



# Ruritan

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## Message From 2014 National President Elliott Hogge



### Continue to Sow the Seeds for Ruritan Growth

Hello! I know that you have had a busy summer! I was pleased to see so many activities focused on outreach to veterans. Between the notes you have sent to me, your District Governor's reports, and what I have seen you post on

Facebook's "I am Ruritan" page, I saw you continue to show Ruritan excitement by helping your communities and continuing to sow the seeds for Ruritan growth.

Perhaps no Ruritan has been busier this summer than our own President-Elect, Bobby Burton, and his wife Linda. Beginning on May 26, on very short notice, Bobby began to cover all the commitments I had made as National President. He and the national office staff have kept me up to speed during my recovery.

For those who may not have heard, I suffered

a life-threatening stroke on May 25 and remained hospitalized until June 19. Physically, I have recovered the ability to do everything I want to do except drive a car, but that might have been achieved by the time you read this. The stroke affected my ability to speak, and, thanks to your continuing prayers and my on-going outpatient speech therapy, I am well on my way to complete recovery.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you when we convene in Greensboro in January! If you haven't already reserved your room, do it today.

Folks, even with everything that has happened to me this year, I can honestly say that my time as your National President has been Fantastic. Your warmly welcoming Sandra and me into your homes and clubs has been great, and your outpouring of love and concern through your Get Well cards, web wishes, phone calls, and visits has been healing. I am on the road to recovery and hope to be on the road for Ruritan soon.

I am EXCITED to be a Ruritan!

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Worship Service

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**Don't miss the 2015 Ruritan National Convention in the heart of Ruritanland; Greensboro, NC. You can find a copy of the official lodging form for the Sheraton, Koury Convention Center, in the library of the Ruritan website or go to directly to it at: <http://ruritan.org.temp.realssl.com/library/269.pdf> (Right click to open the pdf in a browser window or choose "save target as" to save to your computer.)**

**Winner of the Fall Cover Contest: Johnsonville (NC)** Ruritan Club held a Memorial Day observance at the Johnsonville Veteran's Memorial. State Senator Ron Rabin delivered the keynote address and the Overhills JROTC performed the flag ceremony. Pavers purchased by people in the community were dedicated. Over 150 were in attendance. After the ceremony, a luncheon was served at the Johnsonville Community Center.

## Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley

### “ASK”



Ask. There are a lot of programs that we use to encourage recruiting members. This year we are continuing the Wanted Program. On the back page of this magazine you will find the most recent winners of this recruiting program. At the end of last year's program we looked at the data and found that we could

attribute nearly 1000 members to the success of this program. We hope that this year's program will produce the same or better results. Each of those new members represents someone who was asked or invited into Ruritan by one of our existing members.

Recently, I was reading another service club's magazine. On the front cover it announced a new, exciting growth program and directed the reader to a page in the magazine. When I turned to that page all it said was “ASK” in large letters. It really is that easy. All you have to do is ask.

We had a session at our summer leadership conference by our publicity and public relations committee. They talked about all of the tools that were available to our clubs and members for publicizing Ruritan. We have billboards, audio public service announcements for radio, video public service announcements for TV, and all sorts of brochures and guides. They ended their session by asking all the attendees to discuss at their tables how they came to be Ruritan members. After the discussion time was over each table was to report out their most unique story of how people become members. We listened as table after table reported out. We never heard, “I

saw it on a billboard” or “I found you on the internet”. What we did hear was story after story about a friend or a relative asking the member to join their club. We all have expectations with regard to the power of advertising or public service announcements or billboards. If those expectations are that people will recognize our brand, that's healthy. To expect that those things will do the work for us is not healthy. We have to ask. Ask someone to join your Ruritan Club this month.

In addition to asking members to join your Ruritan Club, I believe that it is critical to our organization that we get back in the business of building new Ruritan Clubs in new communities. When Curtis Graham was alive and working at the national office in Dublin his primary job was to encourage and assist volunteers in organizing Ruritan Clubs. Curtis was magic. He would spend the better part of everyday talking to people on the phone and getting them excited about the possibility of growing a new club in a new community. Most years, just through encouragement from Curtis, volunteers would build 25 or more adult clubs. We haven't done that in years. We need to begin to put emphasis on building clubs again.

We hope you had a good summer and are making plans to join us for your national convention in Greensboro. You can find information on the convention on pages 6-8.

## New Clubs for 2014

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

(January 1, 2014 -- August 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.
Skyline High School Ruri-Teen	Rappahannock	South Warren	

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

### Passing of Past National Directors Carl Moore, Ed Barrier, Calvin Vaughan, David Jones, and Art Pflug

Past National Director **Carl Landon Moore**, 79, of Bagdad, KY passed away Sunday, August 18, 2013. Services for Mr. Moore were on August 21, 2013, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home with Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens. A native of Franklin County, KY he was born May 1, 1934. He was a member and deacon of St. John Baptist Church. At the time of his death he was serving as President, Bald Knob Eagle Ruritan, 2013 Bluegrass District Governor.

Carl is survived by his wife of 56 years, Roberta Goins Moore; son, Landon Darrell Moore (Wilma); daughter, Kathy Lynn Allen (Russ); grandchildren, Michael Moore, Chris Hall, Tabitha Rayborn, Corey Allen, Christy Fulfer; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Lonnie, Willie, Eugene "Wally", and Larry "Crick-et" Moore; and sisters, Betty McDonald and Pamela Moore. He was preceded in death by a son, William Preston Moore; his parents, Walter Sterling Moore Sr. and Bertha Mae Brown Moore; and two brothers, Walter "Junie" Moore Jr. and Donnie Moore.

*NOTE: We are sorry for the delay in announcing Carl Moore's death; we apologize to the family and the Bluegrass District for the oversight.*

Former National Director **Edward Lee Barrier**, 74, passed away August 2, 2014. He served as National Director from 1973 through 1975. He was District Governor of the Western NC district five times. He was the son of the late Donald and Berkie Barrier. Edward was a retired instructor from Isothermal Community College. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Myrlie Barrier, and children Don and Gina Barrier, Dorothy and Chris Roche, Neil and Sherry Barrier, Melissa and Alfred Martin, Malcolm and Joan Watson, Maurice and Cheryl Watson, and Myra Upton. Donations may be made to Hospice of Rutherford County, Box 336, Rutherfordton, NC 28139.

Past National Director **John Calvin Vaughan**, 85, of Dinwiddie County, passed away Monday, June 16, 2014. Born in Petersburg, he was one of six children born to the late John Edward and Mary Gertrude Westmoreland Vaughan. He was also preceded in death by his wife of nearly 65 years, Kathryn "Kitty" Mills Vaughan. Calvin retired from Sears after many years of service. He was an active member of Ocran United Methodist Church and enjoyed singing in the choir there. He was also a past member of the Petersburg Festival Chorus and a participant in the

Senior Olympics. He was a devoted member of Ruritan for many years, a member and past president of the Sutherland Ruritan Club and held various positions on the club, district and national level, including National Director, and was the proud recipient of the Tom Downing Fellow award. He is survived by a daughter, Patricia Kay Lasher and husband, John of Virginia Beach; son Bruce F. Vaughan and wife, Jennifer also of Virginia Beach; grandchildren, Kathy Hersh, Jay Haugh, and John Vaughan, seven great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held June 21. Donations may be made to Ocran United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 309, Sutherland, VA 23885.

**David Franklin Jones**, 78, of Olin, NC, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 12, 2014.

Mr. Jones was born November 23, 1935, in Iredell County and was the son of the late Paul C. Jones and Swanee Journey Jones. He was a graduate of Union Grove High School and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1954. He served 20 years which included two tours in Vietnam and also a tour in Morocco and also at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

On August 9, 1957, he was married to Janet Millsaps Jones, who survives.

After retirement in 1974 from the Marine Corps, he worked at Summers Building Supplies in Union Grove and later joined the N.C. Agricultural Dept. grading cattle.

He was an active lifelong member of Union Grove United Methodist Church. He sang in the choir, was a member of the Methodist Men, and held many offices in church leadership.

He joined the Union Grove Ruritan Club in 1975 and served in many offices both locally and nationally. He was very active in his community, serving on many committees, including the Tri County Medical Park, and was instrumental in bringing many improvements to the community.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Michael D. Jones, a brother, Edward P. Jones, and two sisters, Paulette J. Driver and Violet J. Weisner.

In addition to his wife of 56 years, Mr. Jones is also survived by one daughter, Teresa J. Jones and son-in-law John P. Jones. Two grandchildren, Emily W. Jones and Samuel P. Jones along with a brother, Alfred J. Jones and his wife Karol W. Jones as well

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# Convention Features Rocky Hock 'Opry'

Saturday's Installation Banquet in Greensboro at the 2015 Ruritan National Convention will close with entertainment by the Rocky Hock Opry. The group was founded in 2003 to raise funds for the cancer research and support through the Rocky Hock (NC) Ruritan Relay for Life team. Since that time the group along with the Ruritan team has raised and contributed \$375,000 to the American Cancer Society. Along with supporting the ACS, the Opry has performed many concerts for various functions all around North Carolina and Virginia including the 2010 Ruritan National Convention at Virginia Beach.

The Rocky Hock Opry is a multi-talented group of musicians who pride themselves with presenting clean family shows consisting of a variety of music including country, gospel, pop and great comedy skits from the popular Flat Billy Bob. The show also includes the Opry Boys Quartet performing great gospel songs as well as familiar Statler Brothers and Oak Ridge



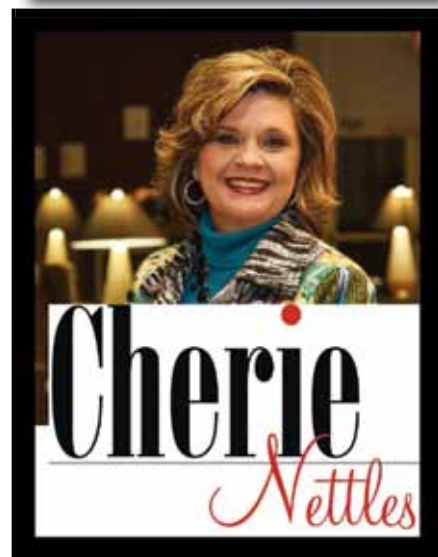
Boys tunes. The three pictures at the top right of the page feature Rocky Hock Opry acts.

On Wednesday night at the convention – get started early with a pre-convention Sock Hop from 8 to 10 p.m. featuring the music (live and recorded) by Keith Campbell – a member of the Ruritan Club and an exhibitor for the National D-Day Memorial. (pictured at left).

Saturday morning the Tickled Pink Breakfast Honoring First Lady Sandra Hogge will feature Cherie Nettles (pictured at right) who has been entertaining and warming hearts for almost 10 years. Born in South Carolina, Cherie Nettles believes all little girls arrive in the magnolia lined states of the south in three ways, safely, sweet and sassy, and she has chosen to place her emphasis on the "Sassy." Cherie Nettles is a Christian comedienne, certified laughter leader, Bible teacher, motivational speaker and writer. Cherie has entertained audiences across the United States with her joy, laughter and motivational messages.

With her light-hearted humor and heart-warming testimony, Cherie will not only entertain Ruritans, but also leave them with a warm feeling that God has touched their lives, much like hers has been touched by God. Cherie has co-authored several books, written her own story, "Growing My Divine Shrine: Your Way to Live, Love and Laugh through Life" written a children's book, and produced a comedy DVD. The breakfast will recognize those among us who have suffered from various types of cancer and include a presentation to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

And don't forget to drop by the Ruritan Photo Booth on Friday afternoon for a free photo session.



# 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.

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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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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

3 or 4 digit code on back \_\_\_\_\_

Check one option below

☐ Bill my credit card now

☐ 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	<b>Package 1 BEST DEAL</b>	\$244	
Two meal package including Friday Fellowship Lunch & Saturday Banquet	<b>Package 2</b>	\$190	
One meal package including Banquet only	<b>Package 3</b>	\$166	

### Friday Package Options

*These prices already include the base fee of \$109*

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Friday day rate including Fellowship Lunch & Veterans Breakfast	<b>Package 4</b>	\$174	
Friday day rate including only Fellowship Lunch	<b>Package 5</b>	\$144	
Friday day rate including only Veterans Breakfast	<b>Package 6</b>	\$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	<b>Package 7</b>	\$201	
Saturday day rate including only First Lady's Breakfast	<b>Package 8</b>	\$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	<b>Package 9</b>	\$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	<b>Foundation</b>	\$42	
Veterans Breakfast on Friday Morning	<b>Veterans</b>	\$35	
Friday Fellowship Luncheon	<b>DRM</b>	\$40	
Breakfast Honoring First Lady Sandra Hogge on Saturday morning	<b>First Lady</b>	\$40	
Installation Banquet on Saturday evening	<b>Banquet</b>	\$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.*

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### 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.*

## Candidates Announce For National Office



### **National President Elect**

Charles R. "Chuck" Myers II  
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**CLUB:** Joined Prince George Club (VA) in 1998; 15 years perfect attendance; Secretary

2 years; Vice President 3 years; President 3 years; Ruritan of the Year 2007; Co-Chair Johnny Oates Golf Tournament 2005-2014; Chair Red Cross Blood Drives 2008-2014; Charter Member (associate) City Point Ruritan Club - 6 years perfect attendance

**DISTRICT:** Holland District Governor 2010; Lt. Governor 2009; Zone Governor 2008; Lt. Zone Governor 2007; Chairman Founders' Day 2009; Chairman District Red Cross Blood Drives 2009-2010; Chairman Founders' Day Golf Tournament 2009-2014; Chairman Zone Red Cross Blood Drives 2008-2010

**NATIONAL:** National Director 2011-2013; Growth, Development and Member Retention Committee 2011-2013; Chairman of Growth Development and Member Retention Committee 2013; Presider at National Convention All American Luncheon 2013; Coordinated National Convention Blood Drives 2012-2013; Implemented Blitz, 1 + 1, and "Wanted" Growth Programs; Summer Leadership Conference 2009-2014; Reception & Fellowship Committee 2010; Flag Ceremony 2010, 2014; Sgt.-at-Arms 2010; Convention Delegate 2008-2014;

Tom Downing Fellow; Ruritan Forever

**EDUCATION:** Attended Hopewell High School; B.A. Business Admin.-Elon University

**OCCUPATION:** Carolina Biological Supply - 3 years; Fluor-Daniel - 16 years; Self-Employed - The Mattress & Spring - 22 years

**OTHER:** Member: Bethlehem Congregational Church; Wife - Mary, 24 years (City Point Ruritan Charter Member); Son - Tripp (Jennifer); one granddaughter Leah and Daughter - McKenzie



### **National President Elect**

John "Calvin" Shelton  
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**CLUB:** Joined Clear Springs (TN) Club in 2002; President; Vice-President; Director; Busi-

ness and Professions Chair

**DISTRICT:** Davy Crockett District Governor; Lt. Governor; Zone 4 Governor; Zone 5 Governor; Leadership Development Chair; Growth & Development Chair and Tennessee Rally Commissioner

**NATIONAL:** National Director; Capital Replacement Committee; National Board Sgt. at Arms; Sgt.-at-Arms at National Convention; Served on Registration & Credentials Committee; DRM; Ruritan Forever; Tom Downing Fellow; Golden Key for 65+ members

**EDUCATION:** Attended Chuckey-Doak High School, Afton, TN

**OCCUPATION:** Part-time construction for 49 years; retired from Parker Hannifin Corp., Greeneville, TN for 30+ yrs.; honored by North Greene High School Athletics for service and sacrifice; honored by Greeneville Takedown Club in appreciation for service; traveled extensively doing mission work in Nicaragua, Venezuela, Mexico, Palestine and the states

**OTHER:** First Church of God, Greeneville, Tennessee; married for 44 years to Patsy Million Shelton; two sons and four grandchildren



### **National Treasurer**

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**CLUB:** Joined Canfield (OH) Club in 1991 and is currently a member of Beaver Township

(OH) Club since 1999; Served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Received Outstanding President Award

**DISTRICT:** Ohio District Governor; Lt. Governor; District Leadership Development Coordinator; Foundation Chair; Growth & Development Chair; Zone Governor

\*Biographies were printed as submitted by candidates by July 1\*

**NATIONAL:** National Treasurer; National Director; Delegate at 20 National Conventions; Tom Downing Fellow; Sergeant-at-Arms Committee; Community Service Award Committee; Workshop Presenter at National Convention; Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair

**EDUCATION:** The Ohio State University; Bachelor of Science in Accounting; Juris Doctor-Law

**OCCUPATION:** Practicing Lawyer; Special Counsel, Ohio Attorney General; Mahoning County Bar Association and Ohio State Bar Association

**OTHER:** Chairman Church Finance Committee; Former Instructor, Dale Carnegie Course; Past President of Carnegians, Inc. and Recipient of Its Good Human Relations Award; Master Mason, Allen Lodge; U.S. Army Veteran; Youngstown Shrine Club; Married to Donna Bricker; Eight (8) Children and Nine (9) Grandchildren



**National Director**

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**CLUB:** Joined Jefferson Club (MD) in 1978; President 1983; Vice President 1982; Secretary

1979-81; 1987-present (30 years); Publicity/Public Relations Chairman (10 years)

**DISTRICT:** Potomac District Governor 2014; Lt. Governor 2013; Secretary 2008-2012; Publicity/Public Relations Chair (5 years); Golf Tournament Co-chair (5 years); Club Directors' leadership trainer (District Convention 2013)

**NATIONAL:** Tom Downing Fellow; National Leadership Seminar attendee 2013-14; Attended numerous National Conventions; Lt. Governor leadership trainer 2014; Sgt.-at-Arms Committee 2014

**EDUCATION:** Masters plus 60 hours (Curriculum and Instruction/Education Leadership/Adm. Certification); Middletown High School, Middletown, MD; Salisbury University (Bachelors of Science, Elementary Ed.); Mr. SSC 1969; Shippensburg University (Master Degree, Curriculum and Instruction); Johns Hopkins' University/University of Maryland (Admin. Certification/advanced studies)

**OCCUPATION:** Frederick County Public Schools, Frederick, MD: Retired 2004; Elementary Classroom Teacher (5 years); School-based Administrator-VP & Principal (30 years) at Elementary and

Middle School levels; Frederick Co. Adm. and Supervision Personnel Association President (2 years); Maryland State Elementary School Principals' Association (convention chair-1 year); Life-time MD PTA member; Washington Post Education Leadership Award recipient 2003

**OTHER:** Volunteer Fireman/EMT (former); United Methodist Church affiliation; Circle K (college): president and Lt. governor; Optimist Club (former): club president and distinguished Lt. governor; VFW auxiliary member; Traveling (37 countries + 45 states); golfing; beach; Wife-Nelda (45 years); two daughters (Laura and husband Randy; Emily and husband JT); four grandsons (AJ, Zak, Brooks and Bodie)



**National Director**

Gary Solomon  
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**CLUB:** Joined Redwood (VA) Club in 1986; President six times, Treasurer four times;

Charter Member of the Glade Hill (VA) Club; DRM 2012; Received the President Gold Key Pin; and 28 years perfect attendance

**DISTRICT:** Peaks of Otter District Governor three times; Lt. Governor three times; Zone 4 Governor four times; and Growth and Development Chair

**NATIONAL:** Attended 21 National Conventions; Leadership Conference three times; President Escort 2009 and 2012; Served on Registration and Credentials Committee; Ruritan Forever; and Tom Downing Fellow

**EDUCATION:** Franklin County High School

**OCCUPATION:** Retired carpenter

**OTHER:** Married to Brenda for 43 years; one son Terry/Dian; Served in the United States Army; Vietnam Veteran, Charter Member of the Franklin County Veterans Memorial Commission and Vice-Chairman; Hunting; Fishing; and Riding ATV/Sea Doo

\*Biographies were printed as submitted  
by candidates by July 1\*

**National Director**

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18607 Stonewall Drive  
Dinwiddie, VA 23841

**CLUB:** Joined Dinwiddie (VA) Club in 2003; Fund-raising Chair since 2003;

Membership Committee; Nominations Committee; Dinwiddie Steak Festival Chair 2004-Present; Board of Directors 2003-2005; Vice President 2 years 2005 and 2010; President 2 years 2006 and 2011. Joined La Crosse-Bracey (VA) Club in 2013; Secretary 2014.

**DISTRICT:** Appomattox District Zone 1 Governor 2007-2010; Zone 1 Lt. Governor 2011-2012; District Lt. Governor 2012; District Governor 2013-2014; Chair-Publicity/Newsletter 2007-Present; District Convention Committee; Spring Rally Committee; Leadership Conference 2012-2014.

**NATIONAL:** District Governors' Training 2013-2014; Sgt. at Arms-National Conventions 2013-2014; Designated Supply Room Sgt. at Arms by National President Phyllis Lewter 2013 Convention-Covington, Kentucky; 1<sup>st</sup> Place, District Newsletter Media Award 2013.

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Dinwiddie High School; Richard Bland College (Associate of Science); Kansas State University (Interdisciplinary Studies); Mountain Empire College (Geographic Information Systems, GIS Certification).

**OCCUPATION:** Employed with the City of Hopewell (VA) as the Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager; Former Law Enforcement Officer 14 years and Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator 7 years; 25+ years experience in Local Government.

**OTHER:** Member of Crawford United Methodist Church; Petersburg/Dinwiddie Crime Solvers Board Member 2004-Present; Dinwiddie Volunteer Rescue Squad 1983-1990; Coached baseball, softball, soccer and basketball; Wife – Jody; 2 children – Kelly and Scott.

**National Director**  
**2 year term**

Frances Long  
1701 Providence Road  
Elizabeth City, NC 27909  
longboy@centurylink.net

**CLUB:** Joined Nixonton (NC) in 2003 and transferred

to Inter-County (NC) in 2014. In Nixonton Club (NC): Vice-President 2 years; President 2 years, Public Relations; Programs and Entertainment.

**DISTRICT:** Albemarle District Lt. Zone Governor; Zone Governor; Lt. District Governor-visitation to all 25 Clubs; and District Governor-visitation to all 25 Clubs

**NATIONAL:** Given Governor's Reports to National Office and one to National President from Governor's District

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Central High School-Pasquotank County; Elizabeth City College of the Albemarle and different classes offered posted

**OCCUPATION:** Albemarle Hospital-worked with Operating Room. Kept book for Cox's Mattress Company. Cashier A&P Co.

**OTHER:** Member of Church of Christ for 46 years. Taught Sunday School, taught Bible studies, in charge of Benevolent Committee. Married to Ronnie for 29 years, have a daughter; a son and three grandchildren. President Community Watch groups; member of City's Storm water Unit; member of Police Chief's Taskforce; City Mayor's Election Committee, etc.

\*Biographies were printed as submitted  
by candidates by July 1\*

## Ballot Issues for 2015 National Convention

*Delegates to the 2015 Ruritan National Convention will have two National Bylaws amendments to consider on the ballot in January in Greensboro. As required, both of these items were passed by the National Board of Directors before coming before the delegates.*

### **Bylaws Issue #1**

Vote to change **National Bylaws Article V – Officers. Section 2. Qualifications.** to read:

“To be eligible for the office of national director a person shall be an active member in good standing of an adult club for at least five (5) years and served at least one (1) term as a district governor, area zone governor, or national director.

To be eligible for an executive office (President, President-Elect, Secretary, or Treasurer) a person shall be an active member in good standing of an adult club for at least five (5) years and served at least one (1) term as a National Director.

No member of the Board of Directors who has completed a full term will be eligible for election to any National Office until a lapse of one (1) year.”

Previously this article stated: **Article V – Officers Section 2. Qualifications.** “To be eligible for an office in Ruritan National a person shall be an active member in good standing of an adult club for at least five (5) years and have served one (1) term as a member of a district cabinet or one (1) term as an area zone governor.”

Rationale: To require additional qualifications of candidates running for the National Board in an attempt to attract better qualified candidates.

### **Bylaws Issue #2**

Vote to change **National Bylaws Article XI – Electronic Meetings** to read:

The BOD, EXCOM, standing committees, and special committees are authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long **as a quorum is present and all members in attendance can** simultaneously participate (by whatever means) during the meeting. All other guidance from the bylaws and board policy applies to meetings of committees and board of directors.

Previously this article stated: **Article XI – Electronic Meetings:** *The BOD, EXCOM, standing committees, and special committees are authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as all the members may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.*

Rationale: To allow an electronic meeting to take place with a quorum present.

**Note that delegate certification closes at 9 a.m. Saturday, January 17, 2015 in Greensboro with voting to take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.**

## Message From 2014 Foundation President Danny Privott



### Thank You For Supporting the Foundation

Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2014 grants. All Ruritan clubs are eligible to submit an application for a Build Your Dollar club grant but only about 1/3 (368 in 2013-2014) of clubs have applied in recent years. Simply write a check for \$300 for the

#### Ruritan National FOUNDATION

##### 2014 Board of Trustees

**President:** Danny Privott  
**Vice President:** David Freshly  
**Treasurer:** Fred Payne  
**Secretary:** Pat Davis  
**Promotion Chair:** Jayson Duncan



BYD Club Grant and submit to the Ruritan Foundation Office (postmarked on or before October 1). Then comply in a timely manner with all the additional rules that are noted on information received from the Foundation Office. That means over 600 clubs still could participate and receive a check from the Foundation to help further a young person's education. Consider the BYD Club Grant in the future for your Ruritan Club.

Regular Grant applications are to be filled out in their entirety and submitted to the Ruritan Foundation Office (postmarked on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>). Just like Past National Presidents Gary Taylor and Jimmy Bristow have been saying, there are many pieces to the puzzle for attending the 2015 Ruritan National Convention. They say that YOU are a piece of this puzzle, and without YOU the puzzle will be incomplete. This application also has pieces of its puzzle and if any piece is missing, it also will be incomplete. Each application is judged and graded on its own merit. The application contains a space for information pertaining to family income, number of family members in school, applicants GPA, applicants A.C.T. score, applicants S.A.T. score, and applicant's profile information. Two reference letters signed by a Ruritan member must accompany the application. ALL of the PUZZLE PIECES of the APPLICATION are EQUALLY IMPORTANT and must be RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>. When filling out the application, N/A is a correct response if it applies but do not leave spaces blank. Each application is carefully reviewed and graded by each of the five Foundation Trustees. The applications that receive the highest score within the guidelines set by the Trustees receive a \$600 Grant.



*Ruritan National President Elect Bobby Burton (center) and wife Linda received their Million Dollar Pins at the 2014 Summer Leadership Conference.*

#### Foundation Awards Dinner / Banquet

The Foundation Dinner / Banquet at 2015 National Convention will be Friday night at 6pm. Banquet meal will consist of a two entrée buffet with a selection of vegetables, salads and desserts with coffee, tea and water at a cost of \$42 each. This and the live Foundation auction will be the only scheduled Ruritan events on Friday evening. Immediately following the banquet and in the same vicinity, the live auction will begin. We can call the Foundation live auction our Friday evening "entertainment" if it is anything like it has been in past years. Remember the Foundation Auction at the National Convention by bringing items. Come prepared to bid on items. Thank you in advance for supporting your Foundation.



*Ruritan National Foundation President Danny Privott is shown presenting 2000 Albermarle Ruritan District Governor Chris Hooper a plaque for a \$1000 Permanent Fund in his name. This was purchased by the district in appreciation of his service as District Governor.*

## Ruritan National Foundation News



Ruritan members of the Davy Crockett District are pictured with Tennessee State Senator Rusty Crowe at the town of Unicoi Tourist Information Center. Senator Crowe presented a painting by the late Nat Winston, Jr., (Tennessee's 1st Commissioner of Mental Health) to E. Douglas Varney, current Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services by way of the Tennessee State Museum. Pictured left to right are: National Director Joe Jaynes, 1967 National Presi-

dent Robert Bailey, Davy Crockett District Governor Greg Goode, Tennessee Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Representative Douglas Varney, Tennessee Senator Rusty Crowe, Norman O'Dell, 2013 Foundation President; Johnny Lynch, Unicoi Ruritan Club and Mayor of Town of Unicoi; Greg Lynch, Unicoi Ruritan Club and Mayor of Unicoi County.

Senator Crowe purchased the painting by making a \$500 donation to the Davy Crockett District in support of their auction to raise funds for the National Foundation.

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as many nieces and nephews also survive.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of David Jones was conducted at 2:00 PM Thursday, July 17, 2014, at Union Grove United Methodist Church with Rev. Neill Shaw and Rev. Steve Kirby officiating. Full military honors were conducted by the Iredell County Veterans Burial Detail. The family visited with friends in the church fellowship hall following the military honors.

**Arthur "Art" Pflug**, 86, a longtime resident of McDonald, TN went to his Heavenly Home on Sunday, July 13th, 2014 surrounded by his family. Art was born on September 2nd, 1927 in Zelienople, PA a son of the late Wilbert and Amy Pflug. He graduated from Bryan College in 1954. Art served as pastor of West Brown Chapel and assistant Pastor of Look-out Mountain Presbyterian Church from 1954-1962. During this time he attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA and graduated from Columbia in 1960. Art was director of Bachman Children's Home from 1962-1989 and had over 2,000 children that went through Bachman Home and thought of him as their father. After retiring from Bachman he started interim Pastoring, filling in pulpits for different churches until 2013. Art attended First Presbyterian Church where he taught Sunday School.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wife Margaret Rebecca Pflug and one son Timothy Pflug.

Art leaves behind to cherish his memory daughter Rebecca "Becky" Merriman and her husband Richard, son Danny Pflug and his wife Sue, son Jonathan

Pflug and his wife Linda and daughter Martha Pflug, grandchildren Jonathan Merriman and his wife Rhonda, April Bentley, Rebecca Seiber and her husband Chris, Jason Pflug, David Pflug, Timothy Pflug, Ann Pflug, Scotty Armstrong and his wife Kara, Jeremiah Armstrong and his wife Cassie, Jacob Armstrong and Molly Clouse and her husband Matt, great grandchildren Jessica Merriman, Rachel Merriman, Danielle Albanna and her husband Khaled, Maggie Bentley, Tucker Bentley, Jonah Seiber, Montana Pflug, Carrie Pflug, Shelly & Hunter Armstrong and Noah & Noel Clouse. Art is also survived by numerous other extended family members, his many Bachman children, church family and a host of special friends.

A celebration of his life was planned for Wednesday, July 16th, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church located at 433 N. Ocoee Street in Cleveland, TN with the Dr. Joseph R. Tanner officiating. Interment followed in the Lee Cemetery in McDonald, TN with the family serving as pallbearers.



### Thompson Works Auction

**Thompson (OH)** Ruritan Club was selected to be a food vendor at a three-day car auction. The club owns a 24ft trailer equipped with two propane grills, drink cooler, refrigerator, and microwave and works approximately 20 auctions per year. This is the main source of income which provides several scholarships and help local charities. Pictured are club members that worked the event.

### National Trail Supports Firemen's Festival

**National Trail (OH)** Ruritan Club held a breakfast fundraiser to support the New Concord Firemen's Festival. Club Member Randy Bridwell and family rode in a 1967 Ford Pumper truck to advertise the club. Other club members helped grill chicken at the firemen's food booth.



### 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.



**St. Clair (OH)** Ruritan Club and the VFW from St. Clairsville, Ohio, observed Memorial Day by placing 700 American flags on veterans' graves at Linwood Cemetery.



## Good Will Club Visits Hospital

**Good Will** (MS) Ruritan Club planted over 60 chrysanthemum (airplane) flower pots and delivered them to the Fresenius Medical Care Center formerly known as the Kidney Care Center. One patient stated, "I am so glad that you all thought of us here at Kidney Care. We appreciate it. Thank you so very much." This made the club members feel good seeing the patients faces light up as they received their plants. The club delivered Father's Day baskets to the Saint Francis Apartment Complex and Mother's Day baskets to the women on Mother's Day.



## News From Ruritan: **New River District**

### Wytheville Named Grand Marshal of Parade



For over 25 years, the **Wytheville** (VA) Ruritan Club has sold funnel cakes at the annual Chautauqua Festival-in-the-Park and has donated 15 percent of sales to the Wythe Arts Council which operates and oversees the event. The club was honored during the 2014 festival by being named as the parade's Grand Marshal. **Ceres** (VA) Ruritan Club sponsored the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show where 62 cars and trucks were displayed.



## News From Ruritan: **Georgia - North Alabama District**



### Ruritan National Secretary James Mills Visits Model Club

**Model** (GA) Ruritan Club President Charles "Junior" McEntire presented National Secretary James Mills a Ruritan Thank You cup for informing the club of some of the activities and assistance that are available from Ruritan National. Pictured (l-r) are McEntire, Past District Governor Vicky Mills, National Secretary James Mills, and District Governor Les Hopper.

## Salem Presents Scholarships



**Salem** (VA) Ruritan Club presented three \$1,500 scholarships to Maddie Kopjanski, Victoria Bourgeois-Osborne, and Daniel Grotz. Kopjanski plans to attend the University of Montana or Virginia Tech. Bourgeois-Osborne and Grotz plan to attend the University of Virginia. The students were selected from the applications received based on their academic achievement, extracurricular activities, community service, and an essay. Pictured is Grotz receiving his scholarship certificate from Club Secretary Max Weber. To celebrate all

graduates, the club also supplied and grilled 320 hamburgers for the Culpeper County High School Senior Picnic.



## Rocky Mt. Durham District Clubs Present Scholarships



Kirsten Ellis was the 2014 Lewis Roberts Scholarship recipient from the **Bahama** (NC) Ruritan Club. Ellis is a graduate of Northern High School where she excelled both athletically and academically. She will be attending High Point University and plans to major in communications. Ellis (pictured top left) is shown receiving a \$1,000 scholarship check from Club President Rick Whitaker.

**Efland** (NC) Ruritan Club President Johnny Cates (picture top right) presented \$1,000 scholarship to Layla Diaz (left) of Orange High School and Logan Barefoot (right) of Cedar Ridge High School.



**Sylvan** (NC) Ruritan Club presented three scholarships. Pictured (bottom left) are Club President Jeff Neese, Katherine Way, Angel Scales, and Brandy Williams

Pictured on the right (second picture) are **Zeb Vance** (NC) Ruritan Club's scholarship

recipients. Top picture is club member Winston Kerley presenting scholarships to Kristen Lawrence and Taylor Young. Bottom picture is club member Paul Faucette presenting a scholarship to Kendell Williams.



## Marlowe and Lothian Celebrate Independence Day



**Marlowe** (WV) Ruritan Club celebrated Independence Day with the dedication of a veterans memorial. The club hosted a free community breakfast featuring live bluegrass music. Club members removed shrubs in front of the building and placed an engraved plaque and stepping stones with the insignia of each branch of the armed forces around the flagpole. Participants of the project will have their name placed on one of the stones.

**Lothian** (MD) Ruritan Club received first prize in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and first prize in the July 12<sup>th</sup> Fire Fighters parade for its "Train Load of Community Service."



**Johnsville** (MD) Ruritan Club donated Rudy Bears to the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (l-r) are Tim Slane, Club President Opal Snyder, Youth Member Wyatt Wagner, Cody Henn, and Chip Stevens.

## Maugansville Presents Scholarships

Four local high school students and their families were guests of the **Maugansville** (MD) Ruritan Club. Each student was a winner of a \$1,000 scholarship. The club has presented scholarships for 49 years. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Cole Helman, Carly Waugh, and Taylor Shank. Not pictured was Clayton Smith.



In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, club members placed American flags throughout the town.

## News From Ruritan: Potomac District continued

### New Franklin and St. Thomas Area Present Scholarships

**New Franklin (PA)** Ruritan Club presented 15 seniors with a \$1,500 scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are Cameron Beckner, Quentin Clapper, Ashlyn Bubak, Racheal Mooney, Brittnei Kane, Club Vice President Sharon Guyer, Keith Kegerreis, Kendra Myers, Crystal Thomas, Matt Porter, Maggie Mellott, Elaine Etter, and Semantha Russell. Not pictured are recipients Jesse Helman, Ana Velazquez, and Rebeka Byers.

**St. Thomas Area (PA)** Ruritan Club presented three scholarships. Natalie Shank received a \$1,000 scholarship and will be attending Shippensburg University. John Malone received a \$1,000 scholarship and will be attending University of Delaware. Hailey Martin received a \$250 scholarship and will be attending Wilson College. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee Chair Shellie Veritz, Shank, Malone, and Martin.



## News From Ruritan: Delmarva-New Jersey District

### Kenton Youth Members Help Neighbor

Pictured are youth members of the **Kenton (DE)** Ruritan Club sprucing up a school bus shelter and lending a helping hand to a neighbor by removing debris after a garage was built. Pictured (l-r) are Brandon Warncke, Michael Brown Jr., Duncan McMullen, and Maxwell Lattomus.

**Sudlersville (MD)** Ruritan Club was able to give a total of \$13,700 in scholarships to graduating seniors and college students. \$5,900 went to eight high school seniors. All monies were made available through the club's Annual Memorial Scholarship Shoot honoring late member James Walls. Pictured (l-r) are Past National Director and Scholarship Chair Robert Newton, Scholarship Committee Member Bryan Darling, Brandy Amini, Leigh Blackiston, Hannah Byerly, Latia Lewis, Caroline Peterson, Anna Seitzer, and Kelsey Walters.



## Camp Creek Honors Students



**Camp Creek** (TN) Ruritan Club Vice President Beverly Barwick presented certificates and monetary gifts to seven students for perfect attendance on behalf of the club at Camp Creek Elementary School. Pictured on the front (l-r) are Nathan Moody, 1<sup>st</sup> grade; Wyatt Moody, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; and Lucas Southerland, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. On the back (l-r) are Barwick, Abbigail Lane, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Savanna Drew, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; and Elizabeth Blake, 8<sup>th</sup> grade; and not pictured is Haley Gaby, 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

The club completed its pavilion honoring veterans and a memorial for those lost in the Camp Creek tornado in 2011. On Memorial Day, the ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by 100 people including local and state officials. Pictured are club members who have dedicated hundreds of hours in the construction and monetary donations along with many local businesses and interested parties. There is also a concession stand available to provide concessions for the baseball and softball leagues the club sponsors each year. The club is also sponsoring a Lending Library, located in the pavilion, for everyone in the community to enjoy books, without cost, and promoting educational growth.



## Leesburg Holds Turkey Shoot

**Leesburg** (TN) Ruritan Club has been holding a Turkey Shoot event since 1968 on Saturday nights from September through April. The event is open to the community. Pictured right are participants of the event.



## Jonesborough Presents “Build Your Dollar” Scholarship



Through the **Jonesborough** (TN) Ruritan Club's participation in the “Build Your Dollar” Program, Club President Janice Rogers was able to present a \$600 scholarship

to Colt Jenkins. Colt has been accepted by East Tennessee State University and will be majoring in physical therapy. He also would like to play football in 2015 when the University resumes a football program.



1967 National President Bob Bailey (l) installed Hontas Bailey as 2014 Davy Crockett Lt. Governor. Hontas became a member of the **South Central** (TN) Ruritan Club in 1999 and has served as president and vice president.

## Germanton Hosts Veterans



**Germanton** (NC) Ruritan Club hosted five WWII Veterans and families at the Germanton Park. The veterans told stories of their time in the service. The veterans told the club that they appreciated the fact that club meetings open with the singing of "America" and close with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pictured (l-r) are Claddie Nelson, Gerald White, Bob Smith, W.C. (Check) Montgomery, and Ned Banner.

**South Stokes** (NC) Ruri-Teen Club and the Germanton Club made "Fidgety" aprons for Al-

zheimers patients at an assisted living Alzheimers Care Unit. The students placed felt, buttons, zippers, and bells on the aprons so that the patients could wear these and have hand activities.



## Central Caswell Presents Scholarship



**Central Caswell** (NC) Ruritan Club presented scholarship checks to Daniel Robertson and Daniel Sartin. Robertson will be attending UNC Pembroke in the fall and studying Criminal Justice. Sartin will be attending State in the fall and studying Biological Engineering. Pictured (l-r) are Social Development Chair Addie Cook, Daniel Robertson, and Daniel Sartin.



Pictured is Surry County Program Specialist for Senior Enrichment Program Tom Bechom (l) receiving a \$500 donation from **Pilot** (NC) Ruritan Club Vice President Donna Sutphin during the Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch.



**Greater Whitsett** (NC) Ruritan Club honors Billy Sutton for 30 years of perfect attendance. National President Elect Bobby Burton presented a plaque to Sutton during the clubs 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.



**Leasburg** (NC) Ruritan Club member Tracy Kirby was recognized for her accomplishments during the 2014 Caswell County Special Olympics. Tracy received metals in softball throw, walking, and jumping.

## News From Ruritan: Cherokee District

### Harrison Sponsors Car Wash

When Central High School needs a helping hand, the **Harrison** (TN) Ruritan Club is always there. The club supports the school with scholarships and organizes community service activities. When Junior Chris DeRogatis was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, the club sponsored a car wash and pancake breakfast to help with medical expenses. Pictured are Past President Barbara Knowles presenting Chris DeRogatis and his mother with a \$3,000 check.



### Come Visit the Ruritan National Office

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

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



Pictured (center) is **Morrison** (TN) Ruritan Club's \$600 scholarship recipient Jonathan Ewton. Sue Anderson (left) and Shirley Driver (right) presented the award.

## News From Ruritan: Tennessean District

### Holston Hosts Non-Partisan Political Rally

**Holston** (TN) Ruritan Club President Walter Van Huss introduces Tennessee's Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey at Holston's first Non-Partisan Political Rally. At the gathering, 88 candidates vying for office in the August elections for Sullivan County, Tennessee, were invited to briefly speak to the public. Pictured are Van Huss and Ron Ramsey.

Past National Foundation President Gene Austin and member of the **Gravelly** (TN) Ruritan Club presented \$545 scholarship to Christina Hyatt and Matthew Rhoten. Hyatt is a graduate of Sullivan North High School and will be attending Northeast State College to study for a degree in social work. Rhoten (pictured on the right) is attending the University of North Carolina working towards his Master's degree in Public Administration. Rhoten is also a member of the club.



## News From Ruritan: Hermitage District



### Gadsden Sponsors Youth Member

Ruritan history and the importance of having youth members in a Ruritan Club is seen in the **Gadsden** (TN) Ruritan Club. Youth member Page Richardson was sponsored by her great-grandmother Wanda Richardson, wife of charter member Porter Richardson. Page is on the Public Service Committee. Pictured (l-r) are Club Vice President Joyce Thomas, Page Richardson, Wanda Richardson, and Club President Edward Wilson.

## Grand Junction Donates to Animal Shelter



**Grand Junction** (TN) Ruritan Club sponsored a drive to donate needed items to the Hardeman Adoptable Animals. The organization operates solely on donations. Club President Mary Jo Gordon is shown presenting a check of \$200 to Eleanor Morgan.

The right picture shows Gordon, WREG-TV Meteorologist Tim Simpson, and Jennifer Smallwood presenting Dasha Mason with a \$1,000 scholarship check. Dasha plans to attend UT Chattanooga and major in nursing.



## News From Ruritan: Upper West Virginia District



### Headsville Countryside Youth are Staying Active

Youth members of the **Headsville Countryside** (WV) Ruritan Club completed a community service project by planting flowers at the Headsville United Methodist Church. Pictured (l-r) are Sarah Powell, Hunter Powell, Alex Morales, and Jose Morales.

## News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District

### Clintonville and Williamsburg Install New Members



A local power outage didn't stop the **Clintonville** (WV) Ruritan Club celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. National President Elliott Hogge installed new Youth Member Lindsey Sykes. Club President Neal Holliday presented certificates for years of service to (bottom left) Lee Johnson (60-years); Bobbie Jo Butcher, on behalf of Verlin Butcher, (43-years); Frank Hampton (30-years); and John Boyle (28-years).



#### **Williamsburg**

(WV) Ruritan Club members welcomed new member Blanche Kniceley and

presented her with a Rudy Bear. Pictured on the right front (l-r) are Blanche Kniceley and Ruth Hopkins. Pictured back (l-r) are Jonna Mullins, Margaret Crookshanks, and Debra Zahorenko.



## News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District

### Bethlehem Cleans Up Highway

Members that participated in a July Roadside Cleanup from the **Bethlehem** (NC) Ruritan Club are (front) Terry Rairdon, Hayden Bentley, Jim McManus Sr., (back row) Ross Searcy, Club Vice President Sam Powell, Club Treasurer Dennis Cain, and Max White.

Additionally, the club held a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for the Bethlehem Elementary School and the West Alexander Middle School. Club members Lucille Hefner, Fred Lackey, and Buddy Sutphin served the teachers.



### Collettsville Recognize Students

**Collettsville** (NC) Club recognized Deanna Kilby and Thomas Melton as Students of the Year. The Collettsville School eighth graders were selected by the faculty to receive the honor. Kilby and Melton are pictured with Club Secretary Patsy Richardson.



### Dan River Community Celebrates Anniversary

**Dan River Community** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary with 17 members receiving perfect attendance awards. District Governor Mike McPeek (right) congratulated club members Wallace Stevens and Kennerly Elliott for 33-years of perfect attendance. Zone 7 Governor Jean Goodman presented the awards.

The club held its traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and thanked World War II Veterans for their service. Club Vice President Robert Smart and President Henry Terry welcomed veterans William Miller, Thomas Conner, A G Lewis, Pete Myers, and Bill Dawson.



### Chatham Awards Scholarships

**Chatham** (VA) Ruritan National Club awarded three scholarships. The Bobby Stump/Ray Easley scholarship was awarded to Bailey Honeycutt. She will pursue a nursing degree at Danville Community College. The Chatham Ruritan National Club scholarship was awarded to Courtney East. She will be attending Danville Community College to receive a degree in marine science. The Fuller Motley scholarship was awarded to Emily Wade. She will attend Liberty University and pursue a degree in industrial engineering and a minor in Business.



### Climax Presents President's Golden Key

**Climax** (VA) Ruritan Club President Charlie Rowland (l) presented the President's Golden Key to Brenda Brooks; (five new members), Darlene Gibson; (two new members), and Elizabeth Coles; (two new members).



## News From Ruritan: Greenville-Goldsboro District

### Southwood Collects Drink Tabs

Pictured (l-r) are **Southwood** (NC) Ruritan Club President Susan Baker and Club Director Katherine Pierce with a 27 gallons of canned drink tabs collected for the Greenville Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald



McDonald House sells these tabs to buy supplies as the need arises. Tabs were donated by the club, White Oak Shores & RV Resort, and JR County Store.

The club also donated blankets, hats, scarves, and stuffed animals to the Leo Jenkins Children's Cancer Center. Children are able to select the stuffed animal and blanket of their choice to keep. Pictured are Club Member Katherine Pierce and Pt Access Coordinator Dana Sparks.



**Wheat Swamp** (NC) Club President Carlena Braxton is pictured giving a donation to the Vietnam Veterans Museum Representative Ivey Moody to help with operating expenses.



**Pink Hill** (NC) Ruritan Club is shown presenting Rudy Bears to the Lenoir County EMS Deep Run Station. Pictured (l-r) are Robert Houston, Club President Clay Howard, Michelle Johnson, Josh Dougherty, and Steven Andrews.

## News From Ruritan: Appomattox District

### Cartersville Presents Scholarships



**Cartersville** Ruritan Club presented two \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients are (l-r) Ashley Darling of Mills Godwin High School in Henrico County and Ivy Arbaugh of Cumberland High School in Cumberland County. The scholarships were presented by Club Secretary and Scholarship Chair Bruce Robinson.

### Kenbridge Donates to School



**Kenbridge** (VA) Ruritan Club Members John Scales and Eddie Edmunds are shown with boxes of supplies the club donated to the Annual School Supply Give-way Program.

## Nixonton Delivers Flowers



Wyatt Sullivan, the youngest member of the **Nixonton (NC)** Ruritan Club, tries out the new Kids Corner in the club building. This area gives children something to do during club activities.

Maria Van Dewalker is the lucky winner of the club's 50/50 Raffle. Mike Shepard presented her with a dozen roses. Pictured (l-r) are Maria's husband Chris,



Maria, and Mike Shepard. Delivery was made on Mother's Day.

## Parksville Township Celebrates 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**Parksville Township (NC)** Ruritan Club celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Albemarle District Governor Ronnie Long and National Director Clay Byrum were in attendance. Club President Ronnie Pippen accepted a certificate acknowledging the club's service to the community.

Pictured (l-r) are Ronnie Long, Ronnie

Pippen, and National Director Clay Byrum. The club also welcomed new member Michelle Winslow that evening.

Additionally, Pippen presented scholarships to (l-r) Trevian Long, Kelly Tyson, Mariah Fuller, and Kiana Jones.



## West Union Hosts Veterans Dinner

**West Union (IL)** Ruritan Club hosted a Veterans Dinner for area veterans and veteran widows. The evening closed with entertainment. Pictured are the guest of the evening.

## News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

### Powhatan Collects Supplies for Hospital

**Powhatan** (VA) Ruritan Club promoted Ruritan by setting up a display table at its local bank. Brochures, meeting calendars, and its Blue Ribbon Award were on exhibit. Pictures of club members at fundraiser were posted to gain interest from the public.



Additionally, the club collected supplies for the Martinsburg Veterans Hospital. Pictured (l-r) are Sandra Lawson, Club President Lorraine Shelton, Dick Ryan, Club Vice President Jeanette Dovel, and Richard Lawson.



### Mt. Crawford Gains New Members



**Mt. Crawford** (VA) Ruritan Club gained three new members. Pictured are new members Anakin Lussier, Jeremy Critcher, and Brooke Good. Vice President Lexi Campbell on the right is pictured after she received her President's Golden Key Award.



## News From Ruritan: Columbia District

### Sandy Run Delivers Baskets



Geiger, Betty Geiger, Becky Starnes, Lena Stabler, Liz McCullar, Amber Hardee, Ginger Hardee, Vivian Robinson, Sandra Pees, Howard Pees, Snooky McCullar, and Kay James. Marshall Stabler is not pictured.



Laura from Hunters for the Hungry was presented a check for \$100 from **Belmont Community** (VA) Ruritan Club President Harold Myers.

Members of the **Sandy Run** (SC) Ruritan Club prepared and delivered 24 baskets to the elderly, sick, and shut-ins in the community for their annual Christmas in July Project. Pictured are participants Sage Davis, Brady Stabler, Fowler Stabler, Herbert

## Woodrow Wilson Clubs Celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



In the central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, three Ruritan Clubs were formed within months of each other 75 years ago. These three clubs, **Mt. Sidney** (VA), **New Hope** (VA), and **Weyers Cave** (VA) Ruritan Clubs, came together to celebrate their 75 years of service to the community.

The catered dinner was held at the Weyers Cave Community Center in May. There were over 200 people in attendance, including National President Elliott Hogge and First Lady Sandra.

Each club had a speaker who gave a brief history of their club, as well as, the projects that had been accomplished in their communities. Some of those named included: fire stations, doctor's office, drugstore, subsidized apartments, garbage duty, and getting a sanitary district (making possible a local airport and community college).

**Spottswood-Raphine** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. National Director Mike Myers presented an anniversary plaque to the club. Others in attendance were District Governor Doris Weston, Lt. Governor Reggie Wine, and Zone 2 Governor Elaine Barr. The club presented Chapman Earhart with a scholarship award. Pictured in the front (l-r) are Myers, Weston, Barr, and Wine. In the back (l-r) are Chaplain Art Henne, Club Directors Charlie May



and Warren Bradley, Club Secretary Becky Shaw, Club President Stanley Benson, Club Director E.R. Brooks, Club Vice President Hedley Coffee, and Club Treasurer John Arehart.

## Sangerville-Towers Awards Fifth Graders

**Sangerville-Towers** (VA) Ruritan Club presented the club's "Mary Buck Award" (an award named after a teacher that taught for 23 years) to two fifth grade students. This year's recipients are Cody Minnick and Hannah Sheffer. Club Treasurer Dana Rigney presented them with a \$100 check and a plaque.



## Mint Spring Donates Rudy Bears

**Mint Spring** (VA) Ruritan Club donated Rudy Bears in memory of 2013 National President the late Dennie Clemmer to the Riverheads Fire Department. Pictured are Club President Elaine Barr, Club Member John Barr, Fire Department Representative Audra McCray, Club Members Midge Price, June Steger, and Lucy Smith.



## Yellow Branch Club Reorganizes



**Yellow Branch** (VA) Ruritan Club disbanded over ten years ago and were interested in reorganizing. Lieutenant Governor Betty Moore received word and met with 17 people to reorganize the club. President Elect Bobby Burton and his wife Linda welcomed the club back into the Peaks of Otter District, and praised Club President Jeremy Lombardo for his work in reorganizing the club.



Alberta Craig received a \$500 scholarship check from **Glade Hill** (VA) Scholarship Chair Dana Hayes.



**Madison Heights** (VA) Ruritan Club held its Annual Pancake Day to benefit Monelison Fire and Rescue Squads. Club President Dwaine Ware presented a \$700 check to Fire Chief Ernie Cash and \$700 to Rescue Squad Jim Fontiane.



## News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

### Anderson Creek Cooks for Golf Tournament



Pictured is the cooking crew who prepared the barbeque and chicken for the 33<sup>rd</sup> **Anderson Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club Golf Tournament. Funds are used to sponsor two scholarships as well as other community projects. Pictured front are William Cozine, Steve Rigby, and Ken Folgerman. Pictured back are James Donovan, James Mobley, Tim Rowe, and Chris "Wildman" Rowe.

### ***Paver Program for Capital Replacement***

Consider purchasing a brick paver for the Ruritan patio to honor a special person or in memory of a loved one. The paver program will raise funds to use as capital reserves and make improvements to the Ruritan National Office.

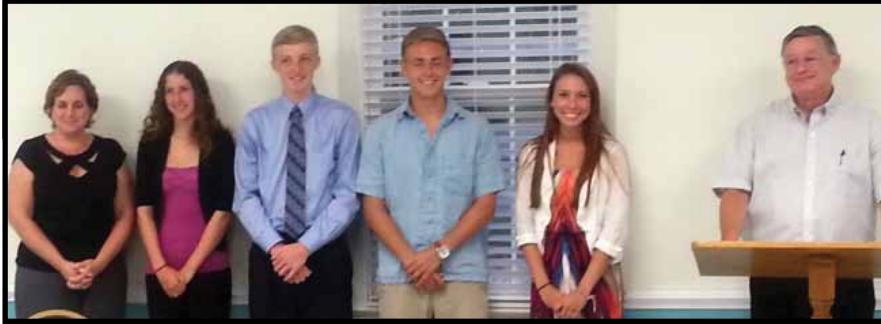
The pavers come in a variety of sizes and price ranges. You can even order a replica as a gift for the honoree. Find the complete paver order form on the Ruritan website at <http://ruritan.org.temp.realssl.com/library/238.pdf>.

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## Holland District Clubs Present Scholarships



Fellowship is important in all Ruritan clubs. To ensure fellowship at its meetings, the **Prince George** (VA) Ruritan Club awards a silver dollar to a club member. Club members make sure they have shaken every other members hand before the meeting begins to be eligible to win a silver dollar. This "Silver Dollar Handshake" is a part of every meeting. Pictured (l-r) is Prince George President Doug Holc presenting the silver dollar to member Bob Wood. The club also presented for the first time the Fred Simmons scholarship along with other club scholarships. Pictured below (l-r) are Sherry Allin ( for her daughter Ashton Allin), receiving the Fred Simmons scholarship; Mary Grace McMullen, receiving the Build Your Dollar scholarship; William Bonnell, Brody Rotzoll, and Melinda Taylor, receiving club scholarships.



ate, has been awarded the Aubrey Marks Scholarship by the **Sappony** (VA) Ruritan Club. It was presented by Scholarship Chair Clint Holloway during the annual scholarship dinner.

**South Norfolk** (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual "Paint Your Heart Out" club project. The club helped an elderly man in the community



community service meant to them, President Hogge presented each one a scholarship from the club for a total of \$4,150. Pictured left (l-r) are De'Ahzha Williams, Hogge, Club President Buddy Doxie, Education Committee Chair T. M. Hardison, Summer Lawrence, Jessica Blythe, Jessica Atkins, and Leslie Umphlette.

Matthew Jones, (below) a recent Greenville County High School gradu-



spruce up his home. Pictured are club members that participated in

the event. Additionally, the club presented \$8,000 scholarship checks to Caitlyn Toy and Wade Jernigan II.

## News From Ruritan: Holland District continued



The **Waverly** (VA) Ruritan Club had much to celebrate in July. After a delicious fish fry, they welcomed new club member Kenneth Bell; presented scholarships to Justice Webb (attending Virginia Commonwealth), Summer Forehand (attending Virginia Tech), and Morgan Bunker (attending Richard Bland College), celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and dedicated their athletic facility. Holland District Lt. Governor Jack York and National Director Wally Hudson presented the club with a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate from Ruritan National. 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter recognized the club for its outstanding community service projects and participated in the recognition of 50-year member Wayne Harrell to whom the athletic field is dedicated. Waverly President Eddie Gilbert led the club through the athletic field dedication that included naming the T-ball field in honor of Michael Pond and the athletic facility in memory of Wayne M. Harrell. Eddie stated, "Much work has gone into the preparation of these athletic fields by many people, and we are so proud as a club to dedicate this facility to the memory of Wayne Harrell. It is an honor to have his family and friends with us tonight for the dedication." Pictured are family and friends of Wayne Harrell along with Waverly Ruritan members and Holland District guests.



**Bethlehem** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. National President Elect Bobby Burton (l) and Holland District Governor Rod Mustanski (r) presented an anniversary certificate to Club President Fred Brinkley (c). Zone 1 Governor and Club Member Barbara Rayburn recognized the guests. A memorial service was held in memory of the four members who have passed since the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Hickory** (VA) Ruritan Club held a prime rib dinner fundraiser to help Robert Lehman who was diagnosed with Lupus and Cirrhosis of the liver with medical expenses. Pictured right (l-r) presenting a \$6,000 check are Mickey Ferrell and Mark Lehman.



Pictured left are **Surry County** (VA) Ruritan Club Members present at the clubs June meeting. June is Dairy Appreciation Month. Local Dairy farmer Billy "Bull" Epps and his sons



Wayne and Lewis treated the club to a fresh "milk toast" and fresh chocolate and strawberry ice cream, after the club meal. "Bull's" wife Lucille and daughter Mary Lynne Hayes served the club members.

**Driver** (VA) Ruritan Club Members Jeff Ward, Jon Echols, and Paul Long are shown displaying roasted chicken from a fundraiser held this past Spring.



## Rappahannock District Clubs Install New Members



**Cedarville District** (VA) Ruritan Club President Ronnie Rutherford (left) and District Governor Dennis Bagnel (right) are pictured with the club's new members Charles and Carol Goddard.

Rappahannock District Governor Dennis Bagnell installed four new members of the **Sumerduck** (VA) Ruritan Club. Pictured right (l-r) are Bagnell,



Joe Mullins, Carmen Fox, Donald Embrey, and Jacob Wickwire.



**Marshall** (VA) Ruritan Club provides 75 weekend lunches for underprivileged children in their area as part of the Kids Weekend Lunchbox Program. Most of the fundraising done by the club has helped provide food for this program. This program of helping needy children has been expanded as local school secretaries notify the club of other needs. Beds (mattresses, box springs, spreads, sheets, pillows, blankets, and pajamas) were donated by a local merchant and club members to four children who were sleeping on wooden pallets on the

floor. This met a special request from a child who wanted a bed for Christmas.

Additionally, the club adopted 15 children for Christmas and provided clothing, toys, and gift certificates for food at a local grocery store. Club secretary Brenda Melton reported, "The club didn't have enough money to fund this project, but through club members, local contacts, and community groups in Marshall, this Christmas project as fully funded." Pictured (l-r) are Vice President Connie Jones, Treasurer Gary Wink, Secretary Brenda Melton, and Club President Jan Sickel.

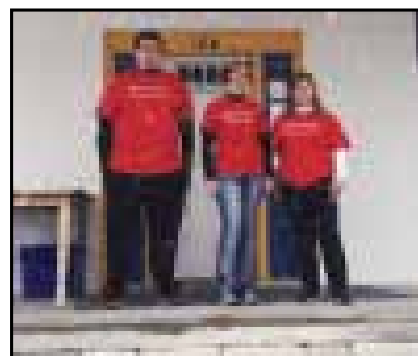
**Ashburn** (VA) Ruritan Club presented 20 elementary and middle schools "Outstanding Student Citizens" awards for the year 2014. Pictured are the recipients Noah Hamilton, Sarah O'Day, Parker Peterson, Cecille Juneau, Grace Slone, Anna Diaz, Francine Eshun-Baidoo, Elizabeth Black, Joseph Hoyler, Safiya Hasan, Megan Upton, Adithi Raghavan, Sabrina Long Gabriela Dell' Anno, Isabella Bledzki, Sydney Chiat, Madeline Burton, Hanna Mir, Nilay Neelaveni, and Christopher



St. George.

**Nokesville-Bristow** (VA) Ruritan Club presented a Tom Downing Fellowship Award to Ricky McMahon. Pictured left (l-r) are National President Elect Bobby Burton, Ricky McMahon, and wife Cary McMahon.

Shenandoah students, alumni, faculty, and staff volunteered as part of the fourth annual Partnership with Community Day. This year they partnered with



**Round Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club to help clean and spruce up the club building. The club was one of the 108 service sites.

## King William Supports Local Veterans



**King William** (VA) Club President David Leake and Club Director Rocy Hurley organized a spaghetti dinner to recognize and support local Veterans. The club was able to net \$2,100 from the dinner. Hurley (left) is shown presenting the check to Veteran Wiley Williams (center) as wife Linda looks on.

Additionally, the club celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary by honoring senior club members with a plaque for their years of service. Pictured (l-r) are Burton Atkinson, 71-years; Robert Sidney Rice, Jr., 47-years; Frankie

Townsend, 48-years; B.W. White, Jr., 61-years; and Eugene L. "Dick" Campbell; 60-years. Not pictured were James T. Neale, 54-years and Erwin M. "Tootsie" Campbell, 53-years.



## Beaverdam Celebrates Independence Day

The **Beaverdam** (VA) Ruritan Club provided their community with the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration. The day began with a one-hour parade through the community. Then the community gathered at the club house for a program that included recognition of Grand Marshall Mary Ann Hall and special guests including Zone 7 Lt. Governor Corinne Dixon, Zone 7 Governor Betty Lee Stanley, Chesapeake Lt. Governor Otis Hall, Chesapeake Governor Cleve



Wright and Michelle, National Director Mike Morrison, National Director Sewell Rowley and Nancy, and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter and Bill. A special part of the program was the introduction of the contestants for the Little Miss and Miss Beaverdam Pageant. After

the judging trophies were presented to the lovely winners. Club President Rose Little stated, "We are grateful to over 50 sponsor from throughout the community and area for their donations of \$50 to \$250 to help with the celebration. Individuals in attendance thanked the club for its community service throughout the year. They stated that the club was so vital to their small community and that the Beaverdam Ruritan Club provided a much needed social outlet for the community. Following the program a delicious chicken BBQ lunch was served. Booths with products and services and athletics events rounded out the special July 4th celebration at Beaverdam. Pictured (l-r) on the parade floats were 2012 National President Phyllis, Nancy Rowley, and National Directors Sewell and Mike. Also pictured are Chesapeake District Lt. Gov. Otis, Mrs. Hall, and Gov. Cleve.



## Eastern Henrico Presents Tom Downing Award

**Eastern Henrico** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its club anniversary by recognizing their 47-year legacy of community service and honoring club members with Tom Downing Fellow

Awards. Club President Tom Fifer stated, "Our club recognized members for their outstanding service by making them a Tom Downing Fellow. We have over twenty members who are Tom Downing Fellows." Phyllis Mathews was honored as a Tom Downing Fellow at the club anniversary. Special guests at the anniversary included 2012 Foundation President and Chesapeake District Governor Cleve Wright, National Director Mike Morrison, 1966 National President Buddy Ragsdale and Juanita, 2004 National President John Hancock and Martha, 2012 National President and National Representative to the Chesapeake District Phyllis Lewter and Bill, and National President Elect Bobby Burton and Linda. Pictured with Phyllis Mathews is Chesapeake District Governor Cleve Wright.



## Gloucester Celebrates its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The **Gloucester** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in grand style. A beautiful cake with 65 candles was on display for club members and guests to view as they arrived. After a delicious meal at Olivia's Restaurant, Club President Rachel Serio introduced National President Elect Bobby Burton and Linda and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter and Bill. President Elect Bobby reminded the club of its rich history and Past President Phyllis, as national representative assigned to the Chesapeake District, presented the club a 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate and thanked the club for its legacy of service to the community and to Ruritan. The club legacy includes support for youth (51 years of sponsorship of Little League Baseball, as well as support for Scouts, Boys and Girls State, 4-H, Boys and Girls Club, scholarships, youth camp, and the Gloucester High School Ruri-Teens), elderly and shut-ins, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Library, Gloucester Fire and Rescue Squad, the environment (Daffodil Festival, Beaverdam Park, building and distributing blue bird boxes, and cleaning the community), and military and veterans (Gloucester Memorial Wall, Veterans Hospital projects, and assisting veterans to meet financial and daily living needs). Club President Rachel stated, "This club has reached out to the community for 65 years. It is an honor to serve with so many dedicated Ruritans." Gloucester is most proud to have received five gold Community Service Awards in 2013. Pictured (l-r) are President Elect Bobby, Club President Rachel, and 2012 National President Phyllis.

## Varina Holds Summer Picnic

Fellowship was the name of the game at the **Varina** (VA) Ruritan Club's annual summer picnic. Club members cooked hamburgers, hotdogs, and onion rings and brought in delicious side dishes. Following the picnic dinner, Club President David Dukes stated, "Tonight there is no business. Tonight it's all about fellowship." For the remainder of the meeting, club members and guests (National President Elect Bobby Burton and Linda, 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter and Bill, and Past National Director Roy Malloy and Donna) enjoyed renewing old friendships and visiting. Pictured (l-r) serving the picnic dinner are Barbara Shifflett, Taylor Johnson, Elsie Dukes, David Dukes, and Lawrence Cousins.



## Abingdon Welcomes New Members

As National President Elliott Hogge has declared that the emphasis this year for Ruritan Clubs would be "Service to Veterans," the **Abingdon** (VA) Ruritan Club had a special program. Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8252, LTC (Ret) Jim Geirlak, gave a very interesting presentation in which he highlighted various events in his Army career and lessons he learned from each event.

Also at the meeting, Richard Duke, Gail Epstein and William Leary were welcomed as new members. Pictured (l-r) are Club Vice President Sara Fary, Duke, Epstein, Angela Leary, William Leary, and Club President Pete Shepherd.



## Zone 7 Clubs Deliver Baskets to Veterans Hospital

The Chesapeake District Zone 7 Clubs **Doswell**, **Short Pump**, and **Independence** (VA) delivered baskets to the Fisher House at McGuire Veterans Hospital. The baskets were filled with patriotic tote bags, water bottles, McDonalds and Walmart gift certificates, snacks, pads and pens, hand sanitizer, and tissues. Pictured are Zone 7 Governor Betty Lee Stanley, Doswell Club Member Jackie Strickland, and Director of Fisher House Wayne Walker.



# JAMES BALDERSON

*and the accomplices  
below have earned their  
awards for recruiting  
new Ruritan members!  
Congratulations!*

THE \$600 WANTED WINNER FOR THE  
SECOND QUARTER OF 2014 WAS  
JAMES BALDERSON OF THE BURRSVILLE (MD)  
CLUB IN IN THE DELMARVA-NJ DISTRICT.



## REWARDED \$600

# KEN HINKLE

2013 RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
KEN HINKLE WAS THE SECOND QUARTER  
2014 WINNER OF \$200. KEN IS A MEMBER  
OF THE NOKESVILLE-BRISTOW (VA) CLUB.



## REWARDED \$200

# RAY JOINSON

\$400 WAS PRESENTED TO RAY JOINSON  
OF THE MCPHEETERS BEND (TN) CLUB  
IN THE TENNESSEAN DISTRICT.



## REWARDED \$400

