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It's Wonderful Spending Time With Ruritans!

The summer is once again moving at a rapid pace. Marsha and I have been many places and had the opportunity to meet a lot of great people. Of these was Frank Buckles the last living World War I veteran at 109 years of age. Lawrence Massie and Joe Lupia from the Potomac District and I visited Mr. Buckles at his home in June. We thanked him and presented him with a certificate honoring his public service.

Prior to that we were part of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival in Rappahannock District. We would like to thank Charles and Jo Orndoff for being such great hosts, and the Stonewall Ruritan Club for hosting a reception in our honor.



Then there was the visit to the Lincolnland District over the 4th of July. Howard and Beverly Tanner graciously showed us around Indiana and Illinois. I must say I was encouraged by the Ruritans we had the opportunity to meet. We learned a lot about corn, soybeans, and oil wells. It's just great to meet new people and see how they are excited about their community.

The 2010 Youth Leadership Conference had great attendance and spending a few days with this group of young people should build your confidence concerning the leaders of the near future.

The Adult Summer Leadership Conference was held this year at New River Community College. We had some very dedicated governors and a bunch of excited It. governors who are eager to make their mark as governor next year. Vice President Jayson did a great job planning the conference.

In July the convention committee made our last visit to the convention site in Knoxville, TN. I'm excited about our trip to Knoxville in January. Plan to be there. This is going to be a fun time for all who attend.

These few places I have mentioned are a short list of the Ruritan events of which we have had the honor to be part. The picture I am painting here is one of people with smiling faces, big hearts, and dedication I just can't describe.

To see the positive things Ruritan clubs have accomplished across the country and not think any other communities would be interested in the same success is not rational. We have to get the story out. Let's face it; bad news travels fast, not good news. Ruritan is comprised of people with talents of every description. Taking an excerpt from Lou Holtz's book, **Winning Every Day**: "*Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.*"

If we can take the talent we have and motivate those people to use their abilities with a winning attitude and an attitude of thankfulness for all the blessing we now enjoy, we are a mighty force to behold.

Well, this will be my last opportunity via the RURITAN magazine to remind you of our **Break A Record Day** Sept. 30. On that day we will break the record of bringing in 53 members in one day set on March 31. I would like to challenge two groups of people in Ruritan. First, those who have sponsored a new member in the past and second, those of you for whom this will be the first time you have brought a new person into Ruritan. I know it might be a little tough, but remember, if enough Ruritans respond we can change our course in 24 hours. The basic job is to get them in the MMS on that day. If you need to call into the National Office, feel free to do that - they will be happy to help.

The close of the community service record keeping year is coming up soon. Take time to make your reports. They enable others to see all you've accomplished during the year and might just remind you of the projects you've completed. With the district conventions in the near future, make this the year you attend, enjoy the fellowship, and make new friends from your local area.

Our capital replacement project is ongoing. The latest project we've completed being the insulation of the ceiling, which will result in some real energy savings. We are looking forward to being able to replace the lights with more energy efficient systems and next to remodel the rest rooms. Always remember this is your Ruritan National Office and we are your Ruritan National Officers.

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Cover: The Ruritan National 2011 Convention site is beautiful Knoxville, TN - home to the **Women's Basketball Hall of Fame** - pictured upper right. Also pictured in the **Hall of Fame** (huddled with a display of female basketball players) are 2010 National President Jerome Rodes (right) and 2007 National President and 2011 Convention Chair Jimmy Bristow. The 1982 Worlds Fair was held in Knoxville and today the Sunsphere highlights the skyline next to the Knoxville Convention Center where Ruritans will gather in January. Knoxville's vibrant downtown and Market Square are within walking distance of the Ruritan convention hotels. Photos courtesy Larry Hines and Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corp.

Will Ruritan Be Here for the Next Generation?

What is Ruritan?

The canned answer is always ... Ruritan is a community service organization whose motto is "Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service."



That is the canned version.

To me Ruritan is a young woman with Cerebral Palsy who, because we cared, can live unassisted in her own apartment because we made her shower accessible.

It is a young child playing in the park, who no longer needs dialy-

sis because we cared and helped to raise money for a kidney transplant.

It is an elderly woman who doesn't have to choose between her medicine or paying her heating bill because we cared enough to go into her home and winterize it.

It is a bright promising student attending a community college on a grant that would otherwise have gone to work right out of high school.

It is the last living World War I veteran, or the first Afghanistan veteran, we honor and appreciate for their service.

It is the recycling center putting thousands of pounds

of plastic and paper back to work rather than in a landfill.

It is the family that, while they may have lost all their possessions in the fire ... have each other and a safe place to stay because of the generosity of a local Ruritan club.

Ruritans are caring people who are committed to helping other people, making friends, and having a little fun along the way. We tend to get so bogged down in the details that we forget to look for the big picture: **we help others.**

Bryant S. Hinkley who was a pioneer of the American West said: "Service is a virtue that distinguishes the great of all times and by which they will be remembered. It places a mark of nobility upon its disciples. It is the dividing line which separates the two great groups of the world ... those who help and those who hinder, those who lift and those who lean, those who contribute and those who only consume. How much better it is to give than to receive. Service in any form is comely and beautiful. To give encouragement, to impart sympathy, to show interest, to banish fear, to build self confidence and to awaken hope in the hearts of others, in short ... to love them and to show it ... is to render the most precious service."

This idea was not lost on our founders. They believed in the idea of service so much that they stated in the constitution of Ruritan that "Service is the basis of all worthy enterprise."

The idea is not lost on us
All you have to do to see it or feel it is to look at the service record of your own club.

Ruritan is at a point of transition. We have decisions to make. We have busy hurried lives. We have to decide what is truly important to us I am a member of two organizations in my hometown and both are struggling with declining



South Chatham First Adult Club in 2010

South Chatham (NC) Ruritan Club was the first adult Ruritan Club formed in 2010. Charter night was held on March 28, with 18 members. Rocky Mount Durham District Governor and DRM Rod Reid, and Past National Director Debby Hussey were in attendance. The club currently has a total of 24 members including seven youth members). The members of the club share a vision of helping during the current economic environment with a special focus on farm families and local family farms. Club President Ann Poe said, "We are dedicated to achieving our goals." The club has already put future fundraisers on its calendar and is planning on successful events.

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Message from Executive Director Michael Chrisley

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membership, hard economic times, tightening budgets, and less resources to provide services.

A story:

A man returns home from a long day at work. He walks through the door and feels unusually tired. As he ages he seems to have more aches and pains than when he was young. His chest and arms are aching today – he thinks, too much lifting for an old man.

He sits down at the kitchen table and tells his wife that he is tired and needs to sit for a while. She asks if he is OK and he replies, "Yeah I'm fine. I just need to rest." He waits for the ache in his chest and arm to go away. It doesn't. His son comes through the door and asks, "Are you OK, Dad?" The man replies, "Yeah just a little tired today, Son." He waits for the obvious symptoms to subside and they don't. He moves to the recliner and turns on the TV, just like most days. Unfortunately when his wife calls him for dinner he doesn't come. He saw the signs. He waited and watched. He slipped away in his recliner.

Another story:

A man returns home from work. He walks through the door and feels unusually tired today. He seems to have more aches and pains as he gets older, but this ache in his chest and arm are not right. He immediately goes in and fearing that he might be having a heart attack takes two aspirins to thin his blood. He sits down and calls to his wife, "Honey, call 911. I think I might be having a heart attack."

She calls 911 and simultaneously yells for their son, who hurries in to see what is wrong. A short time later the paramedics come and quickly get the man to the hospital where he is treated for a heart attack.

Same story – different outcome.

Both of these people saw the symptoms. Both recognized something was wrong. One decided to wait and watch. One decided to do something. One is alive and one is dead. Sometimes one is required to

wait and watch. Sometimes one is required to act. The two organizations of which I am a member have the same stories. Both recognized that membership was declining, the budget was tightening, the assets were deteriorating, and that there were fewer resources to provide services.

One organization is taking action and one is in dis-lution.

Sad but true.

My hope is that we make the right choices for Ruritan. We don't want to see the signs and wait and watch for someone else to do the right thing. Each one of us has to take responsibility for making sure that Ruritan is a robust service organization into the future.

If you have a neighbor who is not a member, or a friend who is not a member, I can tell you that the most important thing you can do for Ruritan is recruit that next new member. If



Middleburg (NC) Ruritan Club's membership had fallen below charter strength and was in desperate need of a membership drive. The club invited members of their community for a meal, ice cream, and a program on Ruritan. District Governor Ron Reid and Ruritan National Vice President Jayson Duncan were in attendance and spoke on the positive effect Ruritan has on communities. Pictured are three guests filling out membership forms while Club President Jane Spain and Jayson Duncan show how pleased they are!

you have a neighboring community that does not have a club, the most important thing you can do for Ruritan, and that community, is to build a club there. Ruritan might give you a pin, or give you some travel expenses or put your name in the magazine. But even if Ruritan doesn't do any of those things the right thing is always the right thing. Recruit that member; build that club! Growth has to be a way of doing business and not just a program.

What is Ruritan? I am Ruritan. You are Ruritan. The needs we meet are Ruritan. There are people who have never heard of us who are counting on us to do the right thing ... to be there when they have a need. They are counting on us to care and to serve because we know it is the right thing to do. Let's not let them down.

*Michael T. Chrisley
Ruritan Executive Director*

Growth and Development News

One Challenge: Do Better At Retaining Members

We are all faced with many challenges in our day to day lives. Some are physical. Some are mental. Some are financial and others just fall into the "all other" category. Whatever the challenge may be, we generally find ways to cope with it and ultimately overcome it. It may take no time at all to overcome or it may take days, weeks, or months. Whatever the time frame, however, we make it happen. We get it done. We are Ruritans

Our Ruritan clubs and organization as a whole are no different than individuals or families. One might say we are the "Family Ruritan" and we face challenges every day, week, and month. The biggest challenges we face today are membership growth, retention, and how best to grow our great Ruritan organization.

Growth is one of the foundations of Ruritan. We **are** growing in a sense – because we **are** bringing in new members. In fact, we have done a pretty good job this year in adding new members to our roles. What we have not done is retain members. More people have left Ruritan than have joined. Yes, some members have



Callaway (VA) Ruritan Club's goal this year seems to be "growth." The club brought in two new members with one member changing their status from associate to regular membership at their April meeting and two new members at their May meeting. Pictured (l-r): Club President Charles Beckwith, Barbara Beckwith, Cheryl Ball, Bill Ball.

passed away, but death only accounts for a small fraction of membership loss. Our membership issue, our challenge, would be far less challenging if we could do a better job in retaining members.

The challenge to membership retention is as wide as it is long. There is no one reason people leave. The reasons are as varied as the personalities that make Ruritan great. Our challenge is to keep recruiting new members and to also stop and look inward at ourselves and our clubs and ask, "What can we do better to keep our members interested and involved in Ruritan and our community?" It never hurts to take a long hard look in the mirror.

One way to meet the challenge of growth is to revisit former members – good people who have left for reasons known only to them. Maybe the time is right for them to come back if they left as a member in good standing. All of their information is available through the Membership Management System (MMS). You can find every person who has been a member of your club by going into the

MMS. Give it a try. Take a look at your club's page in the MMS – scroll down through the active members to the "past club members" list. You may find an old friend waiting to come back to Ruritan. One way to help meet our growth challenge is right under our computer keyboards. Be persistent. Keep pumping up Ruritan. We can meet and overcome any challenge. All it takes is Ruritans working together to make it happen. Great recruiting – and many thanks for all you do for Ruritan and your communities.

--2010 National Growth and Development Committee

New Clubs for 2010

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors & DRMS*

(January 1, 2010 -- August 1, 2010)

New Club Name	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
Bridgewater College	Rockingham	Bridgewater	Glen Thomas
South Range Ruri-Teen	Ohio	Greenford	Jeff Fishel
South Chatham	Rocky Mt.-Durham	Tri-County (NC)	Debby Hussey
Pioneer Ruri-Teen	Davy Crockett	Conklin/Washington College	Allen D. Jackson
Chowan Hawks College	Roanoke	Como	Donald Worrell
Hugo Owens Mustang Ruri-Teen	Holland	Deep Creek	Donna Silberholz

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

Founders' Day 2010 Celebrates 82 Years of Ruritan

Founders' Day 2010 was an exciting time as Ruritans celebrated the 82nd anniversary of the founding of our organization on May 21, 1928. After a formal ceremony and wreath-laying ceremony at the Ruritan National Monument to honor Ruritan's founders, a special 30th anniversary parade was held. Past Holland District Governor (and 1995 Ruritan National President) Frank Guthrie introduced the idea of a morning parade in 1980. This year he served as the parade's grand marshal (pictured on this page with former First Lady Janet).

What an exciting event the 2010 parade was! Following the color guards there were bands, floats representing Ruritan clubs and community organizations, convertibles carrying National Ruritan officers and city and state dignitaries, horseback riders, tractors, and the Shriners' units, a favorite of the children with their clowns, midget cars, and



hillbillies
Re's dents
sat on their porches and visitors brought chairs to watch from the sidewalks. Many just took a seat on the curb to watch a special 30th anniversary parade. Former Ruritan National Presidents attending the event were featured on a float (pictured).



Creeds Honors Essay

On June 18, 2010, Creeds Ruritan Club member Tom Weikel presented a fifty dollar saving bond and a flag that was flown in Combat Operations over Afghanistan to Gissell Leon, a fifth grade student, for the essay entitled "What America Means to Me." Past National Foundation President Robin Davenport is shown with the young writer.

In part, the essay explained that America was safe, free, and generous. "When I think of America, I think of giving. Most Americans are really kind and helpful ... I love the flag, the American people, and the freedom and safety I have in America," she wrote.

When the parade concluded, a BBQ Cook-off was held. Those attending got to eat award-winning BBQ. Cooks, representing Ruritan clubs in the area, had been at the site since the early morning hours to prepare the meat that they coated with their secret sauces.

In the evening Ruritans from many states gathered for more fellowship and a dinner. President Jerome Rodes addressed those gathered and proclamations were read from Virginia's Governor Bob McDonnell, Lt. Governor Bill Bolling, US Senator Randy Forbes, and State Delegate Fred Quales.

The entire day was one of celebration. Founders' Day 2010 was a celebration of our founding and a reminder of Ruritan's presence as a leading service organization to communities throughout America.

— Past National Director Phyllis Lewter

Board Approves Deficit Budget for 2010-2011

The Ruritan National Board of Directors approved a deficit budget for the fiscal year 2010 – 2011 at the August meeting. Projected income falls \$28,000 below projected expenses. Board members speaking to the action noted that a net increase in membership of 700 new members, and thus an increase in dues income, could bring the budget back into balance. The budget was prepared based on an estimated 26,483 members.

Approval by the board to remove the word “January” from the restrictions concerning holding a national convention moves the bylaws amendment to a delegate vote in Knoxville, TN. Approval of the bylaws change will not affect current contracts that Ruritan holds with convention cities for January conventions in the next few years but it is a first step to give the organization some flexibility in the month of the annual meeting. The motion cited a new batch of member surveys (see page 25 of this issue) that indicate the Ruritan membership might prefer having the convention during a different month.

If approved, **Article IV. Annual Meeting** will be altered by removing, in the first sentence, the phrase “in January of.” If approved by the delegates, the new sentence will read: *The annual meeting of Ruritan National shall be held each year and shall be referred to herein as the National Convention, at which time the officers, directors and foundation trustees shall be elected.*

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

In other action the board approved some wording changes for the awards portion of the Club and District Officers' Handbook. Changes to the Ruritan Club Bylaws approved by the board will be outlined in the Winter Ruritan magazine and included in new publications.

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2nd Attendee: _____ Club: _____ District _____

Home Address: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Preferred Badge Name #2: _____

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

Check items below that apply:

I need vegetarian meals for these in my party.

(list names below)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

This is my first Convention _____

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

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

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

Registration Details

Your convention registration includes:

- **Thursday Afternoon (4:30 p.m.)** Opening with Flag Ceremony, Memorial Service, and Entertainment

- President's Reception
- Friday and Saturday Business Sessions
- Friday Fellowship and DRM Luncheon
- Saturday Installation Banquet with Entertainment
- Name badge, printed program, workshops, entertainment, speakers, and more.

Registration must be paid in order to attend convention activities including workshops and business sessions. A registered convention attendee may purchase optional meals as well as extra meals for his/her non-registered guests. The deadline to qualify for the early registration discount is December 26, 2010. Between December 27, 2010, and January 6, 2011, full registration fees will apply. After January 6, 2011, you may only register in person at the convention site.

Optional Events & Meals

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

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

Veteran's Name: _____

(Check one in each column)

U.S. Army

WWII

U.S. Air Force

Korea

U. S. Marines

Vietnam

U.S. Navy

Desert Storm

U.S. Coast Guard

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Other (explain) _____

Peace Time Service _____

What Events Will You Attend At The 2011 Convention?

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

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

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

Sub Total Registration \$ _____

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

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

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

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

Saturday

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

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

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

Sub Total Extra Tickets: \$ _____

Other:

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

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

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

Cash donation for food drop \$ _____

Sub Total Other \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

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

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

How Will You Pay?

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

Check payment type below:

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

_____ Payment made by check Check # _____

_____ Visa/Mastercard Card # _____ Check one option below

Expiration date # _____ Bill my credit card now

_____ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2010

2011 Convention in Knoxville, TN

Leave the Driving to Us With The Ruritan Express!

The **Ruritan Express** is a chartered bus, through Linkous Christian Travel, that will make its way down the Interstate 81 corridor toward the 2011 Ruritan National Convention in Knoxville, TN. The bus will be traveling to Knoxville on Wednesday, January 26 and returning Sunday, January 30, 2011 following the worship service. Ruritan National will take a credit card number to reserve your seat – and will not charge the card until Dec. 1, 2010, *if the passenger list has reached approximately 30 people*. See the chart on this page with departure points and round-trip costs as well as approximate times

NOTE: Ruritan reserves the right to cancel the bus if approximately 30 passengers have not committed to the trip. So please invite your Ruritan friends to ride the **Ruritan Express**.

There may also be a bus coming from the Holland District. Contact Past National Director K.D. Hicks if you are interested at kdhicks2@aol.com.

Departure Point	Departure	Round Trip
Winchester, VA	7 a.m.	\$145
Harrisonburg, VA	8:30 a.m.	\$127
Staunton, VA	9 a.m.	\$110
Roanoke, VA	10:45 a.m.	\$98
Dublin, VA (lunch stop)	11:30 a.m.	\$86
Abingdon, VA	2 p.m.	\$68
Kingsport, TN	2:45 p.m.	\$60
Arrive in Knoxville, TN	4 p.m.	

2011 Opening Ceremonies Moved to Afternoon!

General Agenda for 2011 Ruritan National Convention - Knoxville, TN

Day/Date	General Time	Event Name
Thursday, Jan. 27	After Breakfast	2011 District/Area Governors' Training
Thursday, Jan. 27	Mid Afternoon	First Time Convention Attendees Welcome Reception
Thursday, Jan. 27	4:30 p.m.	Opening: Flag Ceremony/Memorial/Entertainment
Thursday, Jan. 27	After Opening	National President's Reception
Thursday, Jan. 27	After Reception	Foundation Dinner & Awards
Friday, Jan. 28	Early Morning	Breakfast Honoring Ruritan Veterans
Friday, Jan. 28	After Veterans Breakfast	Friday Business Session
Friday, Jan. 28	Lunchtime	Fellowship and DRM luncheon
Friday, Jan. 28	After Lunch	Foundation Live Auction (Immediately following meal)
Friday, Jan. 28	All Afternoon	Workshops
Friday, Jan. 28	Mid Afternoon	Election (voting)
Friday, Jan. 28	Buses Departs Late Afternoon	Optional Trip to Pigeon Forge Dinner Theater
Saturday, Jan. 29	Early Morning	Breakfast Honoring First Lady Marsha
Saturday, Jan. 29	After Breakfast with First Lady	Saturday Business Session
Saturday, Jan. 29	All Afternoon	Workshops
Saturday, Jan. 29	Evening	Installation Banquet & Closing of Convention & Entertainment
Sunday, Jan. 30	Early Morning	Worship Service

How To Get Your Hotel Room in Knoxville

The convention dates are Thursday, January 27 through Sunday, January 30, 2011. Choose either the Holiday Inn (closer to the convention center) or the Hilton Inn – a two block walk using a covered walkway that crosses safely above the busy Henley Street intersection.

Reservation # for **Holiday Inn** is (865) 522-2800 (24 hrs. a day). Mention you are with Ruritan National and use code "RNC" to get the Ruritan rate. Ruritan room cost at the Holiday Inn: \$89 plus tax/single, double, triple, quad. For the **Hilton** call (865) 523-2300 or direct (865) 251-2578 (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.) or call toll-free (800-Hiltons). Use code "RUR" to get the Ruritan rate. Ruritan room cost at the Hilton: \$92 plus tax/single, double.

2011 Candidates for National Office



National President

Jayson Duncan
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CLUB: Member of the Pine Hall (NC) Club (33 years perfect attendance) five term president; Ruritan of the Year three times; Advisor for the South Stokes Ruri-Teen, Pine Hall Elementary Ruri-Teen, and Germonton Ruri-Teen; also a member of the Germonton (NC) Club and served as the club treasurer

DISTRICT: Zone Governor seven years; Lt. Governor 1999, 2003; Governor 2000, 2004; Growth and Development Chair; Youth Committee Chair; Budget and Finance; Convention; Certified Trainer; ANCR Board member

NATIONAL: National Vice President (2010), National Director (2006-2008), Sgt-at-Arms (four years), Lead/Assisted six workshops at National Convention, Lead/Assisted five Workshops at Leadership Conference, Registration and Credentials Committee, Master of Ceremonies at First Lady's Breakfast. Organized three Ruritan Clubs and four Ruri-Teen Clubs

EDUCATION: Eagle Scout, Appalachian State University, BS Health and Physical Education, North Carolina A & T State University, Master's in Administration and Master's in Intermediate Education

OCCUPATION: Taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade at Pine Hall Elementary School for 33 years; Stokes County Teacher of the Year 1990, 1995; North Carolina Science Teacher Association President, Treasurer four years, Board of Directors; President of Stokes County Association of Educators; High School Girls Volleyball Coach

OTHER: Member of the Bethesda United Methodist Church (Youth Sunday School Teacher, Trustee Chair, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee); Pine Hall and Stokes County Scouts, Stokes County Habitat for Humanity Board (seven years); East Stokes Outreach Board (three years); Chair of Host Town for Special Olympics World Games; Coach Youth Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, and Softball; married to Gail (36 years), daughter Kara (Shannon), son Jay (Emily), and one granddaughter Cori



National Vice President

Phyllis G. Lewter
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CLUB: Member of Great Bridge (VA) Ruritan Club (14 years perfect attendance); Chairman of Scholarship, Program, and Membership Committees; Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President (two terms); Club Ruritan of the Year; Outstanding Club President (1999, 2000); President's Gold Key Award; Tom Downing Fellow

DISTRICT: Holland District Governor (2004), Lt. Governor (2003), Convention Chairman (2001), Yearbook Chairman (2002), Newsletter Editor (2005-2010), Founders' Day Chairman (2003), District Officer Trainer (2005-2010), Permanent Educational Fund Recipient (2004)

NATIONAL: National Director (2006-2008), Chairman of Publications Committee (2008), Delegate to eleven Ruritan National Conventions, Summer Leadership Conference (2003-2008), Sgt.-at-Arms Committee (2004, 2005), Flag Ceremony (2005), National Conference Presenter (2005-2010), Chairman of Search Committee for Ruritan National Executive Director (2005), Opening Ceremony Presider (2008 Convention), Flag Ceremony Chairman (2009 Convention), Chairman of Reception and Fellowship Committee (2010 Convention)

EDUCATION: B. S. Degree, Longwood College; Master's, University of Virginia; Certificate of Advanced Studies, Old Dominion University

OCCUPATION: Personnel Administrator with Chesapeake Public Schools, Chesapeake, VA.

OTHER: Past Director, Women's Division - Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Chesapeake; President, Virginia Association of School Personnel Administrators (2002); Active Member, Messiah United Methodist Church (former Sunday School teacher and superintendent, staff parish relations committee, altar committee); married to Ruritan member Bill, daughter Ami (Brandon), son Jay (Carla), and grandchildren Ethan, Charlotte, Ainsley

Come Visit the Ruritan National Office

Traveling northbound on Interstate 81, take exit 98, turn left onto Rt. 100 (from southbound Interstate 81 turn right onto Rt. 100). At the second stoplight, turn right onto Rt. 682, cross over Interstate 81 and turn left onto Rt. 662.

Tours can be arranged by calling Debbie Southern at the National Office, toll free at 877-787-8727 ext. 18.

2011 Candidates for National Office



National Director

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CLUB: Member of Capon Bridge (WV) Ruritan Club with 29 years perfect attendance, President (four terms), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Environment Committee Chair, Ruritan of the Year

DISTRICT: Foundation Promotion Chair 2005-2010, Leadership Development Coordinator 2000-2004, Past District Governor 1997-1999, District Governor 1996, Lt. Governor 1995, District Treasurer 1991-1993, Zone Governor 1990, Lt. Zone Governor 1989

NATIONAL: Recruiting members and new member awards, National Convention Workshop Panel 1999, Retaining Ruritan Club Members, National Convention Workshop Chair 2000, Community Service Displays Co-Chair 2007, Tom Downing Fellow, 2008 Garland Gray Award Recipient first place, 2009 Garland Gray Award third place

EDUCATION: B.S. Agronomy, Virginia Tech; M.S. Plant Physiology, Virginia Tech

OCCUPATION: Environmental Protection Specialist USDA Agricultural Research Service

OTHER: Lay Leader Capon Bridge United Methodist Church. Married to Vicki (29 yrs), daughter Meghan, son Andrew, grandson Carson



National Director

Roger Gammons
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CLUB: Member of the Red Bank (VA) Ruritan Club, President 2003-2005, Building Committee Chair

DISTRICT: Zone Governor 2006-2007, Lt. Governor 2008, District Governor 2009, Youth Coordinator 2010

NATIONAL: Sgt-at-Arms Committee 2008

EDUCATION: Francisco Elementary, East Surry High School, Forsyth Technical College

OCCUPATION: Retired RJR 31 years, Retired Gammons Excavation-owner/operator 40 years, USAF four years, U.S. Army Reserves 12 years

OTHER: Married to Lottie, two children James Marty Gammons and Wendy Gayle Cline, two grandchildren Ashley Nicole Gammons and Mayson Nolen Cline



National Director

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CLUB: Prince George (VA) Ruritan Club; Ruritan of the Year 2007; Club President (three years), Vice President (two years), Secretary (two years); Member for 12 years with perfect attendance; Charter member of the City Point (VA) Ruritan Club with three years perfect attendance; Co-Chair Johnny Oates Golf Tournament 2005-2010, Chair for the Red Cross Blood Drives 2008-2010

DISTRICT: 2007 Holland Zone 6 Lt. Governor; 2008 Holland Zone 6 Governor; 2009 Holland Lt. Governor; 2010 Holland District Governor; Chairman for Founders' Day Golf Tournament 2009-2010; Founders' Day Chairman 2009; Holland District Chairman for Blood Drives 2009, 2010; Holland Zone Chairman for Blood Drives, 2008-2010

NATIONAL: Convention Delegate 2008-2010, Sgt-At-Arms 2010, Flag Ceremony 2010, Reception and Fellowship Committee 2010, Summer Leadership Conference 2009-2010

EDUCATION: Hopewell High School; B.A. Business Administration, Elon College

OCCUPATION: Carolina Biological Supply (three years), Fluor Daniel (16 years), Self Employed at The Mattress and Spring (18 years)

OTHER: Attend Bethlehem Congregational Church, Married to Mary, 20 years, son Tripp (Jennifer), daughter McKenzie (Eric)

Rudy Bear In the News

Redwood Supplies EMS with Rudy Bears

Each year, thousands of children are serviced by the Emergency Medical System (EMS). When children are faced with what is typically a scary time, something as simple as a gentle voice or a cuddly stuffed animal can be the comfort a child needs.

Redwood (NC) Ruritan Club invited the director of Durham County EMS Michael Smith to speak to the club about how the Rudy Bears comforts a child in need.

The Durham County EMS keeps a stash of Rudy Bears on their shelf for such needed times. "You will be surprised at how quickly Rudy can alleviate some fear faced by these children," said Smith.

2011 Candidates for National Office



National Director

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CLUB: Member for 12 years of the Geff Community Club (IL) serving as secretary from 2009-2010; Member of the Albion (IL) Club serving as secretary in 2009; Member of the Illiana (IN) Club serving as Secretary from 2001-2006 and 2010, President 2008, Vice President 2007 and 2009. Community Service Committees serving seven years; Golden Key Award 15 member bar
DISTRICT: Lincolnland District Governor 2009-2010, Lt. Governor 2008, Secretary three years, Zone Gov-

ernor one year, District Convention Committee seven years, Youth Coordinator Chair five years, Qualified Officer Trainer four years, Awards Committee nine years

NATIONAL: Delegate at 11 National Conventions, Attended Summer Leadership Conference four years, Registration and Credentials three years, Sergeant-at-Arms Committee seven years, Flag Ceremony participant 2008-2009

EDUCATION: 1964 Graduate Newton Community High

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

OTHER: Chamber of Commerce member, member of Kings Chapel Church (Clerk, Sunday School Secretary). Married to Past National Director Howard, three sons and daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren

Items of Interest

Directors Church, Phillips Pass in 2010

Past National Director William H. Church, 68, of Frankfort passed away Saturday, July 24, 2010, at his home. Services for Mr. Church were Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at Hillcrest Baptist Church. A native of Floyd County, KY he was born May 11, 1942. During his service in the US Army, he was stationed in Germany where he worked in communications. After his military service, he continued his work in communications as a system technician and retired from AT&T and Kentucky state government. Mr. Church was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and **Choateville (KY) Ruritan Club**. In addition to serving as Ruritan national director he also served at various levels of club and district leadership. Mr. Church is survived by his wife of 47 years, Brenda Sudduth Church; a son, William H. (Andrea L.) Church Jr., of Lexington; two grandchildren, William H. Church III and Annika L. Church, both of Lexington; a sister, Flora Belle Phillips, Louisville; and several nieces and nephews.

Former National Director Carl "Mousey" Phillips, 83, of Kingsport, TN, died in February. He was a charter member and former president of the **Bloomington (TN) Ruritan Club** as well as Governor of the Tennessee District. The owner of Mousey's

Antiques, he was retired from Eastman Kodak and had served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Ellen Phillips of Kingsport; daughters, Carolyn King and husband Steve of Kingsport and Diane Griffin and husband Johnny of Kingsport; five grandchildren, Kevin King and wife Misty, April Steele and husband Denny, Brad Manis, Ryan King and wife Nina, and Sarah Moody and husband Josh; eight great-grandchildren; twin brother, Tom Phillips and wife Martha; step-sister, Mary Ellen Leonard of Cookeville; and several nieces and nephews. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the National Kidney Foundation of East Tennessee, Bloomington Ruritan Club, or Heritage First Church of God.

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Each person in a national office is a club member just like you who has made a commitment to serve. Our goal is solely to serve the clubs in an effort to help them be more effective in their community.

Here's one more reminder to bring children's shoes, diapers, and Rudy Bears to Knoxville for the 2011 convention. The shoes and diapers will be given to the Department of Children's Service and the Rudy Bears to local hospitals and fire and rescue squads. Thank you all for being so gracious to Marsha and me as we have traveled this year. What a great group of people to spend time with!

In Ruritan,

Jerome Rodes
2010 Ruritan National President

2011 Candidates for Foundation Trustee



Foundation Trustee

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CLUB: Active member of the Washington (OH) Ruritan Club 40 years, Continuous Perfect Attendance 38

years, President, Vice President, Secretary, Outstanding Member Award 1976, Outstanding President Award 1976

DISTRICT: Ohio District Governor 1978, Lt. Governor 1977, Secretary 1974-1976, Zone Governor 2000-2002, Spring Banquet Chair 1980-1985, Foundation Chair 2007-2008, Sgt-at-Arms 2009-2010

NATIONAL: President 1986, Vice President 1985, National Director 1981-1983, Budget and Finance Committee 1980, Registration & Credentials Committee 1977, Resolutions Committee 1978, Hospitality Committee 1979, Convention Workshop Program 1980, Resolutions Committee Chair 1982, Resolutions Committee and Convention Workshop Program 1983, Reception Committee Chair 1984, Flag Ceremony Chair 1990, Installation Banquet Emcee 1999, Candidate Certification Committee Chair 2009

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Mt. Union College 1962; Master of Business Administration, Walsh University 2003; Master of Arts in Management, Walsh University 1995

OCCUPATION: Farmers National Bank Teller 1958-1960, Elementary and High School Teacher & Treasurer 1962-1966, R.R. Donnelley & Sons Accountant 1966-1967, Director of Human Resources & Business Operations at Mount Union College 1967-1995, Retired

OTHER: Stark Federal Credit Union Board 1989 - Present, Current Treasurer and Past Chair; Crisis Intervention & Recovery Center Board 2009 - Present; Stark County Community Mental Health Board Treasurer and Vice President; Hall of Fame Barbershop Chorus; United Way Board & Budget Review Committee; Hot Stove Baseball Board Manager and Coach; College & University Personnel Associations (Ohio, Midwest, National), Ohio President 1995; College and University Business Officers (Ohio, Eastern, and National Associations). Member of Union Avenue United Methodist Church (Finance Committee). Married to Anne Elizabeth Speidel, children, Tom, Tim, Lisa, and three grandsons



Foundation Trustee

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CLUB: 1974 Charter President of Sun Valley (WV) Club, Member of the Four Seasons Club, Held all offices and chaired committees several times

DISTRICT: Zone Governor 1992, 1993, 1994; Growth & Development Award 1994; District Ruritan of the Year 1994; District Lt. Governor 1995, 2004; District Governor 1996, 2005; Growth & Development Chair five years; Certified Officers' Trainer
NATIONAL: Growth & Development workshops at National Convention 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997; Mensel Dean award for 46 new members 1994; Mensel Dean award for 25 new members 1995; D.R.M. award for four new clubs 1996; Foundation Trustee 1999-2003; Foundation workshops National Convention and Summer Leadership Conference 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003; National Director 2006-2008; Leadership Development Committee; Tom Downing Fellow 1998; Ruritan Forever 2003

EDUCATION: Montgomery High School, Concord University (Bachelor of Science), Marshall University (Safety Certification), WV University (M.A.), Marshall University (Administrative Certification)

OCCUPATION: High school teacher and coach of football and basketball, Vocational Director, High School Principal, County School Superintendent, Retired

OTHER: Member Painters Chapel Methodist Church (Past Chairman of Pastor-Parish Committee, Past Chairman of Building Committee), Masonic Concord Lodge 48, Grand Chapter of West Virginia, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry 32, Bluefield Commandery Knights Templar, Worked with and coached youth sports. Married to Nell, daughters Phoebe, Beverly, Angela, grandchildren Jed and Afton



Rockville (VA) Ruritan Club offers scholarships to deserving, college-bound high school seniors. This year, three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to recipients Hunter Hallman, Gabrielle Pearce and Brandon Wong. Checks were presented by Scholarship Committee Chair Larkin Phillips and Club President Dick Burgess.

Foundation Feeling Economic Pinch

Fellow Ruritans:

The Foundation has always encouraged large and repeat contributions to educational funds, but we have never encountered economic conditions similar to what we are currently experiencing.



Richard Keener
2010 Foundation
President

Scholarships have been awarded for the Build Your Dollar and regular grant programs for 2010. Payments are being received now and until September 1, 2010, for the 2011 Build Your Dollar grants. The amount for clubs to send is \$300, no coupons needed. Everyone has the same

opportunity to share in the interest, dividends, and realized capital gains earned during the year. Clubs should just state on their cover letter that the money is for 2011 Build Your Dollar grant program.

Remember, your Ruritan Foundation fellowship weekend is September 17 – 19, 2010, and will be held at Cherokee, North Carolina. Make your reservations at the Holiday Inn. Call (828) 497-9181 and mention the Ruritan rate of \$89 per night. Each Holiday Inn registration will receive a chance for a free two-night stay, with free breakfast, at a later date during this year.

Some attractions are:

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Harrah's Casino
- Oconaluftee Indian Village
- Free Shuttle to the Casino

Please remember the Brother/Sister, Can you

Spare a Dime A Day? The challenge is before each of us, and \$12,467.94 has been donated by 132 people with 16 giving for the full five years.

2010 Foundation
President
Richard Keener

Ruritan National FOUNDATION

2010 Board of Trustees

- President:** Richard Keener
- Vice President:** Bruce W. Thompson
- Secretary:** Norman O'Dell
- Treasurer:** Robert "Cleve" Wright
- Promotion Chair:** Danny Privott



Ruri-Teen Advisor Honored



Betty Whiteleather, **United Local Ruri-Teen (OH) School Advisor** was presented a Tom Downing Award for her seven years of leadership with the club. Past Ohio District Officers Charles and Susan Hawk presented the award. Members from six Ohio clubs were present: **United Local Ruri-Teen, Guilford**

Lake, Cardinal, Lisbon, Winona, and West Township.

Trustee Recognized for Efforts

Ruritan National Foundation Treasurer Cleve Wright and member of the **James City (VA) Ruritan Club** was recognized on his local news for organizing 55 blood drives. He makes sure that there is one scheduled every other month and that there are homemade cakes and fresh sandwiches on site to give to the donors.

He personally has donated a total of 51 pints of blood and received the People Taking Action Award given by his community.

\$\$\$MILLION DOLLAR CLUB\$\$\$

Coupon

Ruritan National Foundation Inc.

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 From _____ Club _____
 Address _____ District _____
 City, State, Zip _____

Mail to: Ruritan National Foundation, Inc. P. O. Box 487 Dublin, VA 24084-0487

Brother/Sister Can You Spare Me A Dime?

Can you believe, one year has passed since your Ruritan National Foundation introduced the **\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$** fundraising program. It is time for our fellow Ruritans to send to the Foundation your "Dime A Day" savings of \$36.50 for their first year and the first anniversary of the program would be the perfect time to do that.

Some Ruritans have not only sent in the first year's "Dime A Day" donation but have also sent the full five-year program amount of \$182.50. These Ruritans and F*R*A*Ns will be recognized at our 2010 Foundation Fellowship Weekend in Cherokee, NC and will be awarded a special lapel pin.

The challenge before each Ruritan is to forward your check payable to the Foundation for your contribution. Or you may request the amount be charged to your Visa or Master Card by supplying your card number and card expiration date. Since the program began

October 1, 2009, the first year's donation should be sent during October. For your convenience you may clip the form in this issue and include it with your remittance. This will help our staff properly credit your donation to the correct fund account. Remember all donations to the Foundation are tax deductible under our 501(c) 3 Internal Revenue Service designation.

This program does not restrict the amount you can donate to the Foundation during any one year. You may want to honor an individual with a donation or make a donation in memory of an individual who contributed extraordinary service to their community. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated.



Bruce W. Thompson
2010 Foundation
Vice President

VP Duncan Touched By What He Sees in Ruritan

The job of a Ruritan officer has to be one of the best jobs in America! I have the opportunity to see all the good that Ruritans do. Fifty years ago, at the age of 10 ½, I joined a Boy Scout troop. I never had the money to attend a National or World Scout Jamboree, but this year, as Ruritan National Vice President, I finally had that opportunity. I was there at Fort A.P. Hill (VA) with members of the **Chesapeake District**, talking with visitors to the Ruritan booth about the two organizations that have molded my life, Ruritan and Scouting. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting with more than 250,000 people shows that Americans do want to make a difference. The Chesapeake District has maintained and paid for a Ruritan booth at the Scout Jamboree for the past seven Jamborees. They give Scouts an opportunity to win a collectors dog tag (6,000 tags/ 45,000 boys). The Chesapeake District clubs send members to work the booth for the 10 day event. They not only give dog tags but they promote our organization to all that will listen. They have a very good sales pitch. Thank you, Chesapeake District and Ben Gregory, for the pleasure of being a part of the good work you are doing. Ruritan Clubs sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops throughout Ruritanland. Upper and Lower West Virginia Districts: the Jamboree is headed to your state in 2013. Be ready, for Chesapeake has set a very high bar! Pictured are (l-r) Jane Bell, Steve Pallette, Governor Tommy Boschen, Gail Arnett and Charles Bell.

I have learned a lot more about what a great organization we have! In July the experience I had at one club increased my pride in being a Ruritan. When I arrived at the meeting, members rushed up to introduce themselves to Gail and me, not knowing or caring who we were. They were excited about the attention they got because of our visit. We spent about 20 minutes in fellowship before the president called the meeting to order and asked a member to lead in singing "America." Following the song, a member led us in prayer. The prayer was about being thankful for the things they have and the beautiful day. They had a program about the Fourth of July and then had their meal and business. Sounds like the methods of a top notch Ruritan Club, right? The club is the **Thomas Woods** (VA) Club in the Holland District. Most of the members live in the group home at Zuni Presbyterian Home and are mentally challenged. There is a saying that fits here: People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. I will never forget how this group of Ruritans made me feel. Thank you, Tom Sparling, for the work and effort you extend to this club of unconditionally-loving Ruritans.

-- VP Jayson Duncan



Moss Hill Receives Certificate Of Appreciation



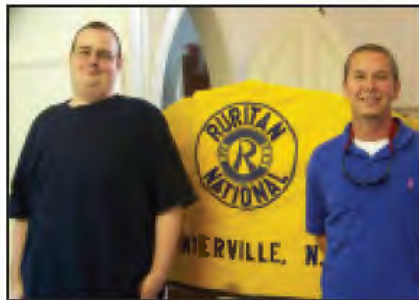
Moss Hill (NC) Ruritan Club is shown displaying a certificate of appreciation for their generous support of the Coastal Plains Jr. Livestock Show and Sale. This was a joint award from the NC State University Co-op Extension, FFA, and 4-H.

Old Ford Presents Scholarships

Old Ford (NC) Ruritan Club presented several scholarships at their June meeting. They presented one Build Your Dollar scholarship and five separate \$500 scholarships totaling \$3,030 to deserving students.



Winterville Inducts New Members



Pictured are Winterville (NC) Ruritan Club's newest member Joseph McLawhorn (l) and the club's scholarship winner Conner Crawford.

Meadow Celebrates Anniversary



Meadow (NC) Ruritan Club celebrates its 50th anniversary recently. In attendance were National Vice President Jayson Duncan and National Director Karen Pallette. Pictured on the front row is a charter member Ayden Barefoot's widow and charter member David Lee.

Rappahannock Clubs Give Donations And Scholarships

Sterling (VA) Ruritan Club was recognized recently in their local newspaper for distributing \$20,700 among students in recognition of their academic achievements and community service, at its 57th annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet. The annual program is funded from the proceeds of the club's weekly Thursday night bingo games, club hall rentals, and food sales.

Aldie (VA) Ruritan Club presented The Mary Lee Scholarship Award to fifth grade students. Each recipient received a \$100 saving bond. Pictured left are the 2010 recipients Nathan Gorczyca and Olivia Trout with Mary Lee (center).



Leeds (VA) Ruritan Club Board Member and Past Rappahannock District Governor Jan Sickel is shown presenting a check to the chair of the Warrenton/Fauquier Salvation Army Advisory Board Chair Elizabeth Aiello. This gift will send five Fauquier County children to the Salvation Army's Camp Happyland for one week. Also pictured on the right are Major James Allison, Advisory Board Member Jack Whitelaw, and Service Officer Joseph DeMato.



Ashburn (VA) Ruritan Club President Barry Dwyer established the theme for the clubs 15th annual "Outstanding Student Citizen Awards" night when he encouraged the recipients to continue the effort that had resulted in their selection for this award. Twenty-one students from the area received this award that consists of United States Savings Bonds for elementary and middle school students and cash scholarships for high school students.

News From Ruritan: Western NC District

Making A Difference!



Todd (NC) Ruritan Club awarded three high school students the Ruby A. Trivette Scholarship. Katlyn Wilson received a \$1,000 scholarship, and Aaron Scott and Marissa Soto each received \$500 scholarships.



Ms. Trivette is 95 years old and still active in the community. The club gave her 15 roses representing every scholarship that she has helped the club give to deserving students.

Gilkey (NC) Ruritan Club members replaced six signs in their community. Pictured is one of the replaced signs and the members who installed them. (l-r): Jim Ayers, Don Campbell, Mark Tuttle, Mayford Atchley. The club catered meals for groups in the county to raise money to purchase the signs.



Shirley Melton of the **Hopewell-Hollis** (NC) Ruritan Club is shown presenting the President's Golden Key Award to Tim Callahan.

News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

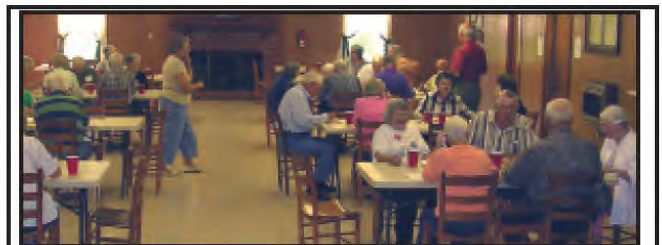
Neils Creek Host Chicken Feast For Senior Citizens



The **Neils Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club fed over 80 guests at their annual Senior Citizens Luncheon recently. The main course was barbecued chicken, grilled to flavorful perfection by the club's team of eight Ruritan master grillers. The chicken was complimented by garden fresh coleslaw, boiled potatoes, dinner rolls, tea, and coffee.

Ruritan members' wives contributed their baking skills to cap off the meal with a variety of homemade desserts.

Club President Cary Stewart said, "This is one of the main ways we say 'thank you' every year, in a small way, to our community seniors for making this a nicer place to live."



Back Swamp (NC) Ruritan Club held their annual Senior Citizens Fish Fry recently. Approximately 50 people joined together for this event.

News From Ruritan: Appomattox District

South Hill Holds Antique Machinery And Vehicle Show



Over 200 units of farm equipment, cars, draft horses and mules and team engines and more were on display at the **South Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club Antique Machinery and Vehicle Show. The club presented local schools with tickets for the children to come learn about the farming heritage of the community. There were over 40 sponsors and the club is looking forward to making this an annual event. Here club members are shown with posters that were designed to promote this event.

Sam Houston (VA) Presents Scholarship Checks



Sam Houston (VA) Ruritan Club awarded four scholarships at their meeting in June. Club President Skip Hess and Vice President Lib Bowyer presented the checks. Dana Lawhorne was the recipient of the Ruritan National Foundation Build Your Dollar Scholarship. Dana will be attending Mary Washington University. Dana's parents were presented the check on his behalf.

The club also presented three more graduates with a \$700 scholarship each. Jessica Hull will be attending Lynchburg College, Ethan Bane will be attending Dabney S. Lancaster Community College and plans to transfer to Virginia Tech, and Hunter Clark

will be attending East Carolina University. Pictured (l-r): Jessica Hull, Ethan Bane, Hunter Clark, Club President Skip Hess, and Club Vice President Lib Bowyer.

The club's main fundraiser to make these scholarships happen is holding auctions on Saturday evenings during the summer months. The members go out and pick up items such as furniture and appliances, and display them at the auction barn. Club members also sell food at the concession stand for the attendees to enjoy.

Jennifer Shanks (right) is a youth member for the club and wrote an essay on the importance of community service. This is what she said, in part: *"Often, we take things for granted and never realize it until what we used to have is gone, but those who are less fortunate appreciate any type of gratefulness that you may show them. Community service helps to bring people together and helps us to form a special bond with those who are less fortunate. I have met a lot of great people by being a part of this Ruritan club and it has brought my family closer together. Organizations like a Ruritan club help the community and in the end you can really see the positive of it. It brings people together and someone will have a lot of great feelings when you can help people without getting paid for it."*



V.C.F Learns Proper Etiquette Of Folding The American Flag



Sweeney on folding the flag into the traditional triangular shape. Each fold of the flag was described with the military meaning of the fold. Pictured (l-r): Cameron Sweeney, Club Vice President Rick Patton, and Dave Wood.

During a recent V.C.F (DE) Ruritan Club meeting, Dave Wood of the Felton Volunteer Fire Company taught members of the club the proper etiquette for handling the American flag. Wood instructed Club Vice President Rick Patton and guest Cameron

Burrsville Presents \$1,000 Scholarships

Burrsville (MD) Ruritan Club gave three \$1,000 scholarships at a recent club meeting. The recipients were Andrea Ward, Kelly Warner, and Rachel Larimore.

Medal of Honor Grove Gets a Cleaning!

Where were you on May 15 and June 5? National Director Larry Blount of the **Hunterstown** (MD) Ruritan Club can tell you where he was. He was joined by 18 Ruritans from Virginia and Pennsylvania (nine each day) who showed up to work in the Medal of Honor Grove at **Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge**.

Past National Director Earl Garvin, a member of **New Franklin** (PA) Ruritan, spent the day on a mower (pictured). The club provided a chipper which was put into action early as were two large mowers, a push mower, and chain saws. On the second day the New Franklin members were joined by **Middlebrook** (VA) Ruritan members Dale and Beverly Hungerford, Gary Manhart, and Lew Manhart as well as a local teenager performing community service for his school. Also involved in the project were **Powhatan** (VA) Ruritans



Steve Church, Larry Cary, and Harold Gregg, **Rockfish Valley** (VA) Ruritan members Curtis and Susan McIver, and **Rouzerville** (PA) Ruritan members Steve and Kim Hess, and Keith Grossnickle. Blount noted, "Our efforts to clean any sites in the grove are appreciated by visitors. I would like to thank Paul and Stefanie Stiles for furnishing lunch to the workers on both work days." Workdays are schedule again for Oct. 1-2. Contact Blount at ldblount@comcast.net. Funds are also needed to help with the rental of the chipper and the gas at about \$200 per day. The next **Medal of Honor Adventure** is Oct. 22-24, 2010. For more information on the event call 1-800-896-5488 ext. 292.

News From Ruritan: Tennessean District

Indian Springs (TN) Grateful For Coates' Contribution

The **Indian Springs** (TN) Ruritan Club has been so proud of one club member that their sports field bears his name. The C. A. "Pete" Coates, Jr. Athletic Complex stands as a testament to Pete's years of community service. 1973 Ruritan National President Charles Bridwell noted, "Many of the kids from the beginning of the program are now grown with their own children in the program. Pete has not only positively impacted kids but also influenced the lives of many adults."

A newspaper article in 1996 noted, "Since 1961 Coates has been a watchdog over the youth in Indian Springs and vicinity. He's taught them a lot, offered plenty of encouragement, and given valuable advice to many." It was Coates who saw the original need for a sports program for young people and turned a field of weeds into the sports facility used today by so many young people."

One legally-blind 12 year-old-girl realized her dream of playing baseball under Coates' encouragement. In a 1989 letter to major league baseball's first deaf player, Curtis Pride, Amanda Rhodes told Pride he had inspired her to not be afraid to do something just because she was handicapped. The letter went on to give Pete Coates and Indian Springs t-ball credit for giving her the chance to play, in spite of her handicap. It turns out that Amanda was the granddaughter of the former New York Giants slugger Dusty Rhodes.

Since 1970 the Indian Springs Ruritan Club has featured pictures of local youth teams on its annual calendar – 40 years of young people who have been recognized by the club.

News From Ruritan: New River District

Mt. Tabor Sponsors 24th Annual Parade

Mount Tabor (VA) held their 24th annual July 4th Parade. The parade was led by the Grand Marshal Christopher Poff, Blacksburg's newest Eagle Scout and a member of troop 706. Poff is the son of Past National President Rick Poff and First Lady Juliann. Nearly 100 vehicles, walking units, and floats lined up for this event.

*Bradley J. Smith youth member of the **Wolf Creek** (VA) Ruritan Club is shown receiving his scholarship award from Club President Sandy Stowers.*

Pictured (l-r): National Director Morris Clyburn, James Smith, charter member James Shepherd, and Club Vice President Ben Poe.



News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

Moyock Raffles 1966 Ford



Moyock (NC) Ruritan Club and Currituck County High School automotive technologies class drew the winner for their raffle in June. The two groups partnered to raffle a 1966 Ford Fairlane as a fundraising venture. Over 900 tickets were sold and all proceeds were split between the two organizations. Club Vice President Kevin Kight is shown presenting the winner Bill Shumaker with the vehicle.

Bear Swamp-Beech Springs Serve Flounder Dinners



Ruritan National Director Robert Burton is shown helping the **Bear Swamp-Beech Springs** (NC) Ruritan Club serve flounder dinners at their Spring 2010 Scholarship Fish Fry.

Hall Conducts Flag Disposal

Members of the **Hall** (NC) Ruritan Club conducted a flag disposal ceremony at their club building. Over the past several months club members had citizens of the community bring in old, worn-out flags.

According to the Ruritan Club and District Officers' Handbook, "When a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed, preferably by burning. This should be done discretely so the action of destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration."

After gathering the flags the club contacted local Boy Scouts who are trained in the ways to properly disposed of retired American flags.

News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

Luray (VA) Donates To Soldiers' Scholarships

Luray (VA) Ruritan Club raised money for Freedom Alliance during a barbecue sponsored function and anniversary celebration. Club President Joe Huffman, left, presents Freedom Alliance representative Suzanne Volpe, a check from the club in support of this program.

Freedom Alliance is a permanent scholarship trust fund which was established in 1990 by Col. Oliver North to aid American soldier's children seeking an education. This fund provides scholarships for thousands of young Americans reminding them their parents' sacrifice will never be forgotten by a grateful nation.



East Bend (NC) Recognizes Scholarship Winners



The town of East Bend, NC has an annual God and Country celebration with a parade on the Saturday before July 4th each year. **East Bend (NC)** Ruritan Club president chauffeured scholarship winners in the parade. Pictured left, (l-r): Hannah Lineberry, Katarina Hauser, and Josh Doub. Hannah and Katarina were the Steve Coram Memorial Scholarship winners and Josh was the club's Build Your Dollar winner. Hannah plans on attending UNC Wilmington in the fall. Katarina plans to attend Appalachian State University, and Josh attends UNC.

Westfield and South Westfield Cook For Community

Westfield (NC) Ruritan Club and the South Westfield (NC) Ruritan club were featured in their local newspaper recently. The Westfield club held a country ham breakfast and bake sale that accepted donations only. Club President Doris Jessup said, " Our club is small but a committed group that works hard to make days like this a success." South Westfield held a free barbecue dinner and silent auction at their community building to provide a chance for the community to come out and share a meal and some fellowship.

Pine Hall (NC) Builds Two Ramps for Senior Citizen



Members of the **Pine Hall (NC)** Ruritan Club are shown building two ramps for a senior citizen in need. The club approached several churches to help with the funding of this project.

Leasburg Supports Youth Conference

Leasburg (NC) Ruritan Club's youth members participated in the Ruritan Youth Leadership Conference recently.

In 2009, Lee-Anne Berdine and Trey McDuffie attended the conference and vowed to raise enough money for all of the youth members in the club to go in 2010. The club held two breakfasts and raised enough money for the youth members to go.

There were a total of 155 people involved in this year's conference including 119 young people and 36 adults. It's not too early to plan to bring youth to the conference in 2011.

Pilot Member Receives NC Governor's Award

Joe Jones of the **Pilot (NC)** Ruritan Club received the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service for the state of North Carolina in October 2009. Since 1979, more than 16,000 North Carolina volunteers have received this award.



Williamson (PA) Unveils Ice Cream Serving Trailer



Nearly 40 years ago, the **Williamson (PA)** Ruritan Club began making homemade ice cream in a milking parlor as one of their major fundraisers.

May 2010 began a new chapter in the history of the club's ice cream making. Williamson Club President Daryl Meyers and Club Board Member and Ice Cream Committee Chair Steve McQuitty unveiled the newly completed ice cream serving trailer. Club board members participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony, and then all members and guests were served Williamson Ruritan Club's premium ice cream. The serving trailer was designed and constructed by McQuitty, Club President Daryl Meyers, and Don Brindle of D.L. Meyers Welding.



Johnsville Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Johnsville (MD) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in June and recognized club members Edgar Snyder and Richard Grossnickle for 50 years of perfect attendance. Ruritan National Vice President Jayson Duncan was the guest



speaker for the evening. Pictured (l-r): Club member Edgar Snyder, District Governor Joseph Lupia Jr., National Director Robert Newton, VP Duncan, and club member Richard Grossnickle.

Scholarships Presented



St. Thomas Area (PA) Ruritan Club presents \$1,000 scholarships. Pictured (l-r): Club President Ricky Danzberger, Courtney Bernecker, Levie Powell, Scholarship Committee Chair Michele Veritz.

Marlowe (WV) Erects American Flag at Library



The Marlowe WV library relocated recently to a location without a flagpole to display the American flag. The **Marlowe (WV)** Ruritan Club erected a 22.5 ft white fiberglass pole and donated a flag to fly in honor of the country. The flag flies continuously and is visible from Interstate 81.

Lothian (MD) Club Raffles Stained Glass

Lothian (MD) Ruritan Club raffled a stained glass picture framed with antique barn board. Two club members made and framed the picture for a fundraising activity.



Pictured on the left are club members Francis Gouin, Floyd Thiel, Past National Foundation President Bernard Lerch, and Club President Stuart Neff.

Hunterstown Knows How to Cook!



Hunterstown (PA) Ruritan Club has been serving breakfast and lunch for the past 54 years at the New Oxford Antique and Craft Show. Breakfast consists of ham, egg, and cheese on an English muffin or other breakfast bread. On

the lunch menu included Italian sausage with green peppers and onions or a grilled chicken sandwich. This year the club celebrated its 55th anniversary. Rudy Bear showed up to greet friends and promote Ruritan.

News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District



Moneta (VA) Ruritan Club hosted its annual family night this past spring. The club bestowed a Citizens of the Year award upon Lynn and Alice Swain, proprietors of the Virginia Dare cruise boat on Smith Mountain Lake. The duo was recognized for their organization of the annual Flotilla for Toys program and over 1,000 toys collected annually for distribution through Lake Christian Ministries at Christmas. Club member George Schoepf (pictured center) made the presentation.

Survey Focuses on National Convention

Ruritan National has begun to gather data concerning the Ruritan National Convention using an online survey service called "Survey Monkey." Four survey instruments have been designed for various groups of users. To date 1,033 members have completed the questions designed for Ruritans who have never attended a national convention while another 395 members who are regular convention attendees have shared their thoughts and observations.

If you are an attendee who **has** been to a national convention, please go to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Ruritan1>
to complete a survey designed for general attendees.

If you have **never** attended a national convention please go to

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Ruritan2>.

If you attended only one convention and never returned, please tell us why at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Ruritan3>.

If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please contact Ruritan Service toll free at 877-787-8727 ext. 13 or service@ruritan.org.

Responses have also been collected from 42 one-time attendees. Many former national presidents with an average of 32 years of convention experience, also responded to a separate survey.

Executive Director Michael Chrisley noted, "We are extremely pleased with the response to this survey. The only way we can improve our service to members and convention attendees is to get their honest feedback. This information will be given to the site selection committee, the executive committee, and the entire board of directors. While we do have contracts through 2013, we hope that some changes might be made prior to the 2012 convention in Raleigh. The appropriate people will review the survey data and react to the wishes of the membership. It is encouraging that so many Ruritan members are taking time to respond. It is my hope that we will be driven by the data we have collected."

News From Ruritan: Southwest VA District



Southwest VA District Enjoys Picnic

The first annual **Southwest Virginia** District Picnic was recently held on the Clinch River in Scott County. Jack and Rhett Edwards of the **Wadlow Gap** (VA) Club donated the facility for the picnic. Over 50 Ruritans attended the event. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. Rick Dellinger of the **Bedford** (VA) Club provided the entertainment. Pictured in the forefront are members of the **Allison Gap** (VA) Ruritan Club.

Spottswood-Raphine (VA) Dedicates Field To Members



Spottswood-Raphine (VA) Ruritan Club and the South Augusta Ball Association dedicated their community ball fields in honor of Everett "Ray" Campbell and Bobby Lee Sorrells, Sr. whom the club consider to be extraordinary leaders and contributors to the club and community.

Ray served as the ringmaster for the annual horseshow and was instrumental in establishing the ball fields. He made many improvements to the fields and constructed the concession stand, and rest rooms and refurbished the gym. Ray died September 25, 2006.



Bobby was a veteran of the US Army and was employed by Western State Hospital at the time of his retirement. The club said that he was always ready to serve others through his life, church, and his club. He served as vice president, president, and director. He managed the concession stand and used his many skills as a plumber and electrician to work on the buildings and grounds of the club. Bobby died May 24, 2007. Pictured are family members of the two men at the fields that were dedicated in honor of both.

New Hope Dedicates Building In Memory Of Deceased Member

New Hope (VA) Ruritan Club dedicated its new community center in memory of Vernon T. Davis at their meeting recently. Davis was a member for 69 years with 67 years of perfect attendance. Pictured left (l-r) are his brother Carmon Davis and sons Roger and Ronnie Davis. Past National President and active member



of the club Kelly Chapman also presented Allison Bailey with a Build Your Dollar Scholarship at a club meeting.



Mill Gap Presents 50 Year Pin

Mill Gap (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary recently. Club member Sherry Sullenberger read club history highlights as the club enjoyed food and fellowship. Club President Jim Cobb presented a 50 year pin to member Darwin King.

Maxwelton Spruces Up Booth

Lower West Virginia Zone Seven Governor and member of the **Maxwelton** (WV) Ruritan Club Max



Gibson's, grandson Josh Hutto, and stepson Pete Cochran are shown painting the club's ice cream booth in preparation of the West Virginia State Fair. The booth is the main fundraiser for the club.

Clintonville and Smoot Host Blood Drive

Lower West Virginia Ruritan clubs joined together to present a Red Cross Blood Drive. **Clintonville** (WV) Ruritan Club and **Smoot** (WV) Ruritan Club plan to host a blood drive annually. According to Red Cross representative Scott Hill, the project was a huge success. Twenty-five units of blood were collected and 18 were from first-time donors.



Three Clubs in Holland District Celebrate Anniversaries

Anniversary congratulations go to the **Surry** (VA) Ruritan Club on their 80th, **Prince George** (VA) Ruritan Club on their 75th, and **Wallaceton** (VA) Ruritan Club on their 50th. At Surry, Past National President George Winslow spoke and club president David Holdsworth recognized club volunteers. At Prince George, National President Jerome Rodes initiated new members, and widows of faithful, deceased members cut the cake. Wallaceton had a PowerPoint presentation highlighting their years of service to the community. They also honored their Ruritan of the Year and Mother of the Year. All three clubs had special dinners that were attended by zone and district guests. Pictured right is Past National President George Winslow presenting an 80th anniversary certificate to Surry Club President David Holdsworth.



Hickory (VA) Recycles Old Electronics

In April the **Hickory** (VA) Ruritan Club collected over 1,000 pounds of discarded electronic and electrical equipment for the Chesapeake "E-Recycle Day." This event was an effort to collect old computer equipment, stereo systems, speakers, fax machines, TVs, etc. in order to recycle the components. The collection kept the old equipment out of the landfill and helped conserve natural resources. Pictured are Gordon Boyd, George Reich, Fred McKenna, and Mike Colbert.

Prince George Given Resolution

Editors Note: Ruritan National Office received this letter and a plaque praising the **Prince George** (VA) Ruritan Club from Prince George County officials:

It is a pleasure and an honor to forward you a resolution of commendation adopted by the Prince George County Board of Supervisors upon the 75th anniversary of the Prince George Ruritan Club. This club, created in 1935, has performed some truly outstanding accomplishments for our county.

Few if any Ruritan Clubs have created a Fire Department, Electric Cooperative, major park facilities and many other community enterprises. This Ruritan Club has significantly contributed to our county and our board wanted the National Headquarters to have this resolution for placement in your offices. We are proud of this club and our Board of Supervisors personally congratulated the club leadership during a board meeting on July 14th. An exact original of this resolution was presented to them as well.

Thanks for all Ruritan National has done for citizens throughout our nation. You are an outstanding humanitarian organization that is committed to service.

*Sincerely,
John G. Kines, Jr.
County Administrator*

News From Ruritan: **Davy Crockett District**

Mt. Pleasant Club Member Earns Perfect Attendance Certificate

Mt. Pleasant (TN) Ruritan Club celebrated its 45th anniversary with Ruritan National President Jerome Rodes and First Lady Marsha Rodes.

Two charter members Howard Whaley and Marb all Weems, were also present. Rodes presented Whaley a 45 year perfect attendance certificate and presented Marb all Weems a copy of the original charter.



Rodes is shown presenting a certificate of recognition of the club's 45th anniversary to Club President Lynn Hartman.

News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

Charles City (VA) Donates \$2,000 To Community Organizations



Charles City (VA) Club President Curley O'Dell is shown presenting two \$1,000 checks to the Charles City Fire and Rescue Squad and to Cultural Alliance. Pictured right (l-r): Charles City Fire and Rescue Squad President Graves, Captain McCauley, Chief Jones, and Club President O'Dell. Pictured left (l-r): Club Vice President Cyrus Brame, Cultural Alliance representative Julie Boyd, and Club President O'Dell.



New Kent (VA) Club Presents Three Scholarship Checks to Students



New Kent (VA) Ruritan Club presented three scholarship checks at their club meeting. Courtney Jamerson, received the Chuck Yeatts scholarship and will be attending Christopher Newport College. Austin Smith received the Johnny McLaughlin scholarship and he plans to attend Liberty University. Kendall Bunting received the Edward Ringley scholarship but was unable to attend the meeting. Pictured (l-r): Club Vice President Ron Jordan, Courtney Jamerson, Austin Smith, and Club President John Reus, Jr.

Gloucester Teens Hold Ice Cream Social

An ice cream social for teachers and staff at the Gloucester High School was held by the Gloucester High School (VA) Ruri-Teen Club and the Dragon Run (VA) Ruritan Club. They served 111 ice cream sundaes with the toppings of choice.



Five Forks Newest Club Member

Five Forks (VA) Ruritan Club's newest member Sam Billings is shown with Ruritan National Director Karen Pallette and Club President Bud Jensen.



News From Ruritan: Upper WV District

Spruce Mountain Member Receives 60 Year Pin

Garland Mullenax of the Spruce Mountain (WV) Ruritan Club is shown receiving his 60 year service pin from District Treasurer Leon Alt. The club also celebrated its 60th anniversary with Ruritan National President Jerome Rodes and Ruritan National Secretary JoAnn Wenger in attendance. Pictured left (l-r): Garland Mullenax, Leon Alt.



News From Ruritan: Dan River District

Irisburg Recognizes Teachers

Irisburg (VA) Ruritan Club was featured in their local newspaper recently honoring current and former staff of their elementary school. The school closed due to budget cuts and will be consolidated with another. Approximately 55 were present for the event.

News From Ruritan: Middle America District

Spring Hill Sunflowers (KS) Sponsors Bicycle Ride



Spring Hill Sunflowers (KS) Ruritan Club sponsored a community bicycle ride in May to raise funds for the local band boosters. Band students, parents, and the club worked on the all day project. Club member Keith Stiles is shown presenting a check of \$1,300 to the President of the Spring Hill High School Band Booster Club Leonard Barnhill.

Earlier in the year, the club held a benefit fundraiser for Keith Deeters to help with expenses associated with cancer treatments

Bronson (KS) Club Receives Blue Ribbon Award



In 1966 the **Bronson (KS)** Ruritan Club was the first Ruritan Club west of the Mississippi. For three consecutive years, the club received the Blue Ribbon Award. The club is one of many who receive this award. Middle America District Governor Ed Carstedt and National Director Eddie Henderson were on hand to congratulate the club recently on their accomplishments. Pictured are 17 of the 19 members

News From Ruritan: Ohio District

Smithville (OH) Replaces Old Fence For Community

Smithville (OH) Ruritan Club recently replaced an old split rail fence for the Village of Smithville and the Smithville Garden Club. Pictured installing the fence are: Phillip Gresser, Maynard Rennecker, Curt Diebel, Lance Rennecker, and Charles Hostetler. The public service committee has recently painted the signs for a number of area cemeteries.



The club also donated a sign to the Village of Smithville to use for community events and announcements. The

photo shows the club advertising their own fundraiser.

Pictured left (l-r): Ralph Smucker, Club President Paul Trent, Cathy Rolf, Maynard Yoh, and Ed Saladi.



Two Ohio Clubs Give Scholarships

Southern (OH) Ruritan Club and **Liverpool-Calcutta (OH)** Ruritan Club worked together in honoring three scholarship recipients. Pictured (l-r): Club Vice President Lewis McIntosh, Emmall McIntosh, Katie Parr, Amanda Dietch, Southern Club Secretary Jason Frischkorn, and Liverpool-Calcutta Club Treasurer Sam Shaffer, Jr.

News From Ruritan: Spartan District

Clubs in Spartan District Make Hash As Fundraiser

Every July 4th the **Cannons Campground** (SC) Ruritan Club holds a beef barbecue hash fixing. The all-night cooking produces about 2,500 pints of hash which is usually sold out before noon.

Pictured top right is the 3 a.m. shift with the five pots filled with hash .

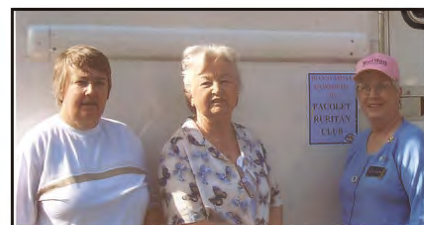
Also the **Croft** (SC) Ruritan Club made 500 pints of hash for their July 4th weekend sale. Pictured below are the club members putting the hash into containers.



Pacolet Sponsors Blood Drive

Pacolet (SC) Ruritan Club sponsored a blood drive recently.

Pictured left to right are club members Lou Kinsey, Rev. Pat McCain, and Nancy Owens.



News From Ruritan: Alabama - Florida District

Bleeker (AL) Donates Cash and Material to Tornado Victims

In 2009, Salem, AL was severely damaged by a tornado. The **Bleeker** (AL) Ruritan Club donated approximately \$10,000 in cash and materials. They provided food baskets, meals, \$500 gift cards for immediate needs and assisted in repair and clean up. Junior high school teachers were given cash donations to replace classroom materials lost. Pictured (l-r): Club President Marc Wahler, Gunter Seibert, and Darius Slusher building new picnic tables.



President and First Lady Tour Lincolnland

In what has now become tradition, Ruritan's National President Jerome Rodes and First Lady Marsha made a whirlwind tour of the Lincolnland District in Indiana and Illinois over the Fourth of July holiday.

The first couple participated in parades, helped to cook barbecued ribs, and talked with hundreds of Ruritans who are making their communities better places in which to live and work through Ruritan activities and action.



News From Ruritan: Hermitage District



POW-MIA Memorial Constructed

Danny Jackson, Vietnam veteran and member of the Browns Community (TN) Ruritan Club, stands proudly beside a memorial that he designed, built, and dedicated to the Armed Forces. A ceremony was held with city and county mayors in attendance. Special guests were World War II veterans.

News From Ruritan: New York Area



The Stockbridge Valley (NY) Ruritan Community Fair in July offered the theme "Made in Munnsville" and featured items that were made in the community in the past as well as today. "It's an excellent opportunity to bring the people together and celebrate our community," said New York Area Governor Pete Kazlauskas, who is also the fair organizer.

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