Dan *
Thompson, Horace
Thompson, Terry Lee "Happy"
Thompson, Warren
Thompson, Bruce
Thompson, Joanne
Thornton, Carl R.
Tittle, Sam
Todd, Larry
Tolly, Marvin L.
Trent, Raleigh
Turner, Stanley
Turner, Dalton M.
Turner, Betty
Twine, Billy L.
Tyler, John T. *
Tyler, Carol M.
Urbanek, Michael
Vance, Daryl E.
Vass, Jim
Vaughan, Eddie *
Vaughan, Robert P
Waddle, Larry G.
Walker, Jerry *

Walston, James W.
Watson, Patricia J.
Weldon, Linda
Wenger, JoAnn C.
Wenger, C. Winston
Wheatley, Linda
Whetzel, Dave
Whetzel, Jim
Whitfield, George *
Widder, Benjamin
Wiggand, Bill *
Wiley, Sr., Charles M.
Wilhoit, C. L.
Wilhoit, Shirley
Williams, Darlene
Williams, Iris
Williams, Beatrice
Wilson, Eva L.
Wilson, Ray
Wilson, Alton W.
Wine, E. Ray
Winslow, George
Winstead, Barbara
Worrell, Harvey L. *
Worrell, James Donald
Wrenn, Bobby
Yeatts, James E. "Green Thumb"
*Note: * indicates a deceased Ruritan Forever. Please report any errors on this list to the National Office staff by calling toll free 877-787-8727 ext. 303.*

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** ☐

Name of Applicant (If not you): _____

Applicant's Club: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

☐ **OPTION #1** Credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

CVC code (3 digit code on the back of your card) _____

☐ **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.

News From Ruritan: Delmarva/NJ District

Atlantic District Presents a \$4,500 Donation



The **Atlantic District** (VA) Ruritan Club was featured in its local newspaper for presenting a \$4,500 check to Eastern Shore Rural Health System Inc. in support of the dental wing at the new Atlantic Community Health, as one of its last acts. The donation was made in honor of the club who has now merged with the **Seabay-Metompkin** (VA) Club to form the **Northern Accomack** (VA) Ruritan Club. Pictured from (l-r) are Wilbur Bowden, Stella Ann Bowden, Tim Falkinburg, Ron Greenley, Betty Greenley, Mike Wells, Club President Fred Brown, Rural Health Dentist Dr. Ed Griggs, Rural Health Clinical Director Dr. Jeanne Roll, Bill Watson, and C.D. Fleming.

Rockawalkin Presents Perfect Attendance Pins

Rockawalkin (MD) Ruritan Club presented perfect attendance pins for 54-years to charter members Fred Crockett and William Murray, 53-years to charter member Albert Murray, and 42-years to Robert Miller. Pictured (l-r) are Robert Miller, Fred Crockett, William Murray, and Albert Murray.



News From Ruritan: Western NC District

Oak Hill (Burke) Donates Rudy Bears

Oak Hill (Burke) (NC) Ruritan Club presented 25 Rudy Bears to the Oak Hill Fire and Rescue Squad (OHFRS). The bears were presented to the OHFRS in memory of Maurice Gragg, Larry Taylor, and Charles Henson for their outstanding service to the OHFRS and the club. Gragg and Taylor both served on the Oak Hill Fire Department, and Gragg was the department's first fire chief. Charles Henson was a valued Ruritan member since 1961. Pic-



tured (l-r) are Buddy Harris, Oak Hill Fire Department Ron Hicks, Howard Searcy, Club President Steve Moorehead, Club Treasurer Lewis Paschall, Barbara Henson, Jane Gragg, and Club Secretary Kaye Taylor.

Glen Alpine (NC) Ruritan Club President Eddie Peters presented Paul Powell (left) with a pin for 53 years of consecutive perfect attendance.

National Director and **Gamewell** (NC) Club President Lorene Reece (r) initiates new member Ruth Kincaid into the club.



News From Ruritan: Potomac District



Lothian Presents Scholarships

Lothian (MD) Ruritan Club presented ten \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients were selected based on scholastic achievements and documented community service. Half of the scholarships given were sponsored by individual Ruritan members. Club President Dan Pflum presented the certificates.



New Franklin Cleans Up Highway

New Franklin (PA) Ruritan Club cleaned up 6.5 miles of New Franklin Road as part of its Environmental Program. Pictured (l-r) are members Verdeen Beaver, Bob Day, Tom McKenzie, Terry Huff, and Art Guyer.

News From Ruritan: Dan River District



Chatham Presents Checks to Agencies

Chatham (VA) Ruritan Club President Jimmy Searce is shown presenting a \$500 donation to each of the following agencies: Chatham Fire Department, Landon Worsham; Northern Pittsylvania County Food Bank, Wayne Chamblin; and Chatham Rescue Squad, Carol Hedrick.

Dan River District Winter Zone 1 meeting was



hosted by the **Red Bank** (VA) Ruritan Club. Special guests in attendance were District Treasurer Norvelline Atkins and Past National Director Jerry Atkins. Pictured on the back (l-r) are Red Bank Club Director Bernie Stevens, **Ararat** (VA) Club President Merlin Scales, Laz Smith, Mike Noonkester, Zone Governor Charlie Bowman, Past National Director Jerry Atkins, and

Past National Director Roger Gammons. Pictured on the front (l-r) are Red Bank Assistant Treasurer Becky Stevens, Rachel White, Margaret Noonkester, and District Treasurer Norvelline Atkins. (Picture was taken by Ararat Club member Mary Dellenback-Hill.)

News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District

Beecher City Tri-County Donates to FFA



Beecher City Tri-County (IL) Ruritan Club President Ron Bates (center) presents Beecher City FFA officers Kristina Neu (l) and Julie Stefanski (r) a check for \$5,024 to help build a new greenhouse. The club raised the money at a pancake breakfast in March and are grateful for the community support.

Mt. Erie (IL) Ruritan Club hosted a Spring Awards Banquet and also celebrated their 45th Anniversary. Robert Walker gave the welcome and spoke about the history of the club. National

Director Grover Burkett presented a 45-year certificate to Club President Rita Woods and to Robert Walker.



Hymera (IN) Ruritan Club donated 25 bears to Thunderbird Fire Department, Hymera Fire Department, and Hymera Elementary School. Pictured are John Quillan, Club President Sue Case, and Hymera School Representative Kathy Strahle.

News From Ruritan: Cherokee District



Pictured are **Coker Creek** (TN) Ruritan Club's scholarship recipients. Top picture (l-r) are Lee Gooch, Club Vice President Bill West, and Luke Ryan. Bottom picture (l-r) are Club President Tom Felton and Samantha Robinson.



Morrison (TN) Ruritan Club won five gold awards at the annual Cherokee District Convention. Accepting awards from (l-r) are Mike Holland (Citizenship and Patriotism), Lavell Whitehead (Public Service), Shirley Driver (Social Development), Ashley Freeze (Business and Profession), and Wes Williams (Environment).

Dalton Club Raise Flags

Dalton (OH) Ruritan Club President Don Thacker (l) and Dalton Rotary Club President Trevor Hostetler hold one of the flags that will be used in the Dalton and Kidron Ohio areas for the Parade of Flags. Flags will be placed around the entire town. This joint venture will raise flags during all patriotic holidays.



News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District

Williamsburg Holds Easter Egg Hunt



Williamsburg (WV) Ruritan Club held its 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Games and refreshments were provided for the participants. Preparing the cupcakes (l-r) are club members Donna Mullins, Junior Mullins, Margaret Crookshanks, and Herb Barthlow.

2013 RURITAN OF THE YEAR

District	Winner	Club
Holland	Werdna Wynne	South Norfolk
Chesapeake	David Duke	Varina
Rappahannock	none listed*	
Appomattox	Raymond Wilson Mullins	Spout Spring
Peaks Of Otter	Ann Altice	Glade Hill
Southwest Virginia	none listed*	
Natural Bridge	Larry Perdue	Bonsack/Blue Ridge
Woodrow Wilson	Chanda Sponaule	Blue Grass
Rockingham	LauraMary Ryan	Powhatan
Potomac	Erich Fronck, Jr.	Marlowe
Albemarle	Terrence L. Boone	Corapeake
Roanoke	Kathy Drew	Aulander
Rocky Mt.-Durham	Robert Bunn	Momeyer
Greenville-Goldsboro	William Curtis Rogers	Old Ford
Cape Fear	Polly Bouldin	Johnsonville
Spartan	Ken Stapleton	West View
Columbia	Elizabeth McCullar	Sandy Run
Upper WV	Flora Ann Watson	Fountain
Lower WV	Morris Clyburn	East River
Bluegrass	Carolyn Chesher	Cropper
Tennessean	Heman McDade	Harrison
Cherokee	none listed*	
Georgia-N. Ala.	none listed*	
Hermitage	Paul Gullet	East Union
Alabama-Florida	none listed*	
Ohio	Larry Bales	Townsend
Western NC	none listed*	
Delmarva-NJ	Katharine Allen	Rewastico Creek
Piedmont	Margret Williams	Leasburg
Dan River	Nancy Hazelwood	Dan River Community
Lincolnland	Terry Hall	Geff
New River	Fredene Poff	Belmont II
Davy Crockett	Michael J. Bacile	Camp Creek
Smoky Mountain	Vonnie Myers	Highland Park
Middle America	Clara Cunningham	Elsmore
Rapidan	Dr. Emerson Farley, Jr.	Fluvanna County
Tall Corn	none listed*	
Opportunity Land	none listed*	

*A Ruritan of the Year may have been awarded locally but none was submitted for national competition.

New River District Clubs Donate Generously



Ruritan Road (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated another year of charitable giving with an annual dinner for the charities the club supports. Representatives from nearly all of the thirteen local charities who receive regular financial support from the club were in attendance and spoke briefly about the services their groups offer the community. At left Club President Mike Chrisley presented the monthly check to Dublin Fire Chief Ronnie McClure. At right National Director Lorene Reece spoke to the group calling the Ruritan Road Club a "poster child"



for what a good Ruritan club can do in their community. The club supports its generous donations with a weekly bingo game in their own building in Pulaski, VA.

The Blue Ribbon Award was presented to **Mount Tabor (VA)** Ruritan Club by District Governor Dave Bockes for the club's work and service during 2013. Mount Tabor was the only club in the New River District to achieve this award in 2013. Bockes also recognized Logan Brooke for achieving the Outstanding Club President Award in 2013.



Pembroke (VA) Ruritan Club Member Bill Hogg (I) is shown selling a raffle ticket for a Polaris 400 4x4 to Mount Tabor (VA) Ruritan Club President Logan Brooke.

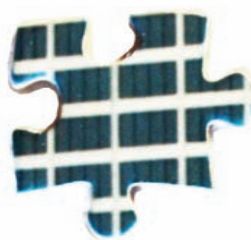


News From Ruritan: Smoky Mountain District



Parrottsville (TN) Ruritan Club's President Derrick Woods is shown giving Christmas presents to patients at the Tennova Newport Convalescent Center.

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Rockingham District Making a Difference

Powhatan (VA) Ruritan collected over \$200 of personal hygiene supplies for the Veterans Administration Hospital. Pictured (l-r) are Sandra Lawson, Club President Lorraine Shelton, Dick Ryan, Club Vice President Jeannette Dovel, and Citizen and Patriotism Chair Richard Lawson.

Montezuma (VA) Ruritan Club proudly presented its annual scholarship award in the amount of \$500 to Taylor Corbin. Taylor is a senior at Turner Ashby High School. He is a good student and a good athlete. He played basketball all four years, is an officer in DECA, and has contributed many

hours in local community service. Taylor plans to attend Blue Ridge

Community College for two years and then transfer to a four-year college to complete his education.

Luray (VA) Ruritan Club presented Tyler Dinges with a Ruritan Youth Community Service Award and plaque. Tyler has been instrumental in the club's Christmas Rudy Bear program. Tyler donates the bears and gives them to children during Luray and Stanley annual Christmas parades. In addition, he consistently volunteers at the club's barbecue functions.



Rockingham Luncheon

(VA) Ruritan Club received their first Blue

Ribbon Award. Pictured (l-r) are 2014 Rockingham District Governor Susan Greisz, Club President Larry Huffman, and 2013 Club President JoAnn Wenger.



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Tours can be arranged by contacting Debbie Southern at the National Office, toll free at 877-787-8727 ext. 301 or email office@ruritan.org

News From Ruritan: Upper West Virginia District

North Fork Member Named Rudy Youth of the Year



North Fork (WV) Ruritan Club sponsored a benefit dinner for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The fundraiser was organized by 16-year-old charter member Emily Ours. The dinner raised \$4,600.50. This amount was able to grant one child a wish. Emily's name was submitted for the Rudy Youth of the Year. She won at the district and national level. 2006 National President Joe Pancione (r) presented her with a plaque and medal.

South Fork (WV) Ruritan Club was featured in its local newspaper for receiving two national first place awards. The club received awards for best club website and



best club electronic newsletter. Ruritan National President Elliott Hogge presented the awards to Club President and National Director Mike Myers.

Spruce Mountain (WV) Ruritan Club held a pancake dinner to raise funds to purchase backpacks for foster children in Pendleton County. Pictured are club members preparing for the dinner.

News From Ruritan: Rapidan District

Monticello Honors Club Member



Monticello (VA) Ruritan Club recognized club member Jim Wetzel for 60 years of service. Jim has held local, zone, and district offices. His accomplishments have included Ruritan of the Year - both local and district. He received a Tom Downing Award in 1997. He has been involved with the Ruritan National Foundation. In October 1980, he was a charter member and helped in organizing the club. 2013 National President, the late Dennie Clemmer, 2013 District Governor Greg Payne, and Club President Wayne Shifflett presented Wetzel with a certificate of service rendered.

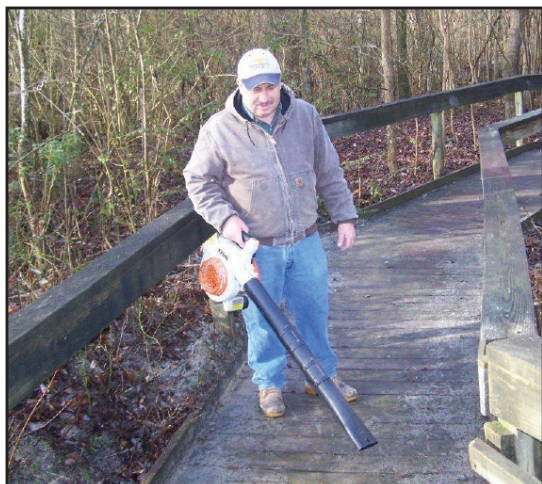
News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

Hales Community Distributes Dictionaries

Hales Community (TN) Ruritan Club distributed dictionaries to third graders at the Gray and Ridgeview Elementary Schools. Pictured (l-r) are club members Frank Saylor, Carroll Mullins, Club President Ted Lynch, Jim White, Glynn Whaley, and Freddie Whaley. Teacher April White is in the center. Ms. White's class made thank-you notes for the club.



Albemarle District in Action



Ryland (NC) Ruritan Club along with the Center Hill Baptist Men's Group spent a day working at Bennett's Mill Pond. Deck paths were made passable, damaged boards replaced, and fallen trees were cut to make all paths accessible. Rock was hauled and spread making the paths more suitable for travel. The rock was donated by C.A. Perry and Son, and the deck materials were donated by the Edenton Chowan Recreation Department. Pictured is Don White cleaning the walkways.

The club also honored Don Copeland for serving as club treasurer for 11 years.

Rocky Hock (NC) Ruritan Club presented 170 dictionaries to D.F. Walker School. Pictured are two out of nine classes that received the books.



Corapeake (NC) Ruritan Club participated in the 2014 Polar Plunge to raise funds and awareness for the Special Olympics. Even with 32 degree temperatures outside, Club President Terry Boone, Terri Ambrose, and Kentley Peede were brave enough to take the plunge.



News From Ruritan: Appomattox District



Kenbridge Club Plants Trees

Members of Boy Scout Troop 7542 of Kenbridge joined with members of the **Kenbridge (VA)** Ruritan Club to plant 12 Crepe Myrtle trees along the walking trail of the Kenbridge Town Park. This is one of the community service projects that the scouts, led by Scout Master Todd Wilson, are involved in as they work their way towards the coveted Eagle Scout rank.

Southwood Holds Toy Drive



The December meeting of the **Southwood** (NC) Ruritan Club is the time the club members open up their hearts and pocketbooks for the children of Lenoir County. Pictured are members of the club with the toys collected. The toy drive is sponsored by the Salvation Army and the Kinston Free Press. This is the fourth year that the club has contributed.



Pictured (l) is **Pink Hill** (NC) Ruritan Club Member Connie Jones. Jones was named the club's Ruritan of the Year for her dedication and

outstanding community service. The club's main fundraisers are the Dove Hunts and Gun Raffles. Pictured (l-r) are Jones, Club President Clay Howard, and 2013 Club President Kenneth Jones.

News From Ruritan: **Roanoke District**



Everetts (NC) Ruritan Club President Roger Coltrain and Member Mack Edmonson presented a gift card to Bryan Bullock and family. Bullock's family were victims of a house fire.

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News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt. Durham District

District Honors Alton Wilson with Ruritan Forever



Rocky Mount Durham District honored **Eli Whitney** (NC) Club Member Alton Wilson with a Ruritan Forever in February for over 58 years of service to his community and his service as a member of the district cabinet. Wilson passed away in March at the age of 89. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Zone 1 Governor and Silk Hope (NC) Club Member Harold Rogers, District Secretary Ron Reid, Marty Wilson, Doris Lowe, and Alan Wilson. Alton Wilson is pictured in the front.

February is wild bird feeding month and to commemorate this the **Bahama** (NC) Ruritan Club conducted a bird project with their schools. The students learned to identify the ten most common local birds, built two types of feeders, studied nest construction, and produced nesting materi-

als. Pictured right are the students hanging their pinecone seed feeders for the birds to enjoy. In addition the club maintains a bird feeding station at the nearby elementary school.

The club also sent boxes filled with snacks, games, and reading material to men/women serving in the military. A small American flag was included and was to be mailed back to the club for display. The first box went to four Navy pilots serving on the HM Bush Carrier in the Indian Ocean.



News From Ruritan: Hermitage District

Gadsden Club Raises \$2,000 from Auction



Gadsden (TN) Ruritan Club held its annual auction. Items for the auction were solicited from residents and businesses. Over \$2,000 was raised. Pictured are the club members at the event.

Abingdon & Gloucester High School Serve Clam Chowder

Abingdon (VA) Ruritan Club and **Gloucester High School (VA)** Ruri-Teen Club's Clam Chowder Sale benefited from being held on Super Bowl weekend. Many customers arrived early to stock up on chowder for the big game. Pictured serving chowder are



Ruri-Teen Club Vice President Brittany James, Club Secretary Lauren Blake, Club Director Stephen Blake, and Club President Katarina James.

With the profits, Abingdon Club made a \$1,500 donation to the Laurel Shelter. The shelter is a 19-bed facility available to women and their children who are victims of domestic violence.

Port Royal Donates to Girl Scout Troop

Port Royal (VA) Ruritan Club presented a check for \$300 to Girl Scout Troop 3707 of Bowling Green, Virginia. The check was given in recognition of both the troop's needs and accomplishments. Troop 3707, which has been in existence only five years, has members from low-income families and lacks the resources that other troops have. Two things the troop does not lack are enthusiasm and perseverance. Among their recent projects, the Girl Scouts have made quilts and gifts for the local nursing home and acted as hosts at local museums.



2013 RURI-TEEN OF THE YEAR		
Rappahannock	Kayla Fyock	Patriot High School
Rockingham	Katherine Leaman	Turner Ashby
Tennessean	Emily Dye	Copper Basin
Davy Crockett	Mallory Garrison	Pioneer
2013 RUDY YOUTH OF THE YEAR		
Holland	Kimberly Dodds	Claremont
Rappahannock	Joshua Hinkle	Nokesville-Bristow
Peaks of Otter	Brittany Morris	Rustburg
Natural Bridge	Haley Atkins	Bonsack/Blue Ridge
Rockingham	Allison Cook	Mt. Crawford
Rocky Mt/Durham	Eric Ray Russell	Rougemont
Spartan	Audrey Parris	West View
Upper WV	Emily Ours	North Fork
Piedmont	Ryan Richmond	Leasburg
Davy Crockett	Rebecca Michaela Kricko	Hardin's Chapel
Smoky Mountain	Joseph McCallie	East Roane County



Members of the **Studley (VA)** Ruritan Club are pictured after they completed their "Adopt a Highway" project.

Boone Trail Club Members Set World Record in 1964



On February 29, 1964, the Boone Trail High School Basketball Team set a world record (winning a county-wide basketball tournament after 13 overtimes). To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the event, the **Boone Trail** (NC) Ruritan Club invited the team and their coach to a club meeting. Two members of the team are active club members. The tournament has some interesting facts. The gymnasium had a seating

capacity of 1,100; however, there were over 2,000 in attendance. This game holds the record for the longest basketball game ever played and was written up in the Guinness Book of World Records. Team members pictured (l-r) are Frank Stewart, Ralph Hester, William Brown, Dennis Walls, and Gene Wright. Seated is Coach Al Black.



Yvonne Driver (left) was presented with **Anderson Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club's Ruritan of the Year Award by 2013 Club President Tim Rowe.

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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.

South Norfolk Receives Community Award

South Norfolk (VA) Ruritan Club was presented the Adult Community Organization Award by the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council at the 32nd Annual Awards Luncheon. The Honorable Ray A. Connor, City of Chesapeake Commissioner of the Revenue, presented the award. South Norfolk was honored for establishing a veterans area in Lakeside Park in Chesapeake, VA. Club members developed the area, overlooking a lake, and donated their labor and funds to accomplish this beautiful memorial to local veterans.

The club is proud to announce that three of its members have been presented with prestigious community service awards. David McManus received the "Sportsman of the Year Award" from the Chesapeake Sports Club. Phil Johnson received "The First Citizen of Chesapeake Award" from the Chesapeake Rotary Club. Robert G. "Buddy" Bagley was selected by the South Norfolk Civic League to be the "Grand Marshall" of the Annual 4th of July South Norfolk Parade this year. All three are Past Presidents of the Club. Pictured (l-r) are Phil Johnson, David McManus, and Robert G. Bagley.



Holland Clubs Help Zone Governor



Holland District Zone 3 Governor Brooks Johnson is experiencing difficult times. Since 2012, he has had frequent seizures which have cost him his job, his health, the ability to drive, and soon the loss of his home. Brooks is a veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm. To assist Brooks and his family, community groups and Ruritan clubs have been holding fundraisers. Brooks (center) is pictured at the **Joyner-Gray-Yale** (VA) Ruritan Club Fundraiser. Also pictured (l-r) are Connie Clark from the **Claremont** (VA) Ruritan Club, Debbie Edwards from the **City Point** (VA) Ruritan Club, Zone 6 District Governor David Edwards from the **Prince George** (VA) Ruritan Club, and Past Holland District Governor Raymond Clark from the **Prince George** Ruritan Club.

Great Bridge Cleans Highway

The Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council has recognized the **Great Bridge** (VA) Ruritan Club for its efforts in cleaning the Great Bridge Bypass and maintaining three Adopt-a-Spots. Pictured (l-r) are Club Vice President Danny Smith, high school senior Myke Smith, and Club President Hank Potts after a successful highway cleaning.



Sappony Celebrates its 50th Anniversary



Sappony (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in grand style. A delicious meal was served by the club-sponsored Purdy Boy Scout Troop #232. Anniversary co-chairs Charles Owen and Clint Holloway had planned an exciting event for the community, special guests, and club members. National President Elliott Hogge brought greetings from Ruritan, and 1978 National President Bobby Wrenn was the guest speaker. Also present were 2003 National President George Winslow and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter. A highlight of the evening was the recognition of 50-year member Abe Norflett, who shared the club's early history. National Director Wally Hudson presented an anniversary certificate, and Holland District Governor Rod

Mustanski brought greetings from the district. Jessie Megan Simmons closed out the evening with a musical program. Sappony Club President Joey Owen summoned up the evening with a special thanks to the community for the tremendous support the club had received with their fundraising and projects. Pictured (l-r) are Sappony Club President Joey Owen, 2014 National President Elliott Hogge, 50-year member Abe Norflett, 1978 National President Bobby Wrenn, 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter, and 2003 National President George Winslow.

Hickory Hosts Dinner Theater



Hickory (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated Valentine's Day with a dinner theater. This had proven to be such a special event in 2013 that the club decided to host another in 2014. Club members and guests attended with their sweethearts. In addition to club members, attending with their sweethearts were Holland District Governor Rod Mustanski, Holland Lt. Governor Jack York, and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter. The 150 attending were greeted with a valentine theme of hearts and roses. Each table was decorated with lovely red roses.

A delicious catered dinner was served. Then the Varsity Improv Players of Regent University provided comedy entertainment. Hickory Club President Randolph Luton stated, "This fundraiser has proven to be an event the area residents enjoy and support. We raised over \$1800 that can be put back into our community."



Zone Governor Brooks Johnson (left) and Holland District Governor Rod Mustanski (right) present a Blue Ribbon Club Award to the **Meherrin** (VA) Ruritan Club. Accepting the award is 2013 Meherrin President Floyd Hobbs, Jr.



Bethlehem and Lakeland High School (VA) Ruri-Teen Clubs held a Christmas Party for the **Thomas Woods** (VA) Ruritan Club. The evening was filled with great fellowship, food, and entertainment.

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