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*Join these two Ruritans
in Jacksonville for
the 2016 National
Convention.*



Are You Ready To Go To Jacksonville?



I cannot believe it is time to publish the winter magazine already. While putting my thoughts together for this winter magazine, the first thing that comes to mind in the early fall is our Community Service Reports. The October 1 deadline, of course, has passed. But I hope that each club has turned in its projects and

accomplishment for the year. I know there are many clubs who, just simply, do not take the time to do this. But, don't consider this report a way to get a "pat on the back." These reports are telling everyone and Ruritan National what you have accomplished in your community. Please take the time next year to report these projects and **be proud of what you do in the name of RURITAN** - always continue to Walk the Walk for Ruritan.

Good luck to all of you with your up-coming DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. I know they will be great tributes to all the good things you have done in your district this year. I wish I could be with all of you at each convention, but "there is just not enough of me to go around." I know the National Representative attending your conventions will take good care of you.

When my year as your National President started last year in Greensboro, I asked that we all do more in "OUR OWN BACKYARDS." First Lady Linda and I have seen first hand just how much you as Ruritans and clubs are doing in your "OWN BACKYARDS" - everything from delivering Meals On Wheels, holding Blood Drives, operating food concessions at ball fields, working in county fairs, providing scholarships to help deserving students, and conducting many other community events. Thank you for taking good care of things in Your Own Backyards.

You were asked to continue to do more for our veterans this year. Well, I can say that we have experienced many events - we spent a day with a group of veterans at a state park, we spent time with a group of Veterans who came to visit the Virginia

War Memorial and we attended a dedication of a Wall of Honor. These are only some of the veteran tributes that I have been privileged to attend. I have heard about many other events throughout Ruritanland where you have done wonderful things to honor these special folks in your community.

Our "Burning Bush" (Membership) is still burning; however, we have started recently to show some progress in putting out these pesky flames. We have chartered two new clubs with the possibility of others to be chartered in the near future. We need new members in our existing clubs, but in order to GROW RURITAN, we are going to have to charter new clubs. With this said, if we do not try in every way to **retain our present membership and clubs** all we are doing is exchanging one for another. Just keep on ASKING someone to be a part of America's #1 Community Service Organization.

Your National Convention Committee has been working all year to put together an exciting and enjoyable convention. The committee recently made a visit to Jacksonville. The Hyatt and the city of Jacksonville are ready for us. The 5K Walk/Run, meals, entertainment, workshops, and plenty of GOOD FELLOWSHIP are awaiting you in Jacksonville in January. So GET BUSY! You still have time to register, and get a room, and "come on down to Jacksonville!" Let's start 2016 by celebrating our accomplishments of 2015, showing our support of Incoming President Calvin and our National Board, and getting excited about all our plans for the coming year to GROW RURITAN AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES!

First Lady Linda and I have had a wonderful year. Thank you for the opportunity YOU gave us to represent Ruritan this year. It has been a wonderful experience that we will always cherish and remember. We have Walked the Walk together in 2015, but please, NEVER STOP WALKING THE WALK FOR RURITAN!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Burton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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Note voting time at the National Convention has been changed from earlier publications.

Delegate certification closes at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2016.

Voting begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. (Those with special physical needs and/or handicaps vote first.)



On the cover: 2004 National President and your 2016 Convention Chair John Hancock and 2015 National President and Veteran Bobby Burton visiting the Virginia War Memorial. The **Ruritan Road** (VA) Ruritan Club took a bus load of veterans for the day. The photos are courtesy of the Virginia War Memorial.



Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley

There Is No “I” In Team



Ruritan is a National Organization dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and community service. Many of you will recognize this statement as our mission. Did you ever stop to think about what that actually means?

Fellowship is defined as a friendly association with people who share similar interests. Goodwill is creating a friendly, helpful, and cooperative attitude. Community service is voluntary work intended to help people who need it. That is what we stand for and what we do.

During this time of year, Ruritan clubs and districts all over the country are electing their leaders for the coming year. In a very short time the delegates at convention will elect the leaders who will represent Ruritan National.

What is leadership? It is the action of leading a group of people or an organization. Leading is defined further as providing guidance or direction. Traditional leadership generally involves the accumulation and exercise of power.

True leadership is having concern for the whole team. It is focusing on the good of the whole organization. It is focusing on the good of the clubs, the members, the communities that they serve and ultimately the many in need who are relying on us. It is playing as a team dedicated to making communities better places to live and work.

You have often heard it said “there is no I in team.” We have to all work together with the same goal in mind. Then we are all successful.

To take this one step further we should consider the idea of servant leadership. Servant leadership is not only a philosophy but a set of actions that differs from traditional leadership. Traditional leadership involves the accumulation and exercise of power. By comparison servant leadership shares the power, puts the needs of others first, and helps people develop and perform at their highest levels. Ruritan leaders should be servant leaders.

We hope you will come to Jacksonville, Florida and take part in electing our national leaders. Convention is a great time of fellowship. It is also a time to take care of the important decisions that will impact us all. Convention has great food, informative workshops, and entertainment. Many say it is like a Ruritan family reunion.

Yours in Ruritan,

**TEAMWORK DIVIDES
THE TASK
AND MULTIPLIES
THE SUCCESS!**

New Clubs for 2015

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors, and DRMS for 2015

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
North River	Upper WV	Slanesville	Marie Sowers
Carolina Lakes	Cape Fear	Johnsonville	Neil Guin Jr.
Leopard Ruri-Teen	Potomac	Leitersburg	Michele Edgel
Warren County High School Ruri-Teen	Rappahannock	South Warren	Brenda Horning Mark Derflinger

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

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- 3 winners each quarter drawn at random after all the extra chances are calculated: **\$200, \$400, and \$600**

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Candidates Announce For National Office

As of November 1, Ruritan National had the following candidates for national office. **President Elect**; Danny Privott, **National Secretary**; James Mills, Jr., **National Directors**; Susan Greisz, Linward Hedgspeth, Lee Tomlinson, and Stanley Turner. Only candidates declaring between July 1 and November 1 are featured in this issue. **National Directors**; Glen Broadwater, Carroll Lowe, and Howard Tanner. **One Year Unexpired Term**; Anne Hillard and Janet Kinsey.



National Director

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CLUB: Member of Nickelsville Club; served as President for three years; also served as Vice President and Director.

DISTRICT: Served as Southwest Virginia District Lt. Zone Governor and Lt. District Governor; served as District Governor for two years.

NATIONAL: Golden Key recipient; Participant in Flag Ceremony at National Convention.

EDUCATION: Attended Twin Springs High School in Nickelsville, Virginia; Attended Clinch Valley College (now University of Virginia at Wise), majored in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, with a minor in Psychology.

OCCUPATION: Maintenance Foreman, Clinchfield Coal Company; Vice President, Primerica Financial Services; Regional Sales Manager, Royal Oil Company; Currently farming 400 acres.

OTHER: Co-Chairman, Southwest Virginia Community Foundation; Scott County, Virginia Planning Commission; D.O.C. Board Director, Abingdon Feeder Cattle Association; 32nd Degree Scottish Rite; Blue Lodge Master Mason, Fidelity 173. Married 38 years to Linda Bostic Broadwater; Daughter Dr. Jennifer Broadwater Kingery and husband, Shawn; Daughter Nana Jean Broadwater McKinney and husband, Dr. Jason McKinney; Grandchildren Xander Reece Kingery, Brody Gage Kingery and Madeline Grace McKinney.



National Director

Carroll Lowe
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CLUB: Member of Brushy Mountain (NC) Club since 1998; Served as Vice President and twice as

President and Secretary.

DISTRICT: Piedmont 31 District Governor 2005; District Lt. Governor 2004; Zone Governor 2003; Tom Downing Fellow 2005; Certified District Training, District LDC since 2013.

NATIONAL: Delegate to four Ruritan National Conventions; Summer Leadership Conference 2004; Sgt-at-Arms Committee 2005, 2006, 2007; National Director 2008-10; Served on the Publications Committee; Served on the IT Committee and facilitator of updating the National Office IT and implementation of MMS; served on the Credentials and Registration Committee 2011, 2012, 2013.

EDUCATION: Pitt Community College, Associate in Electronic Engineering; North Carolina Wesleyan College, B.S. in CIS

OCCUPATION: Senior Architect – Infrastructure, Lowe's Companies, Inc.; also responsible for technology upgrade and implementation of MMS at Ruritan National Headquarters.

OTHER: Member Wilkesboro Baptist Church; National Ski Patrol since 1998; Chairman of the Board, Wilkes Vocational Services; Volunteer, Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes; Volunteer, Wilkes Art Gallery.

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National Director

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CLUB: Member of Geff and Illiana Clubs for 23 years; Offices held: Board member, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Community Service Chair and Meal Committee Chair; recipient of the President's Golden Key with 10 member bar.

DISTRICT: Served as Lt. Zone Governor, Zone Governor, District Lt. Governor, District Governor, Audit Committee Chair, Leadership Development Coordinator, OWC Committee Chair, Awards Committee Chair and Master of Ceremonies at the District Convention; Recipient of Tom Downing Fellowship Award.

NATIONAL: Delegate to 16 National Conventions; National Director for three years; By-Laws Committee Chair; By-Laws Workshop Chair; Re-Registration Committee; Sergeant-At-Arms Committee; Summer Leadership Conferences; Flag Ceremony Participant; Community Service Committee; Community Service Workshop Panel.

EDUCATION: 12 years in the public school system.

OCCUPATION: Business Owner (retired)

OTHER: U.S. Army Veteran; Member of VFW; Member of Kings Chapel Church; serve as Church Moderator and Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent and teacher; Married 49 years to wife, Beverly; three sons and daughters-in-law; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



National Director-1 year Unexpired Term

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

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

NATIONAL: National Director 2010-2012; Flag ceremony (2 years); sgt-at arms (2 years); registration and credentials (3 years); special committee "resale shop" and "pillow making" at national convention in Louisville, KY 2007; (8) craft workshops; assisted youth committee (3 years); Tom Downey recipient

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

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

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

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

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National Director - 1 Year Unexpired Term

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CLUB: Served as President of St. Clair (OH) Club 1996-97, 2002, 2008, 2013-14; Vice President 2003, 2007, 2013; Secretary 1998-2001; Colerain (OH) Club President 2012-13; Vice President 2004-07, 2011, 2014-16; Club Director 2009-10; Served on most Committees and as Board Member.

DISTRICT: Served as Ohio District Zone 7 Governor 2003-05, 2007, 2009, 2013; Lt. Zone Governor 2008, 2012; District Youth Coordinator 2008-09; District Growth & Development Chair 2012; Foundation Chair 2013; District Governor 2010, 2015; Served as Sgt-at-Arms three times.

NATIONAL: Attended 19 National Conventions; served on Registrations Committee and participated in Flag Ceremony.

EDUCATION: Graduated St. Clairsville High School

OCCUPATION: Reisbecks Food Market - 13 yrs. (retired)

OTHER: Married to Frank; One son, Tom, and two grandsons, Jonathan and Jason; Member of Methodist Church in Banton, OH.

Items of Interest

Past National Director Smetzer Passes

Past National Director Sidney Arden Smetzer, 86, of Bellevue, passed away in Stein Hospice Care Center, on Sept. 19, 2015. Sid was a 1947 graduate of Townsend High School. He was also a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery, where he had served on the church council and had been Sunday School Superintendent. He was a member of Townsend Ruritan, having served as Ruritan Zone governor, 83 Ohio District Governor, and National Director 1994-1996. He was chairman of Ag Credit and ASCS. He belonged to Sandusky County Pork Producers, Margaretta Grange, Bellevue Milk Producers, and was president of Sandusky County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Gardner, along with their five children, Virginia (William) German

of Castalia, Douglas Smetzer of Bellevue, Sheryl (Richard) Miller of Castalia, Jeffrey (Lynne) Smetzer of Gaylord, Mich., and Philip Smetzer of Bellevue; six grandchildren, Wendy (Tracy) Whittaker, Richard Osburn, Andrew Smetzer, Weston (Laura) Miller, Elisa (Robert Kurth), and Richard (Shari) Miller; 10 great-grandchildren, Tori Crum, Leah and Cassie Miller, Ava and Abigail Osburn, Mila Smetzer, Robert and Theodore Kurth, and Brandon and Luke Miller; and one brother, Sheldon (Lee) Smetzer of Bellevue.

The funeral was Sept. 24, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Vickery. Burial will be in Parkhurst Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Townsend Fire Department, Townsend Ruritan, or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Parking Lot Fund.



Past National Director Morris Clyburn Roasted by Friends

Nearly a hundred Ruritans and friends attended a roast to honor Past National Director Morris Clyburn. It was a fun night and a great fundraiser. Pictured (l-r) are 2010 National President Jerome Rodes, Carolyn Clyburn, and Morris Clyburn.

Ruritan and Hunters for the Hungry Partnership in its 20th Year!

We are so very grateful to be in our 20th year of partnership with Ruritan. Ruritan Clubs have been giving in excess of \$50,000 per year in donations to provide venison for people in need here in Virginia. All gifts from Ruritan Clubs are matched dollar for dollar thus doubling the amount of food that is provided through your donations. Please consider making a gift to us and being part of making our 20th year of partnership our best




year ever. Gifts received by December 31, 2015 will be counted towards this goal. We will be celebrating our 20 years of working together this January at the National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. We hope to be able to give your club a certificate at that time. Please make a donation now and help us feed our neighbors in need and celebrate this magnificent milestone.

Members of the Downing Ruritan Club Raise \$22,268.98 to Combat Hunger.

These funds were raised through the club's charity gold tournament that is held on the

second Wednesday each May in memory of Hunters For Hungry Founder David Horne.

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Pardon Our Errors: Corrections and Clarifications

In the Fall magazine, page 31, the "Peking" club was listed as presenting scholarships. The correct name of the club should have been "Pekin."



Pekin and Eddyville Present Scholarships

Pictured are the **Pekin** (IA) Ruritan Club's rising seniors presenting a \$2,000 donation to Terri Stull, mother of Bethanne Cooksey, for the Bethanne Cooksey Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bethanne was an underclassman at Pekin High School who was killed in a tragic car accident in March.

Eddyville (IA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 40th anniversary by selecting scholarship recipients. Each recipient received a \$500 scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are club president Pat Powers, Paige Shafer, Emma Haselhuhn, Sean Fowler, Katelyn Herr, and Bailey Edmonds. Not pictured are Cayla Glosser and Blaire Moore.

*In the Fall magazine, page 21, The Maugansville Club presented **four \$1,000** scholarships. It was noted that they presented four \$100 scholarships.*



Maugansville (MD) Ruritan Club presented four \$1,000 scholarships to (l-r) Cole Cunningham, Logan Keith, Benjamin Fultz, and Hanna Gaylor. After the dinner, each student spoke of their plans to further their education.

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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Veterans Breakfast Entertainment “Trevor May”

Trevor May has found a way to combine two of his passions: performance and community service. His stage credits are numerous, as he has been in productions since the age of seven. Although he grew up in the theatre, more recently, Trevor has worked at Holiday World theme park in Southern Indiana as a performer for the past four park seasons, producing shows in his spare time. He was nominated for the IAAPA Performer of the Year, awarded a Golden Ticket and performed during Hollywood Week on American Idol, and won Illinois' Got Talent.

His passion for Ruritan comes from his late grandmother Myrtle, who was an active leader in the Ruritan Community. When she passed away, Trevor and his family picked up where she left off, allowing her legacy to continue. Following in her footsteps, Trevor strives to give back to the community of Dundas where he grew up with the talent he has. While in high school he founded a student group that created a performance-based scholarship in his school district, and last year he recorded a Christmas album of which all proceeds were donated to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization in his area. He has been newly

appointed as the founding liaison with the Dennis Lab School and Millikin University Partnership. There he works with faculty, staff, and students to expedite collaborative efforts with the two campuses through performance learning.

Trevor is currently studying commercial music business and entrepreneurship at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. This semester, he is focusing on entrepreneurial arts research and artist development with the schools leadership, and he will graduate in May. He is looking forward to presenting for a national entrepreneurship conference early in 2016 and is gearing up for several solo performance appearances including his self-produced holiday concert this December in Onley, Illinois.

Jacksonville Convention Mini Schedule

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Dinner and entertainment on your own at The Jacksonville Landing

Thursday, January 7, 2016

2016 Governors Breakfast and training
5K “Walk the Walk” Fun Run/Walk (afternoon) See registration form.
Special workshop on designing a club website (Limited to 25 people and bring your own laptop.) See registration form.
Opening Ceremonies (evening)

Friday, January 8, 2016

Veterans Breakfast (must be purchased separately or as part of the package above)
Morning Business Session
Fellowship Luncheon (may be purchased separately or as part of a package above)
Workshops

NOTE: Delegate certification closes at 1 p.m.

Voting – 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Note: those with

special physical needs and/or handicaps vote first.)

Foundation Awards Dinner (must be purchased separately)

Foundation Live Auction

***Note voting time has been changed from earlier publications.**

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Breakfast Honoring First Lady Linda (must be purchased separately or as part of a package above)
Morning Business Session with Awards
Workshops
Blood Drive
Installation Banquet (may be purchased separately or as part of a package above)

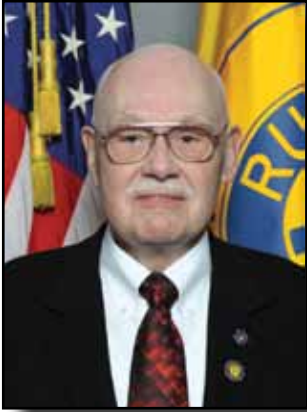
Sunday, January 10, 2016

Worship Service

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

Message From 2015 Foundation President David Freshly

We Make Things Happen



The Foundation Trustees thank all the clubs who sent in the \$300 for the “Build Your \$” program by October 1, 2015, in order to participate in the distribution of scholarship funds for the 2016-17 academic year. The amount of the return to your club will be determined by

the earnings received on the investment of these dollars. The Carr Investment Group has done an excellent job of investing for the Foundation. The Trustees have been able to return over 80% on your investment of \$300.

The application forms for the Foundation Educational Grants have been updated to allow for an easier and less cumbersome effort to apply for a student grant. In the past there was a full page requiring information regarding the income and expenses of the family. As you are aware, all students requesting student financial aid must complete a form known as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form asks for all income and expense information from the family. The company to which the FAFSA is sent processes the information and returns a form known as the Student Aid Reports (SARS). Since the SARS contains all the family’s income and expense data, the student will be required to include a copy of the SARS with the application for the Foundation Educational Grant. Therefore, the Trustees have been able to reduce the amount of paperwork involved in the application for an Educational Grant.

The Partnership Program with colleges and universities can be quite helpful to students. The Trustees have partnered with several colleges and universities which will double the amount of “Build Your \$” and/or Educational Grants received from the Ruritan Foundation. Any Ruritan scholarship recipient should call Bonnie at the Ruritan Foundation office to see if their college/university is a program participant. If not, the Trustees may be able to sign a partnership with them.

The Ruritan Club and District Officers’ Handbook has been updated for 2016 to include a specific

section regarding the Foundation. A new “tab” titled FOUNDATION has been added. All pertinent Foundation information has been included in this area of the handbook. The Trustees believe that this will be helpful when you search for specific Foundation information.

We have signed up the Foundation with Amazon Smile. When you shop on Amazon and would like to contribute to the Foundation, simply sign into “amazonsmile.com” and choose the Foundation as the beneficiary for your donation. After you make your purchase(s), Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase(s) to the Foundation.

Ruritan National Foundation

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The 2015 Foundation Fellowship Weekend was a huge success with approximately 90 Ruritans and their families in attendance. Anne and I thank you for your support of the Foundation Fellowship Weekend. See following page for photos of the event.

For additional information about the Foundation, log into Facebook and check out the Ruritan National Foundation’s Facebook page. You will discover interesting facts, updates, reminders, and photos from the Foundation Fellowship Weekend in Sugar Creek, Ohio.

The Trustees thank you for your continued participation to aid our young people who are our future generation of leaders. Keep up the good work!

The Foundation Trustees thank you for your continued support of the Ruritan National Foundation.

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Past Foundation Presidents Association



The idea of forming a Past Foundation Presidents Association has been discussed for several years. In 2014, the opportunity came again at the Foundation Weekend held in Kitty Hawk, NC, and several of the Past Foundation Presidents informally met to discuss forming a Past Foundation Presidents Association. The consensus was to meet at the 2015 Ruritan National Convention in Greensboro, NC, and make a decision. On January 17, 2015, the **Greater Whitsett (NC) Ruritan Club** hosted breakfast for the Past Ruritan Foundation Presidents to meet and discuss the issue. The group approved forming a Past Foundation Presidents Association and elected 2013 Foundation President Norman O'Dell to serve as President and to appoint the other officers for the current year. 2007

Foundation President Bob Houck will be serving as secretary and treasurer and 1999 Foundation President Robin Davenport will be serving as vice president.

Foundation Presidents attending the meeting and pictured with year served are: back row (l-r) Norman O'Dell (2013), Joseph Hulver, Jr. (1994), Jim LaFollette (1997), Cleve Wright (2012), Bob Houck (2007), J.J. Bernard Lerch III (2009). Front Row (l-r) Bruce Thompson (2011), T.M. Hardison (2001), David Freshly (2015), and Danny Privott (2014).

Foundation Fellowship Weekend



Freshly's grandsons resited the Pledge of Allegiance. Pictured with Foundation Trustee Corky Camin (l-r) are Joshua Freshly, Jacob Freshly, and Joseph Freshly.

The quartet pictured on the bottom right (l-r) are Dave Freshly, George Alcorn, Don Anderson, and Dick Dudash.

The entertainment for the evening was the Baby Grand Barbershop Chorus who are members of the Canton Ohio Hall of Fame (pictured upper right.)



Mary Myers Honored with Ruritan National Foundation \$1,000 Educational Fund



Mary Myers, past president of the **City Point** (VA) Ruritan Club, was honored with a Ruritan National Foundation \$1,000 Educational Fund at the Holland District Cabinet Meeting. 2012 National President and Holland District Foundation Chair Phyllis Lewter presented the award to a surprised Mary.

Arnold Vincent Recognized for 58 Years of Perfect Attendance

2008 National President Wayne Outlaw presented **Greensville County** (VA) Ruritan Club Member Arnold Vincent with a certificate and name badge recognizing his

58 years of perfect attendance. Pictured (l-r) are Erma Vincent, Arnold Vincent, and Wayne Outlaw.



Holy Neck Club Members Receive Awards

Holland District Governor Jack York is shown presenting Hunter March with a National Boy Scout Award on behalf of the **Holy Neck** (VA) Ruritan Club.

Club President Kevin Katula is shown presenting Will March a check to help with his Eagle Scout Project. Will is president of the **Lakeland** (VA) Ruri-Teen Club.

Matt March received a plaque for an essay, "Proud to be an American." He received an American flag that flew over the

Capitol from the Honorable Mark Warner. Pictured with Matt is mom Jennifer, dad Hunter, and brother Will.



Frog Leg Fundraiser

Sappony (VA) Ruritan Club held its 11th annual frog leg and chicken supper. Club members served approximately 400 lbs of frog legs.

Burrowsville, Great Bridge, and Ivor Clubs Celebrate Anniversaries

Burrowsville (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated two very special events. The first was their 55th Club Anniversary. Three charter members were present to participate in the anniversary celebration. National Director Wally Hudson and Holland District Governor Jack York presented an anniversary certificate to Burrowsville President Roane Brockwell. The second special event was the building dedication and ribbon cutting. For ten years, the club has worked to complete a large pavilion complete with a commercial kitchen and modern bathroom facilities. Donations from nearby businesses and much hard work from club members made the new building a reality. Plans are under way to build an enclosed meeting area. Special guests for the event were supervisors William Gendel, William Robertson, and Melvin Jones. Pictured (l-r) at the ribbon cutting are Building Project Officer Gibby Elder, 2015 Burrowsville Club President and charter member Roane Brockwell, charter member Clarence Hayes, and charter member Courtney Price.



Great Bridge (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 80th anniversary with a festive evening that included a delicious dinner prepared by club member Chuck Macin, entertainment, and fellowship. National President Bobby Burton and First Lady Linda were present to bring greetings from Ruritan National. National Director Wally Hudson and Holland District Governor Jack York presented an anniversary certificate. Special music was presented by Dr. Nancy Whitfield. George Rowland was honored as a Tom Downing Fellow. Pictured with George is his wife, Sylvia, and club president Danny Smith.

Ryan Smith is the club's newest member. He was sponsored by 2012 National President Phyllis

Lewter through the "Me Minus Five" Wanted Contest. Presenting Ryan his Ruritan pin is his mother, Stacy Smith.

Ivor (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 85th anniversary. National President Bobby Burton installed the 2016 club officers: president Raymond Clark, vice president Vernon Teall, secretary Barbara Rayburn, treasurer Jimmy Cope-land, and directors Jean Barker, Bob Felts, and David Thompson. Curvy Girls Catering provided the meal. Entertainment was provided by organist/choir



director of Magnolia United Methodist Church Randy Mayberry. Several members of the McAllister Masonic Lodge were in attendance. Worshipful Master Phillip Mayberry presented the Masonic "Community Builders Award" to Barbara Rayburn for her volunteer contributions to the city of Suffolk over several decades. She contributed 20 years with the Nansemond-Suffolk Volunteer Rescue Squad and various Ruritan clubs and over 1,000 hours of volunteer service with the Western Tidewater Free Clinic.



News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

Abingdon Welcomes New Member Matthew Weatherwax



Abingdon (VA) Ruritan Club welcomes new member Matthew Weatherwax. Marsha Weatherwax (spouse) was on hand with club president Sarah Fary to welcome him into the club. Pictured (l-r) are Marsha, Matthew, and Sarah.



Club member Sid Dugas was delighted his four daughters were able to attend the club's Seafood Festival. Pictured (l-r) on the front row are Julie Zwerner and Karen Pierce. Pictured on the back row are Susan Haselwood, Dugas, and Amy Brown.

Woodrow Sanders Jr. Named Warwick Club's Ruritan of the Year



Salvation Army Food Pantry Coordinator Jock McCarthy is shown receiving a \$1,000 check from **Warwick (VA)** Ruritan Club Treasurer Marion Vaughan.

Woodrow Sanders is shown presenting the Warwick Ruritan award to Woodrow Sanders Jr.

News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Betty Moore Receives Ruritan Forever Award

Betty Moore is surprised at the **Peaks of Otter** District Convention when the cabinet honored her with a Ruritan Forever Award. Betty was presented the plaque by President Elect Calvin Shelton, pinned by district treasurer Carol Tyler, and congratulated by National Director David Thompson.



Pictured with **Glade Hill (VA)** Ruritan Club President Mike Pruitt are new members Barry and Nancy Hodges.



Gainesboro's Successful Fundraiser

Gainesboro (VA) Ruritan Club has an exclusive contract with the North-South Skirmish Association to provide food and beverages for every Association-sponsored shooting event. Club members cook the breakfast, lunch, and dinner items at the club building located on the N-SSA National Range property, Fort Shenandoah. The N-SSA sponsors shooting matches (skirmishes) in which competitors use American Civil War-era revolvers, carbines, rifled and smooth bore muskets, repeating rifles, mortars, and cannons. The spring and fall national matches have upwards of 3,000 hungry competitors and their families, many of whom camp on the property. There are also 15 or 16 smaller regional matches at Fort Shenandoah during the year. These events are a major fundraiser for the club. Pictured (l-r) are board member Jackie Venskoste, club president Bob Sypher, club vice president Jim Magill, and board members Tom Cutright and Chuck Barker.

Round Hill Volunteers at Zoo

Members of **Round Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club and their families volunteered at the "Boo at the Zoo" for The Arc of Northern Shenandoah Valley. Children and adults dressed up in their favorite Halloween costumes and spent the day at the zoo playing games, getting faces painted, enjoying art and a magic show, feeding the animals, and participating in a parade. It is the mission of The Arc of Northern Shenandoah Valley to work through advocacy, education, and collaboration in the community so that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families can live, work, and give back as fully participating citizens. Pictured (l-r) are Gil Strosnider, Scott Reed, Wyatt Underwood, Dave Fishback, and McKenzie DiMaggio.



Steve Clark Receives Business Person of the Year Award



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Ruritan Club Past President Steve Early is shown presenting Steve Clark with a "Business Person of the Year" award. Clark is the owner of Clark Brother's Gun Shop in Warrenton and is always happy to help the club.



South Warren (VA)

Ruritan Club presented \$1,500 scholarships to Ashley Murphey and Dillon Campbell during their annual picnic.



Shawnee Builds Ramp

Pictured is Dave Fenn with the finished ramp the **Shawnee** (VA) Ruritan Club members built for a man who was in an automobile accident.



Clarence "Teen" Shook Recognized for 50 Years of Service

Keysville (VA) Ruritan Club recognized Clarence "Teen" Shook for 50 years of service. Pictured presenting Teen with his 50-year pin is club president Robert Hawthorne.

The club adopted Charlotte County Public Schools Operation Food and Friendship Backpack Program. Teacher Sandy Flynn spoke to the club and gave alarming facts on the needs of children in the county. During the school year, this program allows food-filled backpacks to be sent home with students in need over

the week-ends. Approximately 90 students receive this benefit.

Club members donated their time to help the Randolph Henry High School Band Boosters with a fried chicken fundraiser. 350 plates were served.



Clarksville Donates Generously

In the spirit of community service, the **Clarksville (VA)** Ruritan Club generously supported education and safety. \$12,700 was donated to teachers of Clarksville Schools for use as they deemed necessary. To help with school opening costs, 127 teachers were given \$100 each. \$10,000 was presented to the fire department and \$10,000 to the rescue squad.



Red Oak Honors Jeff Billmyer

Red Oak (VA) Ruritan Club welcomed home club member Jeff Billmyer after a ten-month deployment to Kuwait and Iraq. He was presented with a red, white, and blue cake upon his return home.



News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District



Covington Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Covington (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 30th anniversary. National Director Gary Solomon (right) was on hand to present an anniversary certificate to club president Johnnie Mize. Fudge Street Café treated club members to fresh oven baked cookies in honor of the celebration.

Four ladies were honored by Natural Bridge District Governor Chris



Cartwright during the district convention. Cartwright said, "Each of these ladies contributed to keeping his watch under control." He also noted that the 14 clubs in the district had 26,945 community service hours, produced \$85,680, and completed 502 projects. Pictured (l-r) are Lynn Zangari, Linda Smelser, Cartwright, Phyllis Perdue, and Lou Rader.

News From Ruritan: Rockingham District



Pictured are the **Turner Ashby** (VA) Ruri-Teen Club Officer Team at the zone 2 banquet. The youth held a sandwich fundraiser where they raised \$350. Pictured (l-r) are Lauren Westscott, Leland Stevens, Allie Cook, Destinee Harper, and Maddy Kelley.



Luray (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 65th anniversary. National President Bobby Burton was the keynote speaker. He applauded the club for presenting five scholarships to graduating seniors. National Director Sarah Kelly spoke on the history of the club and presented an anniversary plaque from Ruritan National. Past National Director Perry Marshman and wife Joyce attended the celebration along with 18 other members from the Rockingham District.

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 the National Office, toll free at 877-787-8727 or email office@ruritan.org

News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District



Spottswood-Raphine Receives “Best Appearing Float” Award

Spottswood-Raphine (VA) Ruritan Club's float was awarded a plaque for “Best Appearing Float” in the Annual Raphine Volunteer Fireman's Parade. The float highlighted four of the club's numerous community activities. The club owns and maintains three lighted ball fields, runs concessions,

and hosts the Spottswood Annual Horse Show & BBQ. The club has a community center that is available for meetings and special events. It provides a gym for indoor sports, awards scholarships to local students, and supports 4-H, FFA, and local volunteer fire and rescue squads.



Mint Spring Hosts Association of Virginia Ruritans



Mint Spring (VA) Ruritan Club hosted the Association of Virginia Ruritan's meeting. Club members served dinner on both nights. Pictured are National President Bobby Burton, Elaine Barr, John Barr, Lucy Smith, Don Crickenberger, June Steger, Pastor Terry Clark, Dimitra Belanger, Daniel Surratt, Monalee Welliver, Sarah Anderson, and Midge Price.

Jollivue-Barterbrook Help Scouts

Jollivue-Barterbrook (VA) Ruritan Club donated the funding necessary for Trail Life USA Troop VA 22 of Staunton to purchase an equipment trailer. Many of the boys from the group (left) joined Troop Master Richard Rankin (center left) as he shakes hands with club president Richard Kirkland when the troop received this contribution. Other Ruritans on hand were Kenneth LaPorte, club vice president John Tankesley, club treasurer Fred Bowers, and Sue George.



Clubs Working Together

Stonewall, Mill Gap, Bolar, and Blue Grass (VA) Ruritan Clubs partnered together and provided the students at Highland County Elementary School and afternoon snack at a cost of \$10,000 for the school year. The Highland County Chamber of Commerce presented the clubs with a “Service of the Year Award. Pictured (l-r) are zone governor Wes Maupin (Stonewall Club), Caroline Smith (Mill Gap), District Governor Reggie Wine, Dan and Kathy Solomon (Bolar Club), and Doris Folks (Blue Grass Club).



Lewistown Remembers September 11

Lewistown (MD) Ruritan Club held a memorial service at its annual golf tournament in memory of the 3,000 Americans killed on September 11, 2001. Also, special recognition was given to the 400 firefighters and police officers who gave their lives while trying to save the lives of others. The Frederick County Sheriff Department's Honor Guard presented the colors. A tribute was made to all veterans and to the brave men and women who currently serve. The program closed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

\$5,400 in scholarships was awarded to 13 students during the annual club picnic. Funds for these scholarships were derived from the annual Lewistown Ruritan Golf Tournament. The recipients and the

schools they are attending are, (back row l-r) Nick Mount, Arizona State; Troy Matlock, Shepherd University; and Matt Gartrell, Frederick Community College, and Nick Rogers, Frederick Community College. Seated (l-r) in the front are club member John White; Lindsey Stanley, Frederick Community College; and Ashley Leib, Messiah College. Recipients not pictured are Bailey Rae Wright, Hood College; Alexandra Lea Wright, West Virginia University; Chad Hamilton, Penn State; Anna Staley, Shepherd University; Mathew Lenhart, Frederick Community College; and Jessica Lambert, VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine.



Shady Grove Celebrates 60th Anniversary



Shady Grove (PA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th anniversary. Club member Dale Gearhart presented a program that included pictures and facts about the club's history and accomplishments. State Line Ruritan Club sponsored the Shady Grove Club, chartered November 17, 1955,

with 32 charter members, none of whom are currently living. Special guests attending included current **State Line** (PA) Ruritan Club President Jeff Barnes, Vice President Richard Walck, and Secretary Patti Bingaman. A tribute was held at the Shady Grove Community Center for deceased club member Ralph W. Tracey. A red oak tree was planted in his memory of his accomplishments and selfless dedication and service to the club. Tracey had 52 years of perfect attendance. In attendance were his widow Connie Tracey and his daughter and son-in-law Sandy and Randy Martin. Pictured is Connie Tracey and Sandy Martin.

Bedington Cleans Highway

Several members of the **Bedington** (WV) Ruritan Club participated in the club's Adopt-A-Highway program. In all, 20 bags of trash were collected. According to the club's Environmental Chair John Overington, "It is disheartening how much trash we collected since our April clean-up. I appreciate our club's effort in keeping this area clean." Pictured (l-r) are Jim Kief, Jeff Adams, Roger Gregory, John Overington, Fred Tabler, and Charlie Triggs.



News From Ruritan: Potomac District continued



Potomac Clubs Working Together

Zone 1 clubs of the **Potomac District** held a joint golf tournament to raise money for scholarships and other outreach projects within the zone. A total of 48 golfers teed up to play. The event raised \$2,000. Pictured are golfers during the after-tournament meal held at the **Tomahawk (WV)** Ruritan Club.

Club members from the **Potomac**,

Rockingham, and **Woodrow Wilson** Districts met on the bus trip to the National Convention in Branson. Every year since, they travel to the Burketsville Fair to re-unite with one another. Pictured (l-r) are Randy Huffer, Lexi Campbell, Jim Rand, Linda Wheatley, and Butch Mentzer.

Burkittsville (MD) Ruritan Club dedicated its "Wall of Presidents" in memory of Retired U.S. Army Col. Carl Humphrey.



Humphrey was an active member of the club for over 37 years and served as club president in 1987. He passed away in March and was buried at the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. A plaque was placed on the "Wall of Presidents" during the 62nd club anniversary celebration. Pictured (l-r) are club president Robert Keller, Humphrey's daughter Kimberly Humphrey-Kieffer, and club director Jody Brumage.

St. Thomas Area (PA) Ruritan Club held its 6th Annual Car Show. The show attracted 76 vehicle entries. Club members coordinated breakfast and lunch. Approximately



350 people attended the event. Dash plaques were given to the first 50 entries, and trophies were awarded to the top 50. The club raised over \$1,100 from this event.

Tomahawk (WV) Ruritan Club presented its annual scholarship to Haley Pitzer. She has a 4.7 GPA. She drove the soapbox derby stock car, sponsored by the club, and won the race in 2006. Haley presented an essay, "The Responsibilities of being an American Citizen," in which she emphasized the freedom to vote. She will be at-



tending West Virginia University.

Bill Hull Receives Ruritan Forever Award

At the age of 91, charter member Bill Hull was honored with a Ruritan Forever from the **Marlowe (WV)** Ruritan Club. Zone Governor Erich Fronck presented him with the plaque.



Sunbury and Pasquotank Celebrate Anniversaries



Sunbury (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 80th anniversary. Club president Terry Johnson, district chaplain J.C. Harris, and National President Bobby Burton laid a wreath at the monument honoring the charter members of the club. National Director David Thompson presented the club with an anniversary certificate. Burton brought greeting to the club. The evening ended with a fun bingo game.

National Director David Thompson presented **Pasquotank** (NC) Club President Ike Harrell with a certificate honoring the club's 75th anniversary. National President Bobby Burton praised the club for its outstanding community service efforts.



Albemarle District Ruritan Clubs held a joint barbeque chicken fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Perquimans County. Clubs participating were **Parksville, Bethel, Durants Neck, Belvidere, Forestburg, Inter-County, and Newland Providence** (NC) Clubs.

Rocky Hock (NC) Ruritan Club built a wheelchair ramp for club member Joe Asbell. Asbell has helped build many ramps over the years for people in his community and now that he was in need of a ramp, his club came to his rescue. Pictured (l-r)

are Sammy Morris, Jack Perry, Ted Peele, Joe Asbell, Ed Hughes, and Jack Evans.

Coinjock (NC) Ruritan Club President John Murray presented a \$2,000 check to Alexis Tice who will be pursuing a degree in agriculture.



Tri-County Hosts 5K to Honor Veterans



Tri-County (NC) Ruritan Club hosted its first Bennett 5K Freedom Run/Walk and the Glory Mile to honor veterans and military. All runners and spectators dressed in red, white, and blue. The club recognized Veteran Lacy Wayne Jones and presented him with a plaque to thank him for his service. Jerry Polston, who works with the North Carolina National Guard, also received an award for his outstanding community service.

Coopers and Zeb Vance Present Dictionaries

Coopers (NC) Ruritan Club provided breakfast for teachers on the first day of school. This is the sixth year that the club welcomed the teachers back from summer vacation. Pictured front (l-r) Jackie Revoir, Steve Williams, James Pridgen, Charles Ethridge, Ken Powell, and Wanda Powell. Pictured back (l-r) Ruth Pridgen, Linda Ethridge, Peggy Winstead, Danny Tyson, Gerald Walston, and Jane Tyson. Dictionaries were



presented to third graders. This has been a project for the club for the past five years. Pictured front (l-r) Carlos Gonzalez-Perez, Raul Vazquez-Zunig, Alana Hux, Cole Sanders, Jaheim Harrison, Noah Goddard, Kaley Baker, and Brianna Clemmons. Pictured back (l-r) are club members Ruth Pridgen, Bob Walker, James Pridgen, Steve Williams, Linda Ethridge, and Charles Ethridge.

Zeb Vance (NC) Ruritan Club also presented dictionaries. Pictured below with students (l-r) are club member Joe Matthews and club president Winston Kerley.



News From Ruritan: Roanoke District



Everetts Recruits Dillon Kirk

Everetts (NC) Ruritan Club recruited new member Dillon Kirk. Dillon (tan shorts) is pictured with other club members.



News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

Anderson Creek Donates \$15,000 to Family

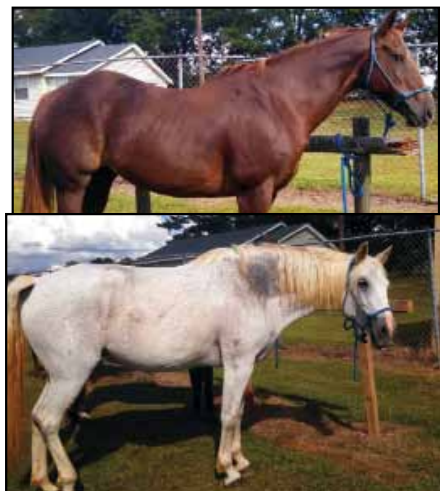
Janie Ray is shown receiving a check from **Anderson Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club's Vice President Steve Rigby. Janie is in rehab awaiting a double lung transplant. A successful raffle earned over \$15,000 to help the family during Janie's illness.



News From Ruritan: Spartan District

Middle Tyger Purchases Horses

River (white horse) and Andy (brown horse) are two new additions to the **Middle Tyger** (SC) Ruritan Club. The club owns four horses which they pasture at the Southeastern Children's Home. The children will learn grooming and caring techniques of the animals. This is the club's 14th year of sponsoring this program. The club sponsors a Girls 12U Fast Pitch Softball Team and provides the practice field. One club member adopted a



player and paid all fees. Pictured is the team and coaches Robbie Taylor and Brittney Hayden. They won the World Series in NC. They also won SC State Championship in June.



Pink Hill and Southwood Donate to Schools



Pink Hill (NC) Ruritan Club, Howard Insurance, and Pink Hill Pharmacy joined together and donated Ticonderoga pencils, earbuds, and tissues. Pictured are club president Clay Howard, school principal and Howard Insurance owner Lee Anne Hardy, and club reporter and Pink Hill Pharmacy owner Susan G. Myers.

Southwood Elementary students received books donated by the **Southwood** (NC)



Ruritan Club. The books were used during the summer reading program, "Give Five – Read Five." Pictured right (l-r) are Samuel Hunandez, principal Michelle Hill, Brook Taylor, and Kinley Hoover.

Moss Hill and Deep Run Celebrate 65th Anniversary

National Director Frances Long presented **Moss Hill** (NC) Ruritan Club a plaque to celebrate its 65th anniversary. Elmer Rodwell (seated) was the special guest. He is the only charter member. Pictured below on the left (l-r) are George Garvick, Elizabeth Rouse, Warren Hardy, Billy Baker, Aubrey Jones, Evelyn Jones, Bryan Hardy, David Jackson, Keith Rouse, and Sylvan Hardy.

Deep Run Ruritan Club recently celebrated its 65th anniversary. National Director Frances Long was on hand to present the club with an anniversary certificate. Pictured front (l-r) are club treasurer Glenn Griffin, club vice president Josh Bradshaw, club president Claude Stroud, and National Director Frances Long. Pictured back (l-r) are board of directors Larry Powell and Harvey Tyndall and club secretary Lori Murphy.



Pinetown and Eureka Present Scholarships



Pinetown (NC) Ruritan Club presented Bradley Smith with a \$500 scholarship. Bradley is a 2015 graduate of Washington High School and plans to attend Pitt Community College. Pictured are club president Dale Fawver and Bradley Smith.



Teresa Dale was the 2015 scholarship recipient of the **Eureka** (NC) Ruritan Club. Teresa received her Associate's Degree from Wayne Community College and will be attending The University of North Carolina. Pictured with Teresa is club secretary Tanya Watkins.

News From Ruritan: Columbia District



Pelion Works Peanut Festival

Members of the **Pelion** (SC) Ruritan Club worked long hours recently at the South Carolina Peanut Festival. Fifty bushels of peanuts were boiled, packed, and sold at the event. Proceeds from the sale went into the general fund for scholarships, sponsorship of Boys and Girls State, and many other community projects. Members participating in the event were Charles and Jean Haggard, Malcolm and Annette Lucas, Steve Neese, Benny and Kay Collings, Daniel Shumpert, Tim Treaster, Barbara Smith, Beth and Eddie Cravens, Starr Corley, and Ben and Matthew Treaster. Pictured are Steve Neese, Benny Collings, Malcolm Lucas, and Barbara Smith.

Sandy Run Sponsors Liberty Day Kids

On Thursday, March 26, 2015, four fifth-grade students from Sandy Run Elementary School and two fifth-grade students from Foundation Christian School visited the State House in Columbia. They were accom-



panied by a fifth-grade teacher and the principal from Sandy Run Elementary School, John Nelson from Foundation Christian School, and members of the **Sandy Run** (SC) Ruritan Club. These six students were sponsored by the club as Liberty Day Kids for 2014-2015. They were met by Representative Russell Ott, House District 93 Representative. A tour of the State House was set up for them by the tour department. Once the House convened, Representative Ott read a proclamation, signed by the Governor, proclaiming March 26, 2015, as Liberty Day in the State of South Carolina. The six students were introduced to

the House by Representative Ott. They then went to the Senate where another proclamation was read and the kids were introduced to the Senate by Senator Nikki Setzler. Pictured front (l-r) are Foundation Christian School Julianna Jones, Ruthie Whitfield, Kendall Prevatte; Sandy Run Elementary Colby Johnson; Foundation Christian School Joshua Reed; and Sandy Run Elementary Johnnie McKnight.

Back Row (l-r) are Fifth-Grade Teacher at Sandy Run Elementary Brian Day; County Councilman and club member John Nelson; Principal at Sandy Run Elementary and club member Brenda Goodwin; Representative Russell Ott; and club member Howard Pees.

News From Ruritan: Georgia N. Alabama District



Model Prepares Barbeque and Brunswick Stew

Model (GA) Ruritan Club members gather around the grill making preparations for the July 4th barbeque and Brunswick stew sale.

Pictured (l-r) are club president Junior McEntire, Steve Sluder, Billy Quarles, Jim Hakala, and Larry Meeks.



News From Ruritan: Upper West Virginia District

Fountain Honors Veterans



Fountain (WV) Ruritan Club held its 14th annual celebration to honor veterans with 107 veterans attended the event. Reverend Larry Idleman thanked the veterans for their service. Zone Governor Ken Paugh read a poem about a veteran who had died but received little recognition. A Vietnam veteran, who attended the dinner for the first time, said, "This is the first time I have ever been thanked for what I did." All veterans identified themselves and noted their branch of service. Ron Kuykendall provided the entertainment. Jerry Sanders was the winner of the patriotic quilt made by Jane Queen, Fran Stansberry won an eagle made by Ken Paugh, and Bill Bailey won an ammunition basket donated by Mallow's Gun Shop. Door prizes were given to all veterans and guest.

News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District



Williamsburg (WV) Ruritan Club is participating in the "Warm up America" project. Club members crocheted 14 "Cozies" for the project. Pictured is club member Debra Zahorenko.



Lt. Governor Joe Wiley is shown presenting the gun raffle winner Ernest Bland his prize. This was a fundraiser held by the **Bluegrass** (WV) Ruritan Club.

News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District



Choateville Presents Scholarships

Choateville (KY) Ruritan Club awarded two scholarships during its family night club meeting. Club president Bunnie Smith presented scholarships to Katelyn Moore (red shirt) who received the club scholarship and Kelly Payton (black and white dress) who received the Maricini/Fint scholarship.

Cecilia Community

(KY) Ruritan Club celebrates its 30th anniversary and the completion of the club's new stage during the community's Cecilia Days.



News From Ruritan: Cherokee District

Harrison Holds Bluegrass Fundraiser



Harrison (TN) Ruritan Club presented D9 Founder Miranda Perez a check for \$1,000 that was raised from a night of Bluegrass music. D9 is a foundation that assist the five elementary schools in district nine with funds for special needs not covered in the school budget. Pictured (l-r) are County Commissioner Chester Bankston, D9 Board Member Dean Moorehouse, Miranda Perez, Harrison Club President and National Director Don Ramey, and District Nine School Board Member Steve Highlander.

Morrison

(TN) Ruritan Club operated a food booth during the Warren County Fair. Pictured are club members Marlin Anderson, Brenda Anderson, Tammy Parker, Ray Hickenbottom, and Kay Holt.



News From Ruritan: Hermitage District



Edward Wilson and William Griffin Receive Five New Member Bars

Edward Wilson and William Griffin of the **Gadsden (TN)** Ruritan Club were recognized for bringing in five new members. Each received a five new member bar. Pictured (l-r) are club secretary Rebecca Wilson, club president Edward Wilson, and

William Griffin.

Youth members Brittany Jones and Cody Rodgers help coordinate a Trunk or Treat. They wanted to promote the club and its mission. Pictured (l-r) are Wilson, Jones, and Rodgers.



News From Ruritan: Alabama - Florida District



Bleeker (AL) Ruritan Club converted a collapsed porch into a ramp for a fellow neighbor and smoked turkeys as a fundraiser for needy families.



West Branch Area Ladies Honor Veterans

West Branch Area Ladies (OH) Ruritan Club recognized veterans Winnie Broomall and Jerry Weizenecker. Broomall was stationed at the Eltero Marine Base for two years and is now 95 years old. Weizenecker spent two years in Korea. Each veteran was given a patriotic lap robe, bib, flag, and a bag for their walker and wheelchair.

Homer Presents Dictionaries

Homer (OH) Ruritan Club presented student dictionaries to third graders at Black River Elementary School. The students were thrilled to get their own personal dictionary to use in class and take home at the end of the school year. Club members Linda Wuthrich and Jill Tyree presented the dictionaries on September 11, modeling good citizenship and showing an act of kindness on this historic date.



National Trail Sponsors Citizenship Contest



Winners of the 2015 **National Trail** (OH) Ruritan Club Citizenship Contest were announced during an awards ceremony at the New Concord Fire-fighter's Festival. Second graders created posters, and fifth graders wrote essays that depict a career of interest. Over 800 students have entered into the contest over the past four years.



Buckeye (OH) Ruritan Club completed two summer projects. Club members John Wetherell, William Wheeler, Don Roe, and Donald Brannon trimmed trees in front of Grange Hall. John Wetherell, club president James DellaPenna, club treasurer Don Roe, and Don Brannon painted the frame for the bell in front of the New Alexandria Community Chapel.



For over 40 years, the **Washington** (OH) Ruritan Club's float has been participating in the Carnation Day's Parade. Club members Larry and Sue Sampson, gave the float a "facelift" with a fresh coat of paint, American Flags, and new carnations. This year the float was awarded the Carnation Days Parade Chairman's Award. Pictured are Richard Royer, Karl Kiener, Pastor Bob Miller, Anne Freshly, Bonnie Kiener, and Larry Sampson.

News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District

Western North Carolina Clubs Staying Active

Glen Alpine (NC) Ruritan Club was featured in its local newspaper for several club activities. A benefit dinner was held for police officer Kirk Penley, who was stricken with cancer.

A drawing for a riding mower, push mower, and \$100 in cash was held during the Glen Alpine July 4th celebration. After expenses, the club's profit was \$2,800.

Three scholarships were given totalling \$1,200. District governor Eddie Peters presented the awards to Emily Cook, who will be pursuing her career in nursing at Gardner-Webb University; Justin Browning, who will be attending Wake Forest University and focusing on international studies; and Jessica Browning, who is studying at Meredith College to become a pharmacist.

Old Fort (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 25th anniversary and the grand opening of Herron's Antiques and Collectables. In attendance were Western North Carolina District Governor Eddie Peters and his wife, Lt. Governor Mike Smith, and zone governor Keith Hall.



Pictured in front of the building (l-r) are Herb Jenkins, Mike Smith, club president Charles Herron, past president Dean Herron, Eddie Peters, Keith Hall, and club treasurer Eddie Bingham. Pictured in front of the sign are Dean Herron and Charlie Herron.

Perry Davis was featured in his local newspaper for winning a John Deere lawn mower, the grand prize for the **Chesterfield**

(NC) Ruritan Club's raffle. Pictured (l-r) are Davis, Charles Duckworth, James Johnson, and Mike Smith.



News From Ruritan: Delmarva New Jersey District

Carson Jenkins Joins Rockawalkin Club

Carson Jenkins, age seven, joined **Rockawalkin** (MD) Ruritan Club. Taking his commitment seriously, Carson jumped right into the road clean-up project. He is the son of club members Kevin and Tammy Jenkins. Pictured is the clean-up crew.

Powellville Recognizes Two Families

Powellville (MD) Ruritan Club recognized two families that have three generations with the club. Pictured far left is the Davis family. Jack and Joyce, first generation; Joey, second generation; and Evan and Kara, third generation.

Also pictured is the Patey family. Laura, second generation; Janice, first generation, and Paige, third generation.



Brushy Mountain Presents Scholarships



Brushy Mountain (NC) Ruritan Club presented Paula Farmer, Media Specialist at Moravian Falls Elementary School, with a \$500 check to purchase an iPad for the school. This award supplements the grant provided by the Wilkes Community Foundation for the purchase of additional iPads. Pictured (l-r) are club president Jerry Smithey, Citizenship and Patriotism Chair

Phyllis Moulton, Wilkes Community Foundation Board President Dennis Huggins, and Paula Farmer.

Brushy Mountain (NC) Ruritan Club awarded five seniors with a \$750 scholarship and one senior with a Build Your Dollar Scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are Build Your Dollar recipient Emma Van Buskirk, Mallory Hibbard, Krishna Tiwari, Laken Blackburn, club president Jerry Smithey, and Caleb Younce.



Leasburg Honors Veterans

The **Leasburg** (NC) Ruritan Club and Boy Scout Troop 239 came together and recognized area veterans during the annual Veterans Recognition Dinner. The troop performed a Flag Retiring Ceremony and allowed each of them to take part in the ceremony. The Boy Scouts honored our nation's colors and explained the symbolism of the stars and stripes. Fred Smith commented on the area veterans, upcoming events to honor them, and events to raise money for some of their projects.

Windsors Cross Roads Holds Tractor Show



Windsors Cross Roads (NC) Ruritan Club's 11th annual breakfast fundraiser and tractor show and cruise was a great success. Cruise Co-Chair Bill Wooten said, "We had more than 20 tractors on display and most of them participated in the cruise through the rural area."

Treasurer Jack Loudermilk noted that the newspapers

articles and other promotions brought out one of the biggest crowds for breakfast. Funds raised will allow the club to continue to present scholarships, maintain the community center, and assist with other needs in the community.

Semora Donates Drink Tabs

Semora (NC) Ruritan Club donated drink tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Durham, NC. Over 120 pounds of tabs have been collected by the club this year. This is equivalent to \$12,000. Pictured are Curtis and Mary Lou Oliver.



News From Ruritan: New River and Rapidan Districts

New River and Rapidan Districts Honor Veterans



Ruritan Road (VA) Club took a bus full of veterans and their families to visit the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond. Pictured is club member Patricia Arnold and Veteran Bobby Turman. After the visit to the memorial, the group had a guided tour of the monuments on Monument Avenue in Richmond and stopped in Roanoke at the **Bonsack-Blue Ridge Area (VA)** Ruritan Club for dinner. The trip was offered at no cost to veterans and a moderate cost to their family members as a Citizenship and Patriotism project for the club. (Photo courtesy Virginia War Memorial)

Veterans of the **Culpeper (VA)** Ruritan Club were honored at the club's annual picnic. District Governor Linda Bradshaw presented them with certificates of appreciation from the district cabinet. The veterans honored were Curtis Brooking, John D. Croft, Craig Dennis, Posey Howell, Donald H. Shuman, Jr., and William D. Sisk. Pictured (l-r) are John Croft, Posey Howell, Linda Bradshaw, Donald Shum.



The cabinet also honored veterans of the **Jefferson (VA)** Ruritan Club by presenting them with certificates of appreciation. Club vice president David Rowe presented the certificates on behalf of the Rapidan District Cabinet. The veterans of the club include Richard Binger, Perry Cabot, Walter Cox, Suzanne Nelson, and David Rowe. Pictured (l-r) are David Rowe and Walter Cox.



News From Ruritan: Smoky Mountain and Opportunity Land District



Pictured are **Parrottsville (TN)** Ruritan Club members who attended the dedication ceremony of the Civil War Trail Markers. The club sponsored two trail markers. The town of Parrottsville and the Cocke County Tourism Department held the dedication.



Western Yell (AR) Ruritan Club sponsored its annual scholarship fundraiser dinner. Catfish, various seafood, BBQ ribs, and chicken with all the trimmings were served to over 300 people. The club profited over \$3,200. This fundraiser has been held for over 30 years. The club awards from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in scholarships each year and sponsors an active Ruri-teen club. The club also hosted their 40th annual Independence Day Community Worship Service and provided lunch to 160 people. The \$623 offering collected that day was donated to the Southern Christian Home for Children in Morrilton, Arkansas.

EDWARD WILSON

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

THE \$600 WANTED WINNER FOR THE
THIRD QUARTER OF 2015 WAS
EDWARD WILSON OF THE GADSDEN (TN)
RURITAN CLUB IN THE HERMITAGE DISTRICT



REWARDED \$600

SUE WILLIAMSON

THE \$200 WINNER IN THE WANTED CONTEST
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2015 WAS
SUE WILLIAMSON OF THE ROCK HOUSE CLUB
IN THE PIEDMONT DISTRICT.



REWARDED \$200

JANEAN HEATH

\$400 WAS PRESENTED TO JANEAN HEATH
OF THE HARRISON (TN) CLUB FOR THE
THIRD QUARTER. THIS IS JANEAN'S
SECOND TIME WINNING!



REWARDED \$400

