

Ruritan

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Wrapping Up Our Year Together

Here we are again. It's time for district conventions. What a fun part of Ruritan. There are many things we have an opportunity to accomplish by getting together. First, we see many friends maybe we haven't had a chance to talk with since last year. Then we recognize by way of the community service awards



the different committees of our clubs for the work they've done making life better in their neighborhood. And last, but certainly not least, is the elections of new people to lead the district through the coming year. If you are one of the people who have been asked to fulfill a district office, thanks for offering Ruritan your most important

resource, your time.

Let's look first at the job of zone governor, one of the most important jobs in Ruritan. Don't take the responsibility lightly. When you visit a club you represent the district as well as national. In many cases you may be the only person they see with information they need to accomplish their goals. Before you attend that club know the news and pass it on.

As you plan the new year, it's important to know where you are and where you want to go before you can develop an intelligent list of goals. Look at the membership numbers, are they where they should be? If the size of the district is declining, the first order of business is to start the train moving forward. You know people are not inspired to jump on board if the train is rolling backward or just sitting still. One way to immediately jumpstart your membership is to add youth members to your club. Ten new youth in an adult club will also create a whole bunch of enthusiasm and focus to develop new and exciting projects.

Sometimes we get the idea that things are different in our areas. The truth is I could blindfold you and take you to Middle America, Lincolnland, New York Area or a district close to the national office and you wouldn't be able to tell where you were by listening to the discussion of the projects these members are working on. As a matter of fact, there are a few things

that are pretty common every place I've been this year.

First, you are all proud of the community you live in. You light up when you tell a story of helping a neighbor. You all know the kind of things your clubs do will never be replaced by government programs. And, lastly, you don't help others for personal gain, but are all replenished when you receive a sincere "thank you."

The places I've traveled this year have left me encouraged. They show tremendous respect for the office of President of Ruritan. Marsha and I were impressed with the reception from the clubs in Lincolnland District. One of those clubs was the Wayne City Club that got excited during the "Break A Record Day" on September 30th and added 23 new members to their club that day. If all clubs duplicated that performance we would have added 25,000 members in one day.

While we didn't accomplish that feat, we did add a total of 200 new members on September 30th and we're very happy with the gain that day. We want to express our appreciation to the members who made it possible.

The winner of the StubHub gift certificate on the "Break a Record Day" was Thomas Sparling of the Thomas Woods Ruritan Club. I had the opportunity to visit them and was impressed with their enthusiasm.

What we can accomplish in Ruritan is limited only by our imagination. There is a Ronald Reagan quote I heard the other day. It goes like this: "A group of people can accomplish almost anything when no one is worried who gets the credit". This would be an example of everyone wanting the same result and all they do moves them in that direction.

I am excited about some new groups we have appointed to focus on growth and retention and mentoring in the coming year. Having been copied on their preliminary communication, it's been refreshing to hear their ideas to grow our organization. The appointment of these groups was inspired by one of our past national presidents that was excited to do something to improve Ruritan. Many thanks go to

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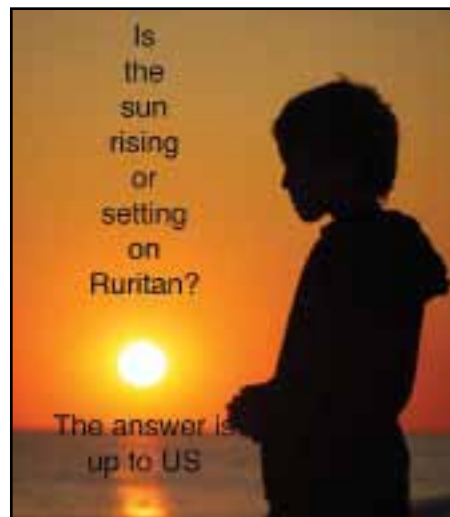
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Get YOUR Club News in the RURITAN magazine.
Contact Club News Editor Crystal Jennelle at
media@ruritan.org or toll free at 877-787-8727.

Cover: Bringing In New Members! In October, the Gloucester (VA) Ruritan Club held its monthly dinner meeting at American Legion Post 75 in White Marsh, VA where they welcomed in four new regular members and one associate member. The new members were presented with new member packets, a pin, and a sample of the RURITAN magazine. Pictured are (l-r) new member Leonard Brooks, Wally Walter, and Mary Walter, with Laura Northstein. Not pictured is new member Victoria Thomas.

Staff Member Nancy Lester Remembered

NOTE: Executive Director Michael Chrisley spoke at the August funeral service for Ruritan staff member Nancy Warden Lester. Nancy, who had been with Ruritan for almost 35 years, died at age 65 on August 10 in the Wake Forest University Medical Center, Winston Salem, N.C.

Born January 2, 1945 in Pulaski, Nancy is survived by her husband Stanley O. Lester of Dublin.

She is survived by three sons Keith Lester and wife Georgeta Lester, Kelly Lester, Kevin Lester and wife Melanie Lester. Nancy also had three precious grandchildren: Hannah, Owen, and Amelia Lester. She was also survived by one sister and two brothers. Nancy was a member of the **Ruritan Road** Ruritan Club. Her memorial service was held at the Dublin Presbyterian church with the

Rev. Jeanette Tagg officiating.

During his portion of Nancy's service, Chrisley noted, "I came to work for Ruritan in August of 1980. One of the first people that I met was Nancy Lester. She had already been at Ruritan for about seven years at that time. She was already a veteran."

"She worked in several departments over the years but spent the last 20-25 years in accounting. As far as I know she never had any formal accounting training, but she knew



our data and the numbers so well that she could sense issues with accounting.

It's hard to pay for that kind of experience and it will be even more difficult to replace it."

Chrisley continued, "Curtis Graham (who died in the spring of 2010) once told me 'you can teach anyone to do almost anything, but the key to a person's success is attitude.' Nancy's life and work expressed that motto. Her attitude set her apart from many others."

"Proverbs 31 says. 'She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She gets up while it is still dark. She provides food for her family. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat of the bread of idleness.' That was Nancy," said Chrisley, continuing, "She was as solid as the day is long. She never missed work. In fact, it was hard to get her to take all the vacation that she was due. She didn't let the small things bother her. In fact, she didn't let the large things bother her either.

As late as three weeks (prior to her death) Stanley said that she was planning to come back to work when she got out of the hospital. He said he asked her on several occasions, 'Why don't you retire?' And her answer was, 'And do what?'"

Chrisley remarked, "I can actually hear her saying that. I think Nancy was simply the happiest when she was busy and productive. She was a good employee. She was a good friend. She was a good Ruritan. She was a good person."

"Our staff is more like a family in some ways," Chrisley continued, "We bicker, we fuss, and we complain. But we love each other. When the chips are down, we are there for each other. We will all miss Nancy terribly. You can't replace that kind of person. She didn't preach or judge. She just lived well in front of us. Her life was her ministry."



2011 Magazine Cover Contest

The Publications Committee is announcing a contest for the front cover of the Summer 2011 Ruritan magazine. Send in your club's action photo and see if you will be used on the front cover. Photos must be in color and high resolution (at least 300 dpi). While making donations to local charities is certainly important, the committee is looking for more than a check presentation picture – they are interested in photograph that shows Ruritans in action in their communities.

Send your picture by mail or email no later than April 1, 2011. Remember to include a caption or identification for the members pictured. Runners up may also be used in the summer issue.

Send your pictures to COVER CONTEST, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084 or email to publications@ruritan.org and for the subject line use "cover contest."

Nothing Can Overcome The Ruritan Spirit

We are madly rushing toward the end of 2010. We started the year off with freezing cold temperatures and frozen precipitation in of all places, Virginia Beach, for the Ruritan National Convention. We endured many more days of below normal temperatures and above average snow fall. We had a damp spring, a blistering summer, drought conditions, and water shortages. Now, weekends have been busy with district conventions and Christmas will be here all too soon. Our 2011 National Convention will follow thereafter (January 27 – 30) in Knoxville, TN. We have weathered a lot in 2010 from Mother Nature. Our Ruritan organization has weathered a lot as well this year.

We have seen too many clubs disband, we have seen members taken from us in the natural progression of life, and we have seen other members leave as well. We have weathered this year's storm of membership decline. While we may have membership challenges ahead, this much is true: There is no storm

or issue that we as Ruritans cannot overcome if we put our minds, our bodies, and our spirits into working together. If we do, we will be going down the same path and have a common goal in mind – grow Ruritan.

We will all benefit from sustained, long-term growth. We can ill afford to focus on growth for the short term and then put it on the back burner. If we do, we will be back in the same boat several years down the road. The focus has to be on long term, never-ending growth. Growth is our future. It is our life's blood. Ask as many people as you can to become part of our great Ruritan organization.

As we see 2010 close, your national Growth and Development Committee wants to take an opportunity to say "job well done" to those who took up President Jerome's challenge to "break a record" on September 30. Back in March we saw an increase of 53 new members and the September challenge smashed that

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Rockawalkin Club Brings In 10 New Members

In September, the **Rockawalkin** (MD) Ruritan Club installed 10 new members. One member was being reinstated, two new youth members, and seven new adult members. Bill Toadvine, Tommy Miller, and Elliott Meade recruited the new members. Club parliamentarian George Winfree administered the swearing in. National Director Larry Blount, and Delmarva-New Jersey District Governor Ernst Arndt were in attendance congratulating the club on its efforts.



New Clubs for 2010

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors & DRMS*

(January 1, 2010 -- November 1, 2010)

<u>New Club Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>DRM</u>
Bridgewater College	Rockingham	Bridgewater	Glen Thomas
South Range Ruri-Teen	Ohio	Greenford	Jeff Fishel
South Chatham	Rocky Mt.-Durham	Tri-County (NC)	Debby Hussey
Pioneer Ruri-Teen	Davy Crockett	Conklin/Washington College	Allen D. Jackson
Chowan Hawks College	Roanoke	Como	Donald Worrell
Hugo Owens Mustang Ruri-Teen	Holland	Deep Creek	Donna Silberholz
Blazer Ruri-Teen	Davy Crockett	Boones Creek/Bowmantown	Allen Jackson
Clay County	Alabama/Florida	Armuchee	Micah Bandy
Sister's and Brother's	Gulf Area	Goodwill	Hattie Harris
Halifax County High School Ruri-Teen	Dan River	Aaron's Creek	Yasmine Vaughan

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

Ruritans Nourished Communities With Food Drive

Ruritan National held the second annual Nourish Your Community Food Drive on September 11. In Virginia, Ruritan partnered with AARP. The grand total for all states was 44,660.6 pounds of food and \$8,027.60 in cash for local food pantries.

St. Clair (OH) Ruritan Club reported bringing in the most pounds of food at 2,004 pounds, and in addition, collected \$950 in cash. **Brookville** (VA) Ruritan Secretary Lisa Shores reported that her club collected 1,554 pounds. "We will continue to make this annual food drive bigger and better every year," said Shores. **Corapeake** (NC) positioned a pickup truck at their event to accept donations. 1,425 pounds was raised and donated to Gates County food banks.

Clarksville Food Pantry received a generous donation of 1360 pounds from joint efforts of the **Clarksville** (VA) Ruritan Club and the Clarksville AARP chapter.

Yoder (AR) and **Fairmount** (AR) clubs collected approximately 1000 pounds of food and \$1,055.54 in cash donations. Word of Faith Food Pantry in Monterey, VA was the recipient of the four clubs in the Woodrow Wilson District: **Stonewall**, **Mill Gap**, **Bolar**, and **Blue Grass** (VA) clubs collected \$3,110 in cash and 850 pounds of canned goods. Pictured (above right, l-r): Stonewall (VA) Ruritan Club members Blanche and Glenn Morgan, and Mill Gap (VA) Club member Tim Duff.



Kempsville (VA) had on site radio and television coverage to help with their drive. They collected 850 pounds. **Allendale** (IL) set up at two locations collecting 560 pounds. **Ruritan Road** (VA) collected 535 pounds, while **East Carters Valley** (VA) collected 422 pounds and **Wadlow Gap** (VA) collected 405 pounds.

Lyn-Dan Heights (VA) reported collecting 314 pounds (pictured this page). **Mt. Tabor** (VA) and the Blacksburg AARP chapter partnered to collect and deliver more than 220 large bags of food and \$145 in cash. The Virginia Tech YMCA loaned the club their largest truck for this event. One food pantry recipient said, "Just a few days ago, we were almost completely out of food. We are so thankful for this. It is hard to believe that we have people hungry, even starving in our communities, but we do, and this is a lifesaver for some families."

Growth and Development News

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record with an increase of 200 new members, if we include an increase in Ruri-Teens on that same day. You'll see a picture below of the StubHub certificate winner Tom Sparling.

In 2011 there is going to be more emphasis on growth and development. Committees are being formed to work on the areas involved with membership growth and club development, including: member retention, recruiting, mentoring, improving training, organizing new clubs, and other areas that can make our membership grow.

Again, from the national Growth and Development Committee, "thank you" for hanging in when our numbers started to decline and doing what you could to turn it around. Let's work to make 2011 even better for Ruritan.

Have a joyous holiday season and a very happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone January 27 – 30, 2011 in Knoxville, TN.

2010 Growth and Development Committee

Break A Record Winner

National President Jerome Rodes ventured from the mountains of West Virginia to the flat lands of eastern Virginia to present a "Stub Hub" certificate to Tom Sparling (center) for bringing in nine new members for "Break a Record Day" on September 30. All nine members were added to the Thomas Woods (VA) club in the Holland District. Pictured with President Jerome and Tom Sparling is Shane Wright, incoming officer of the club.



Capital Replacement Funds Reach \$83,000

Donations for the national office capital improvements campaign continue to come in. We have a subtotal of \$15,882 donated since February and a grand total of \$83,453.79 since the capital campaign began. See President Jerome's column (this page) for information on upcoming office projects.

Executive Director Mike Chrisley continued to thank all those who have donated to the fund in the past three years. "We are so pleased with the projects that have been completed so far – and we look forward to seeing the energy savings this winter with the new windows, heat pump, and insulation in place. We only need an additional \$3,000 to begin the next project, new more efficient lighting – and following that, the remodel of the restrooms to provide handicapped accessible, family friendly facilities for our members and guests."

Individual Gifts Since February 2010

Gifts have come from: Frank and Linda Dodson; Frank and Janet Kinsey; Margaret T. Schmidt, in memory of Dick Schmidt; Howard L. Snell; Bruce and Joanne Thompson.

Club Gifts Since February 2010

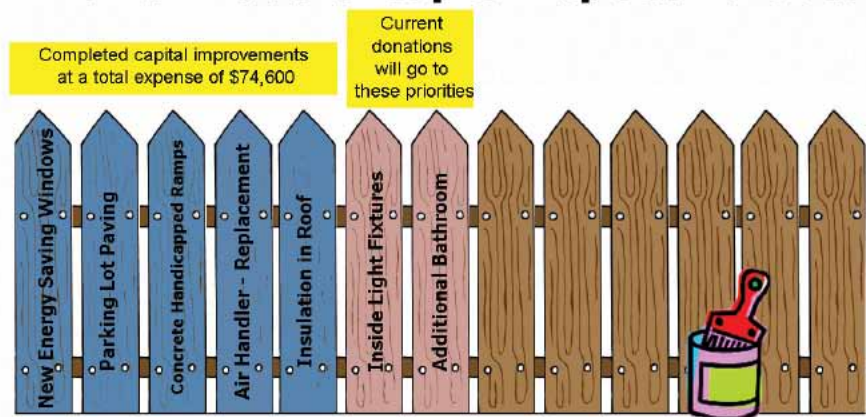
Gifts have come from: Aarons Creek; Amelia; Barboursville; Belmont II; Benhaven; Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area; Bowmantown;

Brownsburg; Bryant; Churchville; Clarksville; Clear Springs; Conklin; Damascus; Dry Fork; Fellowsville; Forestville Quicksburg; Glenwood; Grit; Holston; Johnsville; Keedysville; Leetonia; Louisa County; Midlothian; Mt. Pleasant; Needmore; New Franklin; New London; Nolachuckey; Petersville; Pineview; Prince George; Ramer; Reams; Redwood; Ruritan Road, in memory of Nancy Lester and Curtis Graham; Shawnee; South Fork; Spanishburg; Springfield; Spruce Mountain; Stonewall District; Studley; V-Point; Washington College; West Shenandoah; Whitsett; Yoder; and Zuni .

District Gifts Since February 2010:

Gifts have come from: Dan River District; Ohio District; Peaks of Otter District; Rappahannock District; and Upper West Virginia District.

Ruritan National Capital Replacement Goals



President Jerome's Letter

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1993 National President Wayne Bettis.

We have seen some growth with new clubs in Mississippi and Alabama thanks to some hard working Ruritans in those areas. We have others working on new clubs in Arkansas, Ohio, and Indiana.

Some of you have probably noticed on the Membership Management System (MMS) a new number below the graph that gives the club with the most members. They must be pretty excited at Turner Ashby High School Ruri-Teen with a member count of 313. Congratulations, guys!

We are still receiving donations to upgrade our national office. The next two projects will include new energy efficient lighting and then new handicap accessible bathrooms with a much larger ladies room. Thanks to all who have made the improvements al-

ready completed possible. (See the list on this page that updates the latest gifts.)

Our IT (information technology) committee continues to enhance the MMS and looks at new ways to streamline our operation at Ruritan. I know some of you will be excited to know we are moving the website up on the priority list.

Thanks to each of you that have made Marsha and I feel so welcome every place we have visited this year. There have been parades, anniversaries, reunions, picnics and rallies, even a birthday cake in Rocky Mt.-Durham District, all of which we really enjoyed. Just "Keep on Pumping" and there's nothing you can't accomplish.

Jerome Rodes

Jerome Rodes
2010 Ruritan National President

Youth Conference Draws 117 Young People

The fourth annual Ruritan Youth Leadership Conference was held from July 9 – 11 at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake in Wirtz, VA with 117 youth and 38 adults attending. The conference began with a picnic dinner on Friday evening served by **Dan River District** cabinet. One new activity that was enjoyed by everyone was a hospitality suite that was hosted by the **Holland District** on Friday and Saturday evenings. As usual, there were lots of activities including a new rifle range which is state of the art. Others included canoeing, kayaking, archery, swimming, team building, climbing wall, field Olympics, robotic computer lab, skateboarding, mountain boarding, horseback riding, and small animals.



Patriotic Day (Saturday) was celebrated with patriotic items at each meal. So the youth could better understand what Ruritan clubs do for their communities, the Youth Committee had asked each youth to bring a small Rudy Bear which was given to local fire and rescue squads that service the 4-H Camp when necessary. One hundred twenty-two bears were presented to them. Guest speaker for the afternoon was Youth Pastor Todd Stiffler of the Refreshing Center Church of God who spoke on patriotism and service to others. On Saturday evening, groups competed against each other and then enjoyed swimming, snow cones, and popcorn while listening and dancing to music by the 4-H camp's dj.



Sunday morning, we were able to continue with two more activity periods which was followed by swim olympics held in the pool. The Youth Committee would like to especially thank Ruritan Meetings and Project Manager Debbie Southern and volunteer Donna Maloy for all the wonderful work they did to make this another successful conference. **Ruritan Road** club volunteer Sheila Nelson also worked before and during the conference. Many wonderful

Youth Wins FFA Scholarship Named in Honor of Ruritan

Proving that things do come full circle, a youth member of a Ruritan club was recently awarded an FFA scholarship named for a deceased Ruritan from another part of the state of Virginia.

Carson Lee Daughtrey from Lakeland High School and a youth member of the Holland (VA) Ruritan Club received a \$1,000 scholarship at the the 84th State FFA Convention in June 2010. The scholarship was established by the Seibel family in honor of the late George Seibel, a member of the **Bonsack-Blue Ridge Area** (VA) Ruritan Club. Carson is pictured here with Mrs. George Seibel.



Ruritan volunteers transport youth to the conference, pay their own registration fee, and give of their time to chaperone these youth year after year. Without these wonderful volunteers, the conference would not happen. If your club or district sponsored a youth member to the conference, consider asking them to speak about their experiences from the conference.

The 2011 conference will be July 15-17. Please consider sending youth ages 9 to 19 from your club or district next year.

2010 Youth Committee

2011 Convention in Knoxville, TN

Knoxville Convention Center

(January 27-30, 2011)

Tell Us Who Is Coming to Knoxville, TN

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____ Club: _____ District _____

2nd Attendee: _____ Club: _____ District _____

Home Address: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Badge Name #1: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

Preferred Badge Name #2: _____

Check items below that apply:

___ I need vegetarian meals for these in my party.

(list names below)

GUESTS: As a fully registered attendee you may bring non-registered guests to meal functions only. List names below and pay for meals under "Extra Tickets" on reverse. They will only be allowed in events they've paid for.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

___ This is my first Convention _____

___ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals ___ I plan to be a delegate: _____

Reserve a scooter or wheelchair with Lamberts Health Care while you are in Knoxville by calling **865-523-1103**

___ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance. Name: _____ # of Years _____

Registration Details

Your convention registration includes:

- **Thursday Afternoon (4:30 p.m.)** Opening with Flag Ceremony, Memorial Service, and Entertainment
- President's Reception
- Friday and Saturday Business Sessions
- Friday Fellowship and DRM Luncheon
- Saturday Installation Banquet with Entertainment
- Name badge, printed program, workshops, entertainment, speakers, and more.

Registration must be paid in order to attend convention activities including workshops and business sessions. A registered convention attendee may purchase optional meals as well as extra meals for his/her non-registered guests. The deadline to

qualify for the early registration discount is December 26, 2010. Between December 27, 2010, and January 6, 2011, full registration fees will apply. After January 6, 2011, you may only register in person at the convention site.

Optional Events & Meals

There are several optional events that may be purchased separately for attendees or for their guests. These are listed on the back of this registration form.

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

Veteran's Name: _____

(Check one in each column)

___ U.S. Army

___ WWII

___ U.S. Air Force

___ Korea

___ U. S. Marines

___ Vietnam

___ U.S. Navy

___ Desert Storm

___ U.S. Coast Guard

___ Operation Iraqi Freedom

___ Other (explain) _____

___ Peace Time Service _____

What Events Will You Attend At The 2011 Convention?

Convention Registration: Includes Fellowship and DRM Luncheon on Friday and Saturday Installation Banquet.

EARLY Registration DISCOUNT on or prior to 12-26-2010 # _____ @ \$175=+ \$ _____

Registration # _____ @ \$210=+ \$ _____

Sub Total Registration \$ _____

Extra Tickets and Optional Events: For any fully registered attendee or the guests of a fully registered attendee. These tickets will secure entrance to these events ONLY.

Thursday

Foundation Awards Dinner # _____ @ \$35=+ \$ _____

Friday

Breakfast Honoring Ruritan Veterans # _____ @ \$20=+ \$ _____

Extra Fellowship and DRM Luncheon** # _____ @ \$40=+ \$ _____

***Registered attendee gets this meal included in registration fee above*

Bus trip and meal at Smith Family Dinner Theater in Pigeon Forge (4:30 p.m.- 9 p.m.) # _____ @ \$45=+ \$ _____

Saturday

Breakfast Honoring First Lady Marsha Rodes # _____ @ \$25=+ \$ _____

Extra Saturday Installation Banquet** # _____ @ \$60=+ \$ _____

***Registered attendee gets this meal included in registration fee above*

Sub Total Extra Tickets: \$ _____

Other:

Rudy Bears - Large # _____ @ \$8.25=+ \$ _____

Rudy Bears - Small # _____ @ \$4.95=+ \$ _____

Pre-order your souvenir **80th Convention Mug** # _____ @ \$6.00=+ \$ _____
(if purchased on site the price increases to \$8 each)

Cash donation for food drop \$ _____

Complete this registration form and mail it in, or log on to the Member Management System and register there under "events" on your personal information page - <http://mms.ruritan.org>.

Sub Total Other \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Ruritan's Charitable Efforts in Knoxville: Bring **children's shoes** (new or gently used) and all sizes of **disposable diapers** to Knoxville, TN for the Department of Children's Services. Also, sign up above to donate **Rudy Bears** to the bear drop in Knoxville! Have you given donations to your local **food pantry**? Don't forget to tell your district governor about your total donations.

How Will You Pay?

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

Check payment type below:

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

_____ Payment made by check Check # _____

_____ Visa/Mastercard

Card # _____

Expiration date # _____

Check one option below

_____ Bill my credit card now

_____ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2010

Delegates to Consider Candidates and Ballot Issues

2011 National Candidates as of November 15, 2010 are: **National President:** Jayson Duncan; **National Vice President:** Phyllis G. Lewter; **National Director:** Glen Davis, Roger Gammons, Charles R. (Chuck) Myers II, Beverly Tanner; **Foundation Trustee:** David H. Freshly, Echols "Phil" Jeffries.

The first ballot issue facing delegates will be changing the National Bylaws, **Article IV, Annual Meeting** by removing, in the first sentence, the phrase "in January of." The new sentence would read: *The annual meeting of Ruritan National shall be held each year and shall be referred to herein as the National Convention, at which time the officers, directors and foundation trustees shall be elected.*

The delegates will also consider a change to **Article III, Membership, Section F.** The new wording is shown in red: *Any member club which fails to pay its financial obligations to this organization or which violates the bylaws of Ruritan National, or which fails to abide by the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors, made and adopted pursuant to these bylaws, or for any other appropriate reason, may in the discretion of the Board of Directors be suspended or have its charter revoked under such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe ... Any final action by the Board of Directors shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by those voting members attending such meeting provided a quorum is present. Upon the suspension or revocation of any club charter the Board of Directors shall have authority to require the return of the charter certificate issued to it.*

Rooms Are Available At Overflow Hotel

The two original host hotels in Knoxville, TN (Hilton and Holiday Inn) have sold out! However Ruritans planning on attending the national convention who still need rooms should contact the overflow hotel, Crowne Plaza. The Ruritan rate of \$94 for regular rooms will be guaranteed until December 28, 2010. Queen or king rooms are \$104 each and a small number of mini-suites are available for \$94. All rates are before tax and fees. The Crowne is also on the shuttle route for attendees for convenient travel back and forth to the convention center. To book your room guests call the hotel directly at 865-522-2600 and ask for reservations at extension 2366. Parking is complimentary for hotel guests at the Crowne.

You may also go online at www.crowneplaza.com/knoxville and use the Ruritan code **RUR** (all caps, please). The toll free number is 1-800- 2crowne (1-800-227-6963). The hotel will honor the Ruritan rate even after December 28, 2010 but only if you call directly – online and toll free contacts will not get the group rate after that date.

Knoxville Children's Choir Replaces Voices of Lee

The Knoxville Children's Choir will be the featured entertainment at the 2011 Ruritan National Convention Opening Ceremonies in Knoxville (4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 27.). The children's group will replace the Voices of Lee who have canceled their appearance due to a conflict in scheduling.

Since its founding in 1996, Knoxville Children's Choir (pictured) has served hundreds of students, grades four and above, from Knoxville and surrounding counties, and has developed into the area's finest children's choral program. Most recently the children's choir performed on a Hallmark Channel special with Dolly Parton on the 25th anniversary of the opening of Dollywood.

"We sing everything from Mozart to Bach to a little jazz," says Teresa Scoggins, in her eighth year as the group's artistic director. "We have done some Broadway medleys. We mix it up a lot because it's important that they be well-rounded in the style of music we sing."



Voices of Lee Director Danny Murray apologized for missing the Ruritan event, noting, "I am extremely sorry that we were unable to confirm the contract for the Voices of Lee to appear at the 2011 Ruritan National Convention in Knoxville. We had every intention to be in Knoxville on Thursday, January 27 and then on to Hawaii for a convention that week-end - but because of the close performance times and time needed for travel, we were forced to take a flight scheduled for earlier in the day on Thursday which caused the conflict."

Don't Miss These Exciting Workshops in Knoxville

Exciting workshops are planned for Friday and Saturday at the 2011 National Convention in Knoxville, TN. See the topics and times below. Check the official convention program for course descriptions and room locations.

FRIDAY SESSION I

2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Publicity : Facts At a Glance

Dennie Clemmer, Morris Clyburn,
Anne Hillard

Identifying Potential Leaders

Robert Newton

Ruritan Tomorrow

Growth Task Force Chairs and G&D
Committee

Spring Forward – Setting Up An After School Tutoring Program

Robert Perry, Jane Dodson Perry

Youth and Ruri-Teens - Unleashed Potential (IWDWISIWD)

Karen Folino

FRIDAY SESSION II

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Come By The Whistle Stop Cafe

Rick Dellinger

Parliamentary Procedure

Steve Hicks

Using the MMS

James Mayo

Help, I'm a New Club Officer

Bobby Wrenn

Working with Youth in Your Clubs Roundtable (for adults)

Youth Committee

FRIDAY: SESSION III

4:30 to 5:20 p.m.

Zone Governor Training

Betty Jo Clemmer

Ruritan Awards

Advancement Committee

History of Ruritan

Jerry Ellis

Designer Snowmen

Joan Beavers

SATURDAY: SESSION I

2 to 2:50 p.m.

Legal Responsibilities and Club Liability

Gary Hancock and Mike Chrisley

OWC: When Disaster Is Declared, Will You Be Prepared?

Trustee Danny Privott

What Are YOUR True Colors? Lead- ership, Team Building, and FUN for Youth

Brian Hairston and Chris Smith

*NOTE: This workshop will continue,
with breaks, until 5 p.m., youth room.*

Community Service Committees: For Club Vice Presidents

Robert Newton

SATURDAY: SESSION II

3 to 3:50 p.m.

Potential National Officer Training

Outgoing National Directors Bobby
Burton, Dennie Clemmer, Frank
Dodson, Carroll Lowe, James Zehr

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Growth Task Force Chairs and G&D
Committee

Foundation Programs

Foundation Trustees

Mentoring New Club Members

Advancement Committee

Bring - Take Ideas at Share-A-Thon

Bring your ideas for service projects and fundraisers to the Knoxville Convention and be prepared to share what you are doing! On Saturday following the morning business session a Share-A-Thon room will be open for approximately two hours, for just that purpose.

Do you have a successful club service project? How about a grand fundraising idea? Bring lots of handouts to distribute and set up on one of the tables that will be provided. The idea is not just to show what your club has done, but to give out how to information so other clubs can duplicate your ideas.

Do you NEED a great service or fundraising suggestion? Visit the Share-A-Thon and pick up some ideas. Ruritans visiting the Share-A-Thon should be able to walk away with a bag full of instructions and plans to take directly back to their clubs.

Tables will not be assigned. Anyone willing to participate is encouraged to stake out a spot and start giving out information! Check the official convention program book for time and location.

*Don't forget the 2011 Opening Ceremonies
begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 27 at the
Knoxville Convention Center! See a mini-agenda in the
Fall and Summer 2010 RURITAN magazines.*



Diapers and Shoes for Knoxville

During the 2011 Ruritan National Convention the organization will have the opportunity to show the Knoxville community service in action with diapers and new or slightly used shoes for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Pictured here are 2007 National President and 2011 Convention Chair Jimmy Bristow, 2010 National President Jerome Rodes, and Publicity and PR Chair Dennie Clemmer with some of the diapers and children's shoes that have already been collected at the national office.

Maugansville (MD) Member Featured in News

By Alicia Notarianni (Portion reprinted with permission from the Herald Mail, September 2010)

It was a job that lured Bob Walton to the Hagerstown (MD) area 42 years ago. It's the small-town sense of caring and community he found in Maugansville that led him to stay.

Walton, 68, and his wife, Virginia, now 67, had just experienced a great personal loss and were ready for a change of scenery. Their 3-year-old daughter who'd never been well enough to go home from the hospital, had died.

"The very first time I took a walk around the village, I noticed the way people greet you and wave," he said. "In Baltimore, it wasn't like that."

It was a spirit that resonated with him, and he joined the **Maugansville (MD) Ruritan** in hopes of contributing to the good will.

Civic organizations and clubs Walton had belonged to in the city focused on their membership as part of larger organizations. While the Maugansville Ruritan is part of Ruritan National, the club "had its hand on the pulse of the local community," Walton said.

"We know who needs help with fuel, getting to the

hospital, getting a cane, a walker. Anything the community needs, we lend a hand to see that they get it," he said. "I've been a part of many organizations, but that just blew me away."

Walton said he has a record of 39 years of perfect attendance with the Maugansville Ruritan, and he has served twice as president. He has been chairman of Maugansville Pride Day for 30 years. This year's event, featuring crafts, food and entertainment, is scheduled for Saturday.


"We raise funds through Pride Day," Walton said. "We give scholarships to high school students, maintain the park and our building. All the profit goes right back to serve the community."

"To me, if you are going to live in a place, you should be part of the place," he said. "You should be part of trying to make it better for everybody to live in."

Though Maugansville does not have a local government structure, Walton's service to the town has earned him an unofficial title.

"The post office clerks, the people I see on the street, they call me the mayor," Walton said. "I am not the mayor, but I eat that kind of stuff up."

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Ruritan Club Liability Insurance Explained

Insurance is a vital tool that allows Ruritans to “Keep On Pumping!” Since late 2007, Ruritan National has engaged our firm, AH&T Insurance (Leesburg, VA) to broker and secure liability insurance for Ruritan’s headquarters, clubs and members. AH&T has a large national non-profit insurance practice and we are certainly proud to serve Ruritan members around the country!

Liability insurance exists as an important tool that enables each of you to volunteer your time and effort on behalf of Ruritan without the threat that a third-party injury, death or lawsuit could bankrupt you or your club. Without transferring risk through insurance, each of you could be directly exposed to lawsuits or other losses through your Ruritan activities.

Ruritan has over 1,000 clubs and 30,000 members, and each club has diverse activities and events that you direct or sponsor. That is a considerable amount of risk. To best cover the clubs and members, we have structured what is known as a “Master Policy.” This means that all Ruritan clubs and members are covered by one general liability insurance policy, with a shared premium and coverage limit. The intent of this insurance policy is to provide all of you with a broad and cost-effective solution to meet basic Ruritan club needs.

Your insurance coverage offers economy of scale. We have calculated that the cost of the current general liability insurance is close to \$2 per member/per year. On your own, you might be looking at a minimum premium in the hundreds of dollars (per club) that could drive Ruritan’s collective insurance costs into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

This policy covers normal or innocuous Ruritan operated events such as regular monthly meetings, community service events and fund raising activities. More specific examples of these activities include: concession stands, food sales, raffles, pancake breakfasts, Christmas tree sales, arts and crafts shows, auctions, highway litter pick-ups, and sponsorship of amateur youth sports teams. Typically, you do NOT need a Certificate of Insurance for these types of events unless the venue requests proof of coverage. But if in doubt, please ask!

Please note that while it protects you for your most basic club activities, it does not cover every conceivable Ruritan activity. While we wish it could be the case, one insurance policy simply cannot cover every conceivable Ruritan activity. The more activities you do, the more exposure you probably have to a lawsuit or loss of some kind. This makes the insurance underwriter understandably nervous. To cite one example, powered auto, truck, boat, motorcycle or ski races are not insurable under this club policy. The risk of bodily injury or death is simply too great.

Special Offer for Ruritan Clubs

Several clubs have expressed an interest in Directors and Officers Liability Coverage (D&O) for their directors and officers. Many clubs are paying nearly \$800 annually for this coverage. Ruritan has worked with AH&T to be able to offer your club D&O coverage at a much lower cost of \$475 + surplus lines taxes of 2.5%.

This will provide coverage at a fraction of the cost when compared to buying an individual policy. This is optional coverage...your club does not have to buy it, but if you are interested this price does represent a significant savings. We are required to have a very small number of clubs committed to put this coverage in place. Because it is a group policy, we have to have this number of club committed prior to placing the policy.

If you would like to purchase this coverage we would need a very short form completed by your club and accompanied by a check to Ruritan National. If your club would like a form, contact service@ruritan.org and we will get the form to you. Once we receive the small number of clubs required to issue the policy we will place the coverage. If we don’t achieve the minimum number we will refund your money. The policy is offered through Great American Insurance Companies which is an A rated company with A.M. Best.

Likewise, there are Ruritan events that this policy excludes, but which can be added back by endorsement, usually for a small additional premium. Some examples of these events include:

Parades, carnivals, festivals, fairs, firework displays, hay rides, haunted houses, mazes, tractor pulls, events involving athletic activities, events run by the insured that involve outside vendors (for example, farmers markets, festivals/fairs), and the sale of liquor by the club

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Member Survey Evaluates National Convention

A survey distributed to Ruritan members this year has provided feedback that will help the organization plan for future national conventions. The survey was sent by email and regular mail to three groups – former national presidents, past general attendees, and members who have never attended a convention. All were offered the option of completing the survey on-line or mailing it back to the national office. A special survey was sent to first-time attendees who never returned to a national convention. Those statistics were promising. An average of 58% of convention first-timers **did** return to a second convention. Of those who did not, 82% said that they had wanted to return, but personal reasons (primarily health) kept them from attending.

While the data collected will provide organizational research information for several years, a few items stood out immediately. First was the fact that all the groups would prefer that the convention be held at a different time

Month Preferred for Convention		
Groups Surveyed		
Past Presidents	General Attendees	Non Attendees
June	April	May
April	May	April
May	June	June

What I Believe Are Important Reasons for Attending Convention		
Groups Surveyed		
Past Presidents	General Attendees	Non Attendees
Fellowship	Fellowship	Business
Business	Business	Fellowship
Elections	Education	Education

of year, other than January. Because of this, a motion will be considered by the delegates at the 2011 National Convention to remove the January restriction from the bylaws. Executive Director Michael Chrisley explained, "We have no immediate plans to change the month of the national convention. In fact, we have contracts committing us to a January date for the next few

years. But removing the month from the bylaws will free the organization up to explore other options." Charts on this page show responses to several of the more important questions. Other questions/responses will be shared in future magazines.

One question, about the declining attendance, produced a response of "low priority" from all three groups. Chrisley noted, "The fact that our members see the national convention as a low priority is not a negative. What it says, and what the comments reflected, is that our members are much more interested in what their clubs are doing at home, in their communities. And that is precisely as it should be."

In addition to the objective answers to the multiple choice questions on the surveys, there were literally hundreds of comments. Some respondents even wrote lengthy letters to Chrisley. "It is quite clear that most of our potential attendees want a convention that has content they can very easily take home

and use in their clubs," he said. "We are committed to taking to heart the suggestions and criticisms we have received. We want our convention to reflect what our members actually want."

If you are interested in completing a survey, please contact Ruritan service toll free at 877-787-8727 ext. 13 or service@ruritan.org before January 2011 or you may write directly to Executive Director Mike Chrisley at execdir@ruritan.org.

What I Believe Might Entice New Attendees		
Groups Surveyed		
Past Presidents	General Attendees	Non Attendees
Exciting Venues	Lower Costs	Lower Costs
Change the Month	Change Month	Exciting Venues
Lower Costs	Relevant Workshops	Change Month

Survey Response Rate For Groups			
	Past Presidents	General Attendees	Non Attendees
Sent	36	910	6826
Completed	19	405	1148
%	52.78%	44.51%	16.82%

Reasons I Believe Attendance Is Declining		
Groups Surveyed		
Past Presidents	General Attendees	Non Attendees
Low Priority	Expense	Time Commitment
Expense	Low Priority	Expense
Time of Year	Lack of Interest on National Level	Low Priority

Full results of the survey will be shared with the national board in January 2011 and made available to members after that. Chrisley noted, "This survey provided us with 120 pages of data. I feel sure we will be continuing to discuss the findings for some time."

Thanks for the Great Fellowship Weekend!

Dear Ruritan Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ruritans and friends that attended the Ruritan National Foundation's Fellowship weekend at Cherokee, NC.



Richard Keener
2010 Foundation
President

I hope everyone in attendance had a relaxing time. I'd like to thank the trustees and wives and others for their help in the game room, hospitality room, and banquet. A special thanks to Danny Privott and Vickie Lerch for the worship service. Also, thanks to Fred Lackey for the golf tournament.

There are 404 clubs listed for the Build Your Dollars for April 2011. These clubs sent in \$300. Each of these clubs will receive a Build Your Dollars grant of \$300 plus their fair share of Build Your Dollar income. Each club needs to notify the Foundation no later than April 1, 2011 of student names.

The Trustees of the Ruritan National Foundation thanks each of you for your continued support of the efforts of the Foundation to make higher education possible for more students as well as making disaster assistance available when needed.

It's time to make your reservations for the national convention in Knoxville. I'd like to extend a personal invitation to you to choose the Foundation dinner as one of your optional meals during the convention. The meal will be held on Thursday evening following the opening ceremonies (which begin at 4:30 p.m.).

It promises to be a lovely evening and we would really appreciate having you there with us.

And while we are talking about the convention – don't forget to bring your special treasures for the Ruritan National

Foundation auctions – both silent and live.

After the Friday Fellowship and DRM Luncheon, stop by the live auction and enjoy the fun and the excitement of bidding on a special item. And don't miss the two great workshops on the Foundation scheduled for Saturday afternoon. See the details on page 12 of this issue of the Ruritan magazine.

Thanks!

See you in Knoxville!

Richard Keener

2010 Foundation President

Tournament Benefits Foundation



Rockingham and Woodrow Wilson Districts hosted the annual Cecil Wampler Memorial Golf Tournament to raise money for the Ruritan National Foundation. This year's event was held at the Heritage Oaks Golf Course in Harrisonburg VA. Rockingham District Governor Ken Elkins, Past Woodrow Wilson District Governor Hilda Hensley, and Woodrow Wilson Lt. Governor Carl Puffenbarger headed up the event.

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\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$ Celebrates One Year

The first anniversary of the new fundraising program for the Ruritan National Foundation was October 1, 2010.

Each Ruritan is encouraged to forward to Ruritan National Foundation, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084 their check for the "Dime A Day" savings for the first year. Be sure to include the coupon included in this issue of the Ruritan magazine (*opposite page*).



Bruce W. Thompson
2010 Foundation
Vice President

During the Foundation's Fellowship Weekend at Cherokee, North Carolina, September 17-19, 2010, we were pleased to recognize 52 individuals who have donated at least \$182.50 to complete the full five year program.

Each of those donors has been awarded a special lapel pin. Funds received for the **\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$** program have exceeded \$25,000 and additional funds are being received each day. Remember, it's time to start saving a "Dime A Day" for the second year of the **\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$** program.

The funds received by the Foundation will enable the Trustees to award additional scholarships to students seeking a higher educational degree, resulting from the potential increased net earnings.

Remember all donations to the Foundation are income tax exempt according to the Internal Revenue Service.

The Trustees are pleased with the response from our members and ask our club, zone and district Ruritan leaders to encourage all Ruritans to consider joining in this program.

It is for a most worthwhile endeavor, helping to educate our youth, who are the leaders of tomorrow.

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2010 Weekend Held in Beautiful Cherokee, NC



The 2010 Ruritan Foundation Fellowship Weekend was held September 17 to 19 in Cherokee, NC. In addition to golf, food, and lots of fellowship – attendees were treated to a show Saturday night by the Eagle Dancers, a local Cherokee Indian group who performed traditional dances and even got Ruritans up and in the act.



Board Amends Club Bylaws in August

The Ruritan National Board of Directors, in August 2010, made four changes to the Ruritan Club Bylaws. They approved a change to Club Bylaws Article VI, Fees and Dues, Section A, to read: *Active members may be assessed club dues as determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club Board of Directors, with a quorum present, and 2/3 vote of the members, providing a quorum is present. Each member shall pay to the club Treasurer dues per quarter, in advance.* They also approved the addition of Club Bylaws Article VII, Meetings, Section F: *A thirty day written notice shall be given to each club member before a club vote to disband.*

They approved a change to Club Bylaws Article XII, Duties of Officers, Section E to read: *The treasurer shall keep club member accounts (showing money paid in and amounts still due), collect all money due the club (depositing in a bank designated by the club Board of Directors), pay out money (which shall be by check and be signed by the treasurer) only as authorized by club action, and be a member of the Finance Committee.*

Hickory (VA) Honors Area Students

For a number of years the **Hickory** (VA) Ruritan Club has been presenting citizenship awards to local 5th grade students at three schools. The students are recommended by their teachers and given certificates.



One student from each school earns a \$100 savings bond. This year's winners are pictured at left – Baylee Thornburg, Butts Road Intermediate; Fred Benham, Hickory Elementary; and Olivia Duke, Southeastern Elementary. With them is the project chair Randolph Luton.

The Hickory club also awarded \$10,000 worth of college scholarships to local students in July when they, and their families, are honored at a club dinner. Pictured right (l-r) club scholarship chair Steve Bass, Eli T. VanZandt, Amanda R. Ash, Derek W. Meiss, Devon Ferrell, Alec Rodriguez, Brandi L. Brink, Joseph W. Crossman, Judy M. Williams, Ryan W. Brink, Ian D. VanZandt, and committee member George Reich. Not pictured are Alisha Muratone and Brook E. Lampert.



They approved a change to Club Bylaws Article XI, Elections, Section A, to read: *At the September meeting of the club, the Nominating Committee shall submit its report of nominees for office to the club after which the floor will be open for further nominations from the members.*

And finally they approved a change to Club Bylaws Article XI, Elections, Section B, to read: *Annual elections should be at the October meeting the person receiving the most votes for each office shall be declared Elected by plurality. Elected officers shall be installed by the December meeting. All officers should hold office for a term of one year beginning on the 1st day of January or until a successor to the office has been elected and installed*

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Please remember that all activities are not necessarily Ruritan sponsored events and if you are not sure, please call AH&T to discuss before requesting a certificate or assuming it is covered.

For all Ruritan Clubs who own or lease their club buildings and/or land, please be aware that the Ruritan Liability policy does not provide coverage for building or premises liability. Wherever you have your building insured, you need also to have liability coverage. If you rent or allow outside groups to use your buildings or land, you should be sure that your building/land insurance provides coverage for this exposure.

Please bear in mind that a certificate does not provide insurance coverage. It is simply a proof that you

have coverage. When you need to provide this proof to someone, complete the online certificate request form and return according to the instructions contained on it. Unfortunately, no certificates of insurance can be obtained by simply calling us with information. Please allow a minimum of 7 business days for preparation of a certificate. Also, if someone asks to be named additional insured, we must have a copy of the contract from them specifying this requirement submitted with the certificate request form. If in doubt, please call AH&T and we will be happy to discuss your individual insurance situation and needs.

As I wrote at the outset, we want to help you "Keep On Pumping!"

*Derek Symer, CPCU
Principal AH&T Insurance*

News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District

Shawquon Holds Car, Truck, Tractor Show



Shawquon (VA) Ruritan Club held its third annual car, truck, and tractor show to raise money for their scholarship fund. Awards were given to the participants that had the best in show and the best in class. Music filled the atmosphere while kids completed a model car contest. From this event the club was able to give \$2,000 to graduating high school students.

News From Ruritan: Greenville/Goldsboro District

Pantego (NC) Presents Scholarship Checks

Pantego (NC) Ruritan Club held its annual family fish fry recently. Club President Mickey Benson welcomed members and guests and offered thanks. Club member Wayne Windley cooked the fish and all the trimmings, while other club members served. Scholarship Committee Chair Clark Peele presented checks to Sydney Colbert and Kelsey Van Staaldiunen.



Tri-Community Member Recognized For Service

Eleanore Van Essendelft received a pin and certificate for 22 years of service with the **Tri-Community** (NC) Ruritan Club. The club also celebrated her 90th birthday. Greenville-Goldsboro District Governor Barbara Van Essendelft (Eleanore's daughter) is shown ready to pin her.



Bunyan (NC) Club Sells Barbeque Chicken

Bunyan (NC) Ruritan Club was chartered in 1958 and has been selling barbeque chicken dinners ever since. This year they sold 800 dinners and sold out in two hours. The picture shows the members fixing the boxed dinners.

News From Ruritan: Gulf Area

Good Will Club Plants Community Garden

Members of the **Good Will** (MS) Ruritan Club decided to plant and maintain a community garden where residents in the neighborhood are allowed and encouraged to come and pick their fair share of vegetables. The club members will take it upon themselves to pick the vegetables and deliver them to the ones whom are disabled or sick during the season.

A Year in the Chicone (MD) Ruritan Club

Building on the successful year of 2009 under Club President Tom Miller, 2010 Club President Frank Feltz assumed the helm and immediately set the **Chicone (MD)** Ruritan Club's wheels rolling.

February, as usual, was filled with plans to hold an annual steak dinner. Virtually the entire club worked to raise \$2,161 for scholarships. For the ninth consecutive year, the leadership of Ray Nicholas provided the club with the incentive to make this another profitable year. Steaks were grilled by Joe Layton and his assistant chefs made the event an even tastier success. In addition, two teens were honored for their service at the dinner.

Most of March and April was used to develop the programs and events that would provide the chance for the club to meet its financial challenges and plan for the annual shad fest. Unfortunately, due to the economic atmosphere, the Shad Festival was greatly reduced in size. Yet, the planking and cooking of the shad were carried out, with a good percentage of the clubs members participating and a rather decent sized amount of revenue was raised. Also in March, the clubs members turned out in a great number to spring clean and spruce up Vienna's cemetery. The cleanup continued in April as a number of the club members helped to reclaim a part of an African American cemetery.



The club's efforts were quite strong for the 4th annual golf tournament held in May and the efforts resulted in a financial drive (no pun intended) that became the year's largest money maker. Not only were the dollars up, but more members became involved with the tournament with efforts to furnish coffee and donuts for a light breakfast and a grilled lunch free to all participants. Balvin Brinsfield once again was the main cook. A total of \$5,800 was cleared. It

should be noted that the events planning roots start early in the year and bring a lot of attention to Ruritan and how Ruritans help with so many youth. The club has donated, thus far, \$4,000 to the local youth sports clubs for girls and boys and scholarships to community youth.



News From Ruritan: **Georgia - N/ALA District**

Valley Point Donates Duffle Bags



Valley Point (GA) Ruritan Club recently presented 35 duffle bags to the Whitfield County Foster and Adoptive Parent Association when they learned that most children coming into foster care bring their possessions in a garbage bag or whatever they can find. Pictured (l-r)

are Club Secretary Selina Burnette, Club Treasurer Patricia Giddens, Foster and Adoptive Parent Association representatives Christy Yarbrough, Foster and Brenda Gamblin.

Model Donates Rudy Bears

Model (GA) Ruritan Club recently donated Rudy Bears to the Floyd county Sheriff's Department to be given to children the deputies come into contact with during their duties.



News From Ruritan: **New River District**

Shawsville (VA) Sponsors Fourth of July Celebration

Shawsville (VA) Ruritan Club sponsored its annual Fourth of July celebration on a Saturday in July. The festivities started with a parade featuring many floats, classic cars, and the Shawsville Club Kazoo Band. Continuing throughout the day were music, food, children's games, the clubs fundraising auction, and baked goods sold. The day ended with a fireworks display sponsored by Sisson & Ryan.

Community Honors 2005 President Jim McKinney

Shown at the October 12, 2010 dedication of the Jim McKinney Hall at the **Harrison** (TN) Ruritan Club are County Trustee Bill Hullander, County Mayor Claude Ramsey, Commissioner Warren Mackey, Honoree Jim McKinney and Commissioner Larry Henry. Also present but not pictured Commissioner Chester Bankston.



McKinney was also honored with a phone call during the dedication from Vice President Jayson Duncan and a letter from President Jerome Rodes.

Earlier this year the Harrison members, with support and donations from Commissioner Mackey and then Commission Hullander, took on the renovation project to allow the rear of the building to be utilized for larger community events, including the monthly bluegrass jam-boree which is held the third Saturday of each month.



Taylors (TN) Club Awards Scholarship to Graduating Senior

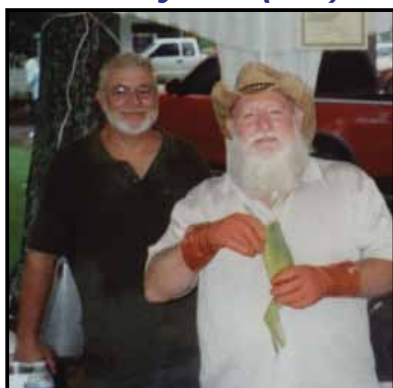
Hannah Trotter is the recipient of the **Taylors** (TN) Ruritan Club 2010 scholarship. Hannah is a 2010 graduate of Bradley Central High School where she graduated with honors. She wants to enter the medical field and pursue her RN. She plans on attending Cleveland State Community College then going to University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Presenting her with the scholarship is Club President Elizabeth Kalabus.

Washington College Presents Check to Pioneer Club

Washington College (TN) Ruritan Club presented the **Pioneer** (TN) Ruri-Teen Club with a check in the amount of \$1,641.60 for collecting their first load of cardboard through their recycling program and for helping them in their concession stand over the summer. Pictured (l-r): Pioneer Ruri-Teen Club members William Hensley, Zachary McAmis, Cody Day, Washington College club members Jack Campbell, and Larry Waddle.



Baileyton (TN) Holds Annual Fun Days



The town of Baileyton, TN has an annual Fun Days event the second weekend of September and this year the **Baileyton** (TN) Ruritan Club sold boiled corn on the cob as its fundraiser. Pictured (l-r): club member H.L. Perkins, and Club President Henry McNulty.

Hales Community (TN) Ruritan Club constructed a brick memorial to honor the club's deceased members. It was dedicated at the club's community picnic in July.



News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

Coinjock and Shawboro Clubs Holds Wildlife Festival



Martell Cooper (left) will attend College of the Albemarle with assistance from the **Coinjock** (NC) Ruritan Club. Martell and his mother, Nita, were honored at the August meeting when the \$1,000 scholarship was presented. Martell shared that upon completion of his Associate Degree at COA, he plans to enlist in the Coast Guard and was extremely grateful for the financial assistance provided by the club. Scholarship committee members Sandy Allen, Becky Leousis, and John Murray are shown presenting the check to him.

Also presented this year was the club's "First Year Teacher" award. This award went to Courtney Reeves, (right) a Currituck High School Athletics teacher and trainer. Courtney stated that she was honored to receive the \$200 savings bond and to be recognized for doing a job she loves so much. Murray is shown presenting Courtney with the award.



Coinjock and **Shawboro** (NC) Ruritan Club's 7th annual Currituck Wildlife Festival was held in September. The festival is sponsored by the Coinjock Club with the Shawboro Club operating the food concession. Both club efforts contributed to over 800 patrons participating in the two day event. In recognition of the "Nourish Your Community Day" a food drive was held and \$1 off the admission cost was offered in exchange for a non-perishable food item. These donations as well as cash donations, and the proceeds from a hand-carved miniature shore bird donated by the carver W. Waterfield, were delivered to the food bank. The Currituck Wildlife Festival is a gathering of wildlife artists, decoy carvers, decoy traders/sellers, and other wildlife associated artisans.

Forestburg Recognize Fire Safety Awareness Day



Fire Safety Awareness Day was held at the **Forestburg** (NC) Ruritan Club on October. Inter County Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Michael Carwright, Durant's Neck Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Jimmy Spivey, and several firemen were on hand to provide safety tips. They showed off their trucks, fire fighting equipment, and demonstrated putting out fires properly. Sheriff Eric Tilley and two of his officers finger printed small children for

the "Ident-A-Kid" program.

On October 13th the club gave a donation of \$200 to the Durants Neck Fire Department along with some Rudy Bears. Pictured (right) is Lawrence Chappell receiving the cash donation and the Rudy Bears.



Pictured above is Assistant Fire Chief for Elizabeth City and Inter-County Mike Cartwright demonstrating fire extinguisher use.

News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

Ruritan Flag and the American Flag Flies Free in the Belmont Community

The Citizenship & Patriotism Committee of the **Belmont Community** (VA) Ruritan Club replaced an American flag at the entrance of the Belmont Estates Community. The flag was donated to the club by the local Woodman of the World. The Ruritan flag was added this year to fly with the American Flag. The committee continues to put up over 1,000 flags throughout the community on patriotic holidays.



Piedmont District Clubs Awards Scholarships



Brushy Mountain (NC) Ruritan Club (left) presented Natasha Horton, Kailee Hamby, Katelyn Todd, and David Fu each with a \$500 scholarship check recently. These recipients will also receive an additional \$500 per year for the next three years as they work toward their four year degrees.

Alex Stutts is the winner of the first Bob and Lynn Bogue Art Scholarship of \$500. This scholarship is open to Wilkes County residents pursuing an education and career in visual arts and was created

to honor Bob and Lynn Bogue's contributions to the community and artwork seen on the Brushy Mountain Apple Festival programs in past years. Since 2005 the club has awarded approximately \$45,000 in scholarships. In addition, the club provides regular financial contributions to a number of community organizations and families in need. All of this is made possible because of the community support the club receives at the Brushy Mountain Apple Festival which is held the first Saturday in October every year.



Sandy Ridge (NC) Ruritan Club honored North Stokes graduating seniors in May. A meal was prepared by ladies of the community, followed by an engaging message from a pastor in the area. All seniors received an engraved Bible. Also announced at the meeting were the recipients of the clubs scholarships, Cole McKinney and Ashley Lackey. Pictured right (l-r):

McKinney, Club President John York, Lackey. The club also participated in the dictionary program. York presented the dictionaries to the third grade students where he is a teacher.

Sarah Elizabeth Lewis (left) was the recipient of the **Greater Whitsett (NC)** Ruritan Clubs Build Your Dollar scholarship. Sarah will be attending Liberty University.



Leasburg (NC) Club Hosts Dinner For Veterans



The Leasburg (NC) Ruritan club hosted their first dinner for veterans. Eighteen veterans were in attendance, three from World War II. Club

President Dixie Vernon said, "Seeing all these veterans together almost made me cry."

In other club news, club member Tracy Kirby won gold medals in the Special Olympics 50 and 100 yard walk and silver medals in the standing broad jump, tennis throw, and softball throw. She has competed in several Special Olympics and club members say that she is an active enthusiast of the club and her church and that she devotes much of her time helping others in the community.

Semora (NC) Club Celebrates 35th Anniversary

Semora (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 35th anniversary recently with food, fellowship, and entertainment. Pictured right (l-r) are charter members James (Sonny) Solomon, Bill Pointer, Van Barker, and club members Ricky Vernon and Jack Pointer, Jr.



Courtney Constructs Nature Walking Trail

Courtney (NC) Ruritan Club joined with the Deep Creek Community Center to complete a Nature Park with a half mile walking trail. This project consisted of 900 man hours, 48 backhoe hours, 100 tractor hours, 130 tons of sand, 200 trees and plants, with a total project cost of \$21,000. On opening day there were 156 walkers of all ages.

South Jefferson Celebrates 50th Anniversary



South Jefferson (WV) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in May. Approximately 75 people gathered for a meal and were entertained by a barbershop quartet. National President Jerome Rodes was in attendance and presented Robert Light and James Warren LaRue with their 50 year name badges. Potomac District Governor Joe Lupia along with Rodes also presented 25 year certificates to other members. Pictured (l-r): Richard Hadley, James Warren

LaRue, Robert Light, Lawrence DeHaven, Lawrence "Buck" Willingham, Charlie Adams, and Harry Puster. Back Row (l-r): National President Jerome Rodes, Potomac District Governor Joe Lupia.

New Franklin Donates \$10,000 to Habitat For Humanity



New Franklin (PA) was featured in its local newspaper in March for donating to a house to Habitat For Humanity. As a demonstration of the club's continued support of Habitat, they contributed \$10,000 toward the rehabilitation of the property project. Habitat's Executive Director Mark D. Story said, "In these economic times it is refreshing to see community minded organizations still contributing to charitable causes. This gift will allow Habitat to continue to provide home ownership solutions for low income families in Franklin County. Habitat is proud to be partnered with the excellent people of the New Franklin Ruritan Club."

Belmont (VA) Club Presents \$6,000 in Scholarships



100 people observed the **Belmont** (VA) Ruritan Club present over \$6,000 in scholarships at their August club meeting. Pictured l-r are the recipients of the awards: Randy Fisher,

Kevin Seay, Christina Vaughn, Timothy Bar, Jessica Madra, Emily-Ann Throckmorton, Tara Holladay, Jessica Wheeler, Alice Graves, and Jennifer Wheeler. The club holds a ham and oyster dinner in March and



a horse show in August to raise the funds for the awards. The club also sponsored James Griczin to Junior Law Cadet program this year and Kelsey Link to Girls State. Both students are currently seniors in high school.

Gold Point (NC) Holds Veterans Appreciation Night

Gold Point (NC) Ruritan Club held its annual Veterans Appreciation night in May. The veterans and spouses had a meal prepared by the club. Club President Joseph Williams welcomed the veterans and thanked them for their service to our country and introduced the guest speaker, Major General William E. Ingram, Adjutant General of the NC National Guard. Ingram spoke on the different jobs from peace to war time that were completed by the NC National Guard. Roanoke District Secretary Betty Bullock presented flags to the family members of deceased veterans to be placed on their graves.



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News From Ruritan: Lower WV District

Renick Presents Three Scholarships



Renick (WV) Ruritan Club awarded scholarships to three graduating seniors, Amanda Harvey, Kayla Yates and Matt Roberts. Yates will be attending Alderson Broaddus College pursuing an education in pre-dental/sports management and Harvey will be attending West Virginia University with an interest in engineering. Roberts was unable to attend the meeting so pictured is club member Harold Sponaule with Yates and Harvey.

Four Generations at Ruritan Event

Four generations of Johnsons are shown at the **Carnifex Ferry (WV) Ruritan Club's** hot dog sale in August: club member Carl Johnson, grandson



Josh, great grand-daughter Madeline, and son Don.

News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Clubs Donate Dictionaries to Third Grade Students



Burnt Chimney (VA) Ruritan Club President Gail Melton and club member Vivian Bratton (r) are shown handing out dictionaries that the club donated to third grade students.

Lyn-Dan Heights (VA) Ruritan Club participated with other Campbell County Ruritan Clubs in the Verizon dictionary project. Seventy-Five students and four teachers were given the dictionaries. Club President Donald Floyd said that the club plans to make this an annual project.

News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

Rudy Bear Celebrates Bear Week with Preschoolers



Rudy Bear (Dennie Clemmer) visited Bethel Preschool recently to help celebrate Bear Week and the letter "B". Rudy handed out books, balloons, stickers, and coloring sheets all containing Rudy Bear's picture. The children practiced the "B" sound and learned ways they could be like Rudy Bear and help in their communities by being helpful to others, sharing, showing good manners, and being kind to others. Pictured with Rudy Bear are Isabel von Arnswaldt and Clemmer's grandson, Alex Nichols. Alex is a member of the **Middlebrook (VA) Ruritan Club**.

News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt./Durham District



Thackers Recognized For Work in Community

2002 National President Millard Thacker and spouse Marty Thacker were recognized as Citizens of the Decade in the Rougemont Community recently at the annual community ice cream social and veterans recognition. They were presented a plaque by **Rougemont (NC) Ruritan Club** Vice President Lee Holden and Rocky Mount-Durham District Governor Ron Reid.

South Brunswick Helps Eagle Scout Complete Playground



South Brunswick (VA) Club President Tom Taylor welcomed members and their families to Antioch Christian Church for the Club's annual family picnic. Zone District Governor Wally Hudson and Lt. Governor Larry Care were both in attendance. The club honored 15-year-old John Gregory Jones, Jr. (JG) for establishing the play area for the church as his Eagle Scout project. In addition to a monetary donation, the club helped JG raise funds by cooking and selling Brunswick stew and other fund-raising activities.

The club also honored Lillian C. Kidd for her 20 years of service to the Brunswick County, VA Adopt-A-Highway program.

Kenbridge (VA) Club Presents Scholarship Checks

Kenbridge (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual Ladies Night in August. Forty members, spouses, and guests enjoyed dinner and a Bluegrass/Gospel concert given by the Blackridge Boys. The



highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Build Your Dollars scholarship check given to Mary Kathryn Hite. Pictured (r) are Club President John Scales, Mary Kathryn's grandmother Lynn Hite, her mother Juanita Sims, and Mary Kathryn. She entered Randolph Macon College starting this fall.



The club has a tradition to plant a tree or flowering shrub in memory of deceased club members. Vice President Steve Israel (l) installs the marker for the crepe myrtle planted in memory of E.B. "Ned" Tucker. Looking on is Ned

Tucker's widow Nancy Tucker and Club Treasurer Richard Lacks. Five deceased club members are now remembered with plantings at the Kenbridge Town Park.

Appomattox District Clubs Celebrate Anniversaries



Chesterfield (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 70th anniversary at their annual club picnic in September. Special guests in attendance were National President Jerome Rodes and First Lady Marsha, Appomattox District Governor Wally Hudson, Lt. Governor Larry Carey, Zone 4 Governor Larry Ford, Zone 4 Lt. Governor Steve Meadows, National Director Bobby Burton, and two former National Presidents Richard Weakley and John Hancock. Donations of diapers and shoes were given to Marsha for the 2011 National Convention.

Pictured (l-r): Rodes, Burton, and Club President David Crosby.



South Chesterfield (VA) Ruritan Club was publicly recognized and commended for its dedicated service to the community by the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors at its 50th anniversary recently. Club President Harold Himes thanked the supervisors for the award plaque and said that he believes the club will serve the community another 50 years. Activities the club is involved in include: sponsoring little league baseball, helping the sick and needy, the county's annual Veterans Day Observance and the Veterans Memorial Wall at the courthouse, awards many scholarships, helping with the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother and Southside Sheltered Workshop, and making Brunswick Stew over open wood flames. Matoaca District Supervisor Marleen Durfee (r) is shown presenting the award to Club President Himes, club members Martin Deal and Franklin Weathers, and Club Vice President Harry Marsh.

Wilson-Hebron-Ford (VA) Club Presents Scholarship



Wilson-Hebron-Ford (VA) Ruritan Club presented a \$600 scholarship to Holly Watkins at a recent club meeting. Holly will be attending East Carolina. The club sold onions to make this scholarship possible. Pictured is club member Frances Wilson presenting the check to Holly Watkins.

Isle of Wight Club Receives 'People Taking Action' Award



Isle of Wight (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual Public Service Night with special guest Bianca Martinez from WTKR-TV. She praised the club on its service to the community and presented them with a People Taking Action Award. Bianca (r) is pictured presenting the club award to Isle of Wight Club President Dale Jones (l) as Club Vice President Kevin Georger looks on. During the evening, representatives from the Smithfield and Windsor Fire Departments, Isle of Wight Rescue Squad and Sheriff's Department, Virginia State Police, and American Military Mission were recognized with monetary donations and Rudy Bears.

Rescue Squad Receives \$2,000 From Smithfield

Isle of Wight County Rescue Squad received \$2,000 from the **Smithfield** (VA) Ruritan Club. The club held a car show and from the event was able to give the cash donation. Pictured right is National Director Foster Parrish presenting the club a plaque in recognition of its 75th anniversary.



South Norfolk (VA) Club Holds Blue Crab Festival

The annual "Blue Crab Festival" sponsored by the **South Norfolk** (VA) Club in July is the brain-child of 2008 Club President Dave McManus and event co-organizer and Club Director Mike Winterling. In recent publicity about the festival Winterling said, "I'm originally from Baltimore, and Dave and I are crab eaters from way back. And we noticed there's not a whole lot of crab festivals in this area." Participants dined on all the steamed crabs and North Carolina-style barbecue, with all the trimmings and beverages, they cared to consume. All the while they were serenaded by local musicians. Organizers of the fundraiser assured everyone the crabs will be big, plentiful, and locally fresh. "We're the only ones I know in this area to have a blue crab fest," event publicity chair Charlie Taylor said recently. "And let me tell you we don't ever run out." Club member Ray Wicker, who runs the popular local seafood establishment Ray's Crab Pot in downtown Indian River, has provided and steamed the crustaceans since the festival began in 2008.

"These will all be nice local Chesapeake Bay tributary crabs," he said prior to this year's festival, adding that the high salinity of the local waters makes the crab portions ample. "It makes them a whole lot heavier, meatier," he said. "Last year we went through 65 bushels. And this year we're getting every 'No. 1 Jimmy' (large male blue crab) we can get our hands on." Wicker used his grandfather's seasoning blend to steam the crabs. "It adds an extra spice that accents the sweet flavor of the crab," he said. The crab fest has enabled the club to double its annual four-year scholarship award from \$500 to \$1,000. "Last year we must have had more than 2,000 people. That's great, it certainly helps us with our scholarships, and that's why we do this," said Taylor.



Liberty Spring (VA) Ruritan Club President Sloan Butler presented Robert Perry with a pin and letter from Ruritan National for recruiting 10 new members in the club.

Holy Neck Presents Build Your Dollars Scholarship



Holy Neck (VA) Ruritans Jimmy Copeland (l) and Morgan Carr (r) presented their Build Your Dollars Scholarship to youth member Brittany Vick. Brittany will attend Old Dominion University and major in engineering. She is the daughter of Mark and Susan Vick. Her grandparents are Holland District Treasurer Jimmy and Georgie Copeland. Family membership is valued at Holy Neck. Brittany's mother, grandfather, brother, and sister are all Holy Neck Ruritan members.

Bethlehem Holds Annual National Night Out

Approximately 850 people attended the **Bethlehem** (VA) Ruritan Club's fourth annual "National Night Out" in August. The purpose of the event was crime awareness and it brought together 18 communities. Activities and entertainment for the evening included hay rides for the kids, Spirit All-Star Cheer, Peanut City Cloggers, and the Picket Fence Band. Free food, beverages, snacks, and snow cones were provided.

Ohio Clubs Holds Successful Fundraisers

North Muskingum (OH) Ruritan Club held its 23rd annual benefit Auction raising \$5,118.65. Through 2010, \$101,585 has benefited 201 students with college scholarships and Freedom Foundation Valley Forge student participants. Club member Charles Helt says that working with the Dresden Fire Department, who serves the food, helps make their auction a success and helps their relationship with the community.



Greenford (OH) Ruritan Club is shown preparing to serve chicken at the Canfield Fair in Ohio. This is the club's 50th year participating in the fair. They serve over four tons of chicken during fair week. From the fundraisers the club was able to give four, \$2,000 scholarships. In October the club celebrated 55 years. Pictured (l-r): Chad Less, Roy Houser, Jim West, and George Kyser.

News From Ruritan: Dan River District

Stanleytown (VA) Sponsors Bassett Heritage Festival



The Bassett Heritage Festival, sponsored by the **Stanleytown** (VA) Ruritan Club, drew a steady throng of people to the community on a Saturday in September. The Festival began with the Ruritan pancake breakfast followed by various vendors, crafters, free carnival rides, games and historical displays at the Bassett Train Station. Highlight of the day was a performance by Keith Henderson who presented "The Illusions of the King," a tribute to Elvis Presley. Henderson was also the grand marshal of the Bassett parade as a closing to the activities of the day. The activities drew an estimated crowd of 3,000. Henderson's performance was funded by the club as a way to thank the

community for their support of the club and projects. As quoted in the Martinsville Bulletin, "this helps bind the community together and makes the area special."

Horsepasture Presents Membership Awards and Scholarships



At the **Horsepasture** (VA) Ruritan Club's August meeting, Past National Director Jerry Atkins presented several membership awards. David Kipfinger received a five member key, Bill Maxwell a 15 member pin, and Jean Parsons a 25 member pin. Jean is said to be keeping membership recruiting in the family as her daughter, Club President Debra Buchanan, has also received a 25 member pin. The club also presented scholarships to Aaliyah Strange, Anthony Redd, Sara



Vernon, Genna Lawson, and Samantha Nguyen. Pictured top left (l-r): Scholarship Chair Daphne Stone, Sarah Vernon, Aaliyah Strange, Anthony Redd, and

Club President Debra Buchanan. Pictured top right (l-r): scholarship winner Samantha Nguyen, and Laura Coblér. Pictured bottom left (l-r): Buchanan, and Jean Parsons.



Turbeville Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Turbeville (VA) Ruritan Club received a 50th anniversary plaque from National Director Bob Reece. Holding the plaque is Club President Ed McKinney.



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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.

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

Upon payment of the fee, the Ruritan will receive a certificate, a permanent life participant card and a pin. 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.

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Clubs in the Chesapeake District Donate Generously



Zone 2 Governor David Duke of the Chesapeake District headed up a zone project that would include five Ruritan Clubs donating to the FISH organization. FISH is an organization that helps families with short term emergencies. It provides food, clothing and financial assistance to families that need it. **East-ern Henrico, Richmond Battlefield, Fairfield, Glendale, and Varina** donated \$1,500 of groceries to the cause, \$900 in canned goods and \$600 in frozen food. Pictured left is Richmond Battlefield club member John Gates.

In September the **York (VA)** Ruritan Club, represented by 2010 Vice President Tom Olsavicky, presented an \$850 check to the Yorktown Park Superintendent, Dan Smith. The annual donation is to enable the Park Service to illuminate the Yorktown Victory Monument in the background. The club would like to thank the citizens who support their club's pork BBQ sales. The club has been able to provide this donation every year since 1981.

Warwick (VA) Ruritan Club provided the Newport News Green Foundation \$500 in grant monies to assist the Foundation in promoting the creation and preservation of green space throughout the city of Newport News. "We are excited about sharing a common goal of making our community better," said Executive Director of the Newport News Green Foundation Amanda Wroten. "The Warwick Ruritan Club's generosity will help make Newport News a more visually attractive place to live, work, and play for current and future generations. We are honored by their generosity and look forward to partnering with them in the future."



Providence Forge (VA) Ruritan Club awarded two honor graduates each with a \$1,500 scholarship check at their June club meeting. Pictured on the right (l-r): recipient Meridith Hubbard, Club President Ron Trepanier, and recipient Kyle Henshaw.



Five Forks (VA) Ruritan gave generously at its August club meeting. A scholarship award was given, and donations to several organizations. Pictured on the left, front: Avalon Home for Abused Representative Sarah Meacham, Williamsburg Youth Baseball League Joy Gosselin, Representatives from JCC Extension Service/4-H, Meals on Wheels Val Chishom; Back Row: Childhood Development Resources Paul Scott,

Salvation Army Capt. Debbie Bowers, Hunters for the Hungry J.C. Gaitley, scholarship winner Roland B. Norton Jr., and Heritage Humane Society Michael Rhodes.

Callao (VA) Club Celebrates 40th Anniversary by Hosting Picnic



Callao (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated their 40th anniversary by hosting the Chesapeake District Annual Picnic in August at the Callao Recreation Park. Nearly 200 were in attendance for a potluck meal and entertainment by the local musical group. Club President Henry Boughan recognized the

first club president from 1970, James Harper, and those individuals in attendance who were part of the original club charter. Each attendee was given a memorial brochure with the history of the club which included a copy of a photo that ran in an August, 1970 edition of the **Northumberland Echo** showing the signing of the original club charter.

Pictured (l-r) at the **Westmoreland (VA)** Ruritan Club picnic are Past Chesapeake District Governor Jack Spina, Kenney Chatham, Club President Peggy Mothershead, National Director Karen Palette, and Lt. District Governor Sewell Rowley.



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