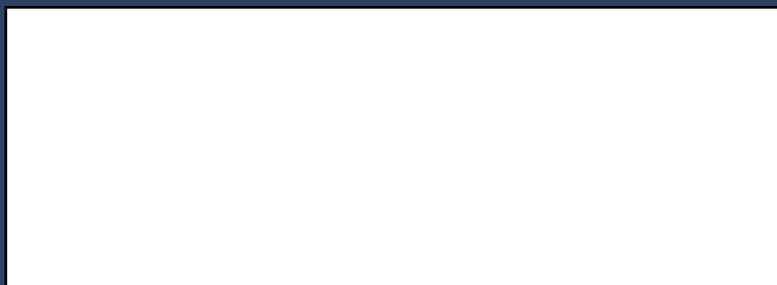




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Ruritan Celebrates 90th Anniversary



Message From 2018 National President Guy Cox



Earn Your Ruritan Forever

Dear Ruritan Family,

It is now the fifteen week of my year as your President for Ruritan. During this year so far we have visited several clubs to celebrate their anniversaries and many district spring rallies. We have enjoyed all of the old friends and new Ruritan members that we have met during these visits.

First Lady Linda has been amazed with what the clubs and districts are doing to support the "Homeless Student Project." Most of the work has just begun but remember to keep your hours of work leading up to the donations the club or district will make toward helping these students. Remember that they are special students that have fallen on hard

times not of their own accord but because family conditions have led to them being separated from their families.

Linda and I are trying to remind each club and district that we all need to continue to "share" because we "care" for those around us. Now more than ever, our communities need Ruritan clubs because Ruritan offers something special for families in a patriotic and God-fearing environment while performing a much needed service for their community.



2018 National President Guy Cox celebrates Chesterfield NC Ruritan Club's 60th anniversary.



Each club needs

to continue to recruit new members and in the process possibly earn a Ruritan Forever for themselves. Three of these Ruritan Forever's will be offered during each quarter as a growth incentive for this year by the Ruritan National Growth, Development, and Member Retention Committee. Check out the "Wanted Contest" with Me Minus Five Bonus" chances on page 13 and 14 in this magazine.

President Cox and First Lady Linda are shown participating in the Apple Blossom Festival parade.

Cox presents Country Music Singer Sara Evans with a Rudy Bear during the Fireman's Dinner at the Apple Blossom Festival.



Cox visits Meherrin Ruritan Club. Pictured (l-r) are 1978 National President Bobby Wrenn, 2006 National President Joe Pancone, 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter, 2017 National President Danny Privott, and 2018 National President Guy Cox. The club also received a Blue Ribbon Award.



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Homeless Student Project

If Your Club or District Has a Project for Homeless Students in Your Area, call Chris at the National Office toll free (877) 787-8727 to add Your Project to Our List of Ruritan Projects for Homeless Students.



**On the cover: Ruritan National Board of Directors met in Holland, Virginia for the Founders' Day celebration of Ruritan's 90th anniversary. See page 16 if you would like to purchase a 90th anniversary polo or tee.
Photo by Jennifer McCraney March.**

Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley



Fun with a Purpose

It was the perfect day. The sun was shining brightly, it was in the low 70's and there was just a slight breeze. Nearly 150 of us had gathered in Winchester, Virginia to play some golf. How could it get any better? Let me tell you. Today was different. We knew that we were going to have some fun, but in addition to having fun we were playing golf with a purpose.

For over 20 years the **Rappahannock District** has sponsored a golf tournament. Each year the tournament raises nearly \$10,000. In 20 plus years that's over \$200,000 for the Ruritan National Foundation. But one member of Rappahannock District, Joe Hulver, was not satisfied with that and suggested that the annual funds raised from the tournament be used to match donations for Tom Downing Fellows. Still easy math. \$200,000 times two is approaching a half million dollars.

This money is invested through the Tom Downing Fellow Fund which is unrestricted. Unrestricted funds are used to fund the Build Your Dollar program in the Foundation. The Foundation invests donations with a money manager. Our investments have done very well over the years. All this taken together means that more and more students receive the benefit of a scholarship from the Ruritan Foundation through the local club. Win for the Foundation, Win for the local club, most importantly Win for the Student. Not your typical day of golf.

The Foundation has given thousands of scholarships over the years. Every time we help a young person succeed we help our country and hometowns all over the country. These young people will be the leaders of our future. As one of our former Ruritan National Presidents used to say "young people make up a small percentage of our current membership but they make up 100% of our future membership." He was 100% correct.

We hope you have a great summer of fun. If you have the opportunity, have "fun with a purpose." Pictured in the front (l-r) are 2000 Ruritan National President and 1997 Foundation President Jim Lafollette, 1994 Foundation President Joe Hulver, Past National Director Jim Hambach, Past National Director Earl Garvin, and 1987 Ruritan National President and 2007 Foundation President Bob Houck. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Past National Director Mike Morrison, Executive Director Mike Chrisley, and Foundation Trustee Corky Camin.



New Clubs

<u>New Club</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>DRM</u>
Elkton Middle School Ruri-Teen	9	McGaheysville	Becky Lane
Roaring Round Hill Ruri-Teens	3	Round Hill	Pearl Underwood

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

HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR CLUB?

By Frank E. Guthrie, 1995 Ruritan National President

(Source: The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin 2018 – Volume 84-4)

A recent article my wife Janet shared with me from one of her Delta Kappa Gamma sources is relevant to our Ruritan organization. The article was entitled “How Healthy is Your Chapter?” Herein I have applied those thoughts to Ruritan clubs.

Each Ruritan Club has a personality and energy of its own. And just as in life, club strength ebbs and flows as members join or leave. New members bring fresh ideas and provide new leaders for the future.

Vivacious clubs invite and initiate diverse members to join and then mentor those members to become involved in club activities and projects. The leaders of this type of club establish what programs and projects are most relevant to their members. They solicit ideas from the membership and are open to trying new things – or retrying things that have been tried before – in an effort to be inclusive and forward thinking. This type of club has an energetic leadership core and fosters new leadership growth so that the core stays strong. They support one another in times of joy and strife. They are a team.

The ailing club looks and feels much different. The core of the leaders has dwindled, and they are tired from the drudgery of doing the same job repeatedly. While they profess exhaustion, however, they hold on to leadership and are hesitant to let younger members lead. Many such clubs have not initiated new members in several years, saying they do not know people who might be interested in joining their clubs. If they have in fact initiated new members, they don't have a plan to mentor them and lose them within a short period of time. Programs and projects are rehashed because that's easy, or the club becomes a supper club, losing the purposes of Ruritan. Members may have a rigid belief in doing things as they have always been done or, conversely, believing that since something did not work before, it won't work now. There are cliques within the club and sometimes divisiveness.

What can a club do to remain resilient and lively? Annie Webb Blanton, an educator years ago whose vision led to the formation of the Delta Kappa Gamma organization to unite key women educators, said it best as follows: “Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. But, don't cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don't be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you.”

To prevent further rapid decline of Ruritan, it is paramount that we work towards developing and creating more vivacious clubs in order to achieve meaningful and needed growth. A failure to do so will attain undesirable results.

Ruritan Forever Participants May 1, 2017 - May 1, 2018

Katharine Allen, Rewastico Creek
Cletis Bailey, McDonald Black Fox
Tina Bailey, Midway-Asbury
Clay Beasley, Creeds
Fred Beaver, Parrottsville
Starr Lynn Birx, Augusta Road
Linda Broadwater, Nickelsville
Tina Brothers, Bethesda
Fran Bunn, Dortches
Robert F. Burton, Chesterfield (VA)
John H. Clements*, Carson
Cecil Foltz*, Marlowe
Laurie Guin, Carolina Lakes
Al Hardy, Bonsack-Blue Ridge Area
Richard Harris, Smoot
Wayne L. Heil*, Wistarburg
Marcia Lynn Higgs, Baywood
Bob Hudson, Piney Flats

William C. “Bill” Knott, Dinwiddie
Nowlin Maddox, Lyn-Dan Heights
Jim McKinney, Cherokee Too
Mike Metzner, Washington College
Yvonne Meyers, Williamson
Roy Mullenax, Landes
Rachel Parrott, Ruritan Road
Herbert Parrott Jr, Ruritan Road
Thomas Phillips, Gladys
William A Pittman, West Mount
Lindsay Hurdle Rash, Inter-County
Lorene Reece, Happy Valley
Otha Rolen, Parrottsville
Ricky Scott, Clarksburg
Jean Shell, Copper Creek
Carroll E. Smith, Gladys
Matthew Smith, Gladys
James Earl Taylor, Hall

Justin Thorne, Dorcas
David Turnbull, Gainesville
Bonnie Westpfahl, Ruritan Road
Don Wheeler, Gainesville
Nan York, Ruritan Affiliate

*designates deceased

NOTE: Others purchased may not be listed because they are for surprise presentations not yet held.

If you see errors on this list or believe someone is missing, call the Ruritan National office at 877-787-8727 extension 303.

How to Make Your Embassy Suites Room Reservations for the National Convention in Hampton- January 17-20, 2019



Two-Room Suites

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Evening Reception

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Group Rate

Make Your Reservations Now!

Reservations by phone:

Call 1-800-362-2779 for 24hrs a day, 7 days a week
(group name is: **RURITAN NATIONAL CONVENTION**)
Provide your arrival and departure dates for your reservation

**Embassy Suites Convention
Center and Spa
1700 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, VA 23666**

OR

Reservation by website:

www.hamptonroadsconventioncenter.embassysuites.com "enter" arrival & departure dates, number of rooms and occupants, "click" add special rate codes for group rate "enter" under Group code: RNC then scroll down to the blue "CHECK ROOMS & RATES" button and "click" this button. Complete your reservation information

Group Rates: Single through Quadruple Occupancy is \$123.00 per suite, per night plus taxes; for occupancy over four adults (adults 18yrs. and older) please add \$10.00 for each additional adult occupant. Taxes are 14% per suite, per night plus there is a city tax of \$1.00 per room, per night on all reservations.

A King maximum occupancy is four people per suite, and a two-double bedded suite maximum occupancy is six people. Each room type has a sleeper sofa in the living room.

Please make your group rate reservation as soon as possible as availability is subject to change. By receiving this information, you are not guaranteed a reservation at the group rate. You must make your individual reservation following the above procedure and receive a confirmation number to have a guaranteed reservation. **Group Reservations Cut Off Date is Friday, December 14, 2018** but availability is subject to change and this block may not have availability at a future date.



Ruritan National Convention – Hampton, VA

January 17-20, 2019

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

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Preferred Badge Name: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

- ____ I have these food restrictions: _____
- ____ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.
- ____ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.
- ____ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance
- ____ This is my first convention
- ____ **At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.**

2nd Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Preferred Badge Name: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

- ____ I have these food restrictions: _____
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- ____ This is my first convention
- ____ **At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.**

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

Names: _____ (Check one in each column)

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| ____ U.S. Army | ____ WWII |
| ____ U.S. Air Force | ____ Korea |
| ____ U. S. Marines | ____ Vietnam |
| ____ U.S. Navy | ____ Desert Storm |
| ____ U.S. Coast Guard | ____ Operation Iraqi Freedom |
| ____ Other (explain) | ____ Other (explain) |

For Office Use Only:
GRP# _____

MEALS IN HAMPTON

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Hampton Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Hampton (as a walk-in) for the events will not be guaranteed meals. However, we will be able to register you for non-meal events at the base rate of \$185. Send in your registration before the Dec. 17, 2018, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals.

Please note: Voting will be on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. If you plan to vote on Saturday, you must be pre-registered and be pre-certified. Delegate certification will close at noon on Friday. If you do not pre-register and get pre-certified, you will not be able to walk in on Saturday and vote. Please check if you wish to be a delegate on this registration form. You must pick one of the packages, 1-5, in order to vote.

**** Please make sure to put your guest name down so that we may have a name badge for your guest. ****

2019 Ruritan National Convention – Hampton: Jan. 17-20

Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FIVE package options for the 2019 Ruritan Convention. Choose one of these six registration packages. Packages 1-5 include opening ceremony, access to exhibits, access to the business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting, and all other convention activities.

Meal Package Options

Packages 1-4 already include the base fee of \$165

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Three meal package includes base fee, Thursday Opening Dinner, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 1 BEST DEAL	\$320	
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 2	\$275	
Friday Only Package includes base fee and Friday First Lady's Lunch	Package 3	\$215	
Saturday Only Package includes base fee and Saturday Banquet	Package 4	\$225	
No Meals - base registration only	Package 5	\$165	
Saturday Installation Banquet and Entertainment ONLY <i>Please note that this package gives you access to the banquet and entertainment</i>	Package 6	\$85	

Extra Meal Tickets and Items

Must purchase any package above to purchase additional meal tickets.

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Opening Dinner on Thursday Evening	Vespers	\$80	
Lunch Honoring First Lady Linda on Friday	First Lady	\$55	
Installation Banquet on Saturday Evening	Banquet	\$85	
Rudy Bears - to be added to gift to Hampton charities	Rudy Bears	\$8	
National Convention Memories CD of candid photos.	CD	\$16	
	GRAND TOTAL \$		

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

Check payment type below:

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

____ Payment made by check Check # _____

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Card # _____

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3 or 4 digit code on back _____

Check one option below

____ Bill my credit card now

____ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2018

2019 Convention Entertainment

Are you ready for another great convention? President Guy Cox and the committee are working to make the 2019 National Convention another exceptional, educational, and exciting convention. Plans are underway for an amazing veterans speaker and for awesome entertainment at the First Lady's Lunch and the Installation Banquet.

After the Friday morning business session, retired Colonel Ward Nickish will be our veterans speaker. Colonel Nickish's last assignment was the Director of Casualty and Memorial Affairs for the US Army. While in this position he supervised the US Army's Central Identification Laboratory – Hawaii, which conducted the search, recovery, identification, and repatriation of the soldiers, of all military services, whose bodies were never recovered from all prior wars and conflicts.

He has participated in recovery missions in Vietnam, and he served as a senior member of the United States Delegation to the first bilateral talks with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. These historically significant talks resulted in the agreement for the conduct of the first Joint Recovery Operations into North Korea beginning in July 1996. He was honored to be directly involved in the planning and implementation of the events relating to the disinterment and identification of the remains of the Vietnam Unknown from the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in 1998. Colonel Nickisch remains active in veterans affairs at the local, state, and national levels. Colonel Nickisch is from Gainesville, Virginia, where he is a member of the Gainesville Ruritan Club.



"I have known since 2010 when I first heard Mr. Nickisch speak at the Rappahannock District Convention

that if I ever got in the position where I could introduce him to a group of Ruritans, I would be ecstatic. His presentation is thrilling, and you will be amazed at the information he will give you pertaining to the recovery and many steps that are used to recover POW's/MIA's from so many different global conflicts," states President Guy.

If you are attending the Friday Lunch honoring First Lady Linda, then you are in for a treat! The Sounds of Liberty will be coming to perform for us. Sounds of Liberty is Liberty University's flagship traveling music group. Since 1975, this



team has represented Liberty University on some of the nation's most prestigious platforms. Today, as part of the Liberty Worship Collective, Sounds of Liberty continues to minister in churches, schools, and various civic organizations.

Sounds of Liberty is a handpicked group of talented singers. Less than three percent of those auditioned are selected to be part of the group. The group is made up of twelve very talented singers and musicians. You do not want to miss these talented group of singers.

"Upon attending the Peaks of Otter Convention last year, we had the distinct pleasure of listening to the Sounds of Liberty group of young adults during dinner. Their talent, dedication, and professionalism was outstanding and I immediately knew they would be appreciated by all Ruritans at the First Lady's Luncheon. We approached them about coming and they were pleased with the invitation to attend a Ruritan National Convention. I am so looking forward to hearing them again," said First Lady Linda.

Saturday night's banquet entertainment is still in negotiations, but you are not going to want to miss it. Watch for the next magazine, keep a check on the "I am Ruritan and the 2019 Ruritan National Convention" Facebook pages for the exciting announcement of who this special entertainer will be.

The 2019 Convention Committee is constantly working to make this year's convention another memorable one and are looking forward to seeing you there!

Message From 2018 Foundation President Jayson Duncan

Happy 50th Birthday Ruritan National Foundation Happy 90th Birthday Ruritan National



Let me start off by saying "THANK YOU" for what you are doing in your communities in the name of Ruritan and "THANK YOU" for your support of the Ruritan National Foundation (RNF). Spring is the time of year for the Ruritan scholarship selections and club fundraising events. Our Foundation's hope is that all 977 Ruritan clubs will participate in the "Build Your Dollar" (BY\$) program. Last year, only 425 clubs sent in their \$300 by October 1st and are getting a check for \$600. The BY\$ program is an opportunity to let your RNF assist your club in providing scholarships in your community.

As you have seen in all of our mailings, the RNF has a 50th anniversary pin. This pin could be yours for a \$50 donation. The donation will be placed in the Foundation fund of your choice. The Foundation had only 500 of these pins made and 250 have been sold as of this writing, so you need to contact a Trustee or contact Ruritan National to make your donation and receive a pin.

Your Trustees are working hard this year to get out important information about the Foundation to Club Presidents, Zone Governors, District Officers, and National Officers in the form of the "Foundation Blast." Our "Blast" is a one-page summary of a topic chosen to inform you of what is going on in the RNF. These "Blasts" and other Foundation information can be found on the Ruritan website, (www.ruritan.org), under "Foundation."

We are having our Foundation Weekend Birthday Party in Greensboro, NC on September 14-16 at the Sheraton at Four Seasons. The room rates are \$123/night. The rates are good for three days before and/or three days after the event. This weekend is a great opportunity to visit the sights in Greensboro and the surrounding communities. We are planning to get together on Friday night, September 14th, where the Piedmont District will host a meal to honor and recognize the living Past National Foundation Presidents. This is our opportunity to say "thank you" to the Ruritans that have served us as Trustees and helped build up the Foundation. This meal will be off site.

Saturday, the hospitality room will have sausage biscuits and jelly biscuits for breakfast. The hospitality room will be open on Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night after the banquet. Saturday, during the day, you will have time for yourself. Saturday night we will have a banquet with a buffet meal and entertainment. On Sunday morning, there will be a church service on site. We are looking forward to seeing you in Greensboro!

Ruritan National Foundation

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President: Jayson Duncan

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**The Ruritan National Foundation will be holding silent and live auctions in Greensboro on Saturday September 15 during the 2018 Foundation Fellowship Weekend.
(Donated Items are needed.)**

Foundation Fellowship 50th Anniversary Weekend

September 14 – 16, 2018



Register for the 2018 Foundation Fellowship Weekend. This year, we are celebrating the Ruritan National Foundations 50th Anniversary at the Sheraton Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. There will be plenty of fellowship at the Friday night meal (Past Foundation Presidents Reception), the Saturday night Birthday Banquet, and a nightly hospitality room. On Saturday, there will be a silent auction and a live auction.

Registration cost is \$60/person if postmarked by September 4th. After September 4th, the cost will be \$70/person. Registration includes the Friday and Saturday night meals, as well as, access to the hospitality room. Send the below form with payment to Ruritan National Foundation, PO Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084.

The Sheraton Koury Convention Center is located in downtown Greensboro, NC. Sheraton room rates are \$123/night. To reserve your room at this rate, please call 336-292-9161 and tell them you are with the Ruritan group.

Enjoy your time discovering downtown Greensboro, visiting one of the many close by attractions, or relaxing at the hotel by the indoor/outdoor heated pool! We look forward to seeing you in September!



Greensboro Attractions & Day Trip Opportunities

Landmark	Distance
Four Seasons Town Center	2 min.
ACC Hall of Champions	6 min.
Weatherston Art Museum	8 min.
Greensboro History Museum	10 min.
Int'l Civil Rights Museum	10 min.
Piedmont Triad Farmers Market	14 min.
Richard Petty Racing Museum	15 min.
Replacement, Ltd.	15 min.
Guilford Courthouse National Military Park	17 min.
Greensboro Science Center	19 min.
High Point Convention/Visitors Bureau	23 min.
Old Salem Museum	27 min.
Bob Timberlake Gallery	28 min.
Tanger Outlets Mebane	32 min.
North Carolina Zoo	37 min.
Seagrove Pottery	37 min.
Richard Childress Racing Museum	37 min.



Name: _____

Member Number: _____

Name Badge: _____

Sponsor/Guest Name: _____

Member Number: _____

Guest Name Badge: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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Visa _____	Master Card _____
C.C. No. _____	
C.C. Exp. Date _____	*CVC _____
*CVC – 3 digit code on the back of your card	

Phone Number: _____

District: _____

Club: _____

Organized golf to be determined upon shown interest. If you are interested, please check this box. ☐

Ruritan WANTED Prizes Now Include Lifetime Membership

For the sixth year, Ruritan will continue the WANTED contest - a way for you to bring members into Ruritan and qualify for prize drawings. A drawing will be held at the end of each quarter in 2018 with three prizes. The awards will be a Ruritan Forever lifetime membership for each name drawn (\$600 value). Three names will be drawn each quarter.

Should the winner already have a Ruritan Forever membership, the winner may either use the award for membership in a second club, transfer the Ruritan Forever membership to another person, or choose to take a \$300 cash award.

The new members brought in must be full, associate, or youth in a regular Ruritan club. Participants who bring in more than one member will get exponentially more chances at the quarterly drawing. For example – if you bring in one member you get one chance.

However two members gets you two chances plus the original one chance. Three members gives you three chances, PLUS two chances, plus the original one chance – for a total of **six chances!** Bring in a member at least five years younger than you and earn an additional five chances.

You can print your own Ruritan WANTED money from the Ruritan National website.

If you are not using the WANTED money entry form, the member bringing in the new members must send in the following information for each chance and the new member will be confirmed through Ruritan membership records: sponsoring member's name, club, district, and phone number as well as the new member's name and status (i.e. full, associate, or youth). If you want the extra chances for recruiting a member at least five years younger than you are – be sure and include your year of birth and your new member's year of birth.

Mail each entry to:

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

WANTED CONTEST

WITH
"Me Minus Five"
Bonus Chances

Bring in a member five years younger than you and earn an additional five chances. (Prize details on back.)



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

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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 at least five years younger than you, earn 5 extra chances (provide dates of birth for both of you).
- Three winners drawn each quarter will receive Ruritan Forever memberships. Should the winner already have an RF membership, they either use the award for membership in a second club, transfer the RF membership to another person, or choose \$300 in cash.

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Ruritan Leaders Pass

The following information was taken from published obituaries.



Ruritan lost Past National President Braxton G. Bell on March 11, 2018. He was a member of the **Downing** (VA) Ruritan Club and served as National President in 1997. He is survived by his wife, 1997 First Lady Shirley Cox Bell. He was a retired Captain of the Virginia State Police, attended Virginia Tech, was a member of Masonic Lodge of Franklin, and a member of Portsmouth Scottish Rite. Past President Braxton was active in raising money for Hunters for the Hungry, and was a past President of the Homeville Hunt Club.

Past National Director Lutie Houston Brown passed on April 23, 2018. She was a member and past president of the **Middleburg** (TN) Ruritan Club and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church of Decaturville, TN. She was also the author of the book "Pioneer Preacher" and a past state president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was proud to be one of first female county commissioners for Henderson County and served for from 1998-2006. She spent 42 years in education. After the passing of her first husband, Dr. Kenneth Ray Houston, she married Bobby Joe Brown who survives her.

Ruritan also lost past national director (1983-85) Clovis Ray. He was employed with the United States Postal Service for nearly 39 years. After retiring from the Postal Service, he worked several years for the Douglas County Board of Education. Mr. Ray was a Charter (1960) and active member, Past President and current Secretary-Treasurer of the **Beulah** (GA) Ruritan Club. He served as National Director of Ruritan National from 1983 to 1985, and District Governor in 1981 and 1987.

Past National Director (1996-1997) Harry Lee Winslow, 85, of Belvidere, NC, passed away on Thursday, March 15, 2018. He was a member of the **Ryland** (NC) Ruritan Club. He served his country in the US Army during the Korean War and retired from Production Credit Assn. Always a farmer, he was proud of his family receiving the Albemarle District Conservation Farm of the Year in 1996. A faithful member of Warwick Baptist Church, he had served as the church Moderator, Superintendent of Sunday School, and as a Deacon. In 2011 received the Albemarle District Ruritan Outstanding Service Award. He is survived by his wife Deane.

Ruritan National Sends Every New Member a New Member Packet

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 Ruritan Forever brochure, a Member Handbook, a certificate, Ruritan National Bylaws, Office Staff Directory, summary of Community Service Committees, Invitation to Membership, 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 supply company Shumsky.

You can order online at <http://ruritan.shumskypromo.com> or call (800) 414-8946.

Driver Celebrates 65th Anniversary



National Director Linward Hedgspeth visited the **Driver** Club to present awards. Hedgspeth presented a 65th anniversary certificate to Driver Club President Bill Wulfkuhle. Cub master of Pack 89



and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 16 Jeff Ward and Assistant Scoutmaster Les Ward were presented the 2017 Ruritan Scout Leader Service Awards for their many years of working with the youth in both scouting units. Pictured top left are Driver Club members Les Ward and Jeff Ward displaying their 2017 Ruritan Scout Leader Service Awards, Zone 1 Governor

David Walker, National Director Linward Hedgspeth, Holland District Governor Phillip Bradshaw, and Driver Club President Bill Wulfkuhle. The club holds

three barbeque chicken dinners each year with proceeds going to support the scouts. One of these events coincided with the Colonial Trail Districts Cub Scout Cob O Ree held at Mattanock Town in Chuckatuck. The club provides its famous barbeque chicken to the boy scouts during their Klondike Derby. Club member Jon Echols is shown seasoning the chicken. Members Matt Pace and Jon Echols are shown "flipping" the chicken for the fundraising event.

Carrsville Remembers Walter H. Johnson



Carrsville Ruritan Club made a donation to the Carrsville Volunteer Fire Department in loving memory of Walter H. Johnson. Walter joined Ruritan in July 1956. In 1957 he and other Carrsville Ruritan Club members were instrumental in organizing and chartering the Carrsville Volunteer Fire Department of which Mr. Johnson was the last surviving charter member. Pictured are Holland District Governor and Carrsville Club Treasurer Phillip Bradshaw, Carrsville Fire Chief Chris Carr, Carrsville Fire Deputy Commissioner Frankie Hasty, and Warren Johnson Carrsville Club member and nephew of Walter Warren Johnson. Pictured

right (l-r) are 1957 Carrsville Volunteer Fire Department Charter members who were also Ruritan members. Hunter Daughtrey, Rawlston Rhodes, Joel Bradshaw, Jr., Archer Spivey, J.C. Rose, Jr., Elliott Johnson, and Walter Johnson.



Great Bridge Cleans Vegetable Beds



Members of the **Great Bridge** Ruritan Club prepared raised vegetables beds for the residents of the Cambridge Square Apartments. Members cleaned out the old soil and replaced with fresh new soil in 14 beds. Great Bridge Club President Charlie Young and Community Service Chairman Hank Pitts led the project. Volunteers from other organizations will assist the residents with planting vegetables.

Great Bridge Ruritan Club member Jay Lewter is surrounded by

Butts Road Primary School teachers at the dedication of the school's learning wall. The learning wall is made up of five outdoor wall panels. Each panel provides information about the Commonwealth of Virginia and can be used as a learning tool for the teachers. Mr. Lewter, who served as principal of Butts Road Primary for six years, stated, "It is an honor to have been remembered in such a special way by the school. I am grateful to all the staff, students, and parents who made this recognition possible." The learning wall is adjacent to a learning garden that provides hands-on learning for the students.



Burrowsville and C.E.& H. Present Scholarships



Burrowsville Ruritan Club presented four scholarships (\$2,000 each) to Prince George County graduating seniors. Pictured (l-r) are Burrowsville Club President Richard Harrison; recipients Jared Kunkel, Madison University; Claire Tyson, William and Mary; Caitlin Abernethy, Christopher Newport University; and Lauren Parrish, University of Alabama; and Burrowsville Scholarship Chair Rod Mustanski.

C.E. & H Ruritan Club presented scholarships to (right



l-r) Carolann Lynch, Reagan Nierman, Zach Murden, and Skylar Old.

Greenville County Installs 14 New Members

Pictured with Holland District Lt. Governor Jim Sampson are nine of the 14 new members installed into the **Greenville County** Ruritan Club.



NOTE: If you have youth under age 18 in your pictures Ruritan National requires that you also send the appropriate signed permission forms for their photographs to be published. If you need a copy of the standard Ruritan "photo consent form" please contact our office or check the Ruritan National website.

Henry Thompson Recieves Award



Gloucester Ruritan Club President Paul Bauer presented Rachel Brown with a candle and miniature flag in memory of her late husband and long-time member Rodgers Brown. Bauer presented Henry Thompson with the club's Ruritan of the Year Award. Thompson worked over 425 hours on club projects.

Varina Sponsors Environmental Contest

Varina Ruritan Club honored the winners of the 7th annual Environmental Contest. Club member John "Joy" Votta is the energy behind the scenes in making sure the contest runs smoothly. Winners had a chance to show and read their entries. Pictured on the front are Michaela Martin, Myasia Leonard, Alani Britton, and Ariyan Brown. Pictured on the second row are Varina Elementary School Principal Mark Tyler, Assistant Principal Brooke Thompson, and Librarian Kim Slayton.



Abingdon Sells Clam Chowder

The sub-freezing temperature and Super Bowl weekend contributed to a quick sellout of the **Abingdon** Ruritan Club's clam chowder sale. David Simmons and Julie Woolly stayed busy ladling out steaming chowder. Marshall Butler was the project leader for the event. Customer Walt Evaniak (left) purchased a gallon of chowder from cashier Charlie Dail.



York Cleans Highway



York Ruritan Club participates in Adopt-A-Highway three times a year. Pictured on the left is club member Bobby Haywood, Jr. Center picture is club member Tony Larsen. Third picture is Ken Woodmen.



Warwick Installs New Member Don Willis

Warwick Club Vice President Woody Sanders welcomes new member Don Willis. The club sold beverages during the Newport News City Center St. Patrick's Day activities. Bea Ware, Lloyd Ware, and Marion Vaughan are shown selling tickets. Pictured working the beverage counter are Hope Churchill, Peggy Tank, and Jeanne Laurent.



Roaring Round Hill Ruri-Teen Club Charters



Ruri-Teens are roaring about the community in hopes of being heard. **Roaring Round Hill** Ruri-Teen Club chartered on April 26th with 18 members. These club members have already set their sights on community service in the area. With the help of the **Round Hill** Ruritan Club they were given 25 Rudy bears to start their mission. The club has planned a visit to Round Hill Fire and Rescue for a tour and presentation of Rudy Bears. They are working with the local Sunshine Club to assist those with Down-Syndrome and



have already contacted the Frederick County Fair Association to volunteer to install flower beds at the Whitacre Building. The club also set up for a yard/bake sale to raise funds. Their eagerness and enthusiasm is an encouragement to all they encounter.

Round Hill Builds Handicap Ramp at Club House



For years **Round Hill** Ruritan Club members have envisioned a handicap ramp for the building. Countless hours have been dedicated to raising money to add a handicap ramp and handicap accessible restrooms. Through perseverance and determination the ramp was dedicated on April 26th. The ramp has allowed access for those in the community to attend events hosted at the club. The building is rented for various functions to the community and accessibility was the utmost importance. The ramp was dedicated in memory of James "Jim" Bennett for his hours of dedication, self-sacrifice, and generosity and in honor of Eugene Larrick for his long standing dedication and support. Pictured on the right is Larrick receiving his certificate.



Gainesboro Donates Generously

Gainesboro Ruritan Club's major fundraiser is operating a snack bar at Fort Shenandoah. With the proceeds the club was able to give five students \$1,000 scholarships. Other supported programs included \$1,500 for a backpack program designed to provide food for underprivileged elementary students, \$1,000 for hurricane relief, and over \$2,000 for a teacher appreciation dinner at three elementary schools. Pictured (left) is Gainesboro Ruritan Club member Jackie Venskoske presenting a check to Gainesboro Volunteer Fire Department Chief Don Jackson for \$5,000. In 2017, the club was able to give slightly over \$25,000 to local charitable organizations.

Cedarville District Honors Roberta Grove

Cedarville District Ruritan Club member Roberta Grove is shown preparing for the 59th Warren County Fair. Roberta does the ordering and scheduling. The club sells hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, and various other "fair foods." Over the years she has not only been a part of Ruritan but a part of the community. Her husband was a member of the club for 45 years. Her dedication and service has given her the title of the club's "Ms. Ruritan." She prides herself in knowing that the countless time she dedicates helps the community by providing scholarships and making the community a better place to live.



Cartersville Builds Handicap Ramp



Cartersville Ruritan Club built a wheelchair ramp for a resident that returned home from the hospital. Fifteen club members prepared



the inside and outside of the home for access. Meals were prepared for the workers and for the resident. The

club held a Navy Bean Soup Sale and a Baked Potato Social to raise funds for scholarships. Pictured are the Bales brothers (Howard, Don, and Jerrel) watching the bean pot. The Baked Potato Social was held at the old Cartersville Fire House. Music was provided by club member Tommy Tipton (guitar) and family.

Clarksville Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Clarksville Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a public reception. Past, present, and future Ruritans, business and civic leaders, and friends made the observance a success as they gathered to congratulate the club on its accomplishments as a powerful and leading civic organization. Ruritan National President Guy Cox, First Lady Linda Cox, and Zone 2 Governor Glenn Johnson honored the local chapter by speaking to the group and complimenting them on their amazing journey of 50 years. Cox told club members that they fulfilled his motto, "Sharing is Caring" by assisting in so many areas of need. Clarksville Club President Janice Edwards and seven-time past president Allen Griffin both commented on how far this organization



Reception Committee Chair Vicki Garrett prepares refreshments.



has come in 50 years through discipline, hard work, and perseverance by local volunteers who have donated thousands of hours to the community. In the past the club has given millions of dollars back to the Clarksville area. This group is proud to continue to generate money through stew sales, Tuesday bingo, Friday night senior dances, and the Ruritan Thrift Shop. Other worthy projects are sponsored such as blood

drives, maintenance of Buffalo Road Community Park, and Adopt-A-Highway. Pictured is Zone 2 Governor Glenn Johnson and National President Guy Cox honoring Charter member Washington Ramsey with a pin.



Rose McMahon and Patricia Jutz study scrapbooks displayed for viewing.

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: Peaks of Otter District

Robert Floyd Receives Club's Ruritan of the Year Award



Amherst Monroe Ruritan Club member Robert Floyd was presented with the club's 2017 Ruritan of the Year Award by Club President Ron Tomlin. Pictured (l-r) are Amherst Monroe Club Vice President Patricia Cash, Robert Floyd, and Ron Tomlin.

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Gene Herrick in Virginia Communications Hall of Fame



Glade Hill Ruritan Club member Gene Herrick will be inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame for his outstanding work as a photo journalist with the Associated Press. He has many treasured photos and articles from his work of 28 years. He also helped establish "group homes" in the Rocky Mount area. Herrick (age 91) is still serving his community.

Red Marshall Receives Tom Downing Fellow Award



Clifford Ruritan Club celebrated its 45th anniversary. Charter member "Red" Marshall was presented a Tom Downing Fellow Award from Foun-



ation Trustee O.H. Bobbitt III. Other club activities include a music/dinner show and performance from club member Joey D and his band. A breakfast was served after a beautiful sunrise service.

News From Ruritan: Southwest Virginia District

Atkins and Yuma Clubs Install New Members



Atkins new member Dale Collins.



Atkins new member Peggy Collins.



Atkins Club President installs new youth member Emily Surber.



Atkins new member Terri Owens and Robert Rice.



Southwest Virginia District Governor Chuck Bullock installs **Yuma** Ruritan Club member Julie Hensley.



Atkins Ruritan Club member Jimmy Sheets installs new member Chris Rakes.



News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

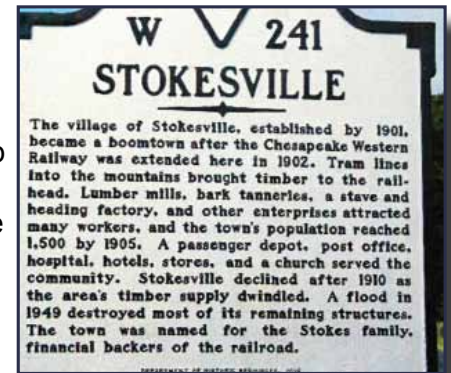
Mill Gap Holds Flakes and Follies Event

Mill Gap Ruritan Club held its first “Flakes and Follies” event at the Beulah Presbyterian Church. The Capriccio Quartet was the entertainment for the evening. Club member Sherry Sullenberger treated the club with an “Oldlywed” game with Harley and Donna Gardner, Joe and Phyllis Brock, Troy and Bonnie Baxley, and Jeff and Nancy Burton as the contestants. The Baxley’s took home the winning trophy (pictured left.) The club’s biggest fundraising event is maple doughnut sales during the Highland Maple Festival. The club has a “doughnut” kitchen and has served the purpose for 47 years.



Dillon Rusmisl Ears Eagle Scout Badge

Sangerville Towers Ruritan Club helped Dillon Rusmisl earn his Eagle Scout Badge. Dillon approached the club about erecting a monument for veterans. Dillon designed the monument with help from his parents Dale and Kathy Rusmisl. The club was successful in getting a historical marker for the town of Stokesville. The village was named after the Stokes family. The flood of 1949 destroyed a large part of homes and businesses. The research took several years and was spear-headed by club members Bill Parker and Bill Simmons.



Beverley Manor Supports Fire Department

Beverley Manor Ruritan Club prepared and served a barbeque dinner in support and appreciation to the Swoope Volunteer Firefighters. Pictured (l-r) are David and Joyce Obenschain, Maxine Carpenter, Millie and Robin Ruleman, Christopher and Keith Senderak, and Rob Longacher.



News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

Bridgewater Supports Girl Scouts and Salvation Army



Bridgewater Ruritan Club's Social Development Chair Larry Elkins presented a donation to Girl Scout Troop 1111 during the club's February meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Isabelle Kent, Joslyn Sargent, Lura Gurth, and 2013 Bridgewater Club President Karen Rowell. Public Service Committee Chair Alan Zigler presented a

check to Harrisonburg/Rockingham Salvation Army Captain John Blevins and Development Director Ashley Gordon-Becker. Over \$580 was raised on the day the club volunteered to ring the Salvation Army bell.

News From Ruritan: Rockingham District continued

Rockingham Luncheon and Fort Valley Install New Members



Rockingham Luncheon installed three new members. Pictured (l-r) are Past Rockingham District Governor Bobby Good, Larry and Margaret Clark, David Frazier, and Rockingham Luncheon Club President Paula Frasier.

Newest members of the **Fort Valley** Ruritan Club are Adam and Emma Selby.

Linville-Edom Delivers Food Boxes



Linville Edom Ruritan Club delivered 15 food boxes to area families. Club members who made the delivery are pictured on the left (l-r) Hardy Hinkle, Chick Rogers, Chad Good, John Myers, Jeff Roadcap, Rich Frazier, and Hugh Good. Not pictured is Shannon Good. The club teamed up with Rockingham County Fire and Rescue and American Red Cross to check and install smoke detectors. Ten alarms were re-



placed in nine homes. Lauren Shirkey and Zachary Hiter are shown receiving scholarships from 2017 Linville Edom Club President Chad Good. Kayla Chandler (not pictured) also received a scholarship. District Governor Martha Moyers presented the club with a Blue Ribbon Award. Pictured with Martha (center) is Chad Good and 2016 Club President Sharon Rexrode.



McGaheysville Donates Rudy Bears



McGaheysville Ruritan Club donated 30 Rudy Bears to McGaheysville Volunteer Fire Department and Rockingham County Fire Rescue-East End Emergency Services. This will be an ongoing project for the club. Pictured (l-r) are RCFR Jack Dixon, Hunter Garrison, McGaheysville Club Treasurer Becky Lane, Club President Jeff Werner, MVFC Logan Stewart, and Skylar Rothgeb.



Belmont Community Ruritan Club's youngest member Stephen Ford (20) crowned the oldest member Vera Moore (90) as the Queen of Hearts. Vera is the cook of the club and prepares all club meals.



Rockingham District held their Spelling Bee on March 10th. The Bee is supported by the Daily News Record and WVPT TV. Pictured with the winner is District Governor Carroll Keller.

Winner, Deeys Patel (age 13), is a student from the Wilbur S. Pence Middle School. She won a new laptop and a trip to the National Spelling Bee in DC.

News From Ruritan: Potomac District

Potomac District Supports Education



Lothian presented ten \$1,000 scholarships. Each recipient's requirement was to have a high GPA and demonstrate outstanding community service.

Three **Maugansville** Elementary School fifth graders were recognized for

their efforts in writing essays on "What Price Liberty." The essay contest was sponsored by the **Maugansville** Ruritan Club. Parents and relatives were invited to the award ceremony. Pictured (l-r) are Parker Sweeney, Maugansville Elementary School Principal Erin Wolford, Jadyn Blair, and Samantha O'Connor.

Marlowe Ruritan Club hosted a "Do-Nut" Stop Reading event to support their local teachers.



News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

Lindsay Rash Receives a Ruritan Forever Award



2017 Ruritan National President Danny and First Lady Linda Privott presented a Ruritan Forever (plaque and pin) to their granddaughter Lindsay Rash during the monthly meeting of the **Inter-County** Ruritan Club. Lindsay is a past club secretary. Her two children Alyssa and James, Jr. are also pictured during the presentation. Lindsay makes the seventh member of the club that has received Ruritan Forever status. Inter-County Club also has one deceased Ruritan Forever member James Roy Ball who is Lindsay's great-grandfather. Pictured (l-r) are Danny Privott, James Jr., Lindsay, and Linda. In the front is Lindsay's daughter Alyssa.

Shawboro Donates Dictionaries



In 2010, the small community of Shawboro, NC, opened an elementary school near the **Shawboro** Ruritan Club building. After hearing about a dictionary project being implemented by a club in another state, member Shea Alphin decided to research the opportunity. As a result *The Dictionary Project* was born in Shawboro in 2011. Shea, wife of Past Albemarle District Governor Marv Alphin, spearheaded the project. Shawboro Ruritan Club donated 168

dictionaries to every student in grades 3, 4 and 5 and all teachers. Since then there has been a total of 984 books given.



***Shawboro** Ruritan Club President LaRoy Jepsen welcomes new member Terry Corbett at the club's February meeting.*

News From Ruritan: Roanoke District

Robersonville Builds Handicap Ramps



The Robersonville Ruritan Club recently partnered with the First Baptist Church of Robersonville and the NC Baptist Aging Ministry to build a wheel chair ramp for Marjorie Sharp. The church and the NC Baptist Aging paid for the materials and the club members built the ramp. Pictured are Marjorie Sharp and members of the Robersonville Ruritan Club.

The club built a handicap ramp for Harold Ross. Harold is recovering from a stroke and needed a ramp to gain access to his home. The club built six ramps over the past year.

News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt. Durham District

Lynns Crossroads Displays "Wall of Honor"



Lynns Crossroads hosted its first Veterans Appreciation Dinner. The club unveiled a new "Wall of Honor" recognizing club members (past and present) for their service in the military. Over the past 18 months the club has added eight new members.



McCullers Celebrates 65th Anniversary

Approximately 70 members and guests joined in the 65th anniversary celebration of the **McCullers** Ruritan Club. Nine guests were from the **Needmore** Club who helped charter the club. Rocky Mt. Durham District Governor Harold Rogers presented a 65th anniversary plaque to Club President Jo Ann Hunter. He also led the club members, responsively, in a pledge to continue to lead our community through Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service. Pictured (l-r) are Silk Hope Club member Johnny Johnson, National Director Linward Hedgspeth, **West Edgecombe** Club member Joe Sawyer, McCullers Club President Jo Ann Hunter, Needmore Ruritan Club member Arthur Johnson, Zone 3 Governor Jim Sears, and District Governor Harold Rogers.



National Director Linward Hedgspeth is the guest speaker at the **Rocky Mt. Durham District** discussion session. Also pictured (l-r) at the head table is Zone 3 Governor Jim Sears, Lt. Governor Jeff Neese, District Governor Harold Rogers, and Zone 1 Governor Johnny Johnson.

News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt. Durham District continued

Silk Hope Installs New Club Officers



2002 National President Millard Thacker is shown installing **Silk Hope** Ruritan Club's new club officers. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Mike Braxton, Vice President Neil Johnson, Secretary Ned Gaudette, Assistant Secretary

Paula Missy Thompson, Treasurer Johnny Johnson, Assistant Treasurer Chelsea Gaudette, Directors Walt Sharp and Connor Tomlinson. (Not pictured is Director Mike Hecken.)

News From Ruritan: Greenville-Goldsboro District

Ponzer Gains Three New Members

Ponzer Ruritan Club member Cathy Clayton was responsible for bringing three new members into the club. Additionally, she was voted as the Ponzer Club's Ruritan of the Year for her diligent services throughout 2017. Pictured (l-r) are Cathy Clayton, Ponzer Ruritan Club's new members Kaye Lee and husband Kelly Brady, and Frank Nelson.



Pink Hill Stays Active



Pink Hill Ruritan Club members Clay Howard, Linda Jenkins, Nancy and Tom Yates help celebrate Dr. Seuss week at Pink Hill Elementary School by reading books to the children. The club held an Easter egg hunt with Rudy Bear as the surprise visitor. Over 1,000 hot dogs and bottled water were served.

The first annual Pink Hill Ruritan Club's Pheasant Run was a great fundraiser.

Thomas Scott was presented with a donation from the **Pink Hill** Ruritan Club to help with his Eagle Scout project.



News From Ruritan: Spartan District



Duncan Installs Club Officers

Duncan Ruritan Club's 2018 officers are (l-r) Treasurer James Alford, Director Lola Jackson, Secretary Lula Anderson, and Vice President Curtis Marshall. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Director Marion Dobson and President Joe Dickey. Not pictured is Director Mary Harrison.



News From Ruritan: Spartan District continued

Augusta Road Makes Shadow Boxes



Augusta Road Ruritan Club had the honor of preparing and delivering over 200 star shadow boxes for veterans at the Richard M. Campbell Home for Veterans. The stars were salvaged from retired flags, placed on a red background, and framed. Assembling

the boxes were Barbara Moore, Billy Peck, and Jim and Kathy Moore. Willis, Grace, and Marie Creamer made the delivery.

Jadyn Cash (youngest member) was installed into the club. She is a third-generation Ruritan.



News From Ruritan: Columbia District

Pelion and Pomaria Celebrate Anniversaries



Pelion Ruritan Club celebrated its 70th anniversary. A chicken and dumplings meal was served that included Charlie Haggard's slaw and an anniversary cake. Pictured in the front are Ryan, Roger, and Delores Hoover, Chaplain Jerry Branham, Jean Haggard, and Barry Fogle. Pictured in the back are Phil and Barbara Carey, Benny Collings, Eddie and Beth Cravens, Tim Treaster, Annette and Malcom Lucas, Betty and Donald Jeffcoat, Frank Shumpert, Sam and Beverly Jackson, Steve Neese, Melissa Shumpert, and Charlie Haggard.

Club member Rebecca Treaster was the club's scholarship recipient.

Rebecca has been accepted to Medical School at Virginia College. She will be married in July and begin her classes in August.

Pomaria Ruritan Club celebrated its 55th anniversary. Charter members Paul Richardson and Gurnie Stuck spoke about the history of the club and provided insight on what the club has accomplished. Pictured (l-r) are Pomaria Club President Carroll Wicker, Paul Richardson, Gurnie Stuck, Club Chaplin Henri Bishop, and Past Club Secretary Darryl Hentz.



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.

News From Ruritan: Columbia District continued

Sandy Run Sponsors Liberty Day Kids



Sandy Run Ruritan Club's Citizenship and Patriotism Committee sponsors Liberty Day Kids. Eight students visited the State House in Columbia, SC. They were greeted by House District 93 Representative Russell Ott, and a tour of the State House followed. March 13, 2018, was proclaimed Liberty Day in South Carolina. Ott joined the kids for lunch. Pictured in the front (l-r) are Easley Jeffcoat (Sandy Run School), Kollin Montgomery (Foundation Christian School), Gracie Gantt (Foundation Christian School), Jayda Johnson (Sandy Run School), Caleb Reed (Foundation Christian School), Brooke Kohn (Sandy Run School), Garrett Holt (Sandy Run School), and James Jones (Foundation Christian School). Pictured in the back (l-r) are Curtis Jeffcoat (parent), Peg Nelson (Administrator Foundation Christian School), Mike Holt (parent), Carla Holt (parent), Howard Pees



(Sandy Run Ruritan Club member), John Nelson (Sandy Run Ruritan Club Citizenship and Patriotism Committee Chair), Representative Ott, Brian Day (fifth grade teacher - Sandy Run School), Amy Roland (Assistant Principal - Sandy Run School) and Jennifer Kohn (parent). The club also presented 76 *I Like Me* books to students at Sandy Run Elementary and six books to Foundation Christian School. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Sandy Run Club members Ginger Hardee, Lena Stabler, Sheila Shanklin, Elizabeth Price, Snooky McCullar, and Hailee Hardee. Pictured in the front are Kelly Sanders, Kay James, and Amber Hardee. Pictured (l-r) with the children are Club members Becky Starnes and Kay James.

News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District



Maxwelton Gives Rudy Bears

Sheriff Bruce Sloan was a guest speaker for a **Maxwelton** Ruritan Club meeting. He spoke about the Greenbrier County Project Lifesaver. This search and rescue system's device average rescue time is under 30 minutes. It's recommended for Alzheimer's, Autism, and Down Syndrome patients. Maxwelton Club President Lee Godbey presented Sheriff Sloan with Rudy Bears.

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Magazine Deadlines

Fall Magazine - August 1, 2018

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News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District

Hinton Installs 11 New Members

Hinton Ruritan Club installed 11 new members. In celebration of this event, the club was surprised with a visit from Ruritan National President Guy Cox, National Director Larry Bowman, and Lower WV. Lt. Governor Roy Mullins. After

the dinner and meeting everyone enjoyed a piece of celebration cake. Pictured top left are Roy Mullins, Larry Bowman, Darrell Lilly, and Guy Cox. Pictured with the cake are Sheila Allman, Larry Bowman, Michael Temple, Darrell Lilly, Guy Cox. Pictured with First Lady Linda Cox are six new members Becky Cooper

(seated), Rosemary Allman, Amy O'Brien, Linda Cox, Debbi Lusk, Pam Mounts, and Tori Robertson.



Williamsburg Installs Three New Members

Williamsburg Ruritan Club member Stan Zahorenko presents awards to the club's new Associate members. Pictured far left is Carol Oosterbeek of Architectural Wood. Pictured center is Jackie Thomas of TNT Garage. Pictured right is Anne Jarrett.



News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District

Choateville Hosts Dinner and Movie Night

Choateville Ruritan Club hosted a dinner and movie night. Rudy Bear made a visit and Brunswick stew was served. Pictured (l-r) are Joe Thornsberry, Past National Director Chester Hillard, Past National Director Anne Hillard, and Dawn Chadwell.



News From Ruritan: Tennessean District



Bloomingdale Ruritan Club recycles 100 tons of paper a year. Pictured (l-r) are Bloomingdale Club President Roger Jones, Secretary Jim Smallwood, and volunteers loading eight tons of paper.

In a Declared Disaster: How to Activate OWC

District/Area Governors should call the Ruritan National Office toll free at (877) 787-8727 ext. 302 for program details if their district is struck by a state or federally declared disaster. A disaster situation report will be sent to the caller immediately.

The Ruritan National Foundation will review the needs listed on the report as soon as possible.

News From Ruritan: Cherokee District

Morrison Earns Five Gold Awards



Pictured (l-r) are **Morrison** Ruritan Club members Ashley Freeze, James Holt, and Cecil Holt are shown loading food boxes for Christmas. Over 65 boxes were given out. The club has been providing food for 25 years. Cherokee District Governor Ryan Ogle installed the club's 2018 officers. The club also

received five gold community service awards. Standing proudly with certificates are Moe Gallagher, Todd Shewmaker, Sue Anderson, Wes Williams, and Mike Holland.

Morrison Ruritan Club held a Relay for Life Fish Fry which raised \$1,200. Pictured (l-r) are Archie Driver, Erica Clay, Marian Jacobs, Lavell Whitehead, Ashley Freeze, Carson Malone, Carolyn Freeze, Sandra Malone, Ryan Moore, Darlene Cartrell, and Sam Galligher.



Taylors Presents Scholarship



Taylors Ruritan Club presented a scholarship to Kyle MulCahy who is attending Western Governors University to obtain a Masters degree in cybersecurity and information assurance. Kyle is the grandson of Past National Director WW Johnson. Pictured are Taylors Club President Heath Jordan, MulCahy, and Vice President Jim Woody.

Pictured left is National Director Lynn Fillers attending **Cherokee** District Cabinet meeting.

Harrison Installs 2 Members



Harrison Ruritan Club welcomes two new members Circuit Court Judge Kyle Hedrick and Brenda Hedrick.



St. Clair and Colerain Hold Easter Egg Hunt



St. Clair Ruritan Club took the Easter Bunny to Park Health Nursing Home. A fun-filled day ended with residence and children hunting Easter eggs. Pictured (l-r) with the Easter bunny (Priscilla Burge) are National Director Janet Kinsey, Zach Kinsey, and Penny Widmor. The club donated to Boy Scout Noah McFarland so he could complete his Eagle Scout project. Noah built 50 dog houses for the Belmont County Ohio Animal Shelter. Also, Past National Di-

rector Frank Kinsey and National Director Janet Kinsey pledge their support for this project.

Colerain Ruritan club held its annual Easter egg hunt. Pictured with the Easter Bunny (Priscilla Burge) is Mark Spoon, National Director Janet Kinsey, Past National Director Frank Kinsey, Peggy Padyjasek, and Joyce Dayton.



Washington Makes Blankets

Washington Ruritan Club, Beechwood Christian Church, and Salem United Methodist Church joined together and crafted and delivered fleece blankets to the Domestic Violence Shelter. Club member Freda Hathaway spear-headed the event.

West Branch Area Ladies

Club Director Viola Blanchard presented an award of appreciation to MaryBelle Metzgar for serving as club treasurer for 17 years.



News From Ruritan: **Western NC District**



Western North Carolina District Governor Leslie Gentry presented **Gamewell** Ruritan Club member Horry Kent Sr. with his Boy Scouts service award certificate.



Hopewell Hollis Ruritan Club President Rick Urban (l) presented Rudy Bears to Ellenboro Fire Department Chief Terry Horn.

News From Ruritan: Delmarva - New Jersey District

Dorchester Donates to Animal Rescue



Dorchester Ruritan Club donated \$500 to Baywater Animal Rescue. The shelter is operated by volunteers. Last year the Baywater Animal Rescue saved over 400 animals. Pictured (l-r) are Leon Peters, Jack Seabrease, Baywater Animal Rescue Office Manager Linda Wilcox, Dorchester Club President Bob Carey, and Elmer Willey.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 850 President Joe Startt was the guest speaker for the **Kenton** Ruritan Club meeting.

The organization has a goal of placing at least one service dog a year with a veteran affected by PTSD. Service training takes 12-18 months and cost \$10,000 per dog. Service dog Cash is almost through training and will be placed with a veteran in four months. Pictured are Riedel K-9 Training Nelson Miller with Cash.



News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

Copeland Donates Dictionaries

Copeland Ruritan Club started the Dictionary Project four years ago in two elementary schools. They added a third school this year. The smiles and sincere thanks from the students and teachers make this one of the club's favorite projects.



Another favorite is volunteering at the local food pantry. At Christmas time, each member gives a donation to the food bank. As a paramedic, Copeland Club Treasurer Denise Ward (pictured right) sees firsthand the calming influence and joy Rudy Bears brings to traumatized children.



News From Ruritan: Opportunity Land District

Western Yell County Sponsors Scholarship Dinner

Western Yell County Ruritan Club sponsored its annual scholarship fundraiser dinner. Catfish, barbeque ribs, and chicken with all the trimmings were served. Over 375 were in attendance. The club raised \$5,100. The club awards six scholarships each year.



News From Ruritan: Dan River District

Dry Fork Presents Scholarships



Dry Fork Ruritan Club recently hosted a dinner for scholarship recipients. The annual *Rebekah L. Heldreth Memorial Scholarship* was established by the club after she passed away at age 19 in a tragic car accident in 2003. She was a club member. The club is pleased to award scholarships each year in her memory. Scholarship recipients are McKenzie Brown, Bailey Wells, Payton Flack, and Meagan Puckett. Brown, a graduate of Chatham High School, has completed one year at Danville Community College and is attending Patrick Henry Community College. Wells, Flack, and Puckett are graduates of Chatham High School, they are attending Danville Community College, Old Dominion University, and Carson-Newman University. Pictured (l-r) are McKenzie Brown, Bailey Wells, Payton Flack, and Dry Fork Club Treasurer Rose Mary Meadows. (Not pictured is Meagan Puckett.)

News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

Flag Pond Honors Roy Ramsey



Flag Pond Ruritan Club honored Roy Ramsey (age 100) during the club's Christmas Open House. The club was founded on Ramsey's porch in 1985. Pictured with Ramsey is 2016 National President Calvin Shelton.

Mt. Pleasant Donates Aluminum Tabs

During a Davy Crockett District Cabinet meeting, Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Club President Amy Harrison presented can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Johnson City, TN. Club member Howard Whaley donated bags of saved cans for this project. Pictured (l-r) are Howard Whaley, Amy Harrison, Mt. Pleasant Club President Karen Bailey, and Davy Crockett District Governor Marion Bailey.



Madge Crain Makes Quilt for Foundation Auction



Bowmantown Ruritan Club member Madge Crain handmade a quilt and donated it to the Ruritan National Foundation for the auction held at the Charleston National Convention. The quilt brought in \$750.

Charles Barkley Receives Tom Downing Fellow Award

Limestone Ruritan Club President Bill Morrison presented Charles Barkley (left) with a Tom Downing Fellow Award. Barkley has 53 years of perfect attendance.



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