

RURITAN

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NEWSLETTER

Happy 50th Birthday Ruritan National Foundation Happy 90th Birthday Ruritan National



Let me start off by saying "THANK YOU" for what you are doing in your communities in the name of Ruritan and "THANK YOU" for your support of the Ruritan National Foundation (RNF). Spring is the time of year for the Ruritan scholarship selections and club fundraising events. Our Foundation's hope is that all 977 Ruritan clubs will participate in the "Build Your Dollar" (BY\$) program. Last year, only 425 clubs sent in their \$300 by October 1st and are getting a check for \$600. The BY\$ program is an opportunity to let your RNF assist your club in providing scholarships in your community.

As you have seen in all of our mailings, the RNF has a 50th anniversary pin. This pin could be yours for a \$50 donation. The donation will be placed in the Foundation fund of your choice. The Foundation had only 500 of these pins made and 250 have been sold as of this writing, so you need to contact a Trustee or contact Ruritan National to make your donation and receive a pin.

Your Trustees are working hard this year to get out important information about the Foundation to Club Presidents, Zone Governors, District Officers, and National Officers in the form of the "Foundation Blast." Our "Blast" is a one-page summary of a topic chosen to inform you of what is going on in the RNF. These "Blasts" and other Foundation information can be found on the Ruritan website, (www.ruritan.org), under "Foundation."

We are having our Foundation Weekend Birthday Party in Greensboro, NC on September 14-16 at the Sheraton at Four Seasons. The room rates are \$123/night. The rates are good for three days before and/or three days after the event. This weekend is a great opportunity to visit the sights in Greensboro and the surrounding communities. We are planning to get together on Friday night, September 14th, where the Piedmont District will host a meal to honor and recognize the living Past National Foundation Presidents. This is our opportunity to say "thank you" to the Ruritans that have served us as Trustees and helped build up the Foundation. This meal will be off site.

Saturday, the hospitality room will have sausage biscuits and jelly biscuits for breakfast. The hospitality room will be open on Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night after the banquet. Saturday, during in the day, you will have time for yourself. Saturday night we will have a banquet with a buffet meal and entertainment. On Sunday morning, there will be a church service on site. We are looking forward to seeing you in Greensboro!

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Foundation Fellowship 50th Anniversary Weekend

September 14 – 16, 2018



Register for the 2018 Foundation Fellowship Weekend. This year, we are celebrating the Ruritan National Foundations 50th Anniversary at the Sheraton Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. There will be plenty of fellowship at the Friday night meal (Past Foundation Presidents Reception), the Saturday night Birthday Banquet, and a nightly hospitality room. On Saturday, there will be a silent auction and a live auction.

Registration cost is \$60/person if postmarked by September 4th. After September 4th, the cost will be \$70/person. Registration includes the Friday and Saturday night meals, as well as, access to the hospitality room. Send the below form with payment to Ruritan National Foundation, PO Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084.

The Sheraton Koury Convention Center is located in downtown Greensboro, NC. **Sheraton room rates are \$123/night.** To reserve your room at this rate, please call 336-292-9161 and tell them you are with the Ruritan group.

Enjoy your time discovering downtown Greensboro, visiting one of the many close by attractions, or relaxing at the hotel by the indoor/outdoor heated pool! We look forward to seeing you in September!



Greensboro Attractions & Day Trip Opportunities

Landmark	Distance
Four Seasons Town Center	2 min.
ACC Hall of Champions	6 min.
Weatherston Art Museum	8 min.
Greensboro History Museum	10 min.
Int'l Civil Rights Museum	10 min.
Piedmont Triad Farmers Market	14 min.
Richard Petty Racing Museum	15 min.
Replacement, Ltd.	15 min.
Guilford Courthouse National Military Park	17 min.
Greensboro Science Center	19 min.
High Point Convention/Visitors Bureau	23 min.
Old Salem Museum	27 min.
Bob Timberlake Gallery	28 min.
Tanger Outlets Mebane	32 min.
North Carolina Zoo	37 min.
Seagrove Pottery	37 min.
Richard Childress Racing Museum	37 min.



Name: _____

Member Number: _____

Name Badge: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Member Number: _____

Guest Name Badge: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Payment Information

Check No. _____

Visa _____ Master Card _____

C.C. No. _____

C.C. Exp. Date _____ *CVC _____

*CVC – 3 digit code on the back of your card

Phone Number: _____

District: _____

Club: _____

Organized golf to be determined upon shown interest. If you are interested, please check this box. ☐

Ruritan National Convention – Hampton, VA

January 17-20, 2019

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

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Preferred Badge Name : _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

2nd Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Preferred Badge Name: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

___ I have these food restrictions: _____

___ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

___ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

___ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance

___ This is my first convention

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

Check items below that apply:

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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)

___ Other (explain)

For Office Use Only:
GRP# _____

MEALS IN HAMPTON

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Hampton Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Hampton (as a walk-in) for the events will not be guaranteed meals. However, we **will** be able to register you for non-meal events at the base rate of \$165. Send in your registration before the Dec.17, 2018, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals.

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

**** Please make sure to put your guest name down so that we may have a name badge for your guest. ****

2019 Ruritan National Convention – Hampton: Jan. 17-20

Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FIVE package options for the 2019 Ruritan Convention

Choose one of these six registration packages. **Packages 1-5** include opening ceremony, access to exhibits, access to the business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting, and all other convention activities.

Meal Package Options

Packages 1- 4 already include the base fee of \$165

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Three meal package includes base fee, Thursday Opening Dinner, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 1 BEST DEAL	\$320	
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 2	\$275	
Friday Only Package includes base fee and Friday First Lady's Lunch	Package 3	\$215	
Saturday Only Package includes base fee and Saturday Banquet	Package 4	\$225	
No Meals - base registration only	Package 5	\$165	
Saturday Installation Banquet and Entertainment ONLY <i>**Please note that this package gives you access to the banquet and entertainment</i>	Package 6	\$85	

Extra Meal Tickets and Items

Must purchase any package above to purchase additional meal tickets.

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Opening Dinner on Thursday Evening	Vespers	\$60	
Lunch Honoring First Lady Linda on Friday	First Lady	\$55	
Installation Banquet on Saturday Evening	Banquet	\$65	
Rudy Bears - to be added to gift to Hampton charities	Rudy Bears	\$8	
National Convention Memories CD of candid photos.	CD	\$16	
	GRAND TOTAL \$		

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, 2018

Message From National President Guy Cox



The snow has finally stopped falling in WV and it is time to get invigorated and excited with all of the upcoming events that will be happening around Ruritanland.

We have all been watching and following the clubs membership for the first quarter and the numbers have changed quite a bit. The membership in all of the districts took a drop in January because of clubs cleaning their books and updating their membership. Another area that has made some of the biggest changes is our older members are passing away. Seventy seven (77) long time members were reported at the ANCR to have passed away in NC this past year. That is a significant number of dedicated and hard working Ruritans to be replaced within just one of our associations. All areas of Ruritan are having a difficult time replacing club officers, district officers, and even various association officers within our states. It definitely takes effort on your part to step up and fill some of these positions but you are very capable of doing

the job. If not now, when? Ruritan needs you, your club needs you, and your district/association needs you. Please consider taking that next step to fill these ranks.

Now for some good news. The year is just beginning. Trees are blooming and flowers are sprouting up everywhere. The weather is warming up and people will begin to get outside to complete needed yard work.

Take a few minutes to get to know these folks. Take some brochures from Ruritan with you to visit these neighbors. Tell them what it means for you to be a part of the Ruritan organization.

**The Ruritan National Foundation will be holding silent and live auctions in Greensboro on Saturday September 15 during the 2018 Foundation Fellowship Weekend.
(Donated Items are needed.)**

Discuss the changes that have come and gone over the years and how Ruritan has helped to bring about some of these positive changes. Have you talked with your church family pertaining to their joining Ruritan? Invite your relatives to join you at a club meeting or activity to help out. Mention that you have a meal. That usually gets the conversation started. Make them feel like part of the club before they join the club.

Ruritan Forever Application

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

Your Name: _____

Your Club Name: _____

Your Address: _____ Telephone: _____

This application is for: (check one)

Myself ☐ Current Member ☐ Deceased Ruritan ☐ NEW Associate Member ☐

Name of Applicant (If not you): _____

Applicant's Club: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

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

CVC code (3 digit code on the back of your card) _____

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

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

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

How to Make Your Embassy Suites Room Reservations for the National Convention in Hampton - January 17-20, 2019



Two-Room Suites

Evening Reception

Indoor Pool & Fitness

Complimentary Breakfast

On-Site Spa Botanica

Group Rate

Make Your Reservations Now!

Reservations by phone:

Call 1-800-362-2779 for 24hrs a day, 7 days a week
(group name is: **RURITAN NATIONAL CONVENTION**)
Provide your arrival and departure dates for your reservation

**Embassy Suites Convention
Center and Spa
1700 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, VA 23666**

OR

Reservation by website:

www.hamptonroadsconventioncenter.embassysuites.com "enter" arrival & departure dates, number of rooms and occupants, "click" add special rate codes for group rate "enter" under Group code: RNC then scroll down to the blue "CHECK ROOMS & RATES" button and "click" this button. Complete your reservation information

Group Rates: Single through Quadruple Occupancy is \$123.00 per suite, per night plus taxes; for occupancy over four adults (adults 18yrs. and older) please add \$10.00 for each additional adult occupant. Taxes are 14% per suite, per night plus there is a city tax of \$1.00 per room, per night on all reservations.

A King maximum occupancy is four people per suite, and a two-double bedded suite maximum occupancy is six people. Each room type has a sleeper sofa in the living room.

Please make your group rate reservation as soon as possible as availability is subject to change. By receiving this information, you are not guaranteed a reservation at the group rate. You must make your individual reservation following the above procedure and receive a confirmation number to have a guaranteed reservation. **Group Reservations Cut Off Date is Friday, December 14, 2018** but availability is subject to change and this block may not have availability at a future date.

