

RURITAN

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NEWSLETTER

Support the Foundation



The Foundation Trustees would like to thank all the clubs who sent in the \$300 for the "Build Your Dollars" program by October 1, 2017, in order to participate in the distribution of scholarship funds for the 2018-19 academic year. The amount of the return to your club will be determined by the earnings received on the investment of these dollars. The Carr Investment Group has done an excellent job of investing for the Foundation. The Trustees have been able to return 81% on your investment of \$300. We will be able to give you the exact amount of your return at the 2018 National Convention.

The application for the Foundation Educational Grants have been limited to only five for 2018-19. These grants will be awarded to only the most deserving students. After 2018, the grant program will be phased out.

Encourage students to take part with colleges and universities that have become partners with Ruritans. Any Ruritan scholarship recipient should call Amanda at the Ruritan Foundation Office to see if their College/University is a program participant. If not, the Trustees may be able to sign a partnership with them.

The Trustees have updated and will continue updating the Foundation website. All contributions to the Foundation has a form to be used when sending money in to the National Office.

The 2017 Foundation Fellowship Weekend was a huge success with approximately 200 Ruritans, their families, and guests were in attendance. Galax and the Twin Counties of Carroll and Grayson were honored to have us visit the area. In return, I was glad to show them just what Ruritan does best: AWARD people for their great service to their communities by presenting them with a Tom Downing Fellow Award.

We were able to give 415 Build Your Dollars, 152 Tom Downings and several \$\$\$Million Dollar Awards this year. At Foundation Weekend we took in \$3,470.85 from the auction, TD raffle \$665, and registration \$5,020 with expenses of \$4,025. We feel the Foundation was blessed to have the support of the all who were in attendance. Thank you very much. Each act of kindness will be remembered. Trustees thank each club and individual who have added to their fund and achieved another level in giving.

For additional information about the Foundation or your funds, please feel free to call your Trustee. We are here to help and serve you any way we can.

We CARE about you and your club and we are working hard to make changes that will help you in the future.

Ruritan National FOUNDATION

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Message from 2017 Ruritan National President Danny Privott “Grow Ruritan...Help More Communities”



Dear Ruritan family,

Linda and I have had a busy year so far and we are getting close to that time of year where we will be attending district conventions. We both look forward to spending time with you as we continue to visit in Ruritanland.

Getting members should be the most important task of each club member because with more members united to a common cause more can be accomplished to support that cause. When we as Ruritans recruit and add to our club membership, we are not only helping the National Organization, we are also helping those in our own individual community. More members mean that your club has the capability of helping even more in your community. We work together to help others, that's what Ruritans do.

When we as Ruritan members do this, we are not only an organization as defined earlier, we are also an organization that “changes lives.” Yes, we actually “change lives” and we have a good time doing it. Yes, Ruritans work side by side doing their various fundraising projects and they have fun doing it. That's why they do it.

We change the life of someone we help and our lives are changed because we helped someone less fortunate than we are.

I like to think of Ruritan as “Serving others” and “Changing lives,” both theirs and yours and having fun, enjoying what they do. “Ordinary people doing extra-ordinary things to improve lives of those in their community”.

Listen to this quote by Dr. Albert Schweitzer: “I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”

There you have it, Dr. Albert Schweitzer said it all, Serving will make you really happy.

As we work together performing our club fundraising events to be able to provide needed service, the Ruritan mission of Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service is accented and emphasized. So, I ask you, don't you wish this experience for others? If so, we just need to ask.

Another way of serving others is to contribute to and support First Lady Linda's ALS Awareness Project. By doing this and contributing we will be supporting the research and efforts of all who are trying to find a cure for this dreadful disease which affects so many families. We again thank all who have made contributions and thank you in advance for any future donations. The amount that Ruritans have donated through the special website which is posted on the ruritan.org home page totals just over \$10,000 at the time of this writing.

Remember: “Together We Affect Change” Because We Believe In Ruritan!

National Convention Mini Schedule

Thursday, January 18, 2018

2018 Governors Training (morning)

Vespers-Opening Dinner (must be purchased separately or as part of one the packages on the registration form)

Opening Ceremonies (evening)

Friday, January 19, 2018

Workshops (morning)

Morning Business Session with Awards

Lunch Honoring First Lady Linda (must be purchased separately or as part of one the packages on the registration form)

Afternoon Voting (The voting room will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. for those that wish to come vote in person)

Friday, January 19, 2018 continued

Free Time to Tour Charleston

Foundation 50th Anniversary Celebration (evening)

Foundation Live Auction (evening)

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Workshops (morning)

Morning Voting (The voting room will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. for those that wish to come vote in person)

Morning Business Session with Awards

Installation Banquet (must be purchased separately or as part of one the packages on the registration form)

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Worship Service

Ruritan National Convention – Charleston, SC. January 18-21, 2018

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

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Preferred Badge Name : _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

2nd Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Preferred Badge Name: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

☐ I have these food restrictions: _____

☐ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

☐ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

☐ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance

☐ **At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.**

☐ This is my first convention.

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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

☐ Korea

☐ U. S. Marines

☐ Vietnam

☐ U.S. Navy

☐ Desert Storm

☐ U.S. Coast Guard

☐ Operation Iraqi Freedom

☐ Other (explain) _____

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For Office Use Only:
GRP# _____

MEALS IN Charleston

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Embassy Suites Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Charleston (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 \$160. Send in your registration before the Dec. 18, 2017, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals.

How Will You Pay?

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

Check payment type below:

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

☐ Payment made by check Check # _____

☐ Visa/Mastercard

Card # _____

Expiration date # _____

3 or 4 digit code on back _____

Check one option below

☐ Bill my credit card now

☐ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2017

2018 Ruritan National Convention - Charleston: Jan. 18-21

Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FIVE package options for the 2018 Ruritan Convention

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

Meal Package Options

Packages 1- 4 already include the base fee of \$160

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Three meal package includes base fee, Thursday Vespers-Opening Dinner, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 1 BEST DEAL	\$336	
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 2	\$290	
Friday Only Package includes base fee and Friday First Lady's Lunch	Package 3	\$210	
Saturday Only Package includes base fee and Saturday Banquet	Package 4	\$235	
No Meals - base registration only	Package 5	\$160	

Extra Meal Tickets and Items

Must purchase any package above to purchase additional meal tickets.

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Vespers-Opening Dinner on Thursday Evening	Vespers-Opening	\$60	
Lunch Honoring First Lady Linda on Friday	First Lady	\$55	
Installation Banquet on Saturday Evening	Banquet	\$80	
Rudy Bears - to be added to gift to Charleston charities	Rudy Bears	\$8	
Come celebrate the Ruritan National Foundation 50 th Anniversary **See note number 2 below**	Foundation	\$_____	
H.L. Hunley Tour: The H.L. Hunley was an 1864 Confederate combat submarine.	Friday Tour	\$65	
Historic Charleston Tour: A private tour of the Edmondston-Alston House along with a private guided tour of historic Charleston.	Friday Tour	\$55	
Patriots Point Tour: Tour the USS Yorktown, discover the USS Laffey and the submarine "Clamagore."	Friday Tour	\$60	
Shuttle to downtown Charleston and back to the hotel running every 30 minutes.	Friday Shuttle	\$20	
	GRAND TOTAL \$		

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

The Ruritan National Foundation will be celebrating its 50th anniversary while in Charleston. Instead of a meal this year, they are inviting you to come and have dessert with them and stay for the Live Auction. Please make a donation to the Foundation and let them know if you are going to come celebrate with them. The above donation can be placed in your personal fund, your club, or district's fund. Please indicate below where you wish the donation to be placed:

Fall for *our newest items.*



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