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2022 National President Glen Broadwater



Hello my Ruritan Family, my how the year is flying by. Linda and I have been very busy since our last issue. We have been traveling across this great Ruritan Land. What we have found is excitement and commitment to continue to create a thriving community. All are dedicated to improving communities and building a better American through Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service. When we come together to serve our community we are fulfilled, with fellowship and goodwill seen throughout.

We have attended and participated in club anniversaries, parades, fairs, and festivals. What they all have in common are Ruritan Clubs with their dedicated members are making this happen. My question to you is what would your community be without your club? I don't think any of us want to see that void.

What we often hear is that we can't get new members to join. Is it that people don't want to see their community thrive? I don't think so. Could it be us? Could it be that they don't know and understand what Ruritan is or what we do? Could it be the way that we approach them? Could it be the way that we ask? Are we asking? Everyone wants to be a part of something that is positive, exciting and have ownership in it. Invite good folks to be a part of your club and be willing and open for their involvement and ideas. Encourage them and make them a vital part of your club. The lifelong friendship that we will gain is priceless.

At the beginning of the year, I asked each district to add four clubs to their district. As of this date it hasn't happened. Our adjoining communities need and would greatly benefit from what we have to offer. Again, it is up to each of us to make this happen. They cannot benefit if we don't introduce them to Ruritan for most only know the name and no idea of our vision or mission. I am counting on each to do your part.

This year the exciting part is that as of now we have chartered six new clubs. The latest two are Sterling Club in Sterling, Nebraska and Round Mountain Club in Del Rio, Tennessee. There are more in the pipeline Middle America District, Lincolnland District, and Southwest Virginia District. This proves as a team we are up for the challenge and we will make a difference.

Our future and destiny are in our hands.....

Keep our Vision on our minds:

To Create Thriving Communities Across America

Together as a team we will succeed.

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Enthusiastic, Positive People
With a Positive Attitude, the Will to Win and
the Dedication to Make a Difference.



Does that describe you? I bet it does! I can imagine many Ruritans standing up with their hand in the air.

What do I want you for? I want you to help lead us into the vibrant future I see for Ruritan.

How? As I mentioned in my last message, by being intentional.

We can be intentional in our actions, communications, and planning.

Our actions should show our community that we care, are generous, are enthusiastic and are dedicated to helping it thrive. "Doing the right things for the right reason in the right way is the key to Quality of Life." - Stephen R Covey. I would add that it is also the key to a Thriving Community. When our community sees that we are caring, generous, enthusiastic, and dedicated they won't be able to help themselves but to join in all the fun we are having.

Our communications should show our members and leaders that they are important, valued, and vital to the health of our club, district, and national organization. Effective communication can build and maintain relationships, build trust, build a strong team, encourage innovation, increase engagement, and reduce conflict. The first step is to listen attentively and to convey information efficiently with empathy. In James 1:19 (New International Version) James says, "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

Hope is not a plan. A good plan will not only help us be more productive, but it will also enable us to embark on new ventures and to make significant changes in life. If we have a good, well-thought-out plan, we are more likely to succeed. The process of planning is a creative one. It allows our thoughts and ideas to develop, and to dream of what could be. Then, you take action! You set realistic goals and actions, and take steps that help you move forward, little by little, until you get where you want to be.

I want to acknowledge that we have several clubs and members that have been successful with this. We have opened SIX new clubs this year and for the last three quarters, we have brought in more members than we have lost. This is the evidence of being intentional. Thank you for all you do for our incredible organization!



Ruritan National Convention – Kingsport, TN

January 19-21, 2023

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

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____

Member/Non-Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Club: _____

District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

____ I have these food allergies/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.

I expect to be a voting delegate for the _____ Ruritan Club.

2nd Attendee: _____

Member/Non-Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Club: _____

District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

____ I have these food allergies/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.

I expect to be a voting delegate for the _____ Ruritan Club.

Please provide us with the names of your guest who are NOT purchasing a full package but will be attending the convention. We will create them a name badge.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

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

Name: _____

(Check one in each column)

____ U.S. Army

____ WWII

____ U.S. Air Force

____ Korean

____ U.S. Marines

____ Vietnam

____ U.S. Navy

____ Desert Storm

____ U.S. Coast Guard

____ Other (explain)

____ Operation Iraqi Freedom

Ruritan National Convention – Kingsport, TN

January 19-21, 2023

Meals in Kingsport

There is a deadline with the caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site (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 \$210. Send in your registration before the Dec. 18, 2022, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals. Kid's meals are available upon request.

Choose one of these four registration packages. **ALL Packages** include opening ceremony, access to exhibits, and access to the business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting, and all other convention activities.

Meal Package Options

Packages 1 - 4 include the base fee of \$210

	Qty	Price	Total
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday First Lady's Fellowship Luncheon, and Saturday Installation Banquet	Package 1	\$330	
Friday only package includes base fee and Friday First Lady's Fellowship Luncheon	Package 2	\$265	
Saturday only package includes base fee and Saturday Installation Banquet	Package 3	\$280	
No Meals - base registration only	Package 4	\$210	

Extra Meal Tickets and Items

Must purchase any package above to purchase additional meal tickets

	Qty	Price	Total
Friday First Lady's Fellowship Luncheon	Luncheon	\$60	
Saturday Installation Banquet	Banquet	\$75	
Rudy Bears - Added as a gift to Niswonger Children's Hospital	Rudy Bears	\$9	
I want a 2023 Convention T-Shirt Pre-sales Only – Order Now S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL	T-Shirt	\$20	
	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.

____ Payment made by check Check# _____

____ Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express

Card # _____

Expiration date# _____

3 or 4 digit code on back _____

Check one option below

____ Bill my credit card now

____ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2022

MEET ME AT THE FAIR!



Join us for the **Ruritan County Fair** on **Friday** evening in **Kingsport**! The **Fair** will feature a variety of favorite county fair foods and games sponsored by our clubs and districts.



Some of the snacks already sponsored include **Bags of Chips** (Rockingham District), **Fresh Kettle Corn** (Upper WV District), **Hot Dogs w/Condiments** (Ruritan Road Club), **Walking Tacos w/toppings** (Belmont II Club), **Utensils** (Lincolndale District). We still need items such as sodas/water, nachos, corn dog bites, soft pretzels, popcorn, peanuts, cotton candy, cookies, candy apples, or other **"Fair"** foods.



Game sponsors include **Flickin' Chicken** (Rockingham District), **Pick a Duck** (East Roane County), **Ring Toss** (Man River District), and **Balloon Dart** (Rocky Mt.-Durham District).



Each table will feature one item and will be decorated with the sponsoring club's or district's favorite **County Fair Theme**. There will be plenty of seating to enjoy the **Food and Fellowship**.



You will not want to miss the **County Fair** on Friday night!

To sign up to sponsor a table, email **Crystal** at crystalandrews@ruritan.org. There is no fee to sponsor a table, just the cost of the food.

NOTE: *Meadowview Hotel* does not offer rooms that are suitable for hospitality suites. The County Fair will serve as our hospitality area.



**WE WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR
BAKING SKILLS!
CONSIDER DONATING A CAKE FOR A
CAKE WALK!**

Convention Exhibitors

J&J Farms

Honey, Apple Butter, and Woodwork



Byers Pottery

Handmade Pottery



So-So Sewing

BBQ Boas (an apron alternative)
and Cookbooks



Convention Exhibitors



Buff City Soaps

Plant-Based, hand made bar soaps, bath bombs, laundry soap, body butters, body scrubs, shower oils, beard balms, beard oils, shower fizzies and dryer balls.



Bellafina Chocolates operates under Abundantly Blessed Ministries, a non-profit corporation dedicated to helping threatened women and children. They donate 100% of their profit to children's charities and are staffed almost entirely by volunteers, plus the positions they've created to help struggling women.

Convention Exhibitors

Kathy Long's
Arts and Crafts



**If you, your club, or your district would like
to be an exhibitor at our
Kingsport National Convention, contact
Crystal Andrews at
crystal.andrews@ruritan.org**

**Exhibit Booths (10x10) are \$75.
That includes two tables.
Exhibitors keep 100% of profit.**

2023 National Convention Mini-Schedule

Kingsport TN



Make your plans now to attend the 2023 National Convention in Kingsport located in the northeast mountains of Tennessee. The Meadowview Marriott Conference and Convention Center and their staff are eagerly anticipating our arrival. Registration will begin on Wednesday evening. Workshops will take place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. United States Army veteran Ricky Davis will motivate us on Thursday evening and along with a presentation from Jeannette Poston, a Gold Star Mom

and Ruritan member, we will surely be inspired. The evening concludes with a Flag Ceremony that you have participated in thru your submission of patriotic pictures (continue to send them).

Friday will begin our business sessions. We will have First Lady Linda's Fellowship Luncheon to honor DRM's, present Rudy Bears and, of course, honor our First Lady. We will then be entertained by Joseph Young, an internationally acclaimed award-winning illusionist who will also perform at tables before the event as you are being seated. Our Foundation auction will be back on Friday. The evening will conclude with a County Fair featuring food and games.

Saturday will have our concluding business session featuring recognition, awards, and election results. The Installation Banquet will feature entertainment provided by comedian Jeff Allen. Jeff has been described as one of the funniest, most inspirational, and clean corporate comedians on the circuit today. President Glen, Linda, Juliann, and I visited one of his performances and you will surely be laughing. Your National Office Staff and Program Committee are working hard to ensure you have an exciting time in Kingsport. All we need now is you. Register today!

FUN!

fellowship

food

Laugh!

Wednesday - Friday
Welcome Reception

Wednesday - Saturday
Registration

Thursday
Workshops / Governors' Training / First
Timers Reception / Opening Ceremonies
(Flag, Memorial, Vespers, Veterans)
President's Reception

Friday
Workshops / Business Session / First Lady
Linda's Fellowship Luncheon / Voting /
Foundation Auctions /
County Fair

Saturday
Workshops / Business Session /
Installation Banquet

Sunday
Worship Service

Opening Ceremonies Keynote Speaker - Ricky Davis



Mr. Ricky Davis began his honorable service in the United States Army, serving in combat, security force advisory, and intelligence positions. His 27 years of worldwide experience in support of national and strategic security objectives allowed him to work and collaborate with some of the most talented leaders in the world, retiring from active duty as a Command Sergeant Major.

Ricky holds a master's degree in Business and Organizational Security Management, George Herbert Walker School for Business, Webster University, St. Louis, and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice/Protective Services, Excelsior College, Albany, New York. Ricky also maintains the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Designation.

Ricky is the Founder and President of RICE Security and Consulting in Fayetteville, NC. His organization provides national physical and cybersecurity mitigation strategies as part of the Enterprise Security Risk Management (ESRM) methodology and ISO 31000 Risk Management Standards.

Ricky's professional affiliations include the International Association of Professional Security Consultants, Regional

Vice President (Region 4B) ASIS International, The National Institute of Crime Prevention (NICP), and the International Organization of Black Security Executives (IOBSE) serving on the Board of Directors and Professional Education Committee.

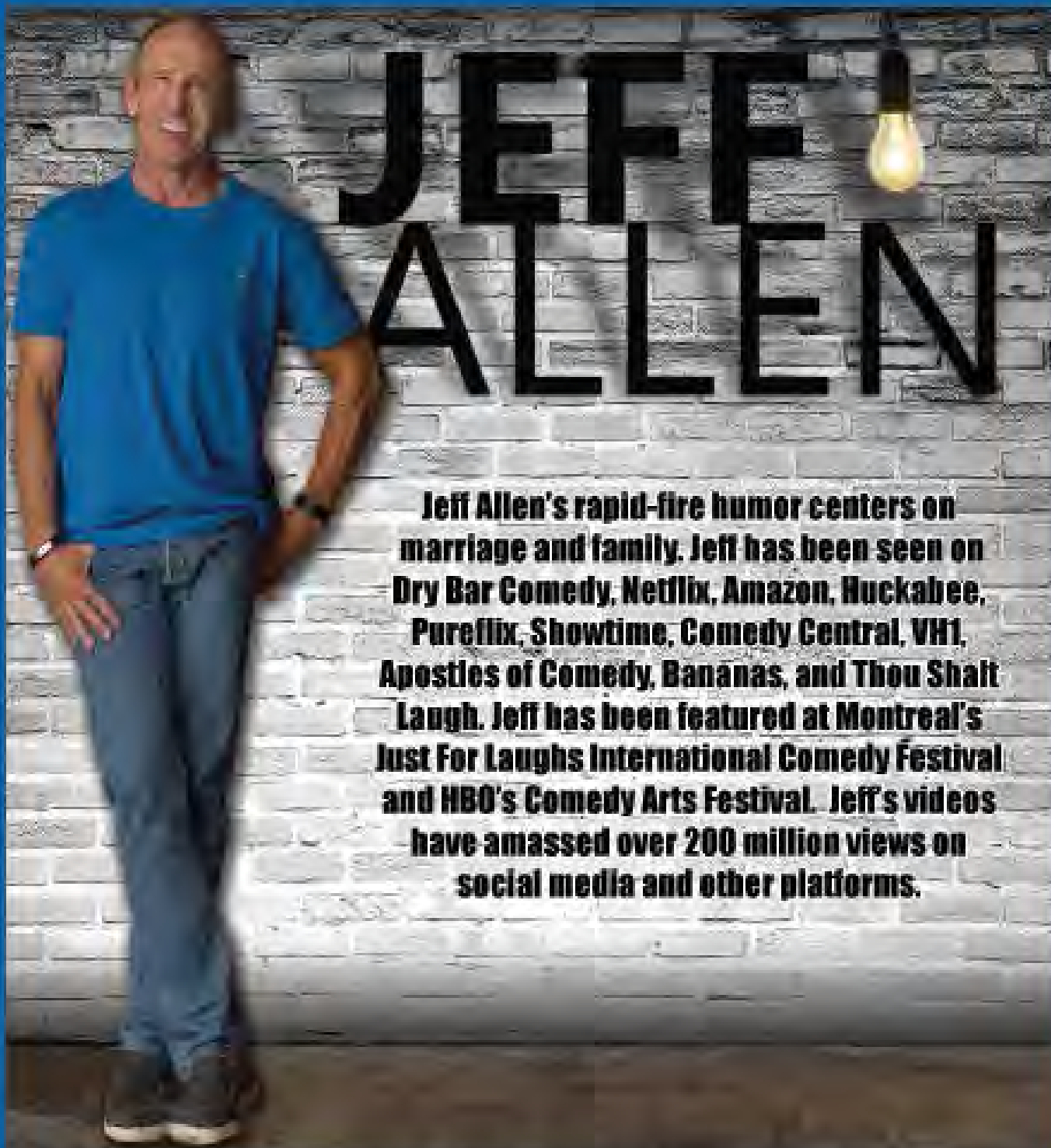
*Ricky's theme for our keynote address will be "Thank You For Your Service".
Ricky will share thought provoking experiences from his life through friendship, faith,
and service to motivate and inspire.*

Get ready for an Amazing fun show that includes Amazing Sleight of Hand, Squeaky – Clean Humor, and Audience Interaction during the First Lady's Fellowship Luncheon.



Joseph Young is an Internationally Acclaimed Nine-Time Award-Winning Entertainer from Big Stone Gap, Virginia who is one of the most popular magicians in America performing all over the United States from Las Vegas to Pigeon Forge. Some of his career highlights include winning the 2011 International Battle of Magicians and being named the 2004 Houdini Rising Star of Magic.

He has shared his talents throughout the United States for 25 years. Joseph performs over 120 events annually specializing in shows for corporate, family, school, churches, and non-profit organizations.



Jeff Allen's rapid-fire humor centers on marriage and family. Jeff has been seen on Dry Bar Comedy, Netflix, Amazon, Huckabee, Pureflix, Showtime, Comedy Central, VH1, Apostles of Comedy, Bananas, and Thou Shalt Laugh. Jeff has been featured at Montreal's Just For Laughs International Comedy Festival and HBO's Comedy Arts Festival. Jeff's videos have amassed over 200 million views on social media and other platforms.

"Jeff Allen is one of the funniest, most inspirational, clean corporate comedians."

2023 Kingsport Banquet Entertainment

"I'm EXCITED to be able to perform for great people like Ruritans," said Allen.

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**Meadowview Marriott
Conference Resort
and Convention Center
1901 Meadowview Parkway
Kingsport, TN 37760**

Room Reservation Options:

- Call (888) 632-3697

Reference Group Block: Ruritan
National Convention

- Go to: www.ruritan.org

Under Calendar of Events, 2023
Ruritan National Convention, click on
MeadowView



Discounted rates are \$125 per night.
Reservation cutoff date is
December 28, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE!

Convention T-Shirts Are Available
by **Pre-Sale Only!**

Please Note Size and Quantity on
Registration Form.

(They will not be available at National Convention)



2023 NATIONAL CANDIDATES



National President Elect

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CLUB: Member of Creeds Ruritan Club since 1980. Served as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All Standing Ruritan National Committee Chairs and member Scholarship Committee.

DISTRICT: Holland District Governor, Lt. Governor, and Foundation Chair. Holland Zone 4 Governor and Lt. Zone Governor.

NATIONAL: Ruritan National Foundation Trustee for 5 years, Ruritan National Foundation President in 1999. National Director 2018-2020. Non-Board Publications Committee member from 2016-2018, Non-Board Member Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Non-Board Member Nominating Committee, Welcome Committee Chair for 2019. Sergeant-at-Arms/Ambassador and participant in the Flag Ceremony. Attended 25 plus National Conventions as a Delegate. Ruritan Forever and Tom Dowing Fellow.

EDUCATION: Kellam High School. Virginia Wesleyan University – Elementary Education (K-7). Old Dominion University – Masters of Education with endorsement in School Administration.

OCCUPATION: Forty-two years in Education (20 years as Third and Fourth Grade Teacher, 22 years as School Administrator). Administrator of Her-Bess Farms Permanent Scholarship Fund and Davenport Family Endowed Scholarship at Virginia Wesleyan University.

OTHER: Member of Cava Christian Church. Past Board Member of International Alliance for Invitational Education (five years). Sentara Princess Anne Family and Patient Advisory Board. Board Member of Pungo Strawberry Festival.



2023 NATIONAL CANDIDATES



National Director

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CLUB: Member of Lovingston-Rockfish Ruritan Club since 1987. Served as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

DISTRICT: Woodrow Wilson District Zone Governor, Lt. Governor 2016, Governor 2017, Growth & Development Chair 2018-19, Leadership & Development Chair 2020, Website/Facebook Coordinator 2016-20. Association Virginia Ruritans Member & Director.

NATIONAL: National Director 2018-21, Youth Committee Chair 2020-21, Youth Camp Staff, Sergeant at Arms, Flag Ceremony, Leadership Conferences, Attended National Conventions as Delegate, National Convention Workshop Presenter, Tom Downing Fellow, Ruritan Forever, President's Golden Key Holder 35+ members.

EDUCATION: Lakeland High School, Lakeland FL. Lee University, Cleveland TN. Northwestern University, Chicago IL.

OCCUPATION: University of Virginia (Retired) Prosthetics & Orthotics, Certified Orthotist, Certified Pedorthist. University of VA Community Service Award. U.S. Department of Labor National Occupational Information Network (O*NET).

OTHER: Adventure Camp, Inc. – Board/Staff Member, Lovingston Village Association – President, Nelson County Parade Association – Treasurer, Rockfish Valley Ruritan Park Foundation – Treasurer, Past AOPA Member & ABC Committee Member, and Church of God, Teacher, Choir Member, Soloist, Church & Pastors Council. Married to Camille, seven children, 24 grandchildren and one great-grandson.



National Director

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CLUB: Member of Cool Spring and Troutman Ruritan Club. Served as President, Vice-President, Board of Trustees, Chair of Fundraising Committee and Overseer of Ruritan Building.

DISTRICT: Zone Governor and Growth & Development Chair.

NATIONAL: Attended the National Convention in 2022 and Summer Leadership Conference 2021 & 2022.

EDUCATION: Associates Degree in Building Construction Technology

OCCUPATION: 30 years of Sales experience and Construction experience.

OTHER: Board of Directors for Camp Carrollwood, Youth Leader for New Salem UMC and Bethel. Board of Trustees for Cool Springs UNC, team leader for UMCOR – 15 mission trips, Board of Directors for Matthew 25. Married to Kelly Hobbs with one son and one daughter.



2023 NATIONAL CANDIDATES



National Director

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CLUB: Club President 2014, Club Vice President 2013, Club Secretary 2012, Club Treasurer 2015-2021, Chair of Club Bylaws Committee, Public Service Committee and Social Development Committee for Central Chesterfield Ruritan Club. Served as Chaplain for Central Chesterfield Ruritan Club from 2014 to present.

DISTRICT: Appomattox District Governor 2022, District Secretary 2015-2019, and 2021, Zone Governor 2020. Served as Chaplain for the Appomattox Ruritan Club from 2016 to present.

NATIONAL: Attended Ruritan National Convention in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2022; Served as an Ambassador in 2022; Attended Ruritan National Leadership Conference in 2021 and 2022.

EDUCATION: Graduated from Midlothian High School; Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies from J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, Bachelor of Applied Studies Degree from the University of Richmond; Master of Divinity Degree from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond.

OCCUPATION: Worked as a secretary/paralegal in the legal field for 29 years. Certified Professional Legal Secretary, Certified Professional Paralegal, Part-time Pastor – Bagby Memorial Baptist Church in Burkeville, VA from November 2018 – November 2020. Certified Clinical Chaplain – Central Virginia VA Health Care Center in Richmond, VA from September 2018 – Present.

OTHER: I am a widow and have four grown children and one granddaughter. I have been a member of the Order of Eastern Star since 1984 and served as Worthy Matron for my local chapter in 2004; after which I served as Secretary and Chaplain. I served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the Richmond Association of Legal Professionals. I served as the State Treasurer and Secretary for the Virginia Association of Legal Professionals. I have been an active member of Central Baptist Church in Richmond, VA since 1992 and served on the Leadership, Cemetery, Personnel Committees and served as Deacon for nine years. I enjoy reading, the outdoors, bowling, swimming, and being with those I love.



Foundation Trustee

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CLUB: Member of Chesterfield Ruritan, served as Secretary, Director, Vice President and President. Citizenship & Patriotism Committee Chair, Public Service Committee Chair, Nominating and Audit committee, member of several other committees. Chesterfield Ruritan of the Year, Outstanding Committee Chairman, and Otto Witt Award, Ruritan Forever and President's Gold Key recipient.

DISTRICT: Appomattox District Cabinet, served as Lt-Zone 4 Governor, Zone 4 Governor and Zone 6 Governor. Served on several committees. Appomattox District Ruritan of the Year.

NATIONAL: Sergeant-at-Arms National Convention, attended Summer Leadership Conference.

EDUCATION: John F. Kennedy High School, Braxton Business College, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. accounting, bookkeeping, medical billing and secretary certification, medical coding certification.

OCCUPATION: Medical biller/process lead at HCA (17 years), West End Anesthesia (assistant office manager, on the board for 401k committee) (20 years), Dart Drug (head cashier supervisor) (3 years)

OTHER: Member of Board of Directors Chesterfield County Fair, prior Boy Scout leader, soft ball coach. PTA treasurer, East End Womens Club, treasurer and vice president. Member of American Legion. Married, with two children, and four grandchildren. Love traveling and reading books.



Summer Leadership Conference 2022



**Hotel Roanoke
&
Mill Mountain Zoo**





Thanks to the generosity of our members, clubs, and districts, we were able to donate \$1100 to the Mill Mountain Zoo.

The money was used to purchase paint and paint supplies to give their structures a face-lift.

The zoo went from a dated brown and green color scheme to a fresh beige and navy in celebration of their 70th anniversary.

Many thanks to approximately 50 Ruritan volunteers who descended upon the zoo on Friday evening to undertake painting several of the structures.

President Elect Michael Morrison would also like to thank everyone who graciously donated

Rudy Bears to DePaul Community Resources during the Summer Leadership Conference. Together we were able to present them with 216 Rudy Bears!



DRIVER IS SMOKIN' !



Driver held its first barbeque chicken dinner for 2022. Old and new customers enjoyed barbequed chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll and drink, for eat-in or takeout. New club members were introduced to the fine art of barbecuing chicken on a large outdoor pit. The club is already planning their next barbeque ribs and chicken dinner fundraisers. Funds raised help to support local Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Girl Scout troops, American Legion Boys State, and the Suffolk Animal Society.

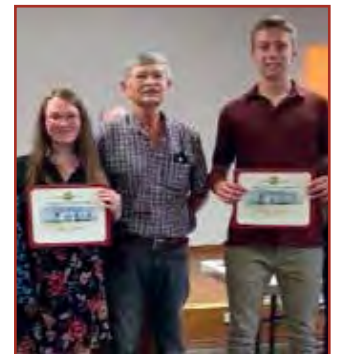


GRASSFIELD INVESTS IN THE FUTURE

Grassfield awarded two scholarships for 2022. Pictured are Club President Russell Gwynn with recipients Amanda Calverley and Ethan Barham.



The club also welcomed Preston Golden as a new member. Preston is the grandson of Club Secretary Betty Johnson and has already been helping with club events and work around the building. Pictured is our youngest member, Preston, with our oldest charter member, Eddie Vincek. Eddie is also one of the last surviving Iwo Jima Marine veterans.



SMITHFIELD GOES CRUIZIN'



Smithfield recently hosted the Smithfield Ruritan Cruise-In, which gave participant Frank Vaughan an opportunity to show off his 1968 Ford Mustang "Cardinal Edition" Coupe. Others enjoying the evening were (l-r) club members Jeff Miller, Brenda Redd, Julie Hopkins, and Kirk Ring.



The club donated funds and enjoyed a display of quilts made by the Angel Quilters of Trinity United Methodist Church. Pictured are Glen Schlickemeyer, Nancy Trudeau, Julie Hopkins, and Emily Trudeau. The Angel Quilters provide the quilts for children in need.



News From Ruritan: **Holland District**

MEHERRIN CELEBRATES 60 YEARS



Meherrin celebrated their 60th anniversary with charter member Maxie Moore (center). Maxie was a 22-year-old farmer when he joined Ruritan in 1962. Pictured (l-r) are David Thomas, Dave Thomas, Maxie, Bobby Wrenn, and Robert Grizzard.

The club received the 2021 Blue Ribbon Award. It was presented to Club President

Mike Strickland by Holland District Governor John Curling (left).



Club member Brett Allen was awarded scholarships by both the Holland District Foundation and the Meherrin club. He will attend Southside Virginia Community College in Alberta, VA. Pictured (l-r) are Robert Grizzard, Mike Terry, Craig Allen, Brett, and Club President Mike Strickland.

HICKORY, PRINCE GEORGE, AND SUFFOLK AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS



Prince George awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to Prince George High School graduates at the June club meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee members Bob Dyer, Katie Gensler, and Doug Holc, with recipients Rileyanne Collins, Haley Collins, Ashley Renn, Emily Hannuksela, Joshua Dendler, and Club President Raymond Clark.



In June, the **Suffolk** Club hosted their annual scholarship night. They awarded 13 scholarships to local high school graduates bound for higher learning.



In July, **Hickory** Scholarship Committee chair Steve Etzell presented the club's 2022 scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Thomas Patterson, Lindsay Johnson, Mackenzie Taste, Justin Lin, and Morgan Garcia.

News From Ruritan: **Holland District**

HOLLAND WELCOMES NEW MEMBER



Holland Club President Curtiss Johnson welcomed new member John Outland (left) at the June meeting. Jenna Cain, A Nansemond River High School graduate, was selected for the 2022 club scholarship. Jenna will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall. Her mother, Katherine Cain, was also in attendance. Pictured (l-r) are Katherine, Club President Curtiss Johnson, and Jenna.



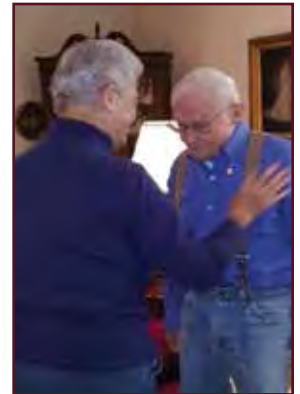
News From Ruritan: **Chesapeake District**

ATLEE HONORS BOWLES

Atlee recognized and celebrated James “Jimmy” Bowles for 50 years of faithful service to the club. Club President Gigi Foster presented his 50-year pin, which was pinned on by his wife, Betty. Jimmy is an asset to the club and exemplifies the Ruritan motto of “Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.”



The club sponsored a patriotic essay contest for 6th graders at Chickahominy Middle School in Hanover County, Virginia. The winners and their families attended the May club meeting. Each winner was awarded a cash prize for their efforts. Pictured (l-r) are Della Bowman- 1st place, Ava Riley- 2nd place, and Emma Grace Joyner and Harshit Sompalli - 3rd place. Congratulations to these students and future leaders!



MONTPELIER HOSTS FISH FRY

Montpelier held its annual fish fry for members and community guests on July 7, 2022. They were joined by the local Boy Scout Troop who performed a flag retirement service at the end of the evening. Club members Dick Jones and Frankie Jones (right) cooked the fish and hush puppies. Dan Johnson (standing) explained the flag retirement ceremony.



ABINGDON COMMITS TO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

In April, the **Abingdon** Club attended a third-grade assembly at the Achilles Elementary School for The Dictionary Project. The students joined the club members to receive their dictionaries, play dictionary games and discuss dictionary phrases. The students also had a chance to win a thesaurus and synonym and antonym book by writing a short essay explaining why they love their dictionary. The club's Public Service Committee was instrumental in presenting the program. Pictured (l-r) (front) are Julianna Woolley, Regina Scott, Sid Dugas, Janet Kyle, Ann Yoder, Betsy Tuttle, John Snyder, Dianne Woolley, Barry Foskit, Ann Dugas, Barbara Priest, Walter Priest, and Gary Gergtholdt.



In June, 14 members of the club picked up trash at the public boat landing at Brown's Bay and Maundy's Creek in support of Clean the Bay Day. The group collected over a ton of trash which was hauled away by Club Member Jim Stevens of B&S Refuse. Pictured (l-r) are Don Sciria, Lynn Onesty, Jhie Hale, Rose Taylor, Mike Ekdahls, David Simmons, John Snyder, Rick Taylor, Allen Scales, Jim Stevens, and David Kyle. Not pictured are



David Onesty, Yvonne Scales, and Sid Dugas.

The club donated \$2000.00 to the Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue. The squad has been active since 1946. Club Vice President Mary Lou Shepherd presented the check to Bruce Soles and Lewis Horsley.



The club made a \$1000.00 donation to Union Baptist Church to assist with the operation of their food pantry. Pictured are Pastor Richard Whiteheart, Pastor Jared Berry, Club Vice President Mary Lou Shepherd, Food Pantry Manager A. B. Fulcher, Yvonne Scales, Tony Dziadul, Joel Coates, Rupert Thomas, and Allen Scales.



Abingdon made a monetary donation to Gloucester County Parks system. The Woodville Park has been undergoing renovations to the playground and sports fields. Current "WISH" list items include more shade trees, wood chip mulch to finish off the playground areas and to install more picnic tables. Superintendent of Parks Gregg Tonge, was presented a check for \$1000 by Vice President Mary Lou Shepherd.



The club recently made a \$1000.00 donation to the Guinea Heritage Association (GHA). The donation was presented to the GHA at Buck's Country Store and cultural museum. The Guinea Heritage Association, established in 1995, celebrates the people and traditions of a unique area of

ABINGDON (CONTINUED)

Gloucester County, Virginia, renowned for the men and women who work on the water. The GHA focuses on charitable and educational purposes, including, the preservation of the history and culture of the community of Guinea. Presenting the check on behalf of the Abingdon Ruritans is Club Vice President Mary Lou Shepherd, GHA Vice President Rose Marie Smith, LT Wells (member both Guinea Heritage Association and Abingdon Ruritan Club), and Guinea Heritage members Ginny Snowden, Sharon Zuber, and Hamilton Williams.



GLOUCESTER RECEIVES LEGION AWARD

Gloucester Club President Jackie Beyea accepted a plaque from Adjutant Rick Ward of American Legion Post 75. The plaque was in appreciation for the club's active participation in the American Legion Family Youth Programs. Ward recognized that even though the club could not hold any of its fundraising projects the last two years because of COVID restrictions, it never wavered in sponsoring Gloucester Boys State, Girls State, and Law Cadet youths. Pictured (l-r) are American Legion Auxiliary Unit 75 President Carolyn Vasta, Adjutant Ward, and Club President Beyea.



The club hosted Pastor Wendy Roundy and her husband, Doug, (pictured right) at their May meeting. Pastor Wendy shared about her work with the homeless and how she became the founder and CEO of two non-profit organizations headquartered in Gloucester. Helping the Homeless Ministries distributes food and toiletry items throughout five counties each month, and IAmJesusGal Ministries helps international pastors establish evangelistic ministries.



Also in May, Club President Jackie Beyea and Zone 4 Governor Don Sandridge welcome new members Judith Williams (left) and Eric Engle (far right) to the club. Additionally, Chesapeake District Zone 4 Governor Don Sandridge presented two certificates to President Jackie in recognition of the club's support of Operation



We Care and the Birthday Club program.

Gloucester held its first yard sale in the spring. There was something for everyone including furniture, golf clubs, tools, and more. The community was supportive of the new fundraiser and plans include another yard sale in the fall.

News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

PIANKATANK HONORS MR. & MRS. WARD

Piankatank joined club member John Ward and his wife as they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed lunch together and shared some of their favorite wedding memories. John has been a dedicated member of Piankatank Ruritan Club since January 1, 1984.



CORRECTION:

Summer Issue, page 19, *Doswell Honors Christmas Mothers*, Carolyn Bowles' name was spelled incorrectly. We apologize for the error.

News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District

WARRENTON PICNICS AND PERFORMS



Warrenton held their annual June picnic. Members met in the Rady Park Warrenton Ruritan Club Pavilion. Even though a storm tried to dampen the festivities, the sun broke through, and attendees enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship.



In July, the club announced the recipients of its four \$1000 scholarships. Pictured are recipients Becca Henegar (center), with her father, Heath Henegar and Scholarship Committee Chair Roger Sites. Also pictured are recipient Connor Allen Harcarik (right), with Club Treasurer John Shiflett (left) and Roger Sites. Other recipients were Ryan Taylor and Luke Harris.



The club sponsored a local theater production of *Willy Wonka Jr.* The production was a culmination of a youth theatre camp and the Vint Hill Theatre Group, with kids from ages 8 to 18. Admission was free for the community. Club member John Schlenker coordinates the biannual event with the Fauquier Community Theatre production group.

News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District

IT'S APPLE BLOSSOM TIME!

National President Glen Broadwater and First Lady Linda (left), along with Past National President Linward Hedgspeth and First Lady Anne (below) attended the 2022 Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival.



Both couples got to ride in the festival's parades.

National Director Dennis Bagnell, and wife Denise, served as their hosts for the weekend.



Pictured (l-r) are Past President Linward and Anne, National President Glen and First Lady Linda, and National Director Dennis and Denise Bagnell.

News From Ruritan: Appomattox District

CHESTERFIELD VA CELEBRATES FLAG DAY

In celebration of Flag Day, June 14, 2022, **Chesterfield (VA)** hosted a Flag Retirement Ceremony. A local Boy Scout troop presented the program. They began with the presentation and Pledge of Allegiance. The flag was then cut into four pieces - three red and white striped pieces and the uncut blue star field. The



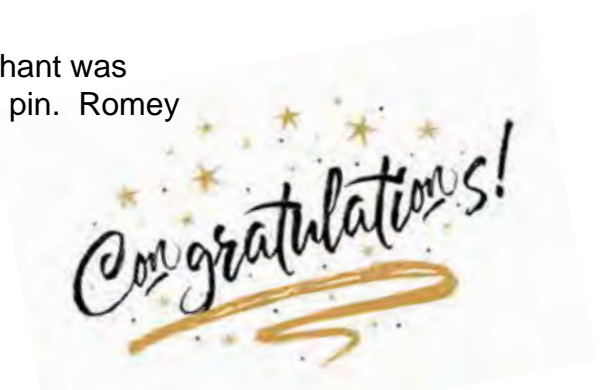
pieces were placed on the fire, along with other retired flags. The Scouts stood nearby until the fire was gone. They gathered the ashes which were taken to be buried in an appropriate place. It was a solemn ceremony and a reverent tribute to our well-used American Flags.



POWHATAN HONORS 60 YRS



Powhatan club member Romey Merchant was presented with his 60-year membership pin. Romey joined the club on May 1, 1962.



SPOUT SPRING HOSTS SENIORS



Spout Spring hosted its annual Senior Day Luncheon. Over 75 area seniors enjoyed the meal and a game of bingo. Several of the club's 2022 scholarship recipients helped with the event. This year, the club awarded a total of \$40,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and returning college students.



CLIFFORD STAYS BUSY

Clifford has been busy with lots of activities that included an Easter Sunrise Service, pancake dinners, a fish fry, and Brunswick stew sale. The club also awarded scholarships to several 2022 graduating high school seniors. The club was honored by the Amherst County Chamber of Commerce as the 2022 Non-Profit of the Year.



FOREST HILL CELEBRATES 70TH

Forest Hill celebrated their 70th anniversary with a meal from Kings Island and an ice cream cake from Dairy Queen.

The club filled 48 backpacks, 24 for 2nd grade and 24 for 4th grade, with supplies for the upcoming school year at Linkhorne Elementary School. Club member Deborah Thompson coordinated the effort with the local Staples Office Supply.



GLADE HILL HOSTS ANNIVERSARY EVENT



Glade Hill hosted guest speakers National President Glen Broadwater and Past National Director Roger Gammons at the celebration of the club's 10th anniversary. Pictured (l-r) is National President Glen Broadwater, Club President Gary Solomon, and Past National Director Roger Gammons. National President Broadwater presented President Gary with a certificate recognizing the club's anniversary.



Additionally, Franklin County High School Seniors Lindsay Smith and Quynh Tran were each awarded a \$500 scholarship in recognition of their academic excellence and leadership abilities. Pictured is Fellowship Committee chair Danna Hayes (r) with Lindsay.



CLUBS PROMOTE EDUCATION WITH SCHOLARSHIPS



Club Secretary Jen Morton represented **Lynch Station** at the Altavista Combined School Senior Awards, where she had the pleasure of awarding two of her former students with the club's 2022 scholarships. Kristopher Schultz, son of club member Kirk Schultz, and Macy Shelton, daughter of club member Derek Shelton, were each awarded \$550 for the upcoming school year.

Madison Heights Club President Jimmie Moorefield presented their 2022 scholarship to Peter Garrison (right). Peter plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida.



New London Club President Venus Wilmer presented scholarships to recipients Mya Martin (l) and Madison Martin (r) at the club's May meeting. The club gave a total of eight \$500 scholarships for 2022.



Join Us in Kingsport!



ATKINS RIDES IN STYLE



Atkins Club decorated an ATV for their entry in the Memorial Day Parade in Marion, Virginia. Southwest Virginia District Governor Jimmy Sheets was on hand to install new member



Kenny Waddell, and Club Member Gracie Umbarger, pictured with Club Vice President Donna Bently, was the recipient of the club's 2022 scholarship.



BONSACK BLUERIDGE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP



Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area recently awarded two \$1000 scholarships to students from William Byrd High School and Lord Botetourt High School. The scholarships are awarded based on the student's service to the community as well as academic achievements. Pictured is Club Member Deedie Kagey with scholarship recipient Cadence Wilkerson. Cadence was a 2022 valedictorian at William Byrd High School and will be attending Roanoke College in the Fall.

MILLBORO CELEBRATES MOTHERS

Millboro had a record turnout for their Annual Mothers' Day Luncheon which had been on hiatus for 2 years. The club has also planned chicken barbeques throughout the summer and continue to run concessions at the local recreation department ballgames. Pictured are the beautiful table settings at the luncheon.



The club recently honored Club Member Naomi McCray (left) for bringing five new members to the club. She was awarded the President's Gold Key and 5-member bar. Naomi and her husband, James, are both Ruritan Forevers and are considered vital members of the club.

NATURAL BRIDGE AND SHARON AWARD TOM DOWNING FELLOWS



Natural Bridge honored club member Scott Hannah for his outstanding leadership. He was recognized with a Tom Downing Fellow from the National Foundation. Earnings from this fund help support the Foundation's Build Your Dollars (BY\$) program. Scott has been instrumental in coordinating with the local school district for presentation of the club's scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Becky Hannah, Scott Hannah, and Bill Braford.



Sharon Club Member Kathleen C. Rumpf was recently honored with the Tom Downing Fellow Award. Kathleen's daughter, Linda Archer, pinned her mother with the Tom Downing Fellow Pin. Also in attendance were Zone Governor Al Durham, and National Directors Larry Bowman and Cassandra Flanagan. Kathleen was recognized for her many years of service to the club, which started even before women were allowed to join. Kathleen worked with her husband, charter member George (Buck) Rumpf, and other Ruritan wives by hosting club board meetings and cooking for monthly dinner meetings in their homes until the purchase of the club house. Kathleen is the club's official apple butter "taster," and holds the title of top fried apple pie maker, which are popular at the Clifton Forge Shriner Fall Festival. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Mike Layton, National Director Cassandra Flanagan, Kathleen, and Linda Archer.

LOVINGSTON-ROCKFISH REWARDS OUTSTANDING EFFORTS

Lovington-Rockfish awarded several scholarships for 2022. Pictured (l-r) Max Schneider received the S. O. Mawyer Citizenship Award, Ismael Monroy received the Rockfish Valley Ruritan Park Foundation Scholarship, and Alora Minor and Savannah Ramsey each received a Lovington-Rockfish Ruritan Club Scholarship.



Club Treasurer Ed Hicks received his 35-member bar for his President's Gold Key. He was "pinned" by Club President (and wife) Camille Hicks.

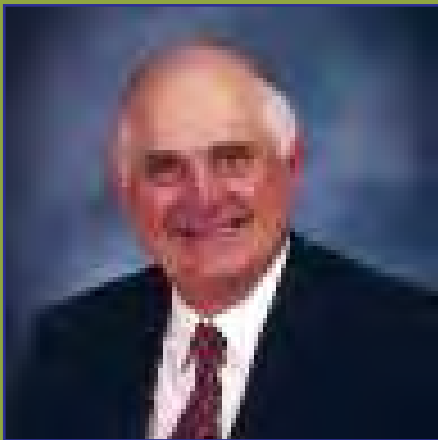
DEERFIELD RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Deerfield Club received the Woodrow Wilson District Club Growth & Development Award for 2021.

Club President Susan Dula accepted the award from Woodrow Wilson District



PAST NATIONAL DIRECTOR DON HANGER REMEMBERED



Past National Director (1991-1993) James Donald "Don" Hanger, 86, husband of Mary Sue (Campbell) Hanger passed away Friday, June 3, 2022, at Augusta Health in Fishersville, Virginia. Don was a life-long member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, a veteran of the United States National Guard and a member of the Middlebrook Ruritan Club.

For over thirty years, Don was an educator, teaching electrical wiring courses at Valley Vocational Technical Center. After retiring, he devoted much of his time to operating Berry Moore Farm. He was always civic-minded and loved Augusta County. He proudly served twelve years on its Board of Supervisors, with half of that time as Chairman or Vice-Chairman. He was a founding member of the Augusta Expo, serving as its second president, and helped to re-establish the annual County Fair. He was a leader in his church and as an active Ruritan, once served as Ruritan National Convention Chair.

In addition to his wife of 64 years, Mr. Hanger is survived by a daughter, Teresa S. Hanger and husband Thomas D. Bridgers, Jr. of Greenville; two sons, Neil C. Hanger and wife Penny of Staunton, and Scott A. Hanger of Greenville; a brother, Thomas L. Hanger and wife Joyce of Staunton; a granddaughter, Brittany Pitsenbarger and husband Daniel; twin great-grandchildren, Mason Dale Pitsenbarger and Saylor Grace Pitsenbarger; and a very special and devoted friend, Joe Vecchioli.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church Cemetery by Pastor Lance Braun.

BRIDGEWATER PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Bridgewater Club presented several scholarships to local students for 2022. Blue Ridge Christian School graduates Jonathan Williams, Sarah Grace Hilliard, and Kolbi Henderlite, and Turner Ashby High School graduate Brenna Looney each received the Reese Williams Memorial Scholarship. The Build Your Dollar (BY\$) scholarship went to Matthew Beach, also a Turner Ashby graduate, and



Kyle Evick, a sophomore at WVU, received the David Evick Memorial Scholarship. Pictured is Scholarship Committee Chair Ron Williams (center) with Brenna Looney (l) and Matthew Beach (r).



In July, Samuel Wright, Whitney Reusser, and Molly Wright were installed as the newest club members. Sam, Whitney, and Molly are the 4th generation of their family to participate in the club. Ron Williams (right) was recognized for 40 years of membership.



MONTEZUMA CELEBRATES HISTORY



Montezuma celebrated their 60th Anniversary on July 18th. The club was chartered in 1962, sponsored by the Clover Hill Club.

Club President Ron Shickel read highlights from the club minutes recorded during the first year.

Charter member Sam Rohrer was present along with Zone Governor Rick Keyton and District Lt. Governor and Clover Hill Member James Shiflet.



ROCKINGHAM LUNCHEON HOSTS CHALLENGER BASEBALL

Rockingham Luncheon met in May 2022, at Oakdale Park in Bridgewater, Virginia. Guests included Ava Grace Forrie, the club's scholarship recipient and her family, as well as Ruritan National President Elect Mike Morrison, Ruritan National Director Perry Marshman, Rockingham District Lt. Governor



Jeff Roadcap, and Rockingham District Governor Tom Drinkwater, (pictured with Club President David Grimm, center).

Jo Ann Wenger was presented with the 2021 Outstanding Club Secretary Award and James Driver received the 2021



Outstanding Club President Award. Club President David Grimm accepted the Blue Ribbon award for 2021. The club also received new members Kathy Burke, Nancy Barbour, and Ed Sandy.



Following the meeting, the club hosted a Challenger Baseball game and provided a hot dog dinner to 150 participants and families. Little League Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges.



MT. PLEASANT MD, AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Mt. Pleasant MD recently honored five scholarship recipients and their families at their May meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Hannah Ratchford, Ryann Brunner, Martin Ratchford, Lindsey Green, and Claire Smith. Hannah is a 2020 graduate of Linganore High School, currently enrolled in the School of Nursing at James Madison University. Ryann, who will attend the University of Maryland and major in Business Administration, is a 2022 Walkersville High School graduate. Marty is a 2022 graduate of Linganore High School and plans to attend Elizabethtown College to study Computer Science and Engineering. Lindsey graduated from Linganore in 2021 and plans to transfer from Frederick Community College to Towson University to continue her studies in education and special education. Claire, a 2022 graduate of Walkersville, plans to attend Waynesburg University in the fall to major in Human Services with a focus in Speech/Language Pathology.



MAUGANSVILLE MD AND ST. THOMAS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Maugansville MD awarded \$4000 in scholarships for 2022. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Eric Meridith, recipients Jessa Garwood, Jessica Munch, and Logan Arch, Club President Kevin Brewer, and Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Carl Galigan.



St. Thomas Area awarded \$1,250.00 in scholarships to area students at their June meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Chairperson Shellie Veritz, and scholarship winners Kayleigh Linn and Gage Ashway.

DURANTS NECK REWARDS VOLUNTEERS

Durants Neck awarded two scholarships this year to Katelyn Sharber and Timothy Reed. The \$1500 scholarships were presented by Club President Lynn Mathis. Katelyn has completed her second year of college and will be attending the College of the Albemarle to continue her studies towards becoming a registered nurse. Last year, Katelyn volunteered her time to help at the vaccination clinic at the Perquimans County Recreation Center along with several Ruritan Club members. Timothy Reed will also be attending the College of the Albemarle and is enrolled in their pre-mechanical engineering program. He hopes to transfer to Western Carolina to study mechanical engineering. Tim volunteered with the club last summer and assisted with our annual auction. The scholarships are made possible through the club's fundraisers. In addition to scholarships, the club helps to support the Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department, Senior Bingo, Project Patriot, the Food Bank of the Albemarle, and much more. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Lynn Mathis, Timothy and Katelyn.



HALL AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



Congratulations to **Hall** Club 2022 scholarship recipients Lilly Grant and Megan Bailey. Pictured is Club President Joyce Eure (center) with Lilly (l) and Megan (r).



News From Ruritan: Roanoke District

EVERETTS HOSTS BINGO FUN

Everetts has been hosting Bingo on Wednesday afternoons and the group has grown each week. Pictured is Club President Nancy Hardison calling the numbers. Club members make homemade goodies for everyone to enjoy. Pictured are some of the ladies participating in Bingo Hat Day.



ROBERSONVILLE RECOGNIZES RECIPIENTS



Robersonville Club President Doug Killingsworth presented a scholarship for \$750 to Margaret Taylor. She plans to attend Craven Community College. She was joined by her father, Brian Taylor (left). Additionally, the club's Build Your Dollar (BY\$) scholarship was awarded to Elizabeth

Stalls. She plans to attend East Carolina University.



BETHESDA MARKS 32 YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIPS



Bethesda awarded scholarships for their 32nd year, totaling over \$500,000 in educational financial assistance. This year's recipient, Cody Snipes, received the W.E. Rice Scholarship, which provides tuition for 4-years. Chloe Barbee and Peyton Paschall each received a Bethesda Ruritan Club monetary scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Charles Lee, Ms. Barbee, Mr. Snipes, Ms. Paschall, and Scholarship Committee Chair Jim Caddell.

LYNNS CROSSROADS STAYS BUSY

Lynn's Crossroads had a busy summer! In May, the club hosted a Community Day, with participation by the NC Forestry Service, Lemon's Wrecker Service, Durham Sheriff's Department, and local Master Gardeners. They also held their Spring Fling Vendor/Craft Fair with 16 vendors participating.

In June, Marshall and Geneva Ross, along with Roger and Sandra Dean attended the Summer Leadership Conference in Roanoke, VA. The

club presented two scholarships for 2022 to Melissa Whitaker and Jacob Chandler. As part of their application, they had to write an essay about "Why Ruritan Clubs are Important to Communities," which they read at the June club meeting.

LCRC welcomed eight new members this quarter, M&J Realty (Joe Mitchell), Matt Stone Farm Bureau, Joe Mitchell and his son, Bryson, Shawn and Christine Martin, and their daughter, Savannah.

They also celebrated their sixth Ruritan Forever, Geneva Ross. Geneva joined the club in 2016 and has served as a director and event coordinator. She currently serves as Club Secretary. Other activities have

included a community bingo night and, with help from the local Girl Scouts, collecting pop tops for Ronald McDonald House.



MEADOW CREEK PRESENTS GOLD KEY AND SCHOLARSHIPS

National Director and **Meadow Creek** Club Secretary Ron Reid presented the President's Golden Key Award to David Brooks (right). David brought three new members into the club.

The club recognized their 2022 scholarship recipient Kenyon Isaiah Parrish and his family at their July "Family and

Friends" dinner. Kenyon is a 2022 graduate of Southern Alamance High School and will be attending East Carolina University, majoring in Interior Design. Club President Rob Giannini and Club Secretary Ron Reid presented Kenyon with a certificate recognizing his accomplishments, a check in the amount of \$1,000.00, and a Rudy Bear. Kenyon was joined by his mother, Natasha, and brothers, Jackson and Mason (pictured).



REDWOOD AWARDS SIX

Redwood awarded six \$1000 scholarships for 2022. Pictured are Club President Steve Rigsbee, Scholarship Committee member Catherine Stuart, Committee Chair Pam Thompson, and Committee member Sandra Layton with recipients Vanessa Claire Woods, Thomas Clinton Garrett, Tanner Gage Ouellette, Bethany Leigh Coleman, Peyton Danielle Paschall, and Anna Nichole Garrett.



ROUEMONT PLANS FOR FUTURE

In June, the **Rougemont** Club awarded four \$1000 scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee Chair Lawrence Daye, with scholarship recipients Natalie Garrett, Libby Wicker, Layney Harris, Courtney Hackett, and Past National President and 2022 Club President Millard Thacker. Libby will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill, and Natalie, Layney, and Courtney will be attending North Carolina State University in Raleigh.



The club recently welcomed new members Dana Elmore and Rosemary Elmore, wife and daughter of club member Zackary Elmore. Rosemary is two years old and becomes a member of the club's Ruri-Tots membership program. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Millard Thacker, Dana, and Rosemary.

WEST MOUNT SUPPORTS RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY



West Mount Club President Robby Causeway (right) presented member Bayden Collins (left) with a donation for Duke Children's Hospital for the Bayden Collins Kidney Research Fund. Since 2010, the club has donated over \$76,000 to the hospital.

The club awarded the 2022 Gold & Nadine Joyner and Russell & Peggy Cockrell academic scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Bayden Collins, recipients Sarah Rhodes, Christa Baines and Kylee Pitt, and Club President Robby Causeway.



West Mount Fire Department Chief Johnny Baines (left) accepted a donation from West Mount Ruritan Club President Robby Causeway in appreciation for all the department does to make the West Mount Community and surrounding communities safer places to live, work and play.

NEW HOPE HONORS PAST MEMBERS

New Hope gave out \$4250 in scholarships for 2022, some of which were named in honor of former club members. Pictured (seated l-r) are recipients Cooper Edmondson, the Woody Anderson Scholarship; Thad Moye, the Winston Best Scholarship; Georgia Fulgham, Build Your Dollar Scholarship (BY\$); Holly Crocker, the JoAnn Davis Scholarship; (back row) Seth Moye, the Albert Radford Scholarship; Cairns Edmondson, the Ralph Garriss Scholarship; Caleb Gray, the D.W. Kneeshaw Scholarship and Outstanding FFA Student, and Scholarship Committee Chair Nancy Dawson. (Not Pictured: Kylie Warrick received the Doug Joyner Scholarship).



PINETOWN PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Pinetown presented their 2022 Scholarships in July. Pictured (l-r) are recipient Bryson Proctor, Club Member Dale Fawver, and Club Member Abby Midyette. Bryson and Abby are both 2022 graduates of Northside High School.



JOHNSONVILLE SHOWS COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Johnsonville Club had a busy summer. In May, Cape Fear District Governor Rodger Nicely was on hand to welcome new member Rachel Ray Webb. National Teacher Appreciation Day was observed at Johnsonville Elementary. Social Development Committee members (pictured) Dianne Christensen and Lori Owen, along with Club President Karen Cox, delivered food and snacks, including three dozen sausage biscuits

donated by Bojangles. They also brought gifts of face masks, hand knitted dish cloths, scrubbies and sombrero hot pads made by club members.

The red, white and blue booth at the Cameron Antique Fair was filled with club members ready to share their Ruritan story and Ruritan's impact on the area. They also offered a free bottle of water and information on upcoming club events.



The Johnsonville Veterans Memorial received a good power washing for Memorial Day. Spout Springs Emergency Services provided the water for club members Scott Owen, Candace Edwards, and Mike Lancaster to get the job done. Local scouts (pictured)

presented the flags and raised them at the annual Memorial Day service. Hot dogs and fellowship were served after the ceremony.



The first annual flag retirement ceremony was held on Flag Day. In a moving ceremony, club members properly and respectfully retired over 110 various sized flags.

Five college scholarship winners were honored in July. President Karen Cox, left, presented \$500 checks to Mason Talbert, Katelynn Butner, Kinsley Holder, Sabina Blue and Trace Adams.

In both June and July the club hosted and provided the concessions for a local car club's monthly Cruise-In. Besides being a fundraiser, the event provides an opportunity for club members to reach out to the community and share the benefits of being a Ruritan.



ANDERSON CREEK HONORS EFFORT



Anderson Creek Club President Donna Rigby recognized Marie Taylor (right) for recruiting new members and awarded her the Golden Key to the Future.



GILBERT GETS PEACHY



Gilbert Club enjoyed the Lexington County Peach Festival on July 4th. Club members along with local Scout troops dipped 168 gallons of peach ice cream and sold 150 boxes of peaches during the day-long event! Proceeds from the sales are used to support the scouts and various community projects.



The club awarded two scholarships for 2022. The recipients were recognized at a recent club meeting. Megan Powers (left) will be attending Lander University, and Abigail Kandare (right) will be attending Furman University. Mark Forrester from Gilbert-Summit Water District and a fellow Ruritan was guest speaker for the evening. He gave many interesting details about the water district and upcoming projects.



SANDY RUN CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Sandy Run celebrated their annual “Christmas in July” by delivering fresh produce and canned goods to elderly citizens in the Sandy Run community. Every year they surprise these friends with food, candy, treats and crocheted dish cloths. The seniors appreciate the food and the visits, and the club enjoys connecting with their neighbors.

Pictured (l-r) are Herbert Geiger, Betty Geiger,

J. W. “Snooky” McCullar, Teresa Helms, Sheila Shanklin, Dr. Ferlondo Tullock, Elon Tullock, Kelley Roche-Sanders, Kay James, Ginger Hardee, Sandra Pees, Gary Hardee, Club President Jill Crim, and Becky Starnes (photo by Gerald Starnes).



The club recently welcomed new member Michelle Bradley (center). Michelle is the assistant principal at Sandy Run School K-8. She was sponsored by member Brenda Goodwin.

The club also recognized five high school graduates as their 2022 scholarship recipients. Each received a check for \$2,000. Pictured (l-r) Adam Lowder, a graduate of Calhoun Academy, plans to attend Anderson University and major in Pre-Physical Therapy; Kendall Prevatte, a graduate from Gray Collegiate Academy, plans to attend Clemson

University and major in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology; Skylar Stillinger, a graduate from Orangeburg Preparatory School, plans to attend Lander University and major in Criminology; Michael Thomas, a graduate of River Bluff High School, plans to attend Furman University and major in Computer Science; and Elon Tullock, a graduate of Calhoun County High School, plans to attend North Carolina A & T State University and major in Biology and Pre-Med. The scholarships were made possible through the club’s fundraisers and support from local businesses and individuals.



DISTRICT MOURNS PANCIONE PASSING



Joe Clinton Pancione, Sr., 85, of Augusta, West Virginia passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Born on February 14, 1937 in Augusta, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Zopito Pancione and Edna "Mentzer" Pancione. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister Anna Marie Ruddy and brother George Pancione. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lucy "Tennel" (Kidwell) Pancione, sister, Lillian "Pancione" Hines, sons Jeffrey Pancione and wife Pamela, Joe Pancione Jr. and wife Sharon, grandsons, Joe Pancione III, Tyler Pancione and wife Janel, Orie Pancione and wife Shayla, and Caleb

Pancione and wife Beth, and great grandchildren, Ryker, Reese, Rynn, Ivana, Idalynn, Iliza, Everly and Ember.

Joe held many occupations throughout his life including farmer, general store and gas station owner, partner in a tractor dealership, carpenter, insurance agent, and school bus operator. Throughout his life he gave back to his community in many ways that included serving in the United States Army Reserve West Virginia Military District, lifetime member of the Augusta Church of Christ, membership with the Augusta Volunteer Fire Department and Hampshire County Democrat Club, current board member of the Central Hampshire Public Service Department, past board member of the Hampshire Memorial Hospital, and past Chairman of the Hampshire County Democrat Executive Committee.



Joe was most known for his involvement in Ruritan National. He was the member of and aided in the chartering of many clubs. Not only did he serve many years as a member of his home club, Augusta Ruritan Club, but he also served in multiple positions at the district, regional, state and national level. In 1988 he co-founded the Rudy Bear program to provide comfort to children that have suffered from traumatic events. His most prized achievement within his time in Ruritan was being elected as the 2006 Ruritan National President.

A Celebration of Life service was held on June 14, 2022 at Hope Christian Church with Evangelist Harry "Bud" Yoder officiating. Donations may be made to the Augusta Ruritan Club to further the Rudy Bear program.

FINCHVILLE HOSTS CRAFT & YARD SALE



Finchville Director Harmon Smith presented a \$500.00 scholarship to recipient Sydney Eades. Sydney graduated from Martha Layne Collins High School and will be attending Middlebury College in Vermont studying languages. The club also hosted its 3rd annual Summer Craft and Yard Sale.



CLUBS HOST RURI-TEENS FOR PARADE

Bloomington Club and **Ketron Ruri-teens** participated in **Blountville** Ruritan's 4th of July parade. This was the first official outing for the Ruri-teens since their charter night in May.



HOLSTON PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS



Holston Club presented its 2022 scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are recipient Brenden Parton, Club President Don Goodwin, recipients Emma Niebruegge and Gracie Olinger.

Past National Director Gary Olinger was also on hand to present the Blue Ribbon Award to the club, Outstanding Club Secretary Award to Kathy Olinger and Outstanding Club President Award to Don Goodwin.

COUNTY LINE RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING EFFORTS



County Line recently awarded two Ruritan Forever's to Mark White and new member Jasper Mills. Mark, a charter member and past governor of the Georgia/North Alabama District, was recognized for his tireless efforts over decades in support of the club's various youth sports programs.

Jasper, who is eight years old and the grandson of James and Vicky Mills, was recognized for his outstanding efforts in Myrtle Beach working the campaign table for his PawPaw, along with his willingness to serve which he exhibited by holding doors open, operating elevators, and directing people to the best hospitality rooms. Jasper also wrote a report for school detailing his experience.

Pictured (l-r) is Club President James Mills, Club Treasurer Mark White, Jasper Mills, and Georgia/N. Alabama District Governor Les Hopper.

SPRING PLACE CLEANS UP

Spring Place spent a recent Saturday cleaning out one of the many springs that gave the Spring Place community its name. The site was once the location of the Lucy Hill Institute, which was later replaced with a gymnasium. The gym burned



down in the 1960's and was replaced with a picnic shed built by the Spring Place Ruritan Club. The property, owned by the Murray County Board of Education, is currently used for community events, school activities and private gatherings.

Some of the older community members swear the spring is the fountain of youth.



The club purchased three dozen Rudy Bears which were donated to several community groups. Pictured is Club Member David McDaniel with Murray County Sheriff Jimmy Davenport.



MODEL STIRS THE POT

Model sold 155 gallons of Brunswick stew to help fund the club's scholarship. Pictured are Sam Mize, Thad Rush and Steve Sluder stirring the pots.



News From Ruritan: **Ohio District**

SMITHVILLE HONORS BUSINESS

Smithville recognized local business Burkey Excavating Inc. for 50 years of excellent workmanship and quality service to the local community and across the state of Ohio. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Rick Dilyard, Ken Ryneer, Burkey Excavating Vice President Jim Frizell, Burkey Excavating President Jim Burkey, Drew Frizell, and Matt Beun.



WASHINGTON PRESENTS RUDY BEARS



Washington Public Service Committee Chair Larry Zank (r) presents Walt Hight of Akron Children's Hospital with Rudy Bears to be given to patients. The club was happy to reactivate this long-standing tradition following a two-year lapse.



BETHLEHEM SHOWS APPRECIATION

Bethlehem NC Club presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Cameron Bowen. Cameron will be attending East Carolina University.



The club participated in a Teacher Appreciation event for Bethlehem Elementary and West Alexander Middle School teachers. The club had significant support from local businesses, including associate member PJ's Seafood and Steak, McDonald's, Chili's and Publix.



CHESTERFIELD HELPS OUT

Chesterfield NC Club Treasurer Charles Duckworth presented a check to local resident Joy Bryan to help with some medical expenses. The club hosted a spaghetti supper to raise the funds.



DEEP GAP CELEBRATES



Deep Gap awarded \$5500 in scholarships to five Watauga High School students at the school awards program. Jordan Rodgers, Ruritan Foundation Build Your Dollars Scholarship (BY\$) and the Charles Rogers Memorial Scholarship; Elle Nichols also received the Charles Rogers Memorial Scholarship; Abby Keller, the Harold Eller Memorial Scholarship; and Bailey Ellis and Mia Dyer each received the Deep Gap Ruritan Club Scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are Abby Keller, Bailey Ellis, and Elle Nichols, who attended the June club meeting and were congratulated by Club President Leslie Gentry.



The club recognized and celebrated the Deep Gap Fire Department by treating them to a dinner prepared by the club. Twenty-one fire fighters enjoyed a meal of spaghetti, salad, rolls, and dessert. Club Member Bencita Brooks coordinated the event.



FOSCOE FEEDS THE HUNGRY

Foscoe collected nonperishable food items to help nine families with their Easter dinner. The items were delivered to the Valle Crucis School for distribution.



The club also hosted a fun outing for club members to The Pedalin' Pig in Banner Elk, NC.

GLENWOOD RUNS THE RACE

Glenwood NC hosted a 5k run on June 5th to raise money for needs in the community.



CEDARFIELD CELEBRATES 50TH



In May, **Cedarfield** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a banquet, where Club President Todd Davis served as Master of Ceremonies. Charter members Sam Mackert and Ronnie Robbins were recognized, and Sam presented a history of the club. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Todd Davis, Zone Governor George "Dave" Knotts, and District Governor Frank Bradley, Sam, Ronnie, and Club Vice President Tommy Eliason.

Christopher Gulledge was honored as the club's Ruritan Member of the Year. Pictured (l-r) are Christopher and Club Secretary Bobby Stokes. Christopher and Kenny Blessing led a candle lighting ceremony to honor deceased members.



Local elected officials in attendance presented a proclamation recognizing the club for its service to the community. Pictured (l-r) are Club Member Delbert Mills, State Representative Charles Postles, Jr., Club President Todd Davis, Levy Court Commissioner Eric Buckson, and State Senator Dave Wilson.

PUNGOTEAGUE

Pungoteague installed two wheelchair ramps for low-income residents in its service area. Pictured (l-r) are Malcolm White, Paul Custis, Doug Wehner, Dennis Melson, George Rams, Tom



Weeks, Ellis Dukes, David Shaw and Ed Lampman. Also pictured (l-r) are Steve Sterling, Herman Hohlt, George Rams and Dennis Melson, (back row) Doug Wehner, Jeff Proctor, Ted Sturgis, Jo Proctor, Jean Sellard, Sharlene Shrieves, David Shaw, Paul Custis and Jim Gillett. Not pictured, Sam Sellard.



The Club presented \$2,000 scholarships to four local students. The scholarships were based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and volunteer work in the community. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee member Paul Custis, Katelyn Leatherbury (standing in front of her parents, Aaron and Courtney Nottingham), Charlotte Henderson (with her parents, Peter and Suzanne Henderson), Hailey Sturgis (with her grandparents, Leonard and Miriam Sturgis) and Destiny Carrington (inset). Katelyn is attending Randolph Macon College and plans to major in nursing. Charlotte will attend the University of Virginia and plans to major in Psychology. Hailey will attend Sweet Briar and major in biology, and Destiny will major in pre-med at Longwood University.



TRI-COUNTY HOSTS KIDS NIGHT

In June, **Tri-County MD** hosted 17 children for a “Kids Night.” The children were entertained with a magic show. “Kids Night” is an annual event and one of the club’s favorite programs.



Scholarship Chair George Dent announced ten scholarship winners at a recent club meeting. The individual awards totaled \$6000. Recipients were chosen from seniors representing five local high schools throughout



Queen Anne, Talbot, and Caroline counties.

LOWER ALLOWAYS MAINTAINS CEMETARY

Lower Alloways Creek has taken on a community service project maintaining a local family cemetery. The family is no longer able to care for the cemetery, which dates from 1688, so the club has stepped in to help.



COOL SPRINGS HONORS CHARTER MEMBERS

Cool Springs awarded \$3500.00 in scholarships for 2022. New this year, a \$1000.00 scholarship honoring two charter members, Roy Lazenbey Jr. and Reid Tomlin, was presented to Timber Hobbs (pictured center with Roy and Reid). Five additional students received \$500.00 each.



MT. PLEASANT - WILKES SHOWS COMMUNITY SPIRIT

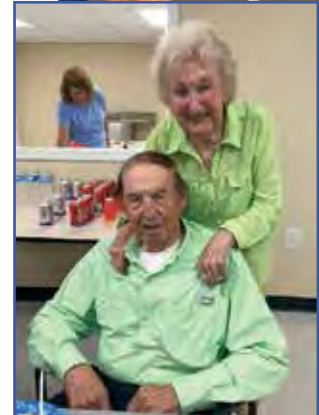


On Memorial Day, despite the rainy weather, Cub Scout Troop #325 joined **Mt. Pleasant** in honoring our deceased Ruritan veterans by placing individual flags around the club's flagpole.

In June, the club hosted an open house to showcase their newly renovated club house/ community center and helped Ward Eller celebrate his 92nd birthday. Mr. Eller has been a Ruritan member since 1965.

Ms. Lane Holbrook, a graduating senior from West Wilkes High School, was presented with a \$1000 scholarship. Lane will be attending Surry Community College.

The club also participated in a roadside cleanup to help improve the environment and conserve natural resources in the community.



SANDY RIDGE MOWS 'EM DOWN

Sandy Ridge held a raffle for a Husqvarna 42" riding lawnmower. The lucky winner was local community member Kaye Isbell. The club thanks Lewis Hutchens Garage for their support and the many club members who worked hard to make this fundraiser a success.



TROUTMAN HOLDS CHARTER NIGHT

The **Troutman** club was officially chartered on June 16, 2022. National President Glen Broadwater and First Lady Linda were on-hand to install their first club officers, Club President Amber Reep, Club Vice President Sheena Shaw, Club Treasurer Debbie Altomare, and Club Secretary Rebecca Wilbur. Twenty-five new members signed the charter, and six of those were youth. The club is already making plans to start working for their community.



PAST NATIONAL TREASURER PASSES



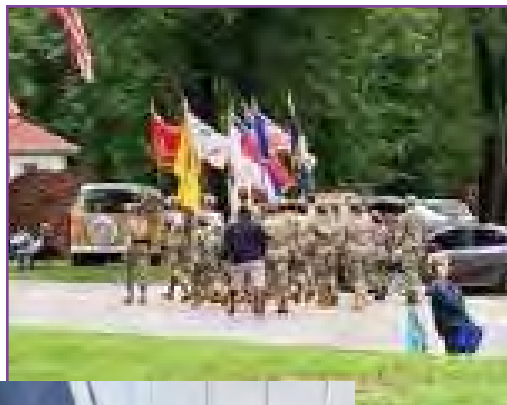
*Past National Treasurer **Fred Ester Venable**, 84, passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson. He served as Treasurer 2006-2008 and National Director 2001-2003. He also held offices at the club and district level and was a member of both the Pinnacle Ruritan Club and the South Westfield Ruritan Club*

Fred retired from Community Bank in Pilot Mountain and was a longtime member of Jessup Grove Baptist Church. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and then in the United States Army Reserves with a total of 32 years of service. He had strong sense of community and was involved with many area events and causes. Fred was a longtime member of Ararat Masonic Lodge #558 A.F. & A.M.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jane Simmons Venable; two sons, Robbie Venable (Angie) and Freddie Venable; two grandchildren, Kynlee and River Venable; two sisters, Kay Collins (Bob) and Bonnie Matthews; a special sister-in-law, Lynda Winesett; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on July 14 at his church with burial following in the church cemetery.

UNION GROVE PARTNERS ON PARADE

Union Grove partnered with the Union Grove Elementary Parent Teacher Organization to sponsor the 2022 Spring Festival. The event was headlined by a parade through the heart of



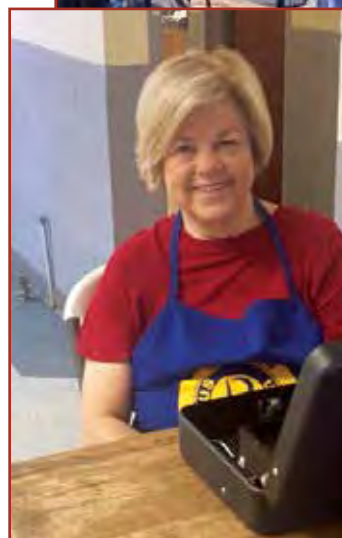
Union Grove, with several civic groups, public agencies, parade floats, antique cars, and farm vehicles participating. Vendors offered a wide variety of wares, from flowers and outdoor plants, to handcrafted items and ice cream. Civic groups promoted a variety of causes and there was



a dedicated children's area, with children's rides and activities. The event also included a food vending area and live entertainment from local musicians. Proceeds will assist the club in its mission to serve those in and around the Union Grove community.



The Club hosted its annual July 4th Ham Breakfast at the Union Grove Community Building. Over 150 people from Union Grove and surrounding Iredell County stopped by to enjoy a full range of breakfast items including country ham, biscuits, liver mush, and scrambled eggs.



ARARAT HONORS COX, HOSTS CRUISE-IN

Ararat presented a Tom Downing award to Mrs. Shelby Cox, in honor of her late husband and former club member, Jack Cox. The Cox family were treated to a covered dish meal prepared by members of the club. Pictured are Shelby Cox with Club Treasurer and District Foundation Chair Kevin Smith.



The Club hosted a Cruise-In to honor local fire, rescue, and police. Lunch was provided for emergency personnel, cruise-in participants, and attendees. David Marshall (pictured left with Club Treasurer Kevin Smith) and his 1972 Ford Pick-up was the winner of the People's Choice trophy. Rudy Ruritan (aka Charlie Bowman) and Club Treasurer Kevin Smith presented Patrick County Sheriff Dan Smith with a dozen Rudy Bears. Other community service projects included placing flags on local Veterans' graves in honor of Memorial

Day and collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House from the monthly bingo players. This project helps to allow family members to have a home away from home when a loved one is in the hospital.



Patrick County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation recognizing May 2022 as Ruritan Awareness Month. On hand for the presentation were (l-r) Red Bank Club Secretary Charlie Bowman, Ararat Club Member Mary Hill, Ararat Club Secretary Pamela Smith, Dan River District Governor Roger Gammons, Dan River District Foundation Chair Kevin Smith, and Patrick County Board of Supervisors Chair Clyde DeLoach.

DAN RIVER HELPS OUT

Dan River members got together to provide lawncare for one of their disabled members, Eugene Gallaher. Gene has been a member for nearly 60 years and was President of the club in 1999. Gene and his wife are currently residing in a nursing facility. The yard was mowed, bushes were trimmed, and debris was raked and hauled off. Pictured (l-r) are Gene's son Ron Gallaher, Frank Burdette, Barry Sides, Todd Fitts, Matt Foster, and Eddie Hite.



OAK LEVEL CELEBRATES 50!



Oak Level celebrated their 50th anniversary at a luncheon on June 11, 2022. The club was chartered on June 13, 1972. Charter members Jesse Frith and Ray Frith had the honor of cutting the anniversary cake. Past National Director and Club President Jerry Atkins received the club's 50th Anniversary certificate from National President Glen Broadwater.



The club received a proclamation from the Henry County Board of Supervisors in recognition of their 50 years of service to the community.

Additionally, Brenda Wood was presented with a Tom Downing award in honor of her service to the club.



RED BANK RUNS THE RIVER

Red Bank hosted the 39th Annual Kibler Valley River Run on July 16th. Several hundred people attended the two-mile down river race at the headwaters of the Dan River. Participants in canoes, kayaks, and rafts navigated through Class II-III rapids in several categories of competition. Pictured are Red Bank members Charlie Bowman and Linda Fain.



RANGELEY PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Rangeley recently presented its 2022 scholarships. Club President Jim McMillan presented checks to Kristie Vaughn and Mac Gordon on behalf of Hanna Vaughn, who is already at college, recipient Scott Harmon (pictured with his mother, Susan Harmon), and to Fay Moore, on behalf of Nicholas Shelton who is currently in an internship.



GEFF COMMUNITY AND ILLIANA PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Geff Community Club President Lois Moyer presented their 2022 scholarships to Nicholas Lambert and Max Fieber.



Illiana Club President Rita Woods presented their 2022 scholarship to Cami Pollard.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROADWATER AND FIRST LADY VISIT DISTRICT

National President Glen Broadwater and First Lady Linda made several stops on their recent visit to the Lincolnland District. They were able to participate in a few extra special events as well.



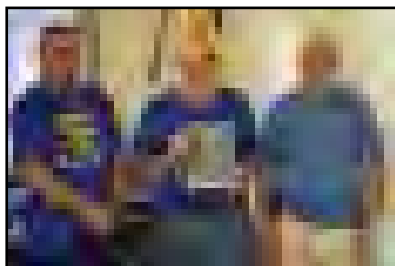
Jefferson Township Club President Andrew Houtsch (l) received the Club's 65 year Anniversary certificate.



Hymera Club President Ann Case (l) received the Club's 60th Anniversary certificate.



District Governor Beverly Tanner recognized Hymera club charter member Richard Riggs (l) for 60 yr membership, and Jerry Bledsoe (r) with 55 year membership.



Dundas member Gerald Ochs recognized for years of service.



Allendale Charter Member Paul Miller (l) recognized for years of service.



Allendale Club President (l) received the club's 65th Anniversary certificate.



National President and First Lady visit Dieterich Community Veterans Memorial.



Montgomery Ruritan Club visit.



Getting ready for the Bluford club Ice Cream Social.



Guests of Honor at Beecher City (left) and Geff Community breakfast (right).



Visit to Dubois club with District Gov. Beverly Tanner and Zone Gov. James Zehr.



News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District

District Governor Presents Awards

Lincolnland District held their Spring Awards Banquet, hosted by Geff Community. District Governor Beverly Tanner presented awards on behalf of the district. Rita Woods, **Illiana**, received 1st Place Club President and Outstanding District Cabinet Member; Lois Moyer, **Geff Community**, received 2nd Place Club President; and Earl Robertson, **Bluford Community**, received 3rd Place Club President and received the award for Highest Percent of Members present. Jim Barger, **Allendale**, received 1st Place Club Secretary; Pauline Volk, **Dundas**, received 2nd Place Club Secretary; and Sharon White, **Bluford Community**, received 3rd Place Club Secretary and the award for Highest Membership Gain. Rodney Loeffler, **Allendale**, received 1st Place Club Treasurer; David Eytchison, **Dieterich Community**, received 3rd Place Club Treasurer. Pictured (l-r) are District Governor Beverly Tanner, Lois Moyer, Jim Barger, Rita Woods, David Eytchison, Sharon White, Earl Robertson, and Pauline Volk.



News From Ruritan: New River District

PEMBROKE CLEANS UP



In May, six members of the **Pembroke VA Club** worked to clean up the roads in their community by collecting 12 bags of litter. The bags were then delivered to a Public Service Authority site.

Pictured (l-r) are Debbie Law, Bill Hogg, Leon Law, Al Coleman, Denise Davis, and Adarah Williams.



RURITAN ROAD HAS BUSY SUMMER

Ruritan Road Club hosted several activities and fundraisers during the Summer. The club was honored to assist the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery with their Memorial Day service by helping to recruit participants, directing traffic, and providing direction for those attending.

In June, the club hosted their 4th annual golf tournament, with the proceeds going to fund scholarships for students at the local high school and community college.

In July, the club hosted their third car, truck, and motorcycle show at Black Bear Harley Davidson, donated school supplies for the T.G. Howard Center backpack program, and ran Bingo at the Pulaski County Fair.



CAMP CREEK SHOWS APPRECIATION

Camp Creek members Bob and Dale Johnson were each presented 10-year membership pins by Club Vice President Tami Collins. Bob is Club Treasurer and Dale is a past Secretary.



The club presented accelerated reader awards to students at Camp Creek School. The award is presented for reading a certain number of books. Natalie Quillen (far left) received the award for reading the most books. Raylee Johnson, daughter of Club Members Robert and Koreen Johnson, also received one of the six awards.



In celebration of Flag Day, the club held their first annual flag retirement service. Citizenship and Patriotism Committee Chair

Ralph Leone and wife Carol organized and planned the ceremony. Nineteen old and worn flags were collected from the community and respectfully retired. The National Anthem was performed by Greg Fields. Tim Smithson and Ken Smith spoke of the history and significance of our flag and the respect it commands. Approximately 25 people attended that included local elected officials, club and community members. Light refreshments were served following the ceremony.



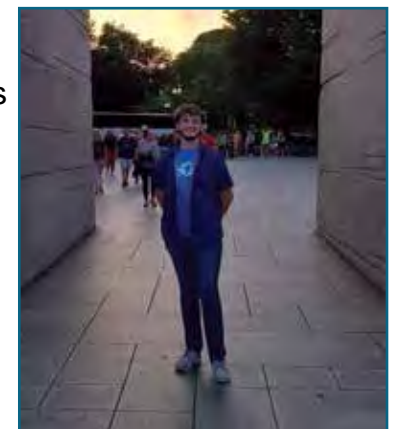
Club Vice President Tami Collins (far right) presented the President's Gold Key award to Director Robin Tullock. Robin brought two new members into the club.



In May, Camp Creek Medical Center was honored as being an important asset to their community. The Medical Center is owned by Rural Health Services Consortium, a private, non-profit corporation with twelve primary care facilities in the Northeast Tennessee area. Their mission is to provide affordable, quality healthcare to all who seek it. The club was instrumental in getting the medical center into the community and is proud of the work they do to help the local citizens. Pictured, Past Club President Tim Smithson presents a certificate of appreciation to Rural Health Services Consortium CEO Linda Buck.



Club member William Stokes was recently invited to take part in the National Student Leadership congress. Participants are given the opportunity to engage in workshops and training, researching critical and controversial current policy issues, drafting legislation, and arguing their position. William is a past Ruri-Teen of the Year recipient.



CAMP CREEK (Continued)



Camp Creek hosted a Teacher and Staff appreciation day for Camp Creek Elementary School to show appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the students of the community. Approximately 70 people, including teachers, support staff, bus drivers, custodians, and school resource officers were treated to a lunch of ham, chicken, potatoes, slaw, baked beans, and brownies.

The club held its annual 4th of July celebration for the community.

The concession crew served free hot dogs, chili dogs, popcorn, ice pops, and soft drinks. Games



of corn hole, volleyball, ring toss, and more were offered. The Camp Creek Volunteer Fire Department provided a water area that included a large water tank for anyone that wanted to too cool off, or to challenge friends to a water gun fight. A local music group entertained the crowd from our new stage. After dark, attendees, which included a Ukrainian family that had just arrived in the United

States, were treated to a fireworks show.

Additional event sponsors included Brian McAmis of

Century 21 Realty, Nick Hirschy at Interlink Mortgage, and other community member donations.



TELFORD SHARES RUDY BEARS

Telford (TN) Club donated two dozen Rudy Bears to the Washington County Sheriff's Department for use in their cruisers. Sheriff Keith Sexton spoke to the Telford Club for their monthly informative program. He emphasized the importance and the positive effect the Rudy Bears have on children who have experienced traumatic situations.

The Telford Club regularly supports both the Sheriff's Department and the local EMS with supplies of Rudy Bears. Pictured (l-r) are Chief John Lowry, Club Treasurer Susanna Chinouth, Club President Carl Daniels, and Sheriff Keith Sexton.



LIMESTONE TACKLES DIFFICULT JOB

Limestone tackled a deck demolition project for a local widow. The wood had deteriorated to the point that it had become dangerous to walk on. The project took a few Saturdays to complete and clean-up was a chore. When the 90-foot deck was built over 30 years ago, it was put together with a lot of nails. Thank goodness for magnets! Three of the club's youth members and one local volunteer helped with the high work.



Club President Tom Houston presented Rudy Bears to the Washington County Sheriff's Department and to the Limestone Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Corp. Both groups were very appreciative of the donation. They expressed how important these small teddy bears can be when a child is in a stressful situation.



WASHINGTON COLLEGE AWARDS RURITAN FOREVERS

Washington College presented three Ruritan Forever memberships in July. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Debbie Byers, Bill West, and Jimmy Hall, with Club President Patrick Loyd.



GIBBS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Gibbs awarded four \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Gibbs High School. Pictured (l-r) are recipient Zane Benziger, who will be attending East Tennessee State University, Scholarship Committee Chair Rebecca Longmire, and recipient Sharon (Shea) Jones, who will be attending Tennessee Wesleyan University. Also pictured are Club Treasurer Richard Wright, with recipients Emma Patterson (left) and Lydia Adkins (right). Lydia and Emma will both be attending The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.



DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW CLUB

Welcome new club **Sterling NE** with 20 members and growing! Officers have been installed and first club minutes recorded.



BELMONT HONORS GOODWINS

Belmont recently honored one of their oldest and most active members. For many years, Bobby Goodwin and wife, Sally, have been the driving force behind the Belmont Horse Show. Club members Angel and Doug Hough presented Bobby with a hand-painted picture of the show ring. Also recognized were Cheryl Marsh, June Duren, Peggy Rower, and others from the Belmont Club of Women, who have worked with the Belmont Club to ensure this event was a success year after year.

The club held its third annual golf tournament on May 13th. The winners at 17 under par were Steve Sedwick, Kevin Shifflet, Mike Moyers, and Jerry Haynes, representing Sedwick Building Supply.



BRIGHTWOOD RECOGNIZES 50-YR MEMBER



In June, **Brightwood** Club President Mark Ford presented club member Frank Anderson with a certificate and name badge to recognize Frank as a 50-year member of the club.



CHANCELLOR SUPPORTS SECA AND STUDENTS

Chancellor supports the Spotsylvania Emergency Concerns Association (SECA) with donations of food and other items. Dale Weber (pictured) is the club's facilitator. He estimates the club is on track to donate approximately 1,750 pounds of food to SECA for 2022.



The club held its spring yard sale with proceeds used to fund scholarships for a Spotsylvania High School student, a student at the Spotsylvania Career and Technical Center, an outstanding 4-H/FFA student, and an outstanding FBLA member.

COVE GARDEN HONORS CHARTER MEMBER



Cove Garden honored former member Sam Page. Sam was a charter member with 59 years of service prior to his death in October 2020. His family attended the celebration and accepted a Ruritan Forever plaque on his behalf.

The Club also welcomed two new members, Michael Ford and Maria Plantz (pictured left), and awarded four scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Maria Plantz, Collin Barnet, and Eva Riddervold (not pictured is Gabe Page).



MONTICELLO DEDICATES DOGWOOD

Monticello planted and dedicated a dogwood tree in memory of long-time club member, Sammy Thacker. Sammy was instrumental in helping with all our club projects, including helping with apple butter, picking up trash, and setting up for our annual picnic. Sammy will always be remembered as a special member of the Monticello Ruritan Club.



WOLFTOWN FEEDS VOLUNTEERS



Wolftown club members brought out their food trailer and cooked lunch for the Madison Day volunteers. Every year on the first Saturday in May, the volunteers go throughout the community and help with home repairs, build ramps, and trim lawns.

Club member William (Bill) Hood recently received the Tom Downing award. Bill joined the club in 1990 and went on to serve for 20 years as Club Treasurer.



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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What is a Ruritan Forever?

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

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

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

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



Ruritan Forever *A Perpetual Life Plan*

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

Your Name: _____

Your Club Name: _____

Your Address: _____ Telephone: _____

This application is for: (check one) Shirt Size _____

☐ Myself ☐ Current Member ☐ Deceased Ruritan ☐ Associate Member

Name of Applicant (If not you): _____

Applicant's Club: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

☐ OPTION #1 Credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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

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

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

The Ruritan National Board of Directors voted to increase the purchase price of a Ruritan Forever endowment from \$600 to \$800, taking effect January 1, 2023.

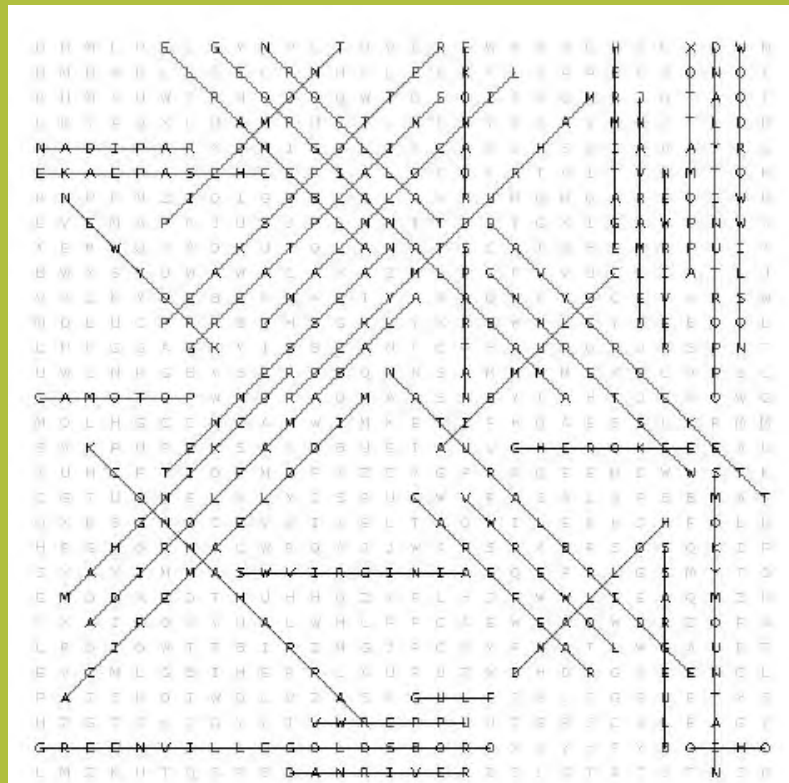
Download a Ruritan Forever application from the Ruritan website to participate in the program or to honor a fellow Ruritan with this very special gift.

Through the end of 2022, each new Ruritan Forever recipient will receive a Ruritan Forever Polo at no extra charge. This high-quality polo has the Holland Monument embroidered and resembles the Ruritan Forever Pin.

If you are already a Ruritan Forever, you can purchase this polo for \$65-\$70 by calling Sarah Kelly at 877-787-8727 Ext. 305, or by email at Sarah.Kelly@ruritan.org.



Districts & Areas of Ruritan - Answer Key



WANTED: WINNING RURITAN RECRUITERS

SECOND QUARTER 2022



TERRY JAYNES OF
THE LIMESTONE CLUB IN THE
DAVY CROCKETT DISTRICT



JAMES POWELL OF THE
COVE GARDEN CLUB
IN THE RAPIDAN
DISTRICT



BEVERLY TANNER OF THE
ILLIANA & GEFF
COMMUNITY CLUBS IN THE
LINCOLNLAND DISTRICT

BRING IN NEW MEMBERS FOR CHANCES AT
RURITAN FOREVER (LIFETIME) MEMBERSHIPS