

RURITAN

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NEWSLETTER

Join Us In Greensboro

As I look back at my years as a Ruritan National Foundation Trustee, I can see the good things your Foundation is doing in Ruritan communities. There have been multiple highlights through the programs offered through the Foundation.



I have had the privilege to witness several “Build Your Dollar” scholarships being presented. Seeing the smile on a young student’s face upon hearing that they had won the Ruritan scholarship, is a great reward for what we do, not to mention the happiness of their parents. Some clubs have been participating for years with this Foundation program. If your club has not, please send in your \$300 to the Ruritan National office postmarked by October 1, so your club can get a part of the benefits of your Foundation.

Another highlight is seeing the excitement of a Ruritan or community member when they receive Ruritans highest honor, the “Tom Downing Fellow Award.” The thrill is knowing someone thought enough about your service to your club and/or community to acquire this for you. The recipient’s name will always be on the Ruritan books as a “Tom Downing Fellow.” You can honor a Ruritan or community member with a “Tom Downing Fellow Award” submitting a Tom Downing Fellowship form and payment of \$500 to the Ruritan National Office. The form is available online for your convenience.

Your trustees hope that you are taking advantage of the opportunities you have to participate in the Ruritan National Foundation. We have many ways in which you, your club, and your district can participate in building your Foundation fund balance. The greater the balance, the greater the interest earned, thus more money can be given out in your Ruritan community. Thank you for to all the past, current, and future donors of the Ruritan National Foundation.

The Foundation Trustees have tried this year, to keep you informed of Foundation news and explanations of Foundation functions through their monthly “Foundation Blast.” We hope these blasts have been helpful and informative. We are always looking for new ideas for upcoming blasts, so please let a Trustee or your National Office know if you see a need.

Operation We Care is a part of your Foundation in which we try to help communities that have been affected by some type of natural disaster. OWC is our effort as a National organization to help as a group.

As you may have heard, this is the 50th anniversary of your National Foundation and we are doing several things to celebrate. The first is producing a 50th anniversary pin. For a \$50 donation, you too, could be the proud owner of one of the limited edition pins. The next celebration event will be Foundation Fellowship Weekend on September 14-16, in Greensboro, NC. Details of this exciting opportunity for fun and fellowship can be found in our Ruritan magazine, on our website, and on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you there!

I want to personally say “Thank you” for all that each of you do in your community in the name of Ruritan, to make your community, county, state, and our country, a better place to live and raise a family. In Ruritan, we CARE about our neighbors, we SHARE our time, talents, and gifts, we work to improve the life of others, WE ARE RURITANS!

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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.

Replacements, Ltd.



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



I am going to quote Charlie Bowman from an email he wrote to National Director George Brothers pertaining to the awarding of scholarships to very well deserving students:

"To be a part of an organization to see the future of our clubs now, to help our next generation get a start to their future, they make us proud to be able to do such a small gesture. Years from now, when they're fundraising to help the next generation, we can be proud of the work we did for our communities and see the actions of the next. Thank you Ruritan Clubs across the states and what you have done, what you are doing, and have planned for tomorrow." How better can we express our thanks on behalf of the many students who have greatly benefitted from the help that your Ruritan Club has given to these well deserving students and hopefully some day future Ruritans.

You invested in the lives of 424 students for \$254,000 toward their future through the "Build Your Dollar" scholarship program. This does not include the many other scholarships that were fully funded by your club. May God continue to bless your clubs and the future of Ruritan.

Get Your Ruritan 90th Anniversary Polo or Tee Limited Quantity!



Navy Blue Polo \$25
Navy Blue Tee \$15
Plus shipping at cost
(actual logo on the left)

Call 877-787-8727



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

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



Two-Room Suites

Complimentary Breakfast



Evening Reception

On-Site Spa Botanica



Indoor Pool & Fitness

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.

