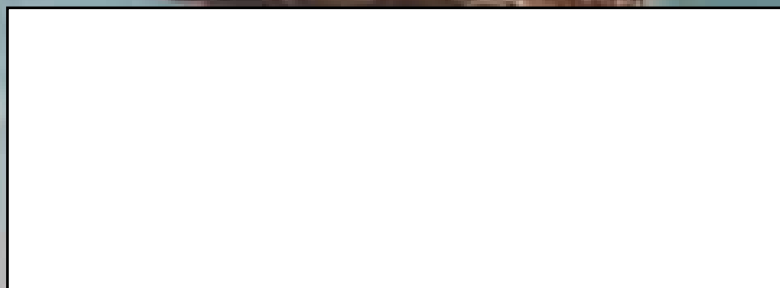




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## Are We Asking?



This has been a great year and I have enjoyed every moment serving as your National President. My wife Patsy and I have been allowed to share in numerous club anniversaries, celebrations, and community events. We've had fun visiting clubs and

meeting our Ruritan family, but we have also struggled with trying to accomplish some things that we feel are important to our organization.

I am thankful for the clubs that have been chartered. But there should have been a lot more.

I am thankful for the members that have been brought into our organization. But there should have been a lot more.

I have tried to encourage and emphasize that we need more involvement with our clubs. We need more people willing to serve our organization. We need more people willing to step up to the plate and do what needs to be done, whether its politically correct, or not!

As I think about our past leaders, I can't help but think of the years of experience and the knowledge we have in our organization. If we could bottle all of this wisdom and talent, there is nothing that we could not accomplish.

Most of these leaders know what it takes. But are we, and I'm including myself, passing this knowledge to the people who are building this organization by bringing in new members and growing new clubs? For some reason, we have lost our desire to mentor our club leaders.

Membership was at its highest in 1978 with 38,790 members. As of November 1, we had 26,237 members. In 1991, we had 1400 clubs. Today we have 1019.

What's happened?

Some will tell you that we are just getting older. They say, "Many have died." People will tell you that young families are just too busy these days to commit to Ruritan. I say "Nonsense!" I know of no one who doesn't make time for doing the things they

enjoying doing.

I think that we (yes, myself included) - the Baby Boomers - have failed. Baby Boomers were those people born between 1946 to 1964. We would have been between 14 to 32 years of age in 1978.

We were more privileged than our parents had been. Yes, they wanted to give us what they never had. I'm not sure they did us any favors.

We became a spoiled, self-centered society. We quit thinking about others and we quit contributing to our fellow man.

We quit working for our organization. Many were content to just come to the club meetings, eat, burp, and go home.

We weren't committed to growth, and it began to show in our numbers. We did the same thing, the same way, and we got the same results.

Woody Allen said, "90 per cent of success is showing up."

In the creative sense, showing up doesn't just mean arriving at a place — it means being prepared to put in the work, regardless of outside factors or obstacles, including your own naysaying mind. Painter Chuck Close spoke about this, when he noted that "inspiration is for amateurs...the rest of us just show up and get to work."

How many of you have ever heard, "But we've always done it that way?"

If you're a committed, dedicated Ruritan, then your job never ends. We all are expected to bring in new members, encourage present members, and help organize new clubs.

If we don't step up to the plate, then we can only blame ourselves for Ruritan's decline.

Another point that I've preached all year is that "we have to find our replacement."

At your next club meeting, look around and count all of the grey heads. We're not going to be here forever. Like it or not, we will die at some point. Why not have someone that you mentor and train, to take your place?

Myles Munroe said "Success without a successor is failure!"

We may have the biggest, greatest club in the organization - but if we don't have successors, then in

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## National Convention Voting

Anyone that is not pre-certified must be certified by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The voting room will open at 2:00 p.m. on Friday and remain open until 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, the voting room will reopen at 8:00 a.m through 10:00 a.m. You will also be able to vote electronically starting at 2:00 p.m. Friday through 10:00 a.m. Saturday.



On the Cover: Ellen Robinett from Lenexa Kansas is responsible for the new Rudy Bear artwork. Ellen was the receptionist at the National Office for several years. You can purchase the new Rudy Bear online at [www.ruritan.shumskypromo.com](http://www.ruritan.shumskypromo.com) or by calling Michelle Monhollen at 800-223-2203 ext. 1143.

## Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley

### People Need Us and Our Service



It's amazing how fast a year goes by. We are just a short time away from our National Convention in Kingsport TN. We have a great convention planned with excellent entertainment, food and fellowship. If you haven't already made plans to join us we hope that you will. We know you will have a great time seeing all your

old Ruritan Friends and making new ones as well. I have often described the convention as a big Ruritan family reunion. Come be a part of the reunion! It is also a time to elect your new officers and directors and attend to the business of the national organization. Your club deserves to have a voice in the decisions that are made. Please consider sending your delegates to be a part of the decision making process.

We hope that this year has been all you wanted it to be for your club. Survey where your club is at the end of this year. Do you have more members than you started the year with? They are only a question away. Ask someone to be a part of your club. It's

good for your club and the community it serves to have new members and new ideas.

We have spent this entire year focusing on informing members about the importance of building new Ruritan clubs. It has created a lot of excitement and interest. Unfortunately, that excitement has not converted to very many new Ruritan Clubs. We need new clubs in new communities. In my own community it seems that the need is never fully met. No matter how hard my club works to service the community there is always more to do. One of the most important reasons to organize a new club is that the community that doesn't have a club still has the need. People need us and our service. That is why we exist, to serve others. We have a number of resources available to assist you with building a new club. All you have to do is ask. Please contact the National Office or your district officers if you know of an area that could use a new club.

We hope you have a great year-end celebrating the holidays with your families and join us in Kingsport to celebrate our Ruritan year.

## New Clubs for 2016

<b>New Club</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Sponsoring Club</b>	<b>DRM</b>
Hartly	30	Kenton	Kyle Virdin
Cyclone Service Ruri-Teen	35	Unicoi	Norman Odell Jonathan Lafollette
Topper Ruri-Teen	35	Boones Creek	Tristan Lane
Lucketts Elem. School Rudy Youth	3	Lucketts	Stan Sorrell
Chowan Middle School Ruri-Teen	11	Belvidere	Melissa White Sarah Williams
Spotswood High School Ruri-Teen	9	Keezletown	Russ Lawrence
Patriots Ruri-Teen	36	Parrottsville	Lynn Fillers Paula McCallie

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



## Candidates Announce For National Office

As of November 1, Ruritan National had the following candidates for national office. **President Elect:** Clinton Guy Cox, **National Directors:** George A. Brothers, Janet Kinsey, Jonathan LaFollette, Betty Moore, Stanley Turner, **Foundation Trustee:** William R. (Bob) Beeson, Ollie H. (O.H.) Bobbitt, III. Only candidates declaring between July 1 and November 1 are featured in this issue.



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**CLUB:** Member, Bethesda (NC) Ruritan Club since 2011; Served as President 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013; Vice President 2005, 2008, 2010; Secretary 2007, 2015, 2016; Served as Committee Chair for Citizenship and Patriotism, Scholarship, Youth and Scouts

**DISTRICT:** Served as District Convention Chair and Committee member 2011 to present; Youth Committee Chair 2013 to present; District Lt. Governor 2011, 2013 2015; District Governor 2012, 2014, 2016; Association of North Carolina Ruritans, Board of Directors 2012, 2014, 2016; ANCR Rally 2011 thru 2016

**NATIONAL:** Attended Summer Leadership Conference 2011 to 2016; Attended Ruritan Foundation Fellowship Weekend 2011-2014, 2016; Attended National Convention 2011 to 2016; participated in Flag Ceremony, Sergeant-at-Arms and Resolution Committee 2012

**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Bishop Heelan Catholic High School, Sioux City, Iowa

**OCCUPATION:** US Navy Chief Fire Controlman, Surface Warfare (22 yrs./retired); currently employed by GRT Electronic Manufacturing, Raleigh, NC, Electronic Technician and Pick & Place assembly line supervisor (2000 to present)

**OTHER:** Eagle Scout; Assistant Scoutmaster; Charter Organization Representative, BSA Troup 402, chartered by Bethesda Ruritan Club. Married to Tina for 33 years; Son Jason (also a member of Bethesda Ruritan Club); daughter Sarah & son-in-law Kevin; grandsons Wyatt and Shaun.

**CLUB:** First joined Ruritan in 1998, Served as Club President 2004, 2005, 2006, 2015; served on all club committees; Club Secretary 2012-14; Director 2002, 2003; Two-time Club Ruritan of the Year 2002, 2004.

**DISTRICT:** District Governor 2016; Lt. Governor 2015; Zone Governor 2015; Youth Coordinator 2015; Served two years as Foundation Chair; District Ruritan of the Year 2002, 2004; Supervisor / Advisor to the Green Pride Ruriteen Club (two members were District Ruriteen of the year).

**NATIONAL:** Attended 20 National Conventions; Co-chair Sgt-at-Arms; served as Sgt-at-Arms 3 years; President's Aide 2001; President's Escort; led Pledge to the Flag to close convention; Tom Downing recipient; served on Registration & Credentials Committee; Co-chair of the Flag Ceremony; carried the Tennessee flag 2016; DRM; supervisor to 2 National Ruriteen of the Year recipients; Ruritan National Member of the Year 2004.

**EDUCATION:** Volunteer High School; Associates in Education, Northeast State; BS in History, East Tennessee State University; M.E.D., Milligan College.

**OCCUPATION:** History Teacher, 8 years.

**OTHER:** Married to Evie for 9 years; 2 sons, Luther and Jasper; son of 2000 National President, Jim LaFollette and 2000 National First Lady, Janie LaFollette; Member of McPhetters Bend Baptist Church for 30 years.

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

### Past National Director Charles Reed Lewis Passes

Past National Director and current Switzer, KY Club President Charles Reed Lewis, age 92, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 23, 2016, at St. Joseph Hospice Care in Lexington. Funeral services for Mr. Lewis were held at North Fork Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Wade Bibb, Rev. Carlton Winters, and Bro. Jay Stratton officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Military honors were observed at the gravesite by VFW Post 4075. The family received friends at North Fork Baptist Church from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Mr. Lewis was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, on May 27, 1924, to the late Robert and Rachel Brawner Lewis. He was united in marriage to his loving wife of 67 years, Saragarnett Hutcherson Lewis, who preceded him in death. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving on the USS Liberty during WWII. He was a retired supervisor for the National Distillery and Chemical Corporation. He was an active member of North Fork Baptist Church in which he served as a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. He was proud to be the President of the Switzer Ruritan Club, which he chartered in 1970. He was also very talented, spending most of his early life as a mechanic and later on doing woodworking. He loved and cherished his family dearly.

Along with his parents and wife, Saragarnett, he was preceded in death by his son, Charles (Buddy) Lewis.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his daughter, Susan Sparrow and husband Roger; by his daughter-in-law, Antoinette Lewis; by his grandsons, Casey Sparrow and wife, Lisa, Kyle Sparrow and wife Jaime, Cory Sparrow and wife Rachel, Kip Sparrow, Charlie Scott Lewis and wife Melinda, and Rob Lewis and wife Kelley; by three brothers and two sisters. He was also blessed with ten great-grandchildren, whom he treasured. Serving as pallbearers were his grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were his great-grandchildren.

### Past National Secretary Mark Thomas Farrow Passes

Mark Thomas Farrow, age 69, husband to Judy Garnett Farrow, passed away at Hospice Care Center in Lexington on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. He was born April 13, 1947 in Stamping Ground, Kentucky, to the late Treva Gail Harlow Farrow and James Ollie Farrow. He was a member of Southland Christian Church in Lexington, a graduate of Kentucky State University and Chase College of Law. Mark was a lawyer, a retired Kentucky Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, and a former State Representative for 16 ½ years in 62 District of Harrison and Scott County. He was President of Stamping Ground Ruritan Club, District Governor of Kentucky Ruritan Clubs, and served three terms as Secretary of Ruritan National.

Mark is survived by his wife Judy of Georgetown, his brother Tim (Debbie) Farrow of Georgetown, special niece and nephew Christine and Luke Garnett, and brother-in-law, Charlie (Dwyla) Garnett. He was preceded in death by his daughter Sarabeth Garnett Farrow and son Joshua Thomas Farrow, and three brothers, Paul, David, and T.L. Farrow.

Services were held at 10:30 A.M. Monday, August 22, 2016, at Tucker, Yocum & Wilson Funeral Home with Dr. Paul Redditt officiating. Burial followed at Georgetown Cemetery with pallbearers being Terry Maurer, Calvert Bratton, Jackie Wash, Johnny Griffin, Danny Perkins, John Stewart, Billy Hanna and Happy Osborne. Honorary bearers were Chris Briggs, Clyde McConnaughay, Chris Cutter, Jenny Elder, Andrea McClaskey and Flash Williams. Visitation was on Sunday, August 21, 2016, at the funeral home from 4 to 8.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care Center, St. Joseph Hospital, One Street St. Joseph Drive, Lexington, KY 40504.

### Calendar of Events On Website

Ruritan National is maintaining a calendar of Ruritan events and committee meetings as well as information on office closings and staff availability. This calendar, developed through Google Calendars, can be found under the "Events Calendar" link at <http://ruritan.org>. Clicking on many items provides additional detail and directions.

Districts are invited to submit items to include on the calendar by emailing [office@ruritan.org](mailto:office@ruritan.org).

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# Board Approves Changes to Blue Ribbon Award

At the August meeting the Ruritan National Board of Directors voted to redefine the attendance requirements for the Blue Ribbon Award earned by clubs. If the 90% attendance requirement and/or membership increase are too hard to achieve, a club can compensate for lower attendance by having up to three GOLD Community Service Awards. See page 9 for the new form and the revised wording for item "a." The rationale for the motion was to give more value to clubs excelling in community service.

In addition to this change the board revised the prizes for achieving Blue Ribbon status. Clubs applying for the award can now choose the traditional felt banner **or** a certificate and \$150 credit toward either the national convention registration or Ruritan supplies. The rationale for this change was that many clubs do not have a permanent building and cannot display a wall of Blue Ribbon banners. This change also allows clubs that aren't as interested in the traditional felt banner to strive for a more substantial prize.

A new Blue Ribbon form is featured in this issue of the RURITAN magazine on pages 9-10. These changes will apply to the judging of 2016. Applications are due by Feb. 10 each year.

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a few years, that club will begin to fail.

We can begin now to save our organization. But it's going to take, commitment, dedication, and consistency.

A story is told of two friends. Both men liked to golf. One Sunday, one of the men asked his friend if he would like to go golf on Sunday morning.

The second man said, "Well, I usually go to church - but I guess I could miss one Sunday."

So they went to the golf course.

But the Lord really beat the guy up that week and made him feel really bad, about missing church.

The next week, his friend asked him again if he would like to golf on Sunday morning.

He replied, "No, I really need to be at church."

His friend asked him, week after week, to go golf on Sunday morning and his reply was always the same.

"No, I really need to go to church."

His friend soon quit asking and they didn't see each other much for a while.

Then one day, he ran into his friend, and said. "Why did you quit asking me to go golf with you on Sunday morning?"

He answered, "Well, I realized that I was always asking you to golf - but you never once asked me to go to church with you."

Think about it. Are we asking? Are we inviting people to membership?

Everyone one of us comes into contact with people everyday who have never been asked to join Ruritan. You may have to ask 10, 20, 30 times but one day you'll get the answer you want.

One thing is for sure. If you don't ask, then you can be 100% sure you will fail.

Ann Landers said "The Lord gave us two ends - one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most."

Folks, lets get busy! We all have a job to do. Let's do it!

Thank you for all you do for the greatest organization in the world!

One more thought from John Wesley!

*Do all the good you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as you ever can!*

## Wear Purple on Saturday for the First Lady's Breakfast

*If you are planning to attend the First Lady's Breakfast on Saturday, First Lady Patsy would like to encourage you to wear purple. Purple represents Alzheimer's disease Awareness and this is a cause that is close to First Lady Patsy's heart.*

*Many of you know that even Rudy has put on a purple shirt this year for this important cause. So if you are coming to the First Lady's Breakfast or even coming for just Saturday, we encourage you to wear purple for the day.*





# Blue Ribbon Award Application

(Period from January 1 to December 31)

This application for the Blue Ribbon Award is to be completed and returned to the Ruritan National Office postmarked by February 10 if your club has met the requirements listed below. The requirements above will be verified from club records on file in the Ruritan Home Office as appropriate.

- Has 80% attendance for January 1 through December 31, or have a membership increase of at least 10% and 75% or better attendance or the attendance requirement will be reduced from 80% by 5% for each "Gold" Community Service award earned for the current year (up to 15%) to be lower than 75% attendance. (See reverse side of this application for a place to list your Gold awards.)
- One project completed in each of the five Community Service Committees (list on back of this form)
- Quarterly Activities and Attendance reports submitted (postmarked) to the Ruritan National Office no later than the 10th of the month (April 10, July 10, Oct. 10, Jan. 10.)
- National dues paid (postmarked) by the 10th of the second month of the quarter. (Feb. 10, May 10, Aug. 10, Nov. 10)
- Names and addresses of newly elected club officers submitted (postmarked) to the Ruritan National Office by November 10.
- Club must be at charter strength (18 members) as of December 31.
- Club shows no net loss in membership for the calendar year January 1 through December 31, therefore we must go back to December (of the previous year) report to get net membership as of January 1 and have no net loss for the current calendar year to be eligible for this award; however, if the death of a member occurs after October 1 during the year, this would not count against or affect the membership requirements of this award.
- Club must be represented at the district convention.
- All club officers must attend district or zone scheduled Club Officers' Training or complete on line training through the MMS by March 1.
- Blue Ribbon application must be submitted (postmarked) to the Ruritan National Office by February 10.
- The club's district governor must receive the club's Community Service Reports postmarked by October 1.

Attendance is computed as follows:

	(1) Membership	(2) Subtract On Leave	(3) Subtract At Large	(4) Subtract Honorary (paying)	(5) Subtract Associate	(6) Members Left (net)	(7) Attendance	(8) Make-Ups
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(3) Subtract At Large								
(4) Subtract Honorary (paying)								
(5) Subtract Associate								
(6) Members Left								
(7) Total Attendance								
(8) Total Make-ups								
(9) Add lines 7 & 8								
(10) Divide line 9 by line 6								%

According to our records, the \_\_\_\_\_ Club has met the requirements for the Blue Ribbon Award listed above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Secretary

\*NOTE: Active is any member who is not on leave, at large, honorary, or associate which is why all of these members are subtracted from the total calculation.

Please complete back of this form

**Community Service Committee Projects Completed**  
**(List one project completed for each committee)**

1. Business and Professions \_\_\_\_\_

2. Citizenship and Patriotism \_\_\_\_\_

3. Environment \_\_\_\_\_

4. Public Services \_\_\_\_\_

5. Social Development \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Awards earned during the year - circle the ones that apply. Up to three can be listed for a 5% decrease in attendance each. See (a.) on the front of this form.

Business & Professions

Citizenship & Patriotism

Environment

Public Service

Social Development

If you win this Blue Ribbon Award you have a choice of prizes. Please check one of the following prizes:

\_\_\_\_\_ Traditional felt banner - Blue Ribbon Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Certificate and \$150 credit at National toward registration for attendee to attend convention

\_\_\_\_\_ Certificate and \$150 credit for supplies and Rudy Bears

**Reminder:** Many clubs that qualify for the Blue Ribbon Award may also qualify for the Outstanding Club President Award. Your club president **WILL NOT** automatically be considered for this award. You must apply. See the application on the page 19.

# Scholarships Achieve Ruritan Foundation and Club Goals



In May and June, Ruritan Clubs across America awarded over 400 Ruritan National Foundation (RNF) scholarships to local students to attend their educational institution choice. Scholarship recipients visited club meetings and told stories of how their award enabled them to continue their education and change

their lives. Photos and stories of student recipients and club members were featured in local papers, our Ruritan magazine, and on social media.

Scholarship awards fulfill the purpose of Ruritan Foundation Bylaws. "The Foundation gives grants to individuals for post-secondary education.... Income from growth in investments, interest and dividends will be used to fund the educational programs of the Foundation."

Last year, the Foundation awarded, and local clubs presented, over 400 scholarships, primarily Build Your Dollar (BYD or BY\$) awards. BY\$ scholarships are enabled by unrestricted or general funds accumulated since 1968 through special gifts from districts, clubs, and individual permanent funds. contributions to Birthday, Permanent, Tom Downing, club, and district funds, as well as Special & Friend Educational Funds, help build the Ruritan Foundation corpus.

Tom Downing is the largest unrestricted fund in the RNF endowment, with a 2016 balance over \$740,000 which generates unrestricted earnings that are used for BY\$ scholarships and other RNFI costs. Tom Downing was an outstanding leader, a co-founder of Ruritan, and first National Secretary of Ruritan. Thus Tom Downing Fellow awards honor outstanding members and citizens, and over 1,450 of their names are listed on the RNF online website. In 2015 and 2014 RNF unrestricted funds grew by a total of \$48,500 as clubs recognized 47 and 50 Tom Downing honorees and the RNF received \$500 each. Many districts pay \$250 of the \$500 cost to encourage clubs to honor local leaders with Tom Downing awards for exemplary service.

District Funds collectively represent over \$900,000 of unrestricted corpus that generates earnings that are used for BY\$ scholarships and other general

RNFI costs. In 2016, two district unrestricted educational funds are over \$100,000. Potomac District has \$172,000 and Ohio District has \$109,000. Piedmont District is third largest at \$64,000. All other district educational funds have a combined value of about \$600,000.

Birthday Fund gifts, either \$10 or \$2 per member, are used by many Ruritan Clubs to recognize members. Birthday gifts are designated for the club's permanent fund RNF corpus or held for OWC use as relief funds. Net annual unrestricted RNF earnings pay for BY\$ scholarships.

Permanent Funds honor a named club, individual or family and about 1,800 are recorded. Currently, about 1,000 funds are above the \$1,000 level for an established Permanent fund, 340 funds exceeded the 21<sup>st</sup> Century level of \$2,100, and 120 funds achieved the Cornerstone level at \$5,000. Many clubs and families are completing their own named permanent funds by moving up the "steps" from \$1,000 toward a \$10,000 endowment level.

Endowed restricted funds, for named club or individual scholarships, are growing. In 2016 fiscal year, at the fiscal year end, four Golden '68 Funds had \$50,000 or more, fifteen Special Funds had \$20,000, and 28 Friends Funds had \$10,000 or more. Earnings from the corpus of these endowed funds allow clubs to award local, donor designated scholarships.

All Ruritan scholarships change local lives and deserve recognition! The 2016 Ruritan Annual Report to be released at the January 2017 National Convention will celebrate gifts supporting Ruritan scholarships through RNF funds. The report recognizes Ruritan Clubs and individuals that gave to Tom Downing, District, Permanent, and Birthday Funds, as well as Special & Friend Scholarship Funds to promote educational scholarships and serve our communities.

To build your named fund, please contact a RNF Trustee or District RNF Promotion Chair. RNF Trustees responsibly manage and maintain the corpus in perpetuity to achieve donor goals. Prudent corpus investments produce earnings that support scholarship grants to local students. Your continuing investments grow corpus, and increase Foundation scholarship awards.

Join us in Kingsport at the Friday, January 20, Foundation luncheon to celebrate RNF scholarships and recipients.

## Ruritan National Announces a New Partnership with Adventure Camp, Inc.



Adventure Camp was started in 1981 as a camp for children (ages 6-18) with limb loss. There is no charge for the campers to attend, and no camper has ever been turned away. Campers from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana, Tennessee, Washington, and West Virginia have attended Adventure Camp.

The camp is a 501(c)3 organization and is supported by donations. Ruritans have been generous with their donations, and Ruritan clubs and districts are encouraged to contact Adventure Camp to send campers or to make donations. Activities available to campers include swimming, wall climbing, ropes course, zip line, archery, golfing, kayaking, fishing, canoeing, tubing, and horseback riding.

Adventure Camp, Inc. will have a booth at the Ruritan National Convention in Kingsport. Stop by their booth to welcome them as a new partner with Ruritan National. There you will meet Adventure Camp staff/board member Ed Hicks, who is treasurer of the Lovington Ruritan Club and 2016 Lt. Governor of the Woodrow Wilson District. You can also visit their website at: [www.adventurecampinc.org](http://www.adventurecampinc.org).



# 2004 National Ruri-Teen of the Year Success Story



In 2005, at the National Convention in Jacksonville, FL, **Dinwiddie High School** Ruri-Teen Denee' Moore was called to the stage to receive the 2004 National Ruri-Teen of the Year award from 2004 National President John Hancock.

Former President John said he knew, even then, that Denee' was special and that she would be a credit to Ruritan as she moved forward in her life. He sure had that right!

Today Dr. Denee' Moore is attending physician and site director at Neighborhood Family Health Center in Charlottesville, VA. Neighborhood Family Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center that is operated by Central Virginia Health Services (CVHS). The mission of this health center is to provide quality medical, dental, and behavioral health services to people regardless of their ability to pay. CVHS has 16 offices across the state of Virginia that are located in cities and counties designated as medically underserved by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Former President John noted, "I remember that her mom, Deborah, also came to Jacksonville, FL and Denee' was such an outstanding student that Dr. Charles Maranzano, Superintendent of Dinwiddie County Schools, flew to Jacksonville to be present to see her receive her award. I continue to be so impressed with Denee' and what she has accomplished."

Denee' graduated from Dinwiddie County High School in 2005 and was the co-valedictorian of her class. In 2009, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Chemistry from the University of Virginia (UVA) in Charlottesville, VA. While at UVA, she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and lived on "The Lawn" during her final year of studies.

Denee' earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU-MCV) in Richmond, VA in 2013. In June 2016, she graduated from the VCU - Bon Secours St. Francis Family Medicine Residency in Midlothian, VA. She served as Chief Resident during her final year at the residency.

She remembers well what it was like to be involved in Ruritan and to be honored at the national convention. "I am grateful that I had the opportunity to become a member of and participate in my high school's Ruri-Teen club over 10 years ago, and I have continued to carry out Ruritan National's mission of making communities a better place in which to live through fellowship, goodwill, and community service," Denee' said in a recent interview.

Denee's Ruri-Teen advisor Betty Haney of the **Sutherland** (VA) Ruritan Club remembers, "I met Denee' when she was in the ninth grade. She joined the Ruri-Teen club and was in it for four years. I also taught her in two classes. She is an ambitious, smart, caring, wonderful and all around terrific young lady. She always knew what she wanted to do in life, be a doctor, and of course she has fulfilled her goal."

Do you have a story about another past Ruritan award winner? Let us know!



*Pictured with 2004 Ruri-Teen of the Year Denee' (l-r) are the late National Director Calvin Vaughan, Denee's mom Debra Moore, Dinwiddie Ruri-Teen Advisor Betty Haney, Denee', 2004 National President John Hancock, and Bill Haney.*

### Prince George Holds Golf Tournament

**Prince George** (VA) Ruritan Club held a most successful golf tournament at the Prince George Golf Course. Over \$5000 was raised to benefit their community service projects. Pictured are club members who celebrated the successful fundraiser and a very special guest, Ruritan National Executive Director Mike Chrisley.



### Great Bridge Recognized First Responders

**Great Bridge** (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual recognition for first responders. Plaques were presented to the Police Officer of the Year, Sheriff Deputy of the Year, and Firefighter of the Year. Additionally, bags of Rudy Bears were presented to the City of Chesapeake Police, Fire, and Sheriff Departments. Pictured (l-r) are Holland Zone 4 Lt. Governor Rusty Barath, 2012 National President and Public Services Chair Phyllis Lewter, Chesapeake Fire Chief Ed Elliott, Chesapeake Police Chief Kelvin Wright, Sgt. Thomas Mercer of the Sheriff Department, and Sue McMannes of the Great Bridge Ruritan Public Services Committee.



### South Norfolk Hosts Blue Crab Festival

National President Calvin Shelton visited the 2016 Blue Crab festival hosted by the **South Norfolk** (VA) Ruritan Club. Approximately 800 were in attendance. Pictured (l-r) are zone 4 Lt. governor Rusty Barath, club president John Craft, 2016 Ruritan National President Calvin Shelton, Dave McManes, and festival co-chair Steve Tise.



### Ivor Wins Blue Ribbon and Outstanding President's Award

At the membership meeting of the **Ivor** (VA) Ruritan Club, Holland District Governor David Edwards presented 2015 club president Vernon Teall with the 2015 Blue Ribbon Award for the Club and the 2015 Outstanding President's Award. Secretary Barbara Rayburn was honored as the 2015 Outstanding Club Secretary.

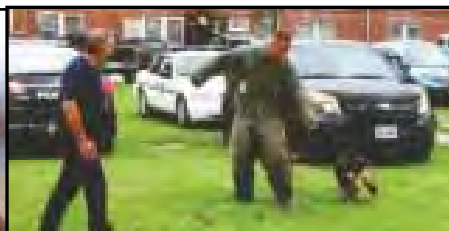




## News From Ruritan: Holland District continued

### Carrsville Honors Walter Johnson

Walter Johnson has served the **Carrsville** (VA) Ruritan Club and community for over 60 Years. He has many fond memories of service projects throughout the years and served the club as 1962 club president. At the September meeting, he was honored by Carrsville Club President and Past National Director Clay Byrum for his dedication and was named as Grand Marshall for the 2016 Carrsville Christmas Parade.



**Deep Creek** (VA) held another successful Beef Fest. Legos,

horse riding, and bouncy houses were some of the activities for the children. A local band was the entertainment for the evening.

**Deep Creek** (VA) and **Great Bridge** (VA) Ruritan Clubs and Alliance Christian Church held a cookout at the Hampton VA Medical Center.

Over 200 meals were served. The Deep Creek Club sponsored a National Night Out for the community. Fire trucks, police cars, and an ambulance set up for display. The Chesapeake K9 group and Chesapeake Dive Team entertained the crowd.

### Grassfield Honors Edward Vincek

**Grassfield** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Special guest were Lt. zone governor Rusty Barath and the Mayor of the City of Chesapeake Alan Krasnof. In honor of the club's last charter member and for his 60 years of dedication to the community, Krasnof and the City Council established October 1, 2016, as Edward Vincek Day. Krasnof noted the hundreds of hours of service Eddie has given to the community each year and presented him with a certificate. Pictured are Alan Krasnof, Rusty Barath, Eddie Vincek, and club president Russell Gwynn.



### Start Planning for the 2017 Ruritan Youth Camp

As we approach the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017 keep in mind the future of our organization, the youth. If you have youth in your clubs, communities, or families consider sending them to the 2017 Ruritan Youth Camp. This is a great opportunity to have the youth in our organization meet youth from other areas in Ruritan and learn about the fundamentals of Ruritan. At camp we teach the importance of Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service. The camp will be held at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center during the summer. More information will be available soon. If you are interested and would like more information please contact the Ruritan National Office.



**Creeds** (VA) Ruritan Club members Billy and Robbie Vaughan are pictured with new member Dorene Stevenson.

## Abingdon Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Abingdon (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The club has raised over five million dollars since its charter. Past President Pete Shepherd and Mary Lou Shepherd were co-chairs of the event. Pete, serving as the



emcee, recognized many members for their accomplished. The "Magnificent Nine", who founded the club's signature event, the Seafood Festivals, were honored. They are Jonathan Beck, Graham Blake, David Bristow, David Dea, Ben Garrett, Walter Priest,

Gordon Smith, Rupert Thomas, and L.T. Wells. Also recognized were club members and 2013/2014 National President Elliott Hogge, Don Sandridge, and L.T. Wells who are Tom Downing Fellows. Hogge, Sandridge, and Pete Shepherd were also recognized for being Ruritan Forever members. Graham Blake was recognized for 51 years of perfect attendance, and Bristow and Dea for being club members for over 50 years. Mary Lou Shepherd was commended for her work as editor of the club's newsletter that received first place award for excellence. Del. Keith Hodges presented club president Rose Taylor a resolution from the Virginia General Assembly commending the club for its achievements. A similar resolution that was read into the Congressional Record commending the club was also presented to President Taylor. Hogge donated to the club the gavel he used when he was Ruritan National President. L.T. Wells, a club member since 1975, spoke about how the club grew during his 47 years of membership. The evening concluded with delicious food and musical entertainment by the popular local group, The Mullins Sisters. Pictured (l-r) are Elliott Hogge, Sandra Hogge, and club president Rose Taylor. Also pictured is Wells as he was presenting the club's history.

## King William Donates to the Late Trooper Nathan Michael Smith's Family



Trooper Nathan Michael Smith died in a traffic accident answering a call last year. He left behind a wife, Jennifer and two children. **King William** (VA) Ruritan Club member and retired state trooper Bob Coats collected donations not only from the club and community but from his fellow state police alumni. Gene Cambell and Bob traveled to Richard Bland College for a dedication ceremony naming a bridge in memory of Trooper Smith. Bob presented a \$3,500 check to Jennifer (Smith's widow).

## Jeanne Laurent Received Warwick Club's Volunteer Award



Jeanne Laurent received the first **Warwick** (VA) Ruritan Club Volunteer Award from club member Bo Turner. Jeanne supports and volunteers at all club functions. Leas Hanlin Executive Director of Gowns for Hounds accepts a check from club president Woody Sanders. The Gowns for Hounds supports "EVERY PET DESERVES A VET."



## News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District continued

### Port Royal Cruises on the Rappahannock River

**Port Royal** (VA) Ruritan Club members enjoyed their annual summer outing by cruising on Captain Thomas' boat on the Rappahannock River. Leaving Rappahannock, the boat passed the 100-foot high Diatomaceous Cliffs, where several soaring Bald Eagles were sighted. After a brief bus ride to Ingleside Winery, the group enjoyed lunch, a tour of the winery, and wine tasting.



## News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District

### Clarke County Holds 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fair



**Clarke County** (VA) Ruritan Club had their 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clarke County Fair. Members from Gainesboro, Cedarville District, Stonewall District, Round Hill Ruritan Clubs, and other volunteers from the community helped cover the three gates throughout the week. Pictured are a few members preparing to serve the club's

famous chicken dinner. The members take turns each night serving and watching the gate.



### Ashburn Participates in Awards Night

**Ashburn** (VA) Ruritan Club President Randy Poland presided at the club's 21<sup>st</sup> annual "Outstanding Student Citizen Awards" night. The event, hosted by the Principal of the Eagle Ridge Middle School, Mr. Scott Phillips, was held in the school auditorium in Ashburn. 170 were in attendance including students to be honored, their families, teachers, school principals, Ruritan members, and Chief of Staff of Loudon County Schools Dr. Michael Richards. Students from 21 Ashburn area elementary and middle schools were selected by their principals and teachers as the "Outstanding Student Citizen" of their school. The awards consist of plaques engraved with the winning student's name for display in each school (the student then becomes a part of the history of the school), a certificate of recognition, and a donation in each student's name to the charity of their choice. The recipients were Thomas Young, Addison Allway, Ella Sran, El-Ayaan Kamal, Kelsey Smith, Eva Wadley, Nori Yamatani, Anna Reed, Courtney Henricks, Sofia Saliter, Grace Greason, Gina Daly, Riley Jackman, Anna Bollar, Austin Mitchell, Zachary Pracher, Daniel A. Bess, Jason Brown, Sonika Vuyyuru, Matthew Horstkamp, and Sydney Brennan.



## News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District continued



Richard Vo and Bridgett Berkeley received a \$1,500 scholarship each from the **South Warren** (VA) Ruritan Club at its annual family picnic. Richard will be attending Eastern Mennonite

University and Bridgett will be attending George Mason University. Club president Rick Logan made the presentations.

**As of June 1, 2016 the New Member Kits are no longer available for purchase. Ruritan National now sends out a New Member Packet to every member entered into the MMS. The packet includes a Foundation brochure, a Ruritan Forever brochure, a window cling, a Member Handbook, a certificate, Ruritan National Bylaws, Office Staff Directory, summary of Community Service Committees, Invitation to Membership, a current Ruritan Magazine, and a New Member Card. If the club would like to provide their new members with a Ruritan Lapel Pin they are available for purchase with our new supply company Shumsky. You can order online at <http://ruritan.shumskypromo.com> or call (800) 414-8946.**

## News From Ruritan: Appomattox District

### Clarksville Members "Reach for the Stars"

**Clarksville** (VA) Ruritan Club "Reach for the Stars" by giving 16 scholarships totaling \$75,000. The club was able to provide \$25,000 from stew sales, Tuesday night bingo, thrift shop sales, and Friday night dances. With generous support from the Short Foundation, the club received a \$50,000 grant to support the scholarships.



## News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District



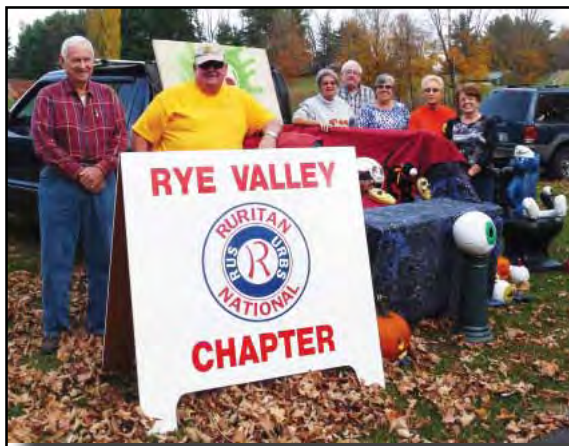
Pictured is the **Lynch Station** (VA) Ruritan Club's clubhouse after adding a new roof, patio, and a handicap accessible entrance.



## News From Ruritan: Southwest Virginia District

### Seven Mile Ford Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Seven Mile Ford (VA)** Ruritan Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Four charter members were in attendance. A L. Dunagan is the current club president. Special guests were National Director Gary Olinger, National Director Glen Broadwater, district governor David Hartgrove, and Lt. governor Jesse Choate.



The **Rye Valley (VA)** Ruritan Club won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the "Community Halloween Trunk or Treat" that was held at the Sugar Grove Elementary School ballfield. Over 200 children came out for the event. Club members enjoyed decorating the back of club president's Jesse Choate's pick-up truck.



## News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

### Zone Four Clubs Work Together



**Blue Grass, Bolar, Mill Gap, and Stonewall (VA)** Ruritan Clubs donated \$1,850 each totaling \$7,400 to Highland Elementary School Principal for the Community Snack Program. This program provides a mid-afternoon snack for pre-k to fifth grade students. Pictured (l-r) are Superintendent Dr. Thomas Schott, zone 4 governor Wes Maupin, and Highland Elementary School Principal Teresa Blum.



Zone 4 Governor Wes Maupin installed one of seven litter prevention signs, a joint beautification project between the four clubs.

**Massies Mill (VA)** Ruritan Club President David Ponton is shown receiving a 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate on behalf of the club. Pictured (l-r) are National Director Mike Morrison, club treasurer David Hight, club president David Ponton, district governor David Propst, and Lt. governor Ed Hicks.

**North River (VA)** Ruritan Club President Charles Curry (left) is shown presenting Roger Harlow the club's honorary life membership status. The club will pay all national and local dues for Roger.



## News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District continued

### Middlebrook Presents Awards



Austin Aylor of the **Middlebrook** (VA) Ruritan Club received the 2016 Woodrow Wilson District Rudy Youth of the Year Award. Jerry



Jerry Jarvis, 2016 president of the club, received the 2016 Woodrow Wilson Ruritan of the Year Award. Pictured (l-r) are Jerry Jarvis, 2016 National President Calvin Shelton, National Director Mike Morrison, and 2016 Woodrow Wilson District Governor David

Propst. The club also received five gold community service awards and a plaque for having the largest membership growth in the Woodrow Wilson District.

## News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

### Former Ruri-Teens Named Zone and Lt. Governor

Zone two of the **Rockingham District** held its 2016 banquet. This was the first time that all zone officers were female. The 2017 zone governor and Lt. zone governor started out as Ruri-Teen members. Sworn in by Rockingham District Governor Reggie Snodgrass (center), 2011 National Ruri-Teen of the Year Caitlyn Davis (left) will be the zone's Lt. governor and 2013 National Ruri-Teen of the Year Lexi Campbell (right) will be the zone governor. National Director Larry Cassell was excited to note that Ruri-Teens can become the future leaders of RURITAN. Not pictured were secretary Hannah Smith and treasurer and past zone governor Bea-Bea Rankin.



### Important Publication Dates

Spring Magazine - February 1, 2017

May Newsletter – April 30, 2017

Summer Magazine – May 1, 2017

July Newsletter – June 30, 2017

Fall Magazine – August 1, 2017

October Newsletter – September 30, 2017

Winter Magazine – November 1, 2017

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**Bridgewater** (VA) Ruritan Club member Ron Williams presented Kelly Callender and Aiden Lapp with the Reese Williams Scholarship worth \$1,500 each. Kelly will be attending Blue Ridge Community College and Aiden will be attending Bridgewater College.



### Potomac District Supports Education

**Davidsonville** (MD) Ruritan Club presented a \$50,000 check to Davidsonville Elementary School during the school's "Back to School" event. The club recently sold a building and is using the proceeds from it to help support the school. The club continues to supply athletic fields, free of charge, for use by the Davidsonville Athletic Association and presents yearly scholarships.



#### Jefferson (MD)

Ruritan Club had a display at the Valley Elementary School's annual "Back-to-School" night depicting what Ruritan does for the children of the Jefferson area. Manning the display for the evening were club members Nelda Cassell, Ruritan National Director Larry Cassell, and grandsons Zak and AJ. Over 500 parents and children attended to meet teachers as well as become familiar with local businesses and organizations.

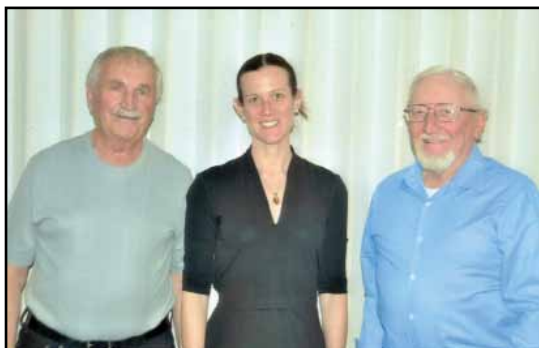
The **Lewistown** (MD) Ruritan Club presented 13 scholarships totalling \$6,450 at the annual club picnic. The funds for these scholarships were derived from the annual Lewistown Ruritan Golf Tournament. Pictured (l-r) are the recipients and the schools they are attending:



Lindsey Stanley, West Virginia University; Luke Staley, Hood College; Nick Mount, Arizona State; Megan Jenkins, Salisbury State University; Matt Gartrell, Frederick Community College; Megan Edwards, Frederick Community College; and Chad Hamilton, Penn State University. Not pictured were Jessica Lambert, VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine; Jennifer Lambert, Frederick Community College; Elaine Saxton, Frostburg University; Kayte Lambert, Frostburg University; and Kevin Sunday, Frederick



Community College. Alice Christman was a guest speaker for the club. Christman is the senior manager of community engagement with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. She discussed the progress of the current percentage of bay grass essential to the ecology. Pictured (l-r) are program committee chair Harold Staley, Alice Christman, and club president Dick Baseley.



attending Hagerstown Community College to study computers and mechanical technology. Darius Hockaday will be attending Temple University to major in physical therapy. Ashlyn Martin will be attending Marshall University to major in science. Zachary Toth will be attending Penn State University to major in civil engineering.

Pictured (l-r) are **Mau-gansville** (MD) Ruritan Club's scholarship winners. Daniel Hilden will be



## News From Ruritan: Potomac District continued

### St. Thomas Area Helps Erect Billboard

A special billboard recognizing the Hall of Fame accomplishment of Nellie Fox, who was born in St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, has been erected at 3705 Lincoln Way West. This billboard will greet all travelers approaching St. Thomas driving westbound on Route 30. The successful completion of this project was made possible through the joint effort and cooperation of St. Thomas Township, St.

Thomas Community Association, and the **St. Thomas Area** (PA) Ruritan Club.

Raymond Hause (left) and Austin Leatherman share stories as they walk among the line of antique tractors on display at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Catoctin Gas and Steam Engine Show, hosted by the **Wolfsville** (MD) Ruritan Club. *Caption and picture courtesy of Bill Green of the Frederick News-Post.*



## News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

### Forestburg Installs Seven New Members

**Forestburg** (NC) Ruritan Club initiated seven new members into the club. Pictured are Susan Perry, Madison Loftis, Cameron Perry, Brian Winslow, Konner Trueblood, Penny Trueblood, Parker Robertson, and club president David Fennell. The club helped the Perquimans County Grammar School with school supplies. The club collected 132 boxes of tissues, 188 glue sticks, and 115 boxes of crayons.



### WANTED CONTEST

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"Me Minus Five"  
Bonus Chances

Bring in a member five years younger than you and earn an additional five chances on the cash prizes!



One entry per member - staff will calculate your extra chances. Mail to **WANTED**, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084

### Wanted Program M5 Contest Rules

\*Drawing will be at the end of each quarter that the contest is in effect.

\*New members must be full, associate, or youth.

\*One member earns you one chance. Two members get 1+2 chances. Three members get 1+2+3 chances and so on.

\*If the new member is five years younger than you, earn five extra chances. (provide dates of birth for both of you)

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



### McCullers Ruritans Honor Veterans



**McCullers** (NC) Ruritan Club purchased bricks to be placed in the Garner Veteran Memorial in honor of three club members who are veterans. Fulton Betts (left) served during WWII in the Army. He was in the invasion from France into Germany. Fulton has been a club member since 2001. Leon Baker (center) served during the Korean War in the Air Force. He has been a club member since 1967, our longest standing active member. Larry Ward (right) served during the Vietnam War. He was in the 187<sup>th</sup> Infantry 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne unit. Larry has been a club member since 2011. Citizenship and Patriotism Committee Chair Joanne Matthews presented a plaque in recognition of their service.

The **Bahama** (NC) Ruritan Club co-sponsored the 5<sup>th</sup> annual 2016 Bahama Day Festival. The club sought out sponsors, promoted the event, and provided a majority of the volunteers that made the festival possible. Each year the festival provides a family-friendly atmosphere where those who attend eat local foods, enjoy live entertainment, and have great fellowship.



### Coopers Donates to Agriculture Building Project



The **Coopers** (NC) Ruritan Club donated to the Southern Nash High School Agriculture Storage Building Project. Southern Nash High School is the only public school in Nash County, NC that offers an agricultural-related curriculum. Annually, an average of 364 students have taken agriculture courses with 25% of those students graduating from and continuing this path. Numerous students excel in career development competitions, leadership enhancements, 4-H, and FFA opportunities as well.

Pictured (l-r) are Jessica Puckett, Derrick Bracey, Brandy Frazier, Linda Ethridge, club president Charles Ethridge, Mike Bartholomew, principal Dr. Mark Cockrell, and Kristina Brake.



### Zeb Vance Donates Dictionaries

During the regular morning school broadcast at Zeb Vance Elementary School, the **Zeb Vance** (NC) Ruritan Club presented dictionaries to the third grade classes. Pictured with students (left) are club members Winston Kerley and on the (right) Joe Matthews.





## Greenville-Goldsboro District Presents Scholarships



**Old Ford** (NC) Ruritan Club presented scholarships to 10 students. Each student was presented with a \$400 scholarship check. Pitt Community College representative Jane Alligood addressed the students with a message inspiring them to continue to strive for their goals no matter the obstacles. Pictured (l-r) are Raymond Williams Jr., Michael Asby,



Zachery Ambrose, Evan Smith, Joshua Smith, Hayley Noles, Alexis Matkins, Kevin Mizelle, Kara Hall, Caroline Boyd, and Jane Alligood.

The **Pinetown** (NC) Ruritan Club presented \$500 scholarships each to Kendall Alligood and Allison Waters.

Rudy Bear was a big hit at the Back to School Bash at the Pink Hill Library. Pictured are **Pink Hill** (NC) Ruritan Club members Michael Houston (as Rudy)

and Yvonne Deatherage. Club president Rod Smith presented assistant librarian Carmen Fernandez with a check for \$200. The club donated \$500 to Pink Hill Elementary School to help purchase school supplies. Pictured (l-r) are Valentina Perez, club president Rod Smith, Beth Martin, Susan Myers, and Cathy Chestnut.



**Ponzer** (NC) Ruritan Club member Cathy Clayton (left) recruited two new members Cheryl and Glenn Waters.

## 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](mailto:office@ruritan.org)



## News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District



### Cedar Fork Cooks for Veterans

**Cedar Fork** (NC) Ruritan Club prepared and served a barbeque meal for the residents and staff at the North Carolina Veterans Home in Kinston, NC. Club members were also invited to tour the MV-22 Osprey by USMC Major Brad Gautreaux. Pictured are club members at each event.



## News From Ruritan: Spartan District



### Middle Tyger Raise Money For Children's Home

**Middle Tyger** (SC) Ruritan Club hosted its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunter/Pace Event for the Southeastern Children's Home. There were 94 riders from SC, NC, and GA for both Trail Riders and Field Hunter Division. Scotsgrove Stables (club members Bob and Leslie Scott) provided the venue. The event raised over \$3,000. (Photo by Christine Free)

## News From Ruritan: Columbia District

### Pelion Replaces Roof

The **Pelion** (SC) Ruritan Club, in conjunction with the Building Construction Class from Pelion High School, recently replaced the roof on the picnic shelter next to the Pelion Ruritan Veterans Memorial. The roof was replaced with a metal roof and the project was coordinated by club members Tim Treaster and Benny Collings. The young men working on the project are shown in the picture along with their instructor. Pelion Ruritan officers for 2017 were elected. They are club president Kay Collings, vice president Beth Cravens, secretary Annette Lucas and treasurer Steve Neese. Rev. David Kessler will serve as the Ruritan chaplain and Benny Collings continues to serve as chair of the Pelion Ruritan Veterans Memorial. The club also participated in the annual "Trunk or Treat" sponsored by the local churches and police department.



### Maxwelton Donates Generously



**Maxwelton** (WV) Ruritan Club donated \$2,200 to “Penny Pitch” for the flood relief effort. Funds were raised from operating an ice cream concession stand during the WBCCI International Rally. The club also gave a donation to the **Renick** Ruritan Club to help fund scholarships. Katy McBride was presented with the “Golden Scoop” award for her hard work and dedication during the state fair.

Every week since the flood she delivers donated supplies to victims on behalf of the club. Club president Lee Godbey presented Rudy Bears to Greenbrier County Ambulance Representatives Shirley Winfrey and Austin Midkiff. Pictured (l-r) are Austin Midkiff, Lee Godbey, and Shirley Winfrey.

### Williamsburg Celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The **Williamsburg** (WV) Ruritan Club hosted the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of five area Ruritan Clubs; Gap Mills, Greenville, Williamsburg, Frankford, and Renick (WV). Ruritan National President Calvin Shelton attended and was the keynote speaker. A video presentation of Williamsburg community activities through the years was shown by club public relations director Stan Zahorenko. Chaplain Lee Johnson led the invocation. The welcome was given by 2003 National Foundation President Phil Jeffries.

Larry Bowman led in singing “My Country ‘tis of Thee.” Dinner was served to about 100 persons. Decorations were created by youth member Beth Stidom. Introduction and recognition of district officers and the head table guests were done by Phil Jeffries. Remarks were given by district governor Joe Wiley, and a tribute to Ruritan was given by National Director Nell Jeffries. 2010 National President Jerome Rodes spoke about the meaning of Ruritan in our communities. Presentation of certificates and awards were given to each group to recognize the 70<sup>th</sup> milestone by National President Calvin Shelton, National Director Nell Jeffries, Joe Wiley, and 2011 National President Jayson Duncan. Door prizes were given out and a presentation of a 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary cake was given to Nell and Phil Jeffries. Lt. governor Larry Bowman concluded the evening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pictured (l-r) are Lower WV District Governor Joe Wiley, 2003 Ruritan National Foundation President and Lt. Governor Phil Jeffries, National Director Nell Jeffries, Renick Club Secretary Karen McMillion, Ruritan National President Calvin Shelton, Frankford Club President Larry Wykle, Williamsburg Club President Jr. Mullins, Williamsburg Vice President Jack Goodman, and Gap Mills Club President Patty Rowan.

**Bluegrass** (WV) Ruritan Club assembled and donated five picnic tables to Mountain View Middle School Principal Sue Lee. Pictured are Jim Allen, Sue Lee, and club president Nelson Jenkins.





## News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District



### Cropper Presents Farmer of the Year Award

**Cropper** (KY) Ruritan Club presented the Cropper Farmer of the Year Award to Matt and Amanda Gajdzik of Mulberry Orchard. The Gajdzik's support local events and activities for the community and agriculture. They are members of Kentucky Proud. Matt is currently Shelby County Farm Bureau Vice President and Past Chair for Kentucky Farm Bureau Young Farmers. He is active on the South Carolina Fair Board, Horticulture Ag. Development Council, Chamber of Commerce, Good Neighbor Farm Tour, Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Growers, and Shelby County Cattlemen Association. They were named one of the top three Kentucky Bureau Outstanding Young Farmers for Kentucky.



## News From Ruritan: Cherokee District



Harold Pearson (right) is shown receiving a Ruritan Forever award from **Harrison** (TN) Club President Heman McDade. Contact the National Office for your Ruritan Forever Application or photocopy page 35 in this magazine!



**Morrison** (TN) Ruritan Club members Marlin Anderson, Brenda Anderson, Tammy Parker, Kay Holt, and Ray Hickenbottom stopped to pose for a picture while they worked the food booth during the Warren County Fair.

## News From Ruritan: Hermitage District



### Dakedra Mason Receives Scholarship

**Grand Junction** (TN) Ruritan Club awarded its annual scholarship to Dakedra Mason. Mason was elected salutatorian and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Pictured (l-r) are Executive Director Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce Kandy Shackelford, Past Ruritan National Director and club president Earl Smith, Dakedra Mason, Dekita Cheairs, and scholarship chair Mary Jo Gordon.



## News From Ruritan: Alabama-Florida District



### Taylor Chedrick Receives Scholarship

**Bleeker** (AL) Ruritan Club President Don Verner presented Taylor Chedrick with a scholarship. Chedrick is attending Southern Union State Community College studying to become a radiology technician. Pictured (l-r) are Taylor, club president Don Verner, and Maria Chedrick.

**Walnut Hill** (FL) Ruritan Club provided a garden for Enon Manor. Enon Manor is a house for individuals with physical and mental illnesses.



## News From Ruritan: Ohio District



### Allison Slutz Named Poultry and Waterfowl Ambassador

Allison Slutz was a guest speaker of the **Damascus** (OH) Ruritan Club. The club has been supporters of the 4-H Program, through sponsoring a trophy at the Columbiana County Fair at Lisbon for years. This year Allison was given the honor to be Columbiana County's first Poultry and Waterfowl Ambassador. Her job is to promote these projects, by visiting different fairs and organizations across the state. She currently raises white crested black Polish standard chickens as well as fawn and white runner ducks. Pictured is Allison displaying her drake runner duck named Miles.



## News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District

### Peak Creek Presents Scholarships

**Peak Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club, which serves the Laurel Springs area of both Ashe and Alleghany counties, recently selected a student from each county to receive a \$750 college scholarship. These outstanding students, Madelyne Crawford from Ashe County and Jade Shepherd from Alleghany County, were selected for their academic achievements as well as their involvement in other school and community activities. Madelyne will be attending Campbell University and Jade will be attending Virginia Tech. Pictured (l-r) are Madelyn Crawford, scholarship chair Doug Worsham, and Jade Shepherd.



#### Hopewell-Hollis (NC)

Ruritan Club celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in conjunction with its annual sirloin supper. Over 225 were in attendance. Other major fundraising activities include baked goods sold at the community fair, chopped sirloin steak and spaghetti suppers, barbecues, back-pack program, groceries for needy families, scholarships, and suppers for fire departments. In 2015, the club won five gold awards.



## News From Ruritan: Delmarva New Jersey District

### Carson Jenkins Installed as New Member



2016 Delmarva-New Jersey Secretary Katherine Allen installed Carson Jenkins (age 8) into the **Rockwalkin** (MD) Ruritan Club. Pictured right is Bob Miller, oldest member, charter member, and WWII Veteran with Jenkins.



### Choptank Presents Scholarships



**Choptank** (MD) Ruritan Club presented \$1,000 scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are club president Dean Voorhees, recipients Matthew Criss, Savannah Herbert, Mackenzie Short, Megan Lews, and scholarship chair Booby Schoonover.

Governor of Maryland Larry Hogan stopped by the Choptank Ruritan's funnel cake booth during the Summerfest in Denton, MD. Pictured (l-r)



are Don Thrift, Mark Fuchs, Larry Hogan, David Clark (back), Curtis Short, and Kurt Fuchs.

## News From Ruritan: Dan River District



**Fontaine** (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual service awards at the September meeting. Pictured (l-r) in the front are: Virginia State Trooper

Jerimiah Mabe, Fieldale Collinsville Rescue Jessica Beer, Henry County Department of Public Safety Stephanie Ashley, and Martinsville City Sheriff Edward Gower. Pictured (l-r) in the back are Martinsville City Police Sgt. Eric Eggleston, Martinsville Fire and EMS Troy "Greg" Reeves, Ridgeway Fire Department A. J. Goins, and Henry County Sheriff Dept. Brian Punturi.



Dan River District Zone 8 Governor Melody Davis visited the **Dan River Community** (VA) Ruritan Club and presented the Tom Downing Fellow Award to club secretary Charles Brooks.





## National President Calvin Shelton and First Lady Patsy Visit Lincolnland





## News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District continued

### Dundas Club Builds Float

**Dundas** (IL) Ruritan Club had a float in the 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Olney Parade. The float won the "Parade Committee Award." Rudy Bear jumped out of the cake making a surprise appearance. Twenty-three club members participated in the parade.



**Rudy Bears can be ordered online at:**  
**[www.ruritan.shumskypromo.com](http://www.ruritan.shumskypromo.com)** or by calling  
**Michelle Monhollen at 800-223-2203 ext. 1143.**  
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## News From Ruritan: New River District



### Edward Alderman Serves Popcorn

**Gladeville (VA)** Ruritan Club member Edward Alderman is shown serving popcorn at the 81<sup>st</sup> Fiddlers Convention in Galax, Virginia. Ed has worked the Ruritan booth for the past 53 years and he says he looks forward to number 54. Ed was congratulated on his 53 years of loyal and dedication to the club.

### Convention Overflow Hotel

*The Comfort Suites will be the overflow hotel. The Comfort Suites is 1 ½ miles from the Meadowview. You may make reservations by calling 423-765-1955 and ask for the Ruritan rate.*



## News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

### Baileyton Celebrates 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**Baileyton (TN)** Ruritan Club celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. National President Calvin Shelton was the keynote speaker. Baileyton Ruritan Club President and National Director Joe Jaynes presented Kenneth H. Bailey Sr. with a 40-year membership certificate. Pictured (l-r) in the front are Cathy Hayes, Sherry Perkins, Nina Gross, and Henry

McNulty. Pictured (l-r) in the back are Wilma Guard, Karen Lewis, 1967 National President Bob Bailey, Barbara Rose, and National Director and club president Joe Jaynes.



*Pictured above (l-r) are 2016 National President Calvin Shelton, 1967 National President Bob Bailey, and 2000 National President Jim Lafolette.*



**Telford (TN)** Ruritan Club presented Rudy Bears to Trooper Joe Lunceford of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Pictured are club president Carl Daniels and Lunceford.

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

*At the March 2012 Board of Directors meeting the Board approved a paver program to raise funds for the Capital Replacement Fund.*

*The paver program will raise funds to use as capital reserves and make improvements to the building. The pavers themselves will be used to make a patio area in the front of the building. The pavers can be purchased in honor of a special person or in memory of a loved one.*

*Complete this form (front and back) to get your paver today!*

**Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: *Ruritan National Paver Program***

**Mail to: *Ruritan National Paver Program*  
*P.O. Box 487*  
*Dublin, VA 24084***

**To pay with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover  
fill out the information below (print clearly)**

**Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Account #:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ I want the 4" x 8" brick paver with 3 lines of text. \$100

Use the squares below to spell out your message - leave a square for each space.


- ☐ I want the 8" x 8" brick paver with 5 lines of text. \$200

Use the squares below to spell out your message - leave a square for each space.


- ☐ I want the 8" x 8" brick paver with 3 lines of text and a logo. \$210

Use the squares below to spell out your message - leave a square for each space.


Replica bricks for the home or office are also available at an additional cost. This is a nice remembrance for honorees or their families.

- ☐ 4" x 8" replica \$45

- ☐ 8" x 8" replica \$80

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# Ruritan Forever

## *A Perpetual Life Plan*

*Protecting and preserving Ruritan  
as a legacy for future generations.*

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

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

The lifetime endowment may also be purchased in

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

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

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

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

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

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

**This application is for: (check one)**

☐ **Myself** ☐ **Current Member** ☐ **Deceased Ruritan** ☐ **NEW Associate Member**

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

**Applicant's Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **OPTION #1** Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



## BLAINE CECIL

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

THE \$600 WANTED WINNER FOR THE  
THIRD QUARTER OF 2016 WAS  
BLAINE CECIL OF THE LASHMEET (WV)  
RURITAN CLUB IN THE LOWER WV DISTRICT.



# REWARDED \$600

## DALTON TURNER

THE \$200 WINNER FOR THE THIRD QUARTER  
WAS DALTON TURNER OF THE BOZOO AND LASHMEET  
CLUBS IN THE LOWER WV DISTRICT.

Pictured below are (l-r) Lashmeet members Dalton Turner,  
Betty Turner, Angie Foley, Blaine Cecil, and Barbara Tiller.



# REWARDED \$200

MARIETTA PRISCILLA BURGE  
\$400 WAS PRESENTED TO PRISCILLA BURGE  
OF THE COLERAIN AND ST. CLAIR (OH) CLUBS  
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2016.

Priscilla brought in 30 members in 2016. This is her  
second WANTED win this year.



# REWARDED \$400

