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Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr. **2019 Hampton Convention** **Banquet Entertainment**



Message From 2018 National President Guy Cox



See you in Hampton!

My Ruritan year is about half way completed. So far, it has been a pleasure to visit the many locations where we have been invited. I am sorry that we have not been able to visit everywhere, but we have tried to accept the first requests that we have been given.

One of the greatest honors was the invitation to introduce Bernard Mire at the Memorial Day wreath laying at the Southwest Virginia Cemetery. Bernard turned six years of age the day before D-Day and he and his family were trapped in their basement due to all of the artillery shells that were falling all around their home. When General Dwight Eisenhower first met Bernard, he apologized for missing his birthday party but he was a little busy that day.

Linda and I have been amazed by the out pouring of love that the many Ruritan clubs and districts are dedicating to the Homeless Student Project. We knew that it was needed and have been amazed how you have accepted this project and how many students will be blessed by your donations, whether monetary or the presentation of school and personal supplies. With school just around the corner, your contributions will give them the assurance that others are supporting their goals to succeed. Please remember that they are great students, their family has

fallen apart and they are trying desperately to be successful in school and continue to further their education. We helped prepare 350 back packs for schools in the New River Valley while at the Summer Leadership Conference. This project needs to continue year after year.

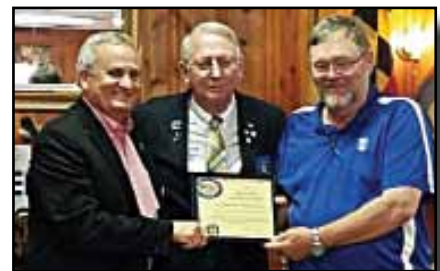
Growth is always a concern of Ruritan. The clubs, district cabinets, and National Directors have been working to retain members and grow Ruritan throughout their clubs, zones, and districts. Although, we are still in the negative numbers for growth, we are less than we were at this point last year. Thanks to Past National Presidents Calvin and Danny for continually stressing the importance of growth during their terms as President. I would also like to thank the Growth, Development, and Retention Committee for all of the ideas they have had during the past few years to accent the importance of growth.

With this in mind, who would not want to win a Ruritan Forever for themselves or someone else? No more Ruritan National dues ever.

Plans for the National Convention have been completed. We have everything lined up and people in place to give you some great training as well as very well-organized business sessions along with great meals and entertainment. A large percentage of our Ruritan membership is within 100 miles of the Hampton Convention Center. Please come out and visit with your old friends, make some new friends, and enjoy all of the activities we have planned for you.

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.



National President Guy Cox and Holland District Governor Phillip Bradshaw present Holland Club President Joe Simmons with a 90th anniversary certificate.



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**Banquet Tickets
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On the cover: Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. is the soul and Sinatra-singing season six winner of NBC TV's "America's Got Talent." He will be our 2019 Hampton Convention Banquet entertainment. See pages 7-8 for registration information.

Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley



The Most Important Attribute is Attitude

Years ago shortly after I started working for Ruritan, Virginia Tech did a study of why members are leaving Ruritan. One of the conclusions that they reached is that the current membership would soon pass away, and Ruritan with it, unless some-

thing is done to encourage new groups to become members.

Several years later a special Financial Advisory committee reported that unless substantial changes were made to the organization we would be non-existent in 10 years. That was over 15 years ago and we have been able to remain a viable organization helping people all over the country.

Our membership has decreased on average 600 members a year in the last five years. While our membership has decreased the need for Ruritan has not. People don't have fewer needs. People don't care less. We have survived because our cause is so noble. We begin with the idea that service is the basis of all worthy enterprise.

I do not believe that Ruritan is dead or dying. One of our Past National Presidents used to say "whether you believe Ruritan can grow or not, you are probably right." Did you get that? What we believe, what

we perceive, we sometimes become. We have all the tools in place. We have a delivery system. We have communities with great need. We have good people. What we need is a passion to make Ruritan grow.

Curtis Graham, a long time employee and a person who might well be responsible for more club growth than anyone in history, once told me that "you can teach anyone to do anything, the most important attribute is attitude." I believe that we need to dig down and search for an attitude of love for Ruritan and make growth our first priority.

When you ask a member to join your club, you are giving that person a gift. A gift of new friends. A gift of allowing them to feel how good it feels to be a community servant. A gift of belonging to something bigger than themselves. The same is true for organizing a new club. When you build a Ruritan Club in a community, that community will reap the benefits for years to come. A gift.

This issue of Ruritan is chocked full of examples of the good Ruritan does all over America. Please make building clubs, recruiting members, and keeping them a priority.

We hope you enjoy the coming fall, your district conventions, and plan to attend our National Convention in Hampton, Virginia, January 17-20.

New Clubs

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
Elkton Middle School Ruri-Teen	9	McGaheysville	Becky Lane
Roaring Round Hill Ruri-Teens	3	Round Hill	Pearl Underwood
Church Hill	22	Telford	Jonathan Lafollette Jim Lafollette

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

Candidates for National Office

National President-Elect



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CLUB: Member of Rougemont Ruritan Club, Rougemont NC since 2005. Serve as Director, Environmental Committee, Chair of Citizenship & Patriotism Committee, Transportation Coordinator for special events. Nominating and Audit Committee, Vice President 2009, Club President 2010, Mentoring Committee.

DISTRICT: Rocky Mount-Durham District Cabinet, served as Lt Governor, District Convention Planning Committee Chair, District Governor. Association of NC Ruritan Fundraising Chair 2 yrs. Vice President 2013-2014, President 2014-2015. Association of Virginia Honorarium Member since 2015.

NATIONAL: Convention Delegate 2008-2018, Convention Chair Committee Sgt-at-Arms 2014-2015, Flag Ceremony, Leadership Conference 2013-2017, National Director assigned Bylaws Committee 2016-2018 (Current Bylaws Chair). Convention Workshop 2016-2017, Million Dollars Club, Foundation Ed.Fund, Ruritan Forever Endowment.

EDUCATION: Little River High School, Durham Technical College, IBM Quality Institute @ NC State University, IBM Professionals & Statistical Certifications. IBM Continuing Ed.

OCCUPATION: Quality Engineering, New System Product Qualification & Test, Fraud Intelligent Investigative Team, New Options Product Manager Foreign and Domestic, IBM 35 years.

OTHER: Member New Harris Grove AME Church, Offices served Sunday School Teacher, Usher, Steward Board Chair, Current Board of Trustee Chair, Choir VP, Man of the Year 2014; Family: Spouse Anne, two Sons Daryl & Eric (Latoya).

National Director



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CLUB: Member of Brushy Mountain Ruritan Club Served as Secretary, Vice President and President (2 terms); Brushy Mountain Ruritan of the Year (2 times); National Gold Key Award

DISTRICT: Piedmont District Governor (2005); Piedmont Lt. Governor (2004); Piedmont Zone Governor (2003); Tom Downing Fellow (2005); Certified District Trainer; District LDC (since 2013)

NATIONAL: Delegate to four Ruritan National Conventions; Summer Leadership Conference (2004); Sgt-at-Arms Committee (2005,2006,2007); National Director (2008-2010); National Director (2016-2018)

EDUCATION: B.S. Degree North Carolina Wesleyan

OCCUPATION: Sr. Architect Infrastructure – Lowe's Companies

OTHER: Chairman Board of Directors, Wilkes Vocational Services; Attend Wilkesboro Baptist Church; National Ski Patrol since 1998

Biographies are printed as submitted by candidates.

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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: _____
- ____ 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.**

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 \$		

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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.*

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3 or 4 digit code on back _____

Check one option below

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America's Got Talent

Season Six Winner

Landau Eugene Murphy Jr.

2019 Hampton

Banquet Entertainment



Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. is the soul and Sinatra-singing season six winner of NBC TV's "America's Got Talent." The former car washer's Columbia Records debut album produced by Grammy winner Steve Tyrell spent six weeks at #1 on the Billboard Jazz chart. Landau's follow-up holiday CD "Christmas Made For Two" raised thousands for the Chil-

dren's Home Society of West Virginia and received nationwide airplay including Sirius/XM's "Holly" channel. Landau's self-titled third album was recorded at the famed Capitol Records studios in Hollywood, CA where Sinatra recorded some of his signature classics. Landau has performed dozens of sold out concerts

around the world, headlining at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, the Apollo Theater in New York, The Grove in Hollywood (for Tina Sinatra), the Fontainebleau in Miami Beach, with the Boston Pops Symphony Orchestra, at the Mercedes Benz Arena in Shanghai China, and for U.S. troops stationed across Europe. His memoir "From Washing Cars to Hollywood Star" was an Amazon #1 bestseller in the Jazz Books category, and a Readers' Favorite Award winner. Landau has been honored to perform with living legends including Patti

Labelle, George Benson, and former members of the Temptations, Platters, and Drifters. He has appeared on CNN, HLN, The Today Show, Fox and Friends, Tom Joyner, Access Hollywood, Entertainment Tonight, Wendy Williams, and dozens other top media outlets. Landau was named one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Jaycees and West Virginian of the Year in his home state for his assistance in raising millions for those in need. An avid basketball and classic hip-hop fan, Landau continues to proudly make his home in West Virginia when not away on tour. Landau currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Children's Home Society of West Virginia, where he worked as a volunteer for many years prior to winning America's Got Talent. He gives back on a regular basis by donating his time and resources to a variety of other charitable causes and organizations, many in his home state of West Virginia. Groups he has supported include the Appalachian Children's Chorus, the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame, Walking Miracles, The Drug Free All Stars basketball team, March of Dimes, Diabetes Prevention, the West Virginia Affordable Housing Act, the Southern Leadership Conference, the Salvation Army, Veteran's Administration, an Armed Forces Entertainment tour of Germany for U.S. troops stationed there, the Musical Arts Guild, Shriners Hospital, React Children's Hospital, the Jewish Community Center of Pittsburgh, Hospice Care, Honor Flight, the United Way, and dozens of food banks, toy drives and senior center visits. In 2014, Landau was named one of the United States Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Americans.



Ruritan National Foundation

BLAST



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Get Ready for Foundation Fellowship Weekend 2018

Are you "Ready For" the 50th Anniversary **Foundation Fellowship Weekend** on September 14-16?

Here is just some of the fun that could await you in Greensboro:

Ready for: Fellowship

The hospitality room will be open Thursday and Friday nights, as well as most of the day Saturday. The Friday night meal will be off-site with a program honoring past Foundation Presidents. Saturday night will feature an on-site banquet with a fun fellowship "50th Birthday" program. We will have a short worship service on Sunday morning.

Ready For: NASCAR

You could spend a day with NASCAR from the "King" to the "Intimidator" at the Richard Petty and Richard Childress museums. These museums have a round-trip travel time from the host hotel of 1 ½ hours. The RCR museum is open on Saturday from 10-3 and the Petty museum from 8-5. Admission at each is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors (55+), and \$5 students.

Ready For: American History

You could spend a lovely two-stop day reliving American history at Old

Salem and Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. Only a 1 ¼ hour round-trip from the hotel,

these museums are open 9-4:30. Admission is FREE at the Courthouse, and \$17 adults and \$9 students at Old Salem.



Ready For: The Arts

You could spend a day viewing and buying fine artwork at Seagrove Pottery Center and Bob Timberlake Galleries. At only 1 ½ hours round-trip from the hotel, you owe it to yourself to visit these art centers open 10-4. Admission is \$2.50 adults and \$1 students at Seagrove Pottery and the Timberlake gallery is FREE.

Ready For: Shopping

You could spend a day shopping at Replacements LTD and the Tanger Outlets in Mebane. Go replace your broken china and finish your school shopping only 1 hour round-trip from the hotel. Replacements LTD. is open on Saturday from 9-6 and Tanger Outlets from 9-9.

Ready For: Fresh Farm Products

You could spend a day finding garden-fresh produce, homemade jellies, and other homemade delights

the Piedmont Triad Farmers Market. Only half an hour from the hotel, the Farmers Market is open on Saturday from 7-6.

Ready for: Science

You could spend a day exploring natural wonders at the Greensboro Natural Science Center featuring an aquarium, science museum, and zoo on-site. A 20-minute ride away, the Science Center is open on Saturday from 9-5. The cost is \$13.50 adults and \$12.50 seniors and students.



50 Years of Foundation

Celebrate the Foundation's 50th anniversary by wearing an exclusive commemorative pin given in recognition of your **donation of at least \$50**. Join **your fellow Ruritanians** who have already participated in the 50th anniversary promotion. Available this year only!

Contact Us!

Jayson Duncan, President
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 Call us: 877-787-8727, ext. 302

Ruritan Paver Program for Capital Improvement

The Ruritan Paver Patio is a beautiful place to remember loved ones and honor special Ruritans. The funds raised with this program will be used for capital reserves and to make improvements to the building. Complete this form and send in with your payment to Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin VA 24084

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I would like a tile coaster replica as a remembrance for \$25

Total enclosed for this brick: \$ _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Code on reverse: _____ Signature: _____

This is a gift, please send an acknowledgement to:

Name and address: _____

Ruritan Staff Notes: Date received _____; Acknowledgment sent _____

Founders' Day Take Two

Mother nature was not kind to the events planned for Founders' Day 2018. Many of the outdoor events scheduled that day were cancelled due to inclement weather. Now the Holland Ruritan Club has been able to reschedule some of those activities.

On Saturday, September 22, 2018, there will be a beach music concert featuring the "Ocean Breeze Band" followed by a spectacular fireworks display. These events are free and open to the public and all are invited to attend. The music will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Holland athletic complex.

On October 13, 2018, the big car show originally scheduled for Founders' Day will be held at the athletic fields and will begin at 10:00 a.m. We invite all Ruritans to come back and join us as we continue to celebrate the 90th birthday of the first Ruritan Club.

**Club Secretaries
look for your
2019 Club Kit in
October. These
will be mailed
USPS.**

Bob Price of the Central Chesterfield Ruritan Club was inadvertently left off a list of Ruritan Forever's that appears in the Summer RURITAN magazine.

Items of Interest

Past National Director Gilmer Ray Jessup Passes

Past National Director Gilmer Ray Jessup, 74, died at home on June 9. He was also a past Piedmont District Governor and has been a Ruritan member for over 50 years. He was a member of the **South Westfield** (NC) Ruritan Club, a member of Gideon International, a long-time board member for the Riddle Evangelistic Association, a founding board member for the Edward M. Armfield, Sr. Civic Center, and a former member of the board of directors for the Pilot Mountain Fire Department.



“Let’s Get Talked About!”

Summer Leadership Conference Recap

\$4,320.66 Raised for the Homeless Student Project



Leaders from all across Ruritan joined together to help make the Summer Leadership Conference Community Service Project a success. Over 350 bags of toiletry items and school supplies were filled. “What a wonderful feeling it was to participate in such a great event! It was awesome seeing

Ruritan Districts working together,” said President Elect Larry Cassell. First Lady Linda Cox said, “I cannot begin to tell you how pleased I am to see the dedication toward the Homeless Student Project.”

Get Your Ruritan 90th Anniversary Polo or Tee



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Navy Blue Polo \$25

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Pictured above are Ruritan National Staff Kory Wirt and Diane Lawson wearing their Polo and Tee.

Carrollton, Smithfield, Holy Neck Present Scholarships



Carrollton Ruritan Club presented seven scholarships, a total of \$5,000. Awards are based on need, academic performance, career goals, service, and leadership. All recipients are graduating seniors at Smithfield High School. Funds for the awards came from the Carrollton Ruritan Education Fund and "Build Your Dollars" (both managed by the Ruritan Foundation), donations by members, and fish fry sales. Recipient Briana Cornett will attend the University of Mary Washington with interest in communications and marketing; Brooke Cousins, who has also studied dance at the Governor's School of Arts, will begin

studies at Goucher College to be a dance educator and performer; Briana Thompson will attend Michigan State University to study veterinary medicine; Brooke Southern will attend Purdue University to study veterinary medicine; Katherine Henk will attend Virginia Tech with a goal to graduate in biomedical engineering and develop prosthetics; Logan Turpin will attend Regent University to study cybersecurity; and Breigh Campbell will attend Anderson University to pursue math as a secondary education teacher and later to continue graduate studies. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Carrollton Ruritan Club President Georgette Phillips and Scholarship Committee members Jim Henderson, William McCarty, Herb DeGroft, 2003 National President George Winslow, John Butrick, and William Lilley. Pictured in the front (l-r) are scholarship recipients Briana Cornett, Katherine Henk, Brooke Cousins, Logan Turpin, Briana Thompson, Breigh Campbell, and Brooke Southern.



Briana Cornett is the recipient of the **Smithfield** Ruritan's Robert Taylor Scholarship. Cornett will be attending the University of Mary Washington.

Holy Neck Ruritan Club presented Bradley Peacock with a scholarship.

Lakeland Ruri-Teen Club partnered with Lakeland High School and the community to raise money for the annual Relay-For-Life walk for cancer. Throughout multiple fundraisers including sponsors, raffles, and a community yard sale, the club was able to raise a grand total of \$979.75.



Great Bridge Sells Boston Butts

Great Bridge Ruritan Club member Hal Gastler prepares Boston butts for customers. Great Bridge Club President Charlie Young is manning the cooker. The club holds two Boston butt sales yearly to sponsor scholarships and fund their Angel Tree project.



Liberty Spring Supports Baseball Team

Liberty Spring Ruritan Club donates \$1,000 to sponsor a baseball team. Suffolk Youth Athletic Association Baseball Commissioner Lee Chaney along with Tommy Ricks spoke to the club on working with youth and sports. Pictured (l-r) are Lee Chaney and Liberty Springs Club President Ronnie Matthews.

News From Ruritan: Holland District continued



Zuni Celebrates 70th Anniversary

Holland District Governor Philip Bradshaw and Zone 5 Governor Jim Henderson presented **Zuni** Club President with a 70th anniversary certificate.



News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

Abingdon Holds New Member Orientation



Abingdon Ruritan Club held a "New Member Orientation." Ruritan's history and organizational structure and Abingdon's history, activities, membership privileges, responsibilities, and expectations were emphasized. Following a PowerPoint presentation, new members enjoyed refreshments and were given a tour of the club house. Pictured left in the front row (l-r) are John Howerton, Betsy Tuttle, Ann Yoder, and Julie Woolley. Pictured in the back (l-r) are David Simmons, Frank Bowdoin, and Bob Stifel. The club's Environment Committee, chaired by Allen Scales, recently completed a community



service project that contributed to the beautification of the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. Ten members assembled 21 wooden benches. The Educational Center is dedicated to the development of youth and adult volunteers through innovative 4-H camping, environmental education, and leadership training. Pictured seated (l-r) are Ron Bruce, Ann and Sid Dugas, Mary Lou Shepherd, and John Snyder. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Scales, 2013-2014 National President Elliott Hogge, Jimmy Leiffer, Marshall Butler, and Pete Shepherd. Don Sandridge was

recently recognized as Gloucester County's first-ever Blue Ribbon Volunteer. The award, by the Gloucester County Resource Council in cooperation with Gloucester Community Engagement, recognized Don for making or having made major commitments, significant contributions, and meaningful impacts in Gloucester County. In 2015, with over 900 volunteer hours, Don was named Abingdon's Ruritan of the Year. He has been a Ruritan for over 40 years, is a Ruritan Forever, and a Tom Downing Fellow.



Glendale Staying Active

Glendale Ruritan Club held a rabies clinic in March. Dr. Rose and his son Darren donated their time and offered affordable vaccinations. In April, the club held its annual yard sale. The Liberty Homeless Shelter for Veterans received a food donation from the club. A relay station was manned for the MS Bicycle Ride and a car show for cancer research was held. The club also hosted the "How Soaked Can We Get Shrimp Feast" for die-hard shrimp lovers. A Memorial Day celebration and

luncheon was held at the Glendale National Cemetery. LTC Tony Marante was the guest speaker.

Port Royal Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Port Royal Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th anniversary with a lovely dinner. The Port Royal Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Phyllis Carpenter, Diane Crawford, Mary Motley, Nancy Long, and Jane Robinson were the cooks for the evening. Pictured are Port Royal Club President Charlie Stunkle, Rob Robinson, Club Treasurer Boyd Wisdom, Club Vice President Bill Wick, Jim Heimbach, Mike Newman, Andrea Pogue, Sylvia Sellers, John Sellers, Gladys Fortune, and Reny Upshaw. Some of the community projects that the club has participated in over the years include donations to Little League and the Girl Scouts, sponsoring two Little Free Libraries, donating benches made of collected recycled plastic bags to the playground, providing playground equipment, and collecting highway trash.



Gloucester Holds Flag Retirement Ceremony



Gloucester Ruritan Club held a flag retirement ceremony led by Citizenship and Patriotism Committee Chair Paul Bauer. Bauer shared historical facts with club members. A total of 247 flags were retired, 174 of which were collected by the American Legion Post 75. Pictured (l-r) are Paul Bauer, John Northstein, Jo Hurd, Laura Northstein, Tom Swankler, Janet Leigh, Barbara Bauer, David Bauer and Jackie Beyea. Club members stand ready to serve guests at the annual Chick-N-Que held at the American Legion. Chicken was cooked over an open pit. The



dinners included homemade rolls (by Janet Leigh) and desserts. Pictured (l-r) are Diane Rebertus, Chick-N-Que Co-chair Janet Leigh, Jo Hurd, Jackie Beyea, Laura Northstein, and Barbara Bauer. Not pictured are Jan Searls and Rachel Serio.

Montpelier Presents Rudy Bears



Montpelier Ruritan Club presented Rudy Bears to Boy Scout Troop 706, Hanover County EMS, and the Hanover Sheriff's Department at a recent club meeting. The Boy Scouts conducted a flag retirement ceremony. Chesapeake Lt. Governor Franklin Jones was the guest speaker. Pictured left



(l-r) are Dan Johnson, Hanover Sheriff's Department Officer Eaton, Miller, and Franklin Jones.

Short Pump Presents Community Donations



Each year, the **Short Pump** Ruritan Club devotes its June meeting to presenting community donations, special awards, and scholarships to area students. Over 60 club members and guests attended the annual “fried chicken picnic dinner” at the Shady Grove Methodist Church in

Glen Allen on June 26. Short Pump Club President Jon Hatfield presented a \$5,000 check to Willie “Mac” McDonald of the Richmond Fisher House Foundation. The non-profit, located on the campus of the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA

Medical Center in Richmond, provides free lodging to the families of military veterans receiving care at the center. Hatfield noted that this donation, the largest ever to the Richmond Fisher House from the club, was made possible by the success of the annual Charity Golf Classic Tournament held in May. The club also presented its 2017 Henrico County Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter



of the Year Awards. Recipients of these awards are chosen by their respective departments and honored for their exceptional service to the community. Andrew Butler was named Police Office of Year and Nathan Beahm named Fire Fighter of the Year. Jonathan Cotten, owner of the Good Feet Store, was named Short Pump Ruritan Businessman of the Year for his generosity and support of charities in the Greater Richmond area. Seven graduating seniors in the Western Henrico County area were presented \$1,000. This was the largest number of scholarships even presented by the club and more than double the scholarships awarded in 2017. “Giving back to the community we serve is the most rewarding part of being a member of the Short Pump Club. We especially enjoy having members of the Henrico Police and Fire Departments and the families of our scholarship recipients joining us to participate in this great event,” said Hatfield.

Warwick Presents Scholarships

Warwick Ruritan Club gave four \$1,000 Harald Aadahl Scholarships to Erica, Madison and Emma Laurent, Hannah Aadahl, and Madison Gwaltney. Erica is majoring in aerospace engineering at VT. She was unable to attend the presentation. Madison is majoring in bio-medical engineering at VT. Emma is majoring in hospitality and event planning at JMU. Hannah is majoring in social work at VCU.



Madison Laurent



Emma Laurent



Hannah Aadahl



Madison Gwaltney

Stonewall District Cooks Chicken



Stonewall District Ruritan Club has been working hard on Wednesday mornings setting up for their chicken sales. They sell half chickens the first and third Wednesday of the summer months through September. BBQ chicken is a main attraction in the area and the club has been selling chicken for years at various events including the Frederick County Fair.



Shawnee Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Shawnee Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a brunch cruise on the Potomac. The club still has three charter members, Charlie Dunn, Donnie Oates, and Ray Welsh, of who are still active in the club. The event featured the history of Shawnee with members telling stories centering around fifty years of dedication and service. Donnie Oates stated that “loyalty” has kept him in Ruritan and he has never missed a meeting. For Charlie Dunn, he feels it is the “fellowship” that keeps him coming back. Ray Welsh has made a career holding various offices in Ruritan and cherishes the “Community Service.” Pictured (l-r) are Donnie Oates, Ray Welsh, and Charlie Dunn. National Director Ed Hicks is pictured (center) back.



Marshall Builds New Club House



If you are ever in Marshall stop by the **Marshall** Ruritan Club and see Jan Sickel's face light up when he gives you the tour of the new club house. The 36-year-

old building was damaged when the roof collapsed from the weight of snow in 2016. Club members worked tirelessly trying to save what they could and rebuild the building for over two years. A 1,900 square-foot portion of that building, including restrooms, kitchen, and storage were incorporated into the new structure.

South Warren Sells Flowers



South Warren Ruritan Club sold Mother's Day flowers. It was a successful event as the last flower basket was sold before the scheduled ending time. The club managed to gain two new members during the fundraising event.

Ernie Saldana Receives Aldie Scholarship



Aldie Ruritan Club member Bill Carney presented a \$2,000 scholarship to Jose “Ernie” Saldana. Saldana plans to pursue an environmental engineering degree.

Lucketts School Rudy Youth Helps Community



It is never too early to learn what it means to be part of a community and to experience the satisfaction that comes from knowing your actions have made a difference for another person. For the past four years **Lucketts Elementary School Rudy Youth** promoted and collected more than 150 coats for needy families in their school. The **Lucketts** Ruritan Club added a pair of new shoes and new gloves. This hard work on the part of the Lucketts Rudy Youth Club was recognized in November with a Bonfire Party to celebrate the success of the coat drive. An afternoon of games, fellowship, community spirit, and roasting food over an open campfire was planned for the families.

In February, the Lucketts Club sponsored a Sunday afternoon event for families at Lucketts Elementary – “Walking In Their Footsteps.” Chris Haugh, a local historian from Frederick, Maryland, presented a talk.

Proceeds from the door (\$350) benefitted the PTA. The Rudy Youth Club held a refreshment sale at the program intermission that brought in \$335 in donations. Second through sixth graders who attended were given an opportunity to participate in a quiz for prizes. Local businesses provided six door prizes.

Lucketts Ruritan Club celebrated its 39th anniversary with a “Sip and Social.” The club brought together residents, community leaders, and businesses to share what Ruritan is all about. The club introduced a new project that is being coordinated with Porch of Faith Chapel. The Lucketts Community Food Pantry will serve families in need. Lucketts Club President Jim McKenzie announced a goal to collect two tons of food for the pantry.

Back Creek Ruritan Club members Ted and Lila Cox presented awards for outstanding writing to 10 students at Indian Hollow Elementary School. For eight years the club has provided this award to students “graduating” to middle school. Ted and Lila also presented the Teacher of the Year award to Doug Radzowski for his outstanding dedication to the students. Each recipient was given cash, a certificate, and a hawk, the school mascot.

News From Ruritan: Appomattox District

Cartersville Presents Two Scholarships



Cartersville Ruritan Club President Fred Shumaker presented \$1,000 scholarships each to Ellen Grace Johnston (pictured left) and Sierra McCray. Johnston will be attending Longwood University and McCray will be attending Emory and Henry.

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Red Oak Works for its Community



Red Oak Ruritan Club continues to work for its community. In April, the club, with assistance from members of the Alberta Volunteer Fire Department, cooked over 250 chicken dinners which included delicious sides, a drink, and dessert. The first time event was a huge success and demonstrated how two volunteer organizations can work together for a common goal. Fire Chief Buddy Hyde collaborated with members of the club, and two sub-committee meetings later,

all the details were ironed out. Members from both organizations sold tickets and Chief Hyde allowed the Ruritan Club to use the Firehouse to cook and serve the meals. Chief Hyde also suggested a drive thru method



for those wanting to get to-go plates which also proved to be a big hit. In the end, over 250 dinners were enjoyed and the club presented Alberta Volunteer Fire Department with a check for \$2,098, the total amount made from the chicken dinner. Pictured above is Red Oak Club President Frank Turner presenting a check to Chief Hyde. Lots of work, many laughs, and plenty of full stomachs completed a day of success. The two groups hope to do another event in the Fall. In July, at the annual summer picnic, Red Oak Club member, Roy "Palmer" Green, was presented with a Ruritan Forever by Appomattox District Governor Wally Hudson. This surprise Ruritan Forever certificate and pin was made possible by his wife, Joyce. Palmer has been an active member of the club since 1966.



Clarksville Supports Veterans

Clarksville Ruritan Club entertained veterans with lunch and live music after the club - sponsored the 4th of July parade club members served over 1,000 hot dogs to the parade's spectators and participants while the town also celebrated the bicentennial of Clarksville with a special float and cupcakes. American Legion Post 45 Commander Geoff Clark presents a certificate of appreciation to Clarksville Club President Janice Edwards for the club's continued support of \$1,000 to the wounded vets boating and fish expeditions on the lake. Club members Dianne Johnson, Jean Robinette, Juanita Crute, Mary Burke, John Litalien, Wanda Duncan, and Bill LaRose celebrated the club's sponsorship of Lakefest, which is one of Virginia's largest two-day celebrations. The club donated over \$5,500 to be Captain Sponsors.



News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Brookville and Scout Troop Work Together



Brookville Ruritan Club and Scout Troop 48 teamed together to beautify and upgrade the Brookville Club House. While working towards Eagle Scout, the following scouts did an outstanding job. John May installed additional white fencing. A white wedding arch with planter boxes was built by Jared Glover. Horseshoe pits with benches were created by Trevor Robertson, and BBQ pit ready for summer was built by James (Lucas) Robertson. Assembling their teams of scouts, family, and volunteers to complete the jobs, these young men set the example of what we in our community need to do. Pictured (l-r) are James, Trevor, Jared, and John.

News From Ruritan: Southwest Virginia District

Nicklesville Installs New Members



National Director Glen Broadwater installed **Nicklesville** Ruritan Club's new members Jeanette Poston and Tim Poston. The club donated \$1,500 to Southwest Virginia Partnership to help rebuild homes. Pictured top left are Ed Seiber, Larry Culbertson, John Johnson, and Linda and Glen Broadwater. Young adults from New River Community College, VA Tech, and Radford were on a mission trip and helped with repairs on homes. Pictured are Rebekah Skinner, Grant McKinley, Aaron Petersen, Anroux Mey, and Grace Gay.



Atkins Club Members Receive President's Golden Key

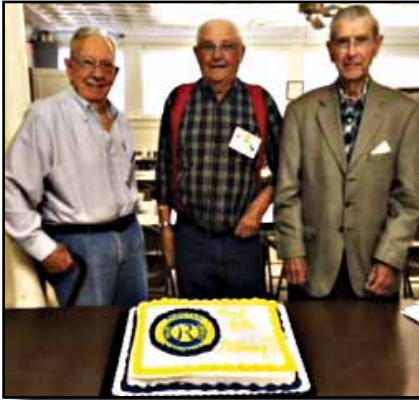


Two members of the **Atkins** Club recently earned their President's Golden Key for bringing in at least two new members. Club President Lester Owens presented a key to Trish Daughtery for bringing in three new members. 2016 National President Calvin Shelton presented a key to Jerry Umbarger for bringing in three new members.

Aubrey Dungan and Richard Walker Receive Service Badge

Two **Seven Mile Ford** Ruritan Club Charter members received a special 52 years of service badge from National Director Glen Broadwater. Pictured (l-r) are Seven Mile Ford Charter member Aubrey Dungan, Betty Dungan, Charter member Richard Walker, and National Director Glen Broadwater.





Catawba Valley Ruritan Club celebrated Ruritan National's 90th anniversary. Pictured (l-r) are three charter members Harold Wingate, Frankie Garman, Sr., and Charles Eakin with the anniversary cake.

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Tours can be arranged by contacting the National Office, toll free at 877-787-8727 or email office@ruritan.org

News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District



Veterans Hold July 4th Program

New Hope Ruritan Club members Steve Cull and Paul Wampler along with other veterans from the Korean and Vietnam Wars presented an Independence Day program at a club meeting. Pictured are David Snyder, Jack Cameron, David Wenner, Steve Cull, Ron Hesson, and Paul Wampler.

Weyers Cave Honors Hensel Baker



The Weyers Cave Ruritan Club has always stressed perfect attendance among its members. For many years 100% of the club members achieved that impressive goal. Member Hensel Baker, age 93, has exemplified the club goal never missing a regular meeting in 47 years! He has served as club president twice and in other capacities as well. Baker shows the same dedication in other areas of his life, serving as the treasurer of his church, St. Andrews U.C.C., for 57 years.



Beverley Manor, Jollivue-Barterbrook, Middlebrook, Mint Spring, and Spottswood Raphine Ruritan Clubs presented a Chromebook charging cart to Mrs. Brake's classroom at Riverheads Elementary School.

Rockingham District Clubs Present Scholarships



Belmont Community Ruritan Club's Social Development Committee Chair Steven Ford presented a \$600 scholarship check to Michaela Deputy (pictured left.) Michaela will be attending Bridgewater College studying bilingual education.

Bridgewater Ruritan Club member Ron Williams and previous scholarship recipient Aiden Lapp presented "Reese Williams Scholarships" to Turner Ashby High School seniors Asher Arey, Canten Arey, and Alissa Dodrill and Blue Ridge Christian School senior Paula Cook. Madison Kelley received the club's Build Your Dollar scholarship. Scholarship award



in memory of David Evick was presented to his daughter Madison Evick (pictured right) during the Turner Ashby Awards assembly by club members Ron Williams and Jim Benedict. Other summer activities include a Vidalia onion sale, Salvation



Army bell-ringing, assisting in the bingo booth at the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department Lawn Party, and the club's Fry Shack at the Rockingham County Fair.

National President Guy Cox presented **Linville-Edom** Ruritan Club members with membership pins. Recipients were Woodrow Secrist (60 years), Rich Frazier (40 years), and Glenwood Reubush (30 years). National Director Cassandra Flanagan, Rockingham Zone Governor Rose Harper, and Rockingham District Governor Carroll Keller were also in attendance. The club also participated in the Highway Cleanup Program. Scholarships were presented to Aubrey Morris (pictured right), Lauren Carr, and Maggie Johnston.



Woodrow Secrist

Rich Frazier



Glenwood Reubush



Hamburg Ruritan Club presented \$6,600 in scholarships at a recent club picnic. Pictured in the front (l-r) are Dharmi Desai who is attending JMU studying to become a pharmacist; Tiffay Hesler who is attending WVU studying accounting; and Sarah Miller who graduated from SJHS and will be majoring in psychology. Pictured back (l-r) are Isaac Rhodes who is attending LFCC studying animal science; Brit Pifer who is attending JMU majoring in sport and recreation management; and Lindsey Baker who is attending VCU majoring in psychology. Not pictured is recipient Jeremiah Estep who is attending Pensacola Christian College. The club selected Orville Smoot as the club's Ruritan of the Year. National Director Susan Greisz presented the award (pictured bottom left.) Orville has been an outstanding member of the club for 46 years. "If there is a job to be done, Orville is always there



to help," said Judy Greene.

News From Ruritan: Rockingham District continued



McGaheysville Ruritan Club members gathered at the Rockingham County Fair Grounds to work the funnel cake booth, in support of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Relay for Life event. This is the single largest event in the area to support cancer survivors, remember loved ones, and support cancer research. One hundred percent of the profits were donated to support the cause. The club sponsored a community picnic and celebrated the 125th anniversary of the Community Town Hall. The Community Town Hall is where the club meets and it is maintained by the club. This event generated eight new members. Scholarship winners were recognized. Total amount presented was \$2,500.



Annalee (left), the granddaughter of Peggy Biller, presents a check for \$1,000 to **West Shenandoah** Ruritan Club President David Moore. Biller has donated \$1,000 to the club for five years from the sale of her homemade chocolate eggs. Annalee has presented the check the last few years. "I want to teach her the value of giving early," says Biller. The club presented scholarships to Dakota Baker and Kelsey Hines.



Fort Valley Ruritan Club held an all-you-can-eat benefit breakfast (donations only) to support the Faith Lutheran Preschool. The breakfast was held at the Fort Valley Fire Hall. Scholarships were given to deserving seniors. Club members held a family picnic where three new members were installed. Other club events included hosting the Fort Valley Community Parade, holding a blood drive, building a handicap ramp, and supporting the Fort Valley Museum's Ice Cream Social.



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Fort Valley Scholarship Recipients

Fulks Run Holds Essay Contest



Fulks Run Ruritan Club held an essay contest for Fulks Run Elementary School fourth and fifth grade students. Pictured (l-r) are fifth-grade winners: first place winner Hailey Herndon (\$25); second place winner Romney Ritchie (\$15); third place winner Kylie Simmers (\$10). Two fourth-grade students were also awarded prizes. Most of the writers mentioned the club and the Ruritan Park as major parts of the community. Pictured right are **Fulks**

Run charter members Gerald Custer and Garnett Turner and 50-year member Miles Turner participating in the town's parade on behalf of the club.



Potomac District Clubs Present Scholarships



Maugansville Ruritan Club presented four \$1,000 scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Jenna Ebersole, U.M.B.C majoring in computer science; Anya Harrison, Eckert College majoring in marine biology; Kaitlyn Wassel, Penn State University majoring in computer science; and Ava Paul, Long Island University majoring in musical theater.

Club members placed flags throughout the Maugansville Community Park to observe Memorial Day. Pictured (l-r) are Barbara Jacob, Rose Shank, Jerry Shank, Charles Lumm, and Bob Walton. Virginia Walton took the picture.



Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Club raises money for scholarships through various activities, such as an annual golf tournament. This year seven scholarships were awarded due to the many generous contributions given in memory of Donald Foster, a highly active and valued member of the club who passed away in January. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the scholarship program. Pictured left (l-r) are Clayton Yingling, biology, Bethany College; Brandi Main, business administration, Frederick Community College; Leslie LaPierre, elementary and special education, FCC; Sara Aberts, business administration, Frostburg University; and Cheyenne Norwood, math and computer science, Mount St. Mary's University. Recipients not

able to attend: Drew Falkenstein, precision manufacturing, Savannah Technical College and Bryan McDonald, digital design, University of Colorado.



St. Thomas Area Ruritan Club presented several scholarships and donations. Pictured left (l-r) are Caitlin Heise who will be pursuing a nursing degree, St. Thomas Area Scholarship Chair Shellie Veritz, and Samantha Mills who will be pursuing a degree in environmental resource management. Each received a \$1,000 check. Pictured right is Wade Corum receiving his \$250 scholarship check. St. Thomas Area Club President Cindy Crouse Robinson presented an \$800 check to the Royal Family Kids Club

(an organization which offers a free week summer camp for needy children).



Lothian Takes Veterans Fishing



Lothian Ruritan Club entertained 12 veterans, three nurse aids, and a bus driver from the Charlotte Hall Veterans, for a day of fishing on the Chesapeake Bay. Anne Arundel County provided police escorts from Charlotte Hall to Skippers Pier restaurant in Deale, MD. Veterans were provided with breakfast. The Deale Fire Department saluted the bus of veterans on the way to the fishing dock. Staff, captains, and mates were served hot meals and cold drinks by Skippers Pier owner John Hiser, Chef Jessica, and David Rosage.



Burkittsville Celebrates 65th Anniversary



In June, **Burkittsville** Ruritan Club celebrated its 65th anniversary at the Ruritan Community Center in Burkittsville, MD. The club was chartered in 1953 with 23 members and today they have 46 members. Cutting the anniversary cake are (l-r) the club's oldest member Bert Thornton, new student members Della Drake and Andrew Bobby, and Club President Wade Clem, who is also zone 3 governor. The club was delighted to have a number of



Ruritan dignitaries on hand including (l-r) Potomac District Lt. Governor David Moser, National President Elect Larry Cassell, Club President Wade Clem, National President Clinton "Guy" Cox, National Director Dennis Bagnell, and District Governor Steve Kidwell.

News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

Albemarle District Clubs Present Scholarships



Durants Neck Ruritan Club has been holding Summer Senior Bingo for 18 years. Senior Bingo is held three times per year and is free to senior citizens. In July, over 80 seniors gathered to play. Club members served a summer-themed lunch and numerous prizes were given. The club also presented three scholarships totaling \$3,000.

Pictured right (l-r)

are Durants Neck Club President Chuck Olean, Alexis Davenport, James (Brody) Fairchild, and Kaleb Darnell. Funds for the scholarships were raised from a successful chicken and barbeque dinner and a live auction.



Hall Ruritan Club made generous donations to the Eure Volunteer Fire Department, Gates County Rescue, and presented three scholarships. (left)



Bethel Club Receives Certificate of Appreciation

Perquiman's County Library Board of Directors Peter Leroy presented a certificate to **Bethel** Ruritan Club President Tommy Spivey. The certificate was given in appreciation for the club's participation in the Ruritan fundraiser for the new library.



Kenneth Parker Receives Act of Heroism Award



Robersonville Ruritan Club held its family cookout at Tim Roberson's Cookhouse. An award was given to Kenneth Parker for an act of heroism. Kenneth was recently driving in Greenville and saw a man slumped over at the wheel. Kenneth drove his vehicle in front of the man's vehicle to stop it. Kenneth was able to get in touch with *EMC* to save the man's life.



The club presented Kenneth with a plaque recognizing his act of heroism. Kenneth is a Boy Scout leader in Robersonville and a member

of the Robersonville Ruritan Club. Pictured are District Boy Scout Director Grady Mullis, Jr., Kenneth Parker, and Robersonville Club President Steve Taylor. Club members built a handicap ramp for a local resident, Amanda Deal. Pictured above are the club members with Deal.



James "Wilford" Griffin Remembered

Farm Life remembered James "Wilford" Griffin during Ladies Night. The club presented his family with a Resolution of Respect. "Wilford was a guiding force for many years," said Farm Life Club reporter Eddie Bowen.

Como Presents Scholarship



Como Ruritan Club Scholarship Chair Danny Edwards presented Shelby Cook with the club's BYD scholarship. Shelby plans on studying marine biology. The club also honored senior citizens and the town council. Virginia Britt and her daughters provided the food. Ronnie Umphlett provided the entertainment.



Gold Point Ruritan Club put American Flags on each veteran's grave in Oak City and Robersonville Cemeteries to celebrate Memorial Day. Pictured left are members of the Gold Point Ruritan Club.

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Rocky Mt. Durham District Clubs Present Scholarships



2018 scholarship winners Ashley Harris and Madelyn Compton are shown receiving their certificates and checks from **Efland** Ruritan Club President Ronnie Pope and Club Vice President Bentley Cecil.

Silk Hope Ruritan Club hosted its annual scholarship night. The club gave over \$11,000 to eighteen graduating seniors. Funds were raised from the club's



bingo and the Old Fashioned Farmers' Days held every Labor Day weekend. Pictured on the right (l-r) are Silk Hope Club President Mike Braxton, Erika Nettles, Noah Thomas, Ben Lineberry, Cassie Rickman, Blair Hooker, Mason Clark, Matthew Moody, Emerson Bear, Michael Brannon, Dakota Morrow, Emily Colborne, Keelan Bailey. Not Pictured are Emily Nettles, Chris Devine, J.T. Bailey, Zac Tomlinson, Seth Sheffield, and Alyssa Gaines.

For over 30 years the **Bynum** Ruritan Club has given a cash grant to one or more deserving high school seniors from Chatham County. This year the award recipient was Annalia Charbonneau (pictured on the left) a recent graduate of Woods Charter School. Bynum Club President Jerry Felinczak presented the award.



Sylvan Ruritan Club presented scholarships. Pictured on the right (l-r) are Larry Griffin, Zo-Anna Watkins, Cameron Bridg-



es, Adam Durham, Allison Moore, and Tyler Richards. **Redwood** Ruritan Club awarded six \$1,000 scholarships at their regular May meeting. Scholarship Chair Pam Thompson and Club Vice President Gary McLean presented the awards. Recipients were Alexandria Bordeaux, University of Alabama; Emilee Woods, UNC-Greensboro; Caitlyn



Taylor, Meredith College; Brianna Flamion, Watts School of Nursing; Shayna McFarland, University of South Carolina; and Pastor Andrew Ivester, Master of Divinity, Southeastern Seminary.

Pictured on the left are the **Bethesda** Ruritan Club's 2018 Scholarship recipients.



Bahama Recycles Paint

Bahama Ruritan Club held a paint recycle day. Nearby communities brought partially-filled paint containers to the clubhouse. Fifty folks dropped off 450 gallon cans, 20/5 gallon pails, 100 quart cans, and sample jars. The club then transported the collection to the recycle center in Durham. "Community feedback has been very positive," stated Bahama Environment Committee Chair Richard Miller. The recycled latex paint is combined and used to cap off landfills after they are filled. Oil base paint is burned in electrical power plants as fuel. Pictured are club volunteers Robert Brown and Tony De Vuono assisting Antoine Freeman at the recycle center.



News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt. Durham District continued

Rougemont Holds Ice Cream Social



Rougemont Ruritan Club held its annual Community Ice Cream Social. Neighbors from the Peaks of Otter District Foundation Trustee O.H. Bobbitt, Deborah Bobbitt, and Carol Tyler, came and helped with all the activities including serving (and eating) ice cream. Fun and fellowship was had by all and a salute went out to all veterans, fire fighters, and

community service personnel. Pictured left are Rougemont Club President David Dohr, 2002 National President Millard Thacker, and Foundation Trustee O.H. Bobbitt. Pictured right are Deborah Bobbitt and Carol Tyler dipping the ice cream.



News From Ruritan: Greenville-Goldsboro District

Vanceboro Supports Homeless Student Project



Pictured (l-r) are **Vanceboro** Ruritan Club Treasurer Joyce Maney, Greenville Goldsboro District Treasurer Martha Whitford, and Farm Life School representative Kim Langley. The club purchases clothing and supplies to support First Lady Linda Cox' Homeless Student Project.

Moss Hill Presents Rudy Bears

Moss Hill Ruritan Club presented Rudy Bears to the Seven Springs and Sandy Bottom Volunteer Fire Departments in April. Club President David Jackson (left) made the presentation to Seven Springs Jeremy Price (center) and Sandy Bottom James Goff, Jr.



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Anderson Creek Holds Golf Tournament

Anderson Creek Ruritan Club held its 37th annual Golf Tournament. Funds raised were used for three scholarships. Club members that helped with the event are front row (pictured right) Marie Taylor, Jimmy Raynor, and Donna Rigby. In the back row are Steve Rigby, Holt Felmet, Marilyn Donovan, and David Matthews. Pictured on the left in the front row are Sandra Burgess, Yvonne Driver, and Marilyn Donovan. Pictured in the back row are Johnny Reaves, Steve Rigby, and David Matthews. Not pictured are James Donovan, Johnny Taylor, and Mabel Mobley.



Carolina Lakes and Lemon Springs Present Scholarships

Carolina Lakes Ruritan Club President Laurie Guin presented Callie Steger with a \$600 BYD scholarship.

Lemon Springs Ruritan Club presented two \$600 scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Neil Bullard, Lemon Springs Scholarship Chair Kathy Roberts, and Jackson Willett.



County Supervisor Candidates Speak to Richlands

Meeting at the Calvary Methodist Church in Richlands, the **Richlands** Ruritan Club heard from two candidates seeking to represent the Western District of Greenbrier County. The first speaker was Tammy Shifflett-Tincher, from Rainelle, seeking a position representing the Western District of the county. Ms. Shifflett-Tincher's platform focused on the need to eliminate the abandoned buildings that were damaged in last year's flood. These buildings are an eye-sore and a health hazard. Ms. Shifflett-Tincher wanted to remove these building as a step to promote tourism in the county. The incumbent candidate, Woody Hanna, spoke about his work in the study group looking to strengthen broadband coverage in the county. He pointed to his accomplishments to purchase land for the Meadow River trail; to get new air service at the Greenbrier Valley Airport; work toward a new swimming pool in White Sulphur Springs; and his future plans to connect the White Sulphur Springs and Lewisburg water systems.

Cannons Camp Ground Serves Breakfast



Cannons Camp Ground Ruritan Club members feed their high school football team



breakfast on game day. A community picnic is sponsored each year. On special holidays, club members place 50 American flags along the roads around the elementary school. On One occasion, flags were erected when a deployed soldier returned home and surprised her daughter at school. Every year hash is sold on the 4th of July holiday.



Pelion Holds Memorial Day Ceremony



Over 300 guests joined the **Pelion** Ruritan Club members as they held their annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Pelion. Each year, a large crowd gathers to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy the many freedoms that we often take for granted.

The Pelion Ruritan's memorial is one of which the town is very proud. The site for the memorial is along the old railroad bed and next to the old Town Hall, which itself is an historic potato house. Otto Hage started the ceremony with the "Ringing of the Hour." The Pelion JROTC presented the colors and CMSgt Retired Tim Treaster led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pelion Chorus, under the direction of Dr. David Stephenson, sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

The South Carolina Patriot Guard Riders were introduced by Pelion Club President Kay Collings. CMSgt Retired Tim Treaster recognized veterans of all services as the Pelion High School Band played the Medley of Military Anthems. Josh Quattlebaum, Soldiers of Faith, sang "God Bless the USA."

Mayor Frank Shumpert spoke, introduced, and welcomed the dignitaries in attendance.

This year's keynote speaker was LTC Travis Mills, Commander, 2-60th Infantry.

Remarks were given by Representative Kit Spires. Patriotic music was presented by the Soldiers of Faith, a local Southern Gospel group. Ed Wilkes played Amazing Grace, the medley of military anthems, and on the bagpipes as the old faded flag was removed and a new one replaced. 1SG Tom Peel, Army Retired, was assisted by the Pelion High JROTC as the old flag was removed, the new one affixed to the clasp and then slowly raised to the top of the pole before lowering half way back down.

As a final show of respect, the Lexington County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard gave a 21-Gun Salute and Mr. Otto Hage played Taps while the wreath was presented.

Over the next 12 months, CMSgt Retired Tim Treaster will maintain the flag by making sure that all flag etiquette is followed.

Sandy Run Donates Canned Goods

Sandy Run Ruritan Club collected 30 bags full of canned goods, fresh produce from the South Carolina Farmers' Market, and bags of candy for ill and older citizens in the Sandy Run community. Club members say it's a wonderful way to meet older members of the community and help them out. The club's *Project 52* is where members donate canned goods for each week of the year. Pictured (l-r) are club members who organized the bags Glenn James, Kay James, Vivian Robinson, Lena Stabler, Howard Pees, Sandra Pees, Becky Starnes, Sheila Shanklin, and Jill Crim. Not pictured are Liz McCuller, Gene Crim, and Gerald Starnes (photographer.)



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News From Ruritan: Upper West Virginia District

Slanesville Holds Car Show



Slanesville Ruritan Club held its July Celebration and 15th Annual Car Show. Each year the club joins with the community to celebrate Independence Day while raising money for a worthy cause. This year the Homeless Student Project of Hampshire County was selected so students in the area can receive tutoring, clothing, and school supplies. The event began

with remarks by Delegate Ruth Rowan and a memorial for members lost. Ken Paugh gave a flag presentation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was performed by Audree Carpenter. Charter member Betty Sulser was presented with a Tom Downing Fellow Award and charter member Marie Sowers was honored with the Ruritan National Foundation's 50th Anniversary Pin for her tireless efforts in chairing the event. Great food, fellowship, petting zoo, car show, silent auction, corn hole, 50/50 raffle, chili tasting contest, LIVE music, and a bake sale sponsored by **North River** Ruritan Club was held. The event raised \$2,000 for the Homeless Student Project of Hampshire County.



News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District

Maxwelton Donates to Little League



Maxwelton Ruritan Club welcomed Peyton Banton and his dad, Jimmy, to its June meeting. Peyton is a member of the Central Greenbrier Little League and is heading to the WV State Little League Tournament. The club gave a donation to help with expenses so that all three teams from the league can attend the tournaments. Pictured are Maxwelton Club President Lee Godbey, Jimmy Banton, Peyton Banton, and Club Treasurer Mike Williams.

News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District

Cropper Names Outstanding Farmers of the Year

Doug and Susan Schlosnagle have spent their entire lives as cattle breeders, and Chelsey and Jared are sixth generation family farmers. Chelsey graduated from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture with a degree in Sustainable Agriculture, while Jared graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Agribusiness Management. The Schlosnagles' are the proprietors of Dutch Creek Farms which is an environmentally conscientious, diversified livestock farm producing grass-fed beef, pastured poultry and eggs since 1981. They are committed to environmentally sound and sustainable farming practices and to the humane treatment of their animals. Jared's Beef is Animal Welfare Approved by A Greener World and Certified Grass-fed by The American Grass-fed Association. Chelsey's Eggs come to you, from the Schlosnagles' free-range pastured hens. The hens are rotated on fresh pastures to provide customers with an exceptional egg.



News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District continued

Cartersville Holds Successful Fish Fry



Eubank Celebrates 70th Anniversary

Eubank Ruritan Club celebrated its 70th anniversary. Pictured is National President Guy Cox and National Director Marty Sewell with club members.



News From Ruritan: Tennessean District

Gravely Presents Scholarships

Gravely Ruritan Club President Bobby Brooks presented scholarships to three students at a recent club meeting. Benjamin Peters has a 3.6 GPA. Benjamin will attend ETSU and plans to enter the College of Rehabilitation Health Services. Kerissa Ward (pictured right) has a 4.0 GPA. She is majoring in foreign language with a concentration in Spanish. She received the Dr. Eduardo Zayes Bazan Scholarship in 2017 which contributed to her study in Toledo, Spain. Skylar Derrick (pictured bottom left) has a 3.98 GPA. Skylar is an intern at Kingsport Center of Cultural Arts. Her major is in media and communications with a concentration in advertising and public relations and minoring in English.



Ball Play Community Holds Ramp Festival



Ball Play Community Ruritan Club held its 8th annual Ramp Festival which funds scholarships, food baskets, school supplies, and other projects. Over 550 meals were served. Club members climb steep slopes to pick the ramps, available for picking 3,000 feet above sea level.



The club presented a check to the Tellico Plains Food Pantry. Pictured (l-r) are Ballplay Club Treasurer Sue Leta, Club President Joe Leta, Tellico Plains Food Pantry President Diana Murphy and Pantry representative Lily Metheny, and Club member Ivy Schielke.



Westside and Cherokee Too Clubs Honor W.W. Johnson

Westside and Cherokee Too Ruritan Club's held a surprise meeting for Past National Director W.W. Johnson who has achieved 50 years as being a Ruritan member. Ruritan National Director Lynn Fillers was on hand for the celebration. Pictured (l-r) are Joyce Johnson, W.W. Johnson, and Lynn Fillers.



Gadsden Installs Three New Members

Gadsden Ruritan Club's President Charlie Burleson and Vice President Rebecca Boals installed three new members, JoAnn Crutchfield, Shenia Webb, and Riley Webb. The club hosted its 2nd annual Spring Fling. Concesssions, roasted chickens, train rides for the kids, live music, raffles, door prizes, and a special

guest from the Tennessee Highway Patrol made it a fun-filled event.



News From Ruritan: Alabama Florida District



Walnut Hill's 2018 Club Officers

Walnut Hill Ruritan Club's 2018 Club Officers pictured (l-r) are Vice President Lonnie Wilson, President J.D. Powell, Treasurer Ken McLeod, and Secretary Larry Walker.

Attention ALL Club Officers! We Need Your Email Address!

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News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District

Deep Gap Members Recognized



Western North Carolina District Governor Leslie Gentry recognized **Deep Gap** Ruritan Club President Billie Rogers, Club Secretary Kathy Idol, and Sergeant at Arms Harold Eller. "These three individuals embody the Ruritan mission of serving one's community and being an example for others to follow. They go above and beyond what they are expected to do in their leadership roles," said Gentry.

Baton Ruritan Club celebrates Ruritan's 90th anniversary.

Chesterfield Ruritan Club held a free hot dog lunch to thank the community for its ongoing support.



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.



Bethlehem Ruritan Club presented 19 scholarships at its July meeting. Pictured are 14 of the 19 recipients.

Pungoteague Builds Wheelchair Ramp

Pungoteague Ruritan Club installed a wheelchair ramp for a resident who was paralyzed after a fall. Founded in 1931, the club provides college scholarships to local students and builds wheelchair ramps in its service area. Pictured (l-r) are Paul Custis, Pungoteague Club President Wayne Valentine, Herman Hohlt, David Shaw, Ed Lampman, and Dennis Melson.



Delmarva New Jersey Clubs Present Scholarships



Hartly Ruritan Club announced its scholarship winners. Tyler Noel and Molly Reed graduated from Caesar Rodney High School. Molly and Tyler and their parents were invited to have dinner with club members. After dinner each were presented with a \$500

scholarship check by Hartly Club President Pete Morris. Tyler plans to attend James Madison University and Molly will attend Del Tech.



Tri-County Ruritan Club presented \$5,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors. This is the club's largest monetary donation. Over 50 applications for the scholarship award were received.

Kent Ruritan Club was proud to present three \$1,000 scholarships this year. Recipients were Ethan Miller (in memory of Ida Mae Dulin), Drew Baker (in memory of Theodore Redmon), and Sarah Collins.



Piedmont District Clubs Present Scholarships



President Roger Tucker. Scholarship recipients (l-r) are Jade Lawson, Destiny Myers, and Cassie Flinchum.

Lawsonville Ruritan Club honored the faculty and staff of Lawsonville Elementary School and presented scholarships to three outstanding North Stokes Seniors. A covered dish dinner was given in their honor. Lawsonville Elementary School Principal Greg Ottoway introduced the faculty and staff that were present. Annette Turner was recognized as the Teacher of the Year. Turner is shown with Lawsonville Club

News From Ruritan: Piedmont District continued



Holly Springs Ruritan Club's scholarship winner is Ashley Cosgrove. Club Treasurer Mabeline Marshall (left) presented her with the check.

Ashley plans to study to be a veterinarian. Ashley is pictured with her mother Noel (right).

Sandy Ridge Ruritan Club held its annual recognition/scholarship awards dinner. The guest speaker for the evening was Sandy Ridge Club member John York, who taught the students in elementary school.



After a delicious meal the students received a Bible from the club and they spoke on their future plans. Recipients were Tyler Smoot, Emma Gilley, Sarah Martin, and Rachel Martin.

News From Ruritan: Dan River District

Dan River District Clubs Present Scholarships



The Rebekah L. Heldreth Memorial Scholarships and the Donnie Wells Memorial Scholarships were presented during the Dry Fork Ruritan Club's meeting. Wells was a charter member of the club and passed away suddenly last year. Donations made to the club in his memory created this scholarship, and the recipient was McKenzie Brown, Wells' granddaughter. Pictured (l-r) are Dry Fork Club Treasurer Rose Mary Meadows; scholarship recipients Kaitlyn Ritchie, McKenzie Brown, Madisyn Dunford, Kyle Griffith, and Angela Dillard; and Club President Marcella Heldreth.

Rangeley Ruritan Club presented three scholarships. Matt Tuggle attends Averett University studying biomedical science and coaching. Haley Vaughn will be attending Forsyth Technical Community College entering the cardiovascular sonography medical program. Jordan Smith shown with Rangeley Club President Jim McMillan attends Emory and Henry studying to become a CPA.



Chatham Ruritan Club presented scholarships to Chatham High School seniors. Chatham Club President Jimmy Searce presented the Red Giles-Ruritan Scholarship to Madisyn Dunford. She will be attending Danville Community College studying dental hygiene. The Fuller Motley Scholarship was presented to Jacob Waters by Tim Motley. Jacob will be attending Danville Community College studying to become a machinist. The Larry Newby Scholarship was presented to Amber Longerbeam by Malinda and Karl Newby. Amber will be attending Jefferson School of Health Services seeking a degree in nursing. (No picture included.)

Turbeville Sells Barbeque



Turbeville Ruritan Club served barbeque sandwiches to the community for the Halifax County Heritage Festival. Though small in number Turbeville has a big heart for Ruritan service. They even broke in their newest member, Ralph Alderson.



News From Ruritan: Dan River District continued

Carver Road Remembers Samuel S. Trott



Members of the **Carver Road** Ruritan Club were honored to attend the dedication and renaming service of its local elementary school's track to former Ruritan member Samuel S. Trott. County officials and students at George Washington Carver Elementary School held the event on May



22. Trott, who passed in 1993, was recognized in the community for his dedication to continued education beyond high school. He was known for going the extra mile to get students into college - often offering financial assistance or personally driving them to the schools to enroll. Records show that he helped over 2,000 students attend college. Mr. Trott was recognized for his service to the community through the many civic organizations and clubs in which he was involved. Pictured is Carver Road Club Secretary Memphis Keen posing with the sign marking the entrance to the track. In the photo above, the entire school body attended the event to express their appreciation.

News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District

First Couple Visits Lincolnland

The **Lincolnland District** hosted National President Guy Cox and First Lady Linda. Past National Director Grover Burkett was their tour guide. On Tuesday the first couple stopped in **Allendale** and later that evening in **Hymera**, Indiana. On Wednesday, July 4, they visited **Ottwell**, **Dubois**, and **Hayesville** before returning to **Olney** for the fireworks display that night. Other events were a Thursday morning breakfast in **Dieterich**, a Friday evening meal in **Geff Community**, a Saturday morning breakfast in **Mt. Erie**, and an evening meal in **Mill Shoals**.



While visiting President Cox presented Geff Community Ruritan Club President Michelle Asher with an Outstanding Club President's Award and Club Secretary Beverly Tanner with an Outstanding Club Secretary's Award. President Cox and National Director Howard Tanner presented Mill Shoals Club President Sherrill Staley with a 55th anniversary certificate.



News From Ruritan: New River District



Oakland Hosts Rodeo

Oakland Ruritan Club hosted a Rodeo in Galax, Virginia. Baywood Ruritan Club served barbeque and nachos during the two-day event. Pictured is Gladeville Ruritan Club member Joseph Holderfield and 2017 Foundation President Pat Davis showing the real skills it takes to ride a bull.

Gladeville Celebrates 55th Anniversary



Gladeville Ruritan Club celebrated its 55th anniversary. National President Guy Cox, New River District Governor Julianne Poff, and National Director Glen Broadwater was on-hand for the celebration. Edward Alderman (center) is the only remaining charter member.

Gladeville Club President Jerry Leonard pictured right (left) presented a bench in Edward's honor to Gladeville Elementary School Principal Marlin Campbell (right.)



News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

Telford Shops for Homeless Students

Telford Ruritan Club took advantage of the July 27th tax-free weekend to purchase two outfits, socks, and under garments for each of the five homeless students from West View Elementary School. The club was one of three area Ruritan Clubs that provided clothing for twenty homeless students identified by the school counselor. Pictured (l-r) are Telford Club Treasurer Susanna Chinoth and Vice President Dora Wheeler.



Hardin's Chapel Receives Blue Ribbon



Davy Crockett District Governor Marion Bailey presented the **Hardin's Chapel** Ruritan Club with the Blue Ribbon Award. Hardin's Chapel Club President Tim Tarlton (right) received an Outstanding Club President Award and Carolyn Brooks (left) received an Outstanding Club Secretary Award.



News From Ruritan: Smoky Mountain District

Centerview and East Roane County Celebrate Anniversary



Centerview Ruritan Club celebrated 50 years of service to the public, fellowship among the members, and goodwill to the community recently with a special meeting and meal. In attendance were National Director Lynn Fillers, pictured with Club President Judy Dawson. She is also pictured on the left with the first Centerview Ruritan Club President Frank Bible.



East Roane County Ruritan Club celebrated its 30th anniversary. Newest member Linda Parton



Chiles, who is also the club's DRM, with a certificate and a scholarship in his name, which will go to college students in the club. Pictured is Club President Zack presenting Marion with his certificate.



Gibbs Presents Scholarships

Gibbs Ruritan Club Treasurer Richard Wright presented four \$1,000 scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Alex Hughes, University of Tennessee; Richard Wright; Alison Webster, Carson-Newman University; Baylor Spears, Northwestern University; and Faith Johnson, University of South Florida.

News From Ruritan: Opportunity Land District

Western Yell Presents Scholarships

Western Yell Ruritan Club presented \$4,950 in scholarships to nine students. Scholarships were presented to Juliette Bowden, Destiny Lee, Ana Cortez, Gabriella Garcia, Olivia Bland, Chelsea Crum, Sheila Navarette Olivo, Alexandria Hudson, and Madelyn Lewis (photo collage). Western Yell Club Treasurer Hoover



Willard is shown presenting the 2018 Build Your Dollar Scholarship to



Western Yell Ruritan Club President Olivia Bland.

Pottawatomie Township Supports Honor Flight



Pottawatomie Township Ruritan Club presented Brian Spencer with a Tom Downing Fellow Award. Pictured in the front are Margaret Arnett, Pat Watson, and Belinda Abrams. Pictured in the middle row are 2017 Pottawatomie Club President Kaitlyn Emert, Liz Drenkhahn, Brian Spencer, and Marty Drenkhahn. Pictured in the back are Dylan Vohs, Leigh Arnett, and Past District Governor Jim Kimball. Emert is shown with her plaque for being named the club's Rudy Youth of the Year.

Honor Flight is a nationwide program that began in 2006 in Ohio and has been responsible for thousands of veterans being honored for their service with no-cost trips to see their memorials. It began with World War II Veterans and has now moved on to their younger Korean and Vietnam Veteran counterparts. In Kansas several schools have created pro-

grams using high school students as guardians for the veterans. Central Heights High School was added to this list of Honor Flight-Student Edition Hubs in 2016 and is currently planning their third trip! This intergenerational program that pairs high school students with our nation's aging veterans is not tax supported in any way; however, there is



no charge for the veterans that attend an Honor Flight. (They paid their price years ago by serving their country.) No school district money is directed into the program, and all funds are raised through fund raisers and donations. The Central Heights Honor Flight is honored to have the support of the Pottawatomie Township Ruritan Club who presented a \$1,000 donation. The project was supported by other Ruritan Clubs in the Middle America District. Pictured are Brian Spencer, Aaron Winkelman, Patricia Watson, and Marty Drenkhahn.

News From Ruritan: **Rapidan District**

Lignum Gives Rudy Bears

Lignum Ruritan Club provides Rudy Bears to the children of the Alice C. Tyler Village as a community project. The Childhelp Alice C. Tyler Village in Lignum, Virginia, has provided a healing home environment for abused, neglected, and at-risk children since 1993. In a community atmosphere, the Village houses as many as 67 children from five to fourteen years of age. Rozelle Amick prepares each Rudy Bear with the child's name so that they can call it their own and take them when they leave the Childhelp facility.



Positive Action Holds Essay Contest



Positive Action Ruritan Club held its first essay contest: What Can I Do To Help My Community. Keirra Fort, of Natchez High School, was the first place winner. Here club member Barbara Bruce presents Keirra with a \$100 check. Over 20 students participated in the contest. The club sponsored a coat, sweater, and school uniform drive earlier this year. The items were given to

youth and adults in the community. In the spring the club honored 22 elderly women on Mother's Day with gift bags. Many of those honored were shut-ins. Pictured right (l-r) are Positive Action Club Secretary Vicky Alexander, gift

recipient Peggy Scales, and Club Treasurer Hattie Harris.

On May 12 the **Linwood** Ruritan Club held a Mother's Day – Father's Day social at the St. Francis community room in Natchez, MS especially recognizing local senior

Pictured with Positive Action Club Secretary is recipient Lillian Noble.

citizens. There was music, food, gifts, and games for all to enjoy. Everyone especially enjoyed the games of bingo and the music they remembered from their youth. Club members delivered gifts to those who were unable to attend the social. The affair was so successful that the club is predicting an even bigger event next year.



Pictured with Positive Action Club Treasurer Hattie Harris is recipient Ms. Sims.

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