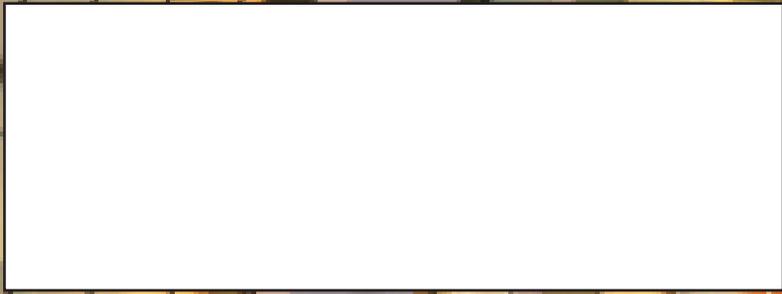


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Raleigh, January 2012
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We Care - We Share - We Are Ruritan!

As I reflect on this year, I want to thank you for the opportunity to work beside and with you as your Ruritan National President. During the past two years, I have witnessed and taken part in visits, events, and communication with our membership. I have heard your passion and pride when speaking with members about their projects and their impact on the community. I have experienced your joy as you welcomed in a new member or saw a new club being formed. I have felt the community pain of losing a club that has served the citizens for 40 to 50 years. It is hard to image what benefits those communities will miss.



2011 Ruritan National President Jayson Duncan

I have watched with pride as you accepted a more diverse membership to fulfill your community goals. The new energy and opportunities that come from new members is a real plus to a club. Yes, you, the club member, are the heart and soul of the Ruritan organization.

As the club year ends, I suggest you do a club evaluation. Have you accomplished all plans and ideas you started the year with? There should be a collective pride in what your club has accomplished. **Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!** I am excited about the future of Ruritan because I see what you are doing!

I have always started my talks by “thanking you” for giving your time, talents, energy, monies, and efforts through Ruritan to make your communities better places to live. These efforts also make our country and world a better place for us to live in.

Gail and I would again like to say, “thank you”, for

your friendship, fellowship, hospitality, and great meals as we visited your clubs and districts.

Now the work begins. Because you are smart enough, talented enough, industrious enough, loyal enough, and dedicated enough, you will continue the goal of making your club and our organization better and stronger. By putting your best foot forward you will meet the challenges that we encounter because We care - We share - We work - We are Ruritan!

May God bless and guide each of us. God bless our troops. God bless America.

See you in Raleigh in January for the Ruritan National Convention!



President Jayson and First Lady Gail share a funny racing story with Jeff Gordon at the Virginia “Drive to End Hunger.” Several Virginia Ruritan Clubs and AARP work together to collect about 40,000 pounds of food the weekend of the Richmond NASCAR race.

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

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Message from Executive Director Michael Chrisley

We Changed the Convention for YOU!

We heard you. Two years ago we conducted a convention survey. We surveyed hundreds of people who had never attended a convention and asked them what we could do to make our convention a meeting that they would consider attending. We also asked people who had attended multiple conventions to give us feedback about what we could do to make the convention better for them. Finally, we asked current and past leaders to give us their feedback about how to improve our convention. This year's convention is different as a result.



You wanted the ability to pick and choose your meals and not be forced to purchase all meals as a part of the convention registration package ... this year you can. You can still buy the full package but you have choices. You wanted to be able to attend for less than the full convention in a meaningful way. This year you can. We have separated the convention into distinct parts ... education on Friday and business and elections on Saturday. You can choose to attend either day or both. We are still offering pre-convention activities on Thursday and post convention activities on Sunday. With the base registration fee you can attend these pre and post convention activities. We heard you.

These are only a few of the changes that you recommended. Please let us know how you like them. Raleigh is a great venue with a lot of opportunities for fun and fellowship. Come celebrate the successes of 2011 with us. For the first time this year, we will have a game room for you to fellowship, play board games, cards, dominoes, corn hole, ladder golf, and relax also. You know it will be fun!

We have a lot on the agenda for the convention. Several changes in the bylaws are proposed. We will elect new officers and directors. Your club deserves a voice. Please consider sending delegates and guests to the convention to take part in the business and have some fun to boot.

We know that your club has been working hard in the community to make life better for those who need you. The convention is an opportunity to get new ideas, learn new things (we have over 50 workshops scheduled for Friday), connect with others from all over the country, and make new friends. We hope you will be there.

Thank you for all the service you have provided this year. The community your club serves is better for it. Remember that more members means more service ... it's not too late to bring a new member into your great club in 2011.

Michael T. Chrisley, Executive Director

New Clubs for 2011

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors, & DRMS*

(January 1, 2011 -- November 1, 2011)

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
Cedar Point Elementary Rudy Youth Ruri-Teen	Rappahannock	Nokesville	Ken Hinkle
Mountain View	Natural Bridge	Callaghan Area	Charlie Wiley, Sr.
Thoughtful Thunderbirds Ruri-Teen	Delmarva-NJ	Sudlersville	Robert Newton
Mt. Vernon Community	Western NC	Gilkey	Jack Conner
Three Way	Hermitage	Browns	
Franklinton	Gulf Area	Mt. Hermon	Beryl Schilling
Foscoe	Western NC	Mountaineer	Leslie Gentry
Dalton	Ohio	Smithville	Ralph Smucker
Mt. Hermon Ladies	Gulf Area	Mt. Hermon	Beryl Schilling
Community Angels Baldwin City	Middle America	Pottawatomie Twp	Charity Upton
Fries	New River	Baywood	Pat Davis
Copper Basin Ruri-Teen	Cherokee	Westside	Pat Mulcahy

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

Hold Blood Drives to Recruit New Members



Has your club ever considered using your fundraisers and projects to recruit new members? Many clubs set up an informational table or displays when they conduct fundraisers. Those attending the fundraisers can see pictures of club activities and receive information about Ruritan membership. Ruritan brochures can also be put in take-out meals. (The brochures can be obtained by contacting Ruritan Supply.) Some clubs have printed business cards with information on when and where the club meets with a contact number to call for more information. The back of the card has a statement about the mission of Ruritan. The cards are given out at fundraisers.

Club-sponsored projects such as Red Cross Blood Drives can serve as excellent ways to recruit new members. People who attend blood drives are there because they want to help others. Use their desire to help others and share Ruritan with them. Clubs can greet those attending, thank them for their donation of life-giving blood, and share Ruritan. The National Growth and Development Committee feels so strongly about the possibility of using blood drives as a way to serve the community while recruiting new members that they are sponsoring a workshop on Friday at the Raleigh National Convention. The workshop will be led by Wayne Collins and David Edwards (pictured with the Red Cross Van), with the assistance of Jeff Hollingsworth from the American Red Cross/Fredericksburg, VA Office. They will outline how to conduct a successful blood drive. After their workshop, the American Red Cross will conduct a blood drive on site. Don't miss the workshop and the opportunity to donate blood in Raleigh. Consult your convention program for the exact time and location of the workshop and blood drive.



- *Ruritan Growth & Development Committee*

Kash (AL) Club is Off and Running Strong

Kash (AL) Ruritan Club, chartered earlier this year, has already had a strong impact in their community. With 37 members, the club has taken on several major projects. The club helped charter the Fabius Volunteer Fire Department, established a community watch program, and started a community vegetable garden. The garden is available for those in need of food as well as the local food pantry. Rudy Bears have been presented to Jackson County Sheriff, Chuck Phillips. During disaster relief efforts the club helped serve approximately 3,000 meals daily. Pictured are the youth members of the club.



Five Clubs Across Ruritan Recruit New Members



Five clubs across Ruritan seem to be excited about growth. All five have recruited new members.

Cherry Grove (NC) Ruritan Club gained 11 new members in August. Pictured front (l-r) are Club President Greg Boone, Carrie Shaw, Tammy Boone, Sheila Gorrell, Beth Smith; back (l-r)

are Eugene Page, Barbara Saunders, Ed Gorrell, Ed Pruitt, Eddie Pruitt, Terrie Pruitt, Shannon Shaw, and Piedmont District Governor Terry Call.

Meadow Creek (NC) Ruritan Club welcomed three new members in July. Zone Governor Harold Rogers and 2010 District Governor Ron Reid were given the honor to initiate the new members. Pictured left (l-r) are Zone Governor Harold Rogers, new members June Sharpe, Sandra Arnold, Mary Dodson, and Past District Governor Ron Reid.



National President Jayson Duncan installs nine new members at the **Lashmeet (WV)** Ruritan Club's September meeting.

James City (VA) Ruritan Club welcomed two new members at a recent club meeting. Pictured



on the right with National Foundation Vice President Cleve Wright are Peg Boarman and Jack Wood.

Liberty Spring (VA) Club President Emery Nichols (left) is shown presenting new member Jay Winslow with a new member kit. Winslow is a third generation Ruritan member as his father and grandfather were members also.



2012 Candidates and Ballot Issues

Delegates to Consider Candidates for National Office

As of November 11, Ruritan National had the following candidates for national office: **National President**, Phyllis Lewter; **National Vice President**, Dennis Clemmer; **Treasurer**, Corky Camin; **National Director**, John Berdine, Clay Byrum, Walton Lee Gordon, Frank Kinsey, Perry Marshman, and Linda Melton (pictured on this page), Earl Ross, John "Calvin" Shelton; **Foundation Trustee**, Pat Davis and Fred Payne (pictured on this page). Note: Other candidates were featured in the Fall 2011 magazine.



Foundation Trustee

Fred Payne
1907 Bethel Rd
Simpsonville, SC 29681

CLUB: 2011 President of Augusta Road Ruritan Club, Spartan District served as Vice President and Director. The Club has more than doubled its

membership under his leadership this year

DISTRICT: 2011 Co-Chair, Foundation Promotion; Chaplain

EDUCATION: Graduate of Ware Shoals High School, the University of South Carolina (BS & MA), and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (MRE), with doctoral work completed (all but dissertation) at University of Georgia. He holds an Honorary doctorate (LLD) from Lincoln Memorial University

OCCUPATION: Retired Dec. 2006 as Executive Director of the Greenville Tech Foundation at Greenville Technical College, and Sept. 2008 as Managing Director of GTF McAlister LLC and GTF Student Housing LLC. Former President of Limestone College, Vice President for Development at North Greenville College, Director of ITT Technical Institute-Greenville, Vice-President for Resource Development, Christian Blind Mission International, and Assistant Professor at Georgia Southern College

OTHER: Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) member; Senior Consultant / Founder of Omega Associates LLC, Greenville County Council representing District 28; Chair of the Planning and Development Committee; Chair of Intergovernmental Relations and Administration (IRA); Voting member of the Greenville Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS). Chairman of the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina, 2010 and 2011; Board member of Oakwood Services International, 2004-2011; Former Board Member of Rolling Green Village CCRC; Member of Simpsonville, Mauldin, and Fountain Inn Chambers of Commerce; Graduate of Leadership Greenville and Leadership Greer; Greenville County

Redevelopment Authority, 2006; and Member of Greenville County Economic Development Corporation, 2007-2010; Married to Kay; son Dr. John Payne (wife Jane) three grandchildren Jackson, Caroline, and Emily; son Major Mark C Payne (wife Jessica) and three grandchildren, Jess, Grant, and Andy; daughter Janet Payne.



National Director

Linda Melton
124 Carriage Dr. NE
Cleveland, TN 37312

Club: Member of Westside and Cherokee Too Club. Served as Club President (2 years); Vice President (3 months); Secretary (4 years); Treasurer (3 years);

Social Development Committee Chair (3 years); Citizenship and Patriotism Committee Chair; Environment Committee Chair; Public Relations Chair; and Finance Committee Chair. 2006 Ruritan of the Year.

DISTRICT: District Governor 2011, Lt. Governor 2010, District Secretary 2007-2009, Fundraising Chair 2005-2006, Newsletter Chair 2006-present.

NATIONAL: Sergeant at Arms 2011;

EDUCATION: Cleveland State Community College

OCCUPATION: USDA-Cherokee National Forest-Administrative Assistant; recipient of 1998 Vice Presidential Hammer Award.

OTHER: Member of the Charleston Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Assistant Worship Leader and Pianist); recipient of 2006 Cherokee District Hall of Fame Award; Member of Keep America Beautiful Business Beautification; Recipient of 2010 Keep America Beautiful Volunteer of the Year Award; Former Director for Foothills Country Fair Board and currently serve as their Treasurer; and Commissioner to the Tennessee Ruritan State Rally Commission and Commission Chair. Love to play piano, sing, decorate cakes, sew, and cook.

Delegates to Consider Three Issues in Raleigh

The following amendments to the Ruritan National Bylaws will be on the ballot in Raleigh. Below each action is a list of bullet points to help explain the reasons for the original motions.

National Dues: – The Board approved a bylaws amendment to increase Ruritan National dues from \$40 per year to \$44 per year beginning April 1, 2012. In the Ruritan National Bylaws, **Article XII, Section B** (under Fees and Dues) require a 2/3 approval by the convention delegates for this action.

- *The last dues increase was approved in January 2005 and was for an increase of \$2 a quarter or \$8 a year.*
- *This dues increase has sustained the operating budget for 7 years.*
- *The budget for 2011-2012 has a positive bottom line of only \$247.*
- *\$247 represents less than a hundredth of a percent of the total budget.*
- *An increase in the electric bill in 2012 could easily put us in a deficit in only one month.*
- *The staff has been reduced to 50% since 2005 when the last increase was approved.*
- *There is no more room to reduce staff.*
- *The 2012-2013 budget will have to include significant reductions in services to members to maintain a positive bottom line.*
- *The \$1 dues increase per quarter may only sustain the budget for two or three years.*

Convention Date: – The Board approved a bylaws amendment to leave open the time of year of the annual meeting known as the national convention. The motion amends **Article IV** of the National Bylaws to read: “Ruritan National shall hold an annual National Convention at which time the Officers, Directors and Foundation Trustees shall be elected. The date and place of the National Convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors.”

- *The initial decision to remove January as the mandated month for convention from the Bylaws was brought about by information received from the membership in their responses to our convention survey. Three groups were surveyed separately:
Past National Presidents chose June, April and May in that order.
Non Attendees chose April, May and June in that order.
Attendees chose April, May and June in that order.*
- *The survey was conducted because of the continuing decline in convention attendance over the*

last 20 years from a high of over 2000 to a low of 767 in Knoxville.

- *Removing January from the Bylaws does not require that the month for holding convention must change.*
- *We have contracts signed through 2016 and are working on 2017 for conventions in the month of January.*
- *Changing the convention from January to another month will not be arbitrary and would require that Ruritan would benefit from the change (cost would be a factor).*
- *The Board of Directors would not schedule a convention in May of one year and in October of the next...it is likely that the Board would test pricing for April ... May ... and June and then try to have conventions in the same month, April, May or June every year.*
- *Because of contracting, the first year that Ruritan would consider changing the month of convention would be 2018. This gives us six full years to make sure the transition is a smooth one.*
- *Changing the month of convention would not require a change in the clubs or districts operating year. We would still give awards, have training, celebrate successes, elect officers and decide Bylaws issues the only change would be the timing of presentation(s).*
- *With regard to National Officers and Directors, this change would only affect the sitting National President...possibly the Secretary and Treasurer (but only if the current officer is in their third and final year of service) and the seven outgoing directors. The Vice President would not be affected, 14 of the current directors whose terms will not be expiring will not be affected and the Secretary and Treasurer would feel no effect if they were in their first or second year.*
- *The districts would likely have a change in their assigned representative if there would have been a change upon the election of new officers and directors. Some directors are re-assigned to their current district even after elections. In that case there would be no change in service for the district or club.*

Delegates to National Convention: – The Board approved a bylaws amendment to **Article XII, Section A** to allow one club delegate for every 10 club members at the national convention with a minimum of two per club (instead of one per 20 as currently stated.) This brings the number of national delegates for each club in line with the number of district delegates allowed per club.

- *The Bylaws change allows for more delegates to the convention from clubs.*
- *It does not require that the clubs send more delegates to convention.*

USO-Style Ruritan Road Show Planned

The exact content of the finale of the 2012 Ruritan National Convention – the entertainment at the close of the Saturday Installation Banquet – is being kept under wraps by the convention co-chairs and 2012 National President Jayson Duncan.

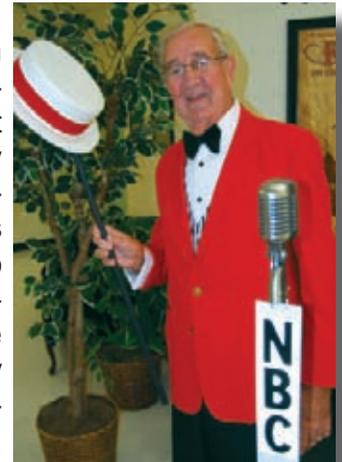
2012 Co-Chairs Gary and Jimmy (1998 National President Gary Taylor and 2007 National President Jimmy Bristow) will only say that the USO style variety show – billed as the **Ruritan Road Show** – will feature the talents of actual Ruritan members with several surprises along the way.



Jimmy and Gary have revealed that the event will be emceed by Ruritan's own Jerry "Bob Hope" Ellis (pictured here in two of the outfits he plans to wear for the event in Raleigh).

Because Ruritan is focusing on the USO during the entire 2012 National Convention – the finale will be a tribute to the USO shows of the past.

Prompted by patriotism, and perhaps vaudevillian wanderlust, beloved entertainer Bob Hope kept touring for more than fifty years. Returning to his professional roots, he took his variety show on the road to entertain U.S. troops wherever those soldiers were stationed. Hope's variety shows for the troops included comedy monologs, specialty acts, celebrity appearances, dancers, singers, and skits. His mildly irreverent humor, teamed with his variety troupe's beautiful women, provided a welcome respite for the U.S. forces, a reminder, in Hope's words, "of what they were fighting for." The Ruritan version of the USO show promises to be equally entertaining. Don't miss it on Saturday, January 21, 2012, following the Installation Banquet in the Raleigh Convention Center.



Ruritan to Host Retired Naval Chaplin

The featured speaker for the Opening Ceremonies at the 2012 Ruritan National Convention in Raleigh will be Captain Tierian (Randy) Cash, a retired Navy chaplain and the current chaplain for the North Carolina American Legion. After receiving an AAS degree from North Greenville College and a BA in History from Carson Newman College, he completed further studies at the University of South Carolina, and entered Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest and was graduated with the Master of Divinity degree.

Chaplin Cash entered active duty in 1983. His assignments include: Chaplin, Destroyer Squadron Six, Charleston; Staff Chaplin, Naval Education and Training Center, Newport; Command Chaplin, USS Nashville in support of Desert Shield; Oceana Naval Air Station, Virginia Beach, where he was tasked to serve as Command Chaplain for the Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He was selected for the Personnel Exchange Program with the Royal Navy in 1993. At Camp Lejeune, he served as Regimental Chaplain for 6th Marines 2nd Marine Division and Command Chaplain for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit and Assistant Division. He has also served as Deputy Director, Naval Chaplain School, Newport,

Deputy Chaplain of the Marine Corps, Washington, DC, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Navy Chaplains, Command Chaplain for Combined Forces Command in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Commanding Officer of the Naval Chaplains School, and Force Chaplain, Naval Education and Training Command, Pensacola. He is currently serving as the Historian for the Navy Chaplain Corps and on the faculty of the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center, Fort Jackson, and serves as the American Legion, Department of North Carolina Chaplain. Chaplain Cash's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards).



The Opening Ceremonies, which also feature a memorial service and a flag ceremony, begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 19.

Book Your Hotel Room in Raleigh

Ruritan has two convention host hotels in Raleigh. The Raleigh Marriott City Center is physically closer to the convention center and offers underground access so that attendees registered at the Marriott will not have to venture outside to get to the activities at the Raleigh Convention Center. The Sheraton Raleigh Hotel is full at this time.

Marriott by Phone:

Call 1-888-236-2427 and tell the agent you would like to book a room at the Raleigh Marriott City Center in Raleigh, NC; Give the agent the group dates and name as well as code RUR;

or get a room at the Marriott on line by going to: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rdumc-raleigh-marriott-city-center> .

On left side under, 'Check rates and availability'; enter dates of stay, number of rooms, number of people in room, and Marriott rewards number (if available).

Click 'Special Rates & Rewards' tab to show the group code box.

Click box beside 'Group code' and enter the group code (RURRURA).

Click, 'Find' and the website will prompt the guest through the reservations process and a confirmation code will be given once the reservation is completed.

Parking Options In Raleigh

Commuter parking, for attendees to the Ruritan National Convention who live in the area and are NOT staying at one of the two hotels, will be \$7 a day in the parking lot adjacent to the Raleigh Convention Center. For attendees staying at the two convention hotels, Parking is as follows:

- Valet parking at the Marriott is \$10 per day.
- Ruritans staying at the Marriott may choose self-parking in the Marriott/Raleigh Convention Center lot and will be provided vouchers for free parking there (provided by the City of Raleigh) at the time of check-in, if they choose this option.
- Self parking at the Sheraton is free for up to one car per room/reservation.



Arrange Your Airport or Train Pick-Up for Raleigh

Are you traveling into Raleigh for the 2012 National Convention by Amtrak* or by air?

If you will let Rocky Mt./Durham District Governor Jim Sears know (e-mail him at jsears2@bellsouth.net or call him at 919-662 -8535, he will arrange someone from the district to pick you up!

Please contact him prior to January 1, 2012, so that he can organize district volunteers in advance and include your flight or train #, schedule, and dates of arrival and departure.

*Ruritan now has a special AMTRAK discount for travel to Raleigh for the 2012 Ruritan National Convention. Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the best available rail fare to (Raleigh, NC) between (January 16, 2012 – January 25, 2012). To book your reservation call Amtrak at 1 (800) 872-7245 or contact your local travel agent and use Convention Fare Code X96H-934.



So Many Workshops Offered! Which Will YOU Attend on Education Day?

Over 50 workshops will be offered on Friday – “Education Day” at the 2012 Ruritan National Convention in Raleigh, NC. Using the list and times below – plan your day now. Two new questions on the workshop evaluation forms will gauge feedback on how effective and valuable the Education Day content is:

I am leaving this workshop with at least one new concept or idea about the material presented, and;

The material covered in this workshop will be useful to me personally and/or in my work as a Ruritan in my club or district.

Bring members from your club and “divide and conquer” so that you get the most content for your time in class. With between six and eight offerings each hour, there should be plenty to interest you. Following the workshops, share the information you’ve learned with members back home in your clubs and districts. See the official **2012 Ruritan Convention Program** for locations, instructors, and more detailed descriptions of these offerings.

7 a.m. Sessions (50 minutes in length)

- Leadership Development Coordinators
- Understanding Your Dreams
- Awards & Incentives
- Putting the Fun in Meeting
- OWC: When Disaster is Declared Will You Be Prepared?
- Ruritan of the Future
- Identifying Potential Leaders

8 a.m. Sessions (50 minutes in length)

- Starting New Clubs
- ABCs of the MMS (beginners session)
- Lt. Governor Training
- Marketing Ruritan
- Foundation Fundraising Programs
- Ruritan/Red Cross Summer of Giving and Living
- 2012 Bylaws Issues
- Club Parliamentary Procedure

Share-A-Thon Displays Needed

Share-A-Thon displays, from clubs and districts, are being requested for the 2012 Convention. Bring a display to set up about your club’s special service project, provide informational handouts, and you will be given a table to use Thursday through Saturday in the main exhibit area. For more information (or to reserve a table) call the Ruritan National office at 540-674-5431 ext. 303.

(2 ½ hour break for **Heroes Breakfast**)

11:30 a.m. Sessions (50 minutes in length)

- Workshop: Estate Planning 101
- Ruritan Insurance
- Ruritan Tomorrow: Growth, Development, and Retention
- Working With Ruritan’s Service Partners
- Come by the Whistle Stop Cafe
- Upcoming Bylaws Issues
- Creating Attractive Websites
- Working with Youth in Adult Clubs

12:30 p.m. Sessions (50 minutes in length)

- Zone Governor Training
- Understanding Sexual Harrassment
- Dancing Through Fire (Conflict Resolution)
- Club Director’s Training
- Club Presidents’ Training & Membership Expansion
- Unleashed Potential
- Growth and Development - One Member’s Story

1:30 p.m. Sessions (50 minutes in length)

- Mentoring Club Members
- Ruritan’s Youth Protection Policy
- Ruritan History
- Shop ‘Til You Drop - Ruritan Publicity and PR
- Grant Writing 101 (*two hour session)
- Making Cards for the U.S. Military
- Club VP Training
- What Are Your True Colors (*two hour session)

2:30 p.m. Sessions (50 minutes in length)

- Dancing Through Fire (Conflict Resolution)
- District Cabinet Training
- Club Fundraising Ideas
- Putting the Fun in Meeting
- XYZs for the MMS (advanced users of the MMS)
- Social Media - Using the Tools of Technology
- Making Cards for the U.S. Military
- Club Secretary’s Training

3:30 p.m. Sessions (50 minutes in length)

- Club Treasurer’s Training
- Potential National Officers Training
- Zone Governor Training
- Using Vendors for Fundraising
- Come by the Whistle Stop Cafe
- Setting Up After-School Tutoring Programs
- Making Cards for the U.S. Military
- Ruri-Teen Club Ideas For Adults

Ruritan Serviceman Praises Support of USO

Earlier this year 2011 National President Jayson Duncan heard by e-mail from LTC Eric Perryman of the **Prince George** (VA) Ruritan Club about the importance of the USO. LTC Perryman's comments helped cement President Jayson's desire to support the USO during the 2012 Ruritan National Convention in Raleigh, NC.

LTC Perryman can speak from experience about the impact the USO has on our U.S. military. While stationed in Iraq, Perryman observed, *"The USO is by far the best thing going for the soldiers and airman here at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. There are three large USOs here and provide free telephones, computers with Internet access, movies, wifi, video games, food, coffee, books, and magazines. They also have comfortable furniture and air conditioning. I have also spent many hours in the Atlanta, Dallas, and Indianapolis airports' USOs and they all provide a secure and comfortable place to wait for your flight during long layovers. As you know the food, drinks, internet, and comfortable furniture are greatly appreciated by not just travelling soldiers but by all eligible veterans and retirees. I can't think of a better organization that deserves the support of the Ruritan Clubs and American population than the USO."*



Ruritans Plans to Support USO

For the 2012 National Convention service project, Ruritan will be adopting the USO of North Carolina and the many service personnel and their families who benefit from the USO programs. In particular Ruritans will have the opportunity (on the registration form) to purchase \$7 **Smiles Over Miles** cards for soldiers. **Smiles Over Miles** is an easy-to-use, private video messaging platform that brings loved ones close together across any distance. For less than the price of a movie ticket, you'll be giving an entire family the opportunity to share those moments. The goal of the program is to give all active duty military service members the opportunity to have a free **Smiles Over Miles** account, compliments of corporate and individual sponsors. Each \$7 donation provides a service member and his/her family and friends with free service for a full year. In addition, attendees can make cash donations on their registration forms to be used for other important USO projects. Such projects serve the many men and women of the military who call North Carolina home.

Ruritan clubs and districts are also being asked to donate gift cards to grocery chains in the North Carolina area so that the USO can purchase important perishable items for their welcome centers. In addition to the **Smiles Over Miles** program and grocery card collection, attendees may bring energy bars and cereal bars, juice boxes that do not need to be refrigerated, Clorox wipes, paper napkins, Chinette bowls and plates, and tall white kitchen trash bags.

Handmade Greeting Card Workshops

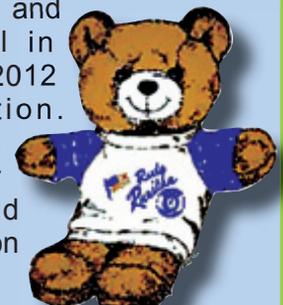
In addition, LTC Perryman praised the selection of hand-made cards provided by the USO for the soldiers to send to their loved ones. *"I was able to send birthday cards, an anniversary card, and many 'missing you' and 'thinking of you' cards to my family members. Many of the cards were homemade by the Girl Scouts and were really cute."* Ruritans attending the 2012 Convention will have an opportunity to pitch in and make a selection of these cards that will be donated to the Raleigh-based USO during workshops scheduled for Friday afternoon, January 20.

Food Bank Contributions in 2011

At the Publicity and Public Relations booth in Raleigh, District Governors are asked to turn in totals of gifts in food and money made by clubs in their district over the past year to food banks. The Publicity and PR Committee will be totaling those amounts and announcing the largest donations by district. NOTE: Please make special note of any "back pack buddy" type donations for children.

Rudy Bears Still Needed!

As always, Ruritan plans to present Rudy Bears to fire, rescue, and hospital personnel in Raleigh during the 2012 National Convention. Consider purchasing bears to be given for that purpose or add them to your convention registration form.



2012 Ruritan National Convention - Raleigh, NC

(January 19 - 21, 2012)

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____

Club: _____ District _____

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 their 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. _____

I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

This is my first Convention. _____

Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

I plan to be a delegate: _____

I will be using a scooter and will need assistance with transportation at the hotel/convention center.

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

Registration Details

- Thursday evening Opening with Flag Ceremony, Memorial Service, and Entertainment
- Friday Education Day with workshops all day long and kicked off with the Friday Heroes Breakfast for all fully registered and Friday package attendees
- Saturday Elections and Business Sessions ending with the Installation Banquet and Entertainment for all Fully Registered and Saturday package attendees
- Optional Friday evening Foundation Dinner and Saturday morning Breakfast Honoring First Lady Gail

Appropriate registration package must be purchased 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 (see reverse). After December 29, 2011, you may only register in person at the convention site.

OPTIONS - See Reverse:

Option 1: Full package rate for the 2012 Ruritan National Convention including both the Heroes' Breakfast and the Installation Banquet: \$170

Option 2: Base registration fee for the 2012 Ruritan National Convention (*no meals*): \$95

Option 3: Friday day rate including Heroes' Breakfast and workshops all day: \$125

Option 4: Saturday day rate including voting and business sessions and ending with Installation Banquet: \$150

MEALS IN RALEIGH

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there IS a deadline with the Raleigh Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind – anyone waiting to register on-site in Raleigh (as a walk-in) for the events will not be guaranteed a meal. We WILL be able to register you for all non-meal events at the base rate of \$95. Plan to send your registration to the Ruritan National Office before the December 29, 2011, cut-off date for advance registration.

We will be honoring Ruritan military veterans and others during the Friday Heroes Breakfast. 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) Peace Time Service

What Events Will You Attend At The 2012 Convention?

Option 1 - Full Package # ____ @ \$170 == \$ _____

Includes: Thursday evening Opening Ceremonies, Friday morning Heroes Breakfast, all Friday workshops, Saturday business sessions, and Saturday Installation Banquet.

Option 2 - Base Fee - no meals # ____ @ \$95 == \$ _____

Includes: Thursday evening Opening Ceremonies, all Friday workshops, election, and Saturday business sessions.
NO MEALS

Option 3 - Friday Day Rate # ____ @ \$125 == \$ _____

Includes: Thursday evening Opening Ceremonies, Friday morning Heroes Breakfast, all Friday workshops, Saturday business sessions, and election. NO SATURDAY MEALS

Option 4 - Saturday Rate # ____ @ \$150 == \$ _____

Includes: Thursday evening Opening Ceremonies, Friday Workshops, Saturday business sessions, and Saturday Installation Banquet. NO FRIDAY MEALS

Sub Total Basic Registrations \$ _____

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.

EXTRA Friday Heroes Breakfast # ____ @ \$35 == \$ _____

Friday Foundation Awards Dinner # ____ @ \$40 == \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast Honoring First Lady Gail # ____ @ \$28 == \$ _____

EXTRA Saturday Installation Banquet # ____ @ \$60 == \$ _____

Sub Total Extra Tickets: \$ _____

Other:

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

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

Cash donation for USO of North Carolina* == \$ _____

Smiles Over Miles cards for soldiers* # ____ @ \$7 == \$ _____

Sub Total Other \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

In addition to making donations to the USO of North Carolina for supplies needed for their military welcome center in Raleigh, Ruritan is providing **Smiles Over Miles** internet cards. Each \$7 donation provides a service member and his/her family with free service to communicate over the internet for a full year. (See details in this issue.)

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 # _____

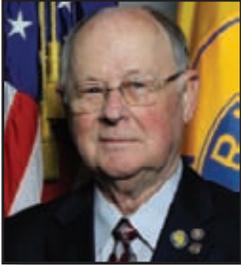
Check one option below

____ Bill my credit card now

____ Bill my credit card December 1, 2011

\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$ - 'Dime A Day'

The Foundation's newest fundraising program has just observed its 2nd anniversary. Participants in the program should send their DIME A DAY funds to the Foundation with a note of their name, address, club, district and the name of the fund being credited. A form is printed on the next page to assist you. Thanks to all Ruritans



Bruce W. Thompson
2011 Foundation
President

for participating in this very worthy fundraiser. **2012 Fellowship Event is a five-day cruise** on the Carnival Fantasy out of Charleston, SC, on September 10, 2012, to Nassau and Freeport in the Bahamas and returning to Charleston on September 15, 2012. A \$250.00 deposit per person will be due by February 15, 2012. Each person will need a valid passport. It is suggested that you

apply for your passport immediately as it takes some time to secure one. See the additional information in this magazine regarding this cruise and plan now to be a part of this fun and fellowship aboard the Bahamas Cruise in 2012. The Foundation Trustees at their meeting in September 2011 approved a new scholarship category that will be identified as **Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Fund**. Due to the near historical rate of unemployment, the Foundation Trustees are supporting a Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Fund. This fund targets those who have not attended school in several years and would benefit by attending a trade or vocational school to upgrade their skills for current or future employment. Application forms are available from the Foundation Office and must be received by the Foundation Office by April 1.

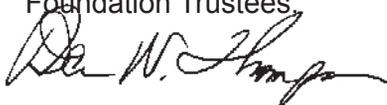
Many of the programs for both Ruritan and the Foundation have different dates to remember in order to qualify. One of those dates is the deadline for participants in the Build Your Dollar Scholarship Program. This requires a club to send in to the Foundation their \$300 qualifying deposit by September 1st. There has been some confusion thinking that date was October 1st, the same date as our Community Service Reports. The Trustees have changed the deadline date to send in the **\$300 qualifying deposit for the BY\$** from September 1st to **October 1st** beginning with the 2012-13 program year.

The 2012 Ruritan National Convention to be held in Raleigh, NC will feature the Foundation with our **Silent Auction, Workshops** on Friday, January 20, 2012, at 7am and 8 am, and the Foundation **Banquet** on Friday Evening with our **Live Auction** following the banquet.

Operation We Care (OWC): The Foundation started the fiscal year of October 1, 2010, with a Reserve balance for the OWC of \$86,260.37. During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, we received donations totaling \$94,169.90 and have responded to those sustained and reported losses from hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other declared tragedies totaling \$144,566.25. This leaves a Reserve balance of \$35,864.02 for future and unforeseen requests.

Thanks for your PAST, PRESENT, and FUTURE support of your Ruritan National Foundation.

Foundation Trustees



Bruce W. Thompson, President on behalf of the rest of the Trustees: Robert Cleve Wright, Vice President; Norman O'Dell, Secretary; Danny Privott, Treasurer; and David Freshly, Promotion Chair

Ruritan National FOUNDATION

2011 Board of Trustees

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2011 Vice President Phyllis Lewter and Trustee Dave Freshly spend some time talking in the hospitality room Saturday afternoon at Foundation Weekend.

Fraudulent Bids Hurt the Foundation's Silent Auction

It has come to our attention that at the National Convention Foundation Silent Auction Ruritans will sometimes put a friend or fellow Ruritan bid number on an item as a joke. But these are jokes that backfire and these **fraudulent bids hurt the Foundation** in the end. For example, if you enter member John Doe's number and a bid for \$100 on an autographed football (thinking you are being funny or even hoping to drive up the bid) that discourages legitimate bids on the item. Then, when the auction ends and John Doe is asked for his \$100. If he says he never put that bid down, we take his word for it, and we don't charge him. The item then reverts to the next bid, which can be VERY low, or if there is no bid, the item is taken back to the National Office as "unsold." In the end the fraudulent bid costs the Foundation and ruins the generous intent of the donor of the item. Please, no matter how funny you think it might be to bid for another Ruritan, it is NOT funny. It hurts the Foundation. Please do NOT do it!

Clubs Participate in the Build Your \$ Program



Several clubs across Ruritan participated in this Year's Build Your \$ Scholarship Program.

John Scales, President of the **Kenbridge (VA)** Ruritan Club (left), presented the check to Patrick Robbins. Patrick is a 2011 graduate of Central High School and is now attending classes at Hampden Sydney College.



Pictured (l-r) are Patrick's grandmother Edna Jones, mother Juanita Robbins, Patrick Robbins, and Club President John Scales.

Illinois Eastern Community College agreed to double the **Dundas (IL)** Ruritan Club's Build Your \$ Scholarship this year. Pictured top right (l-r) are Grover Burkett, John Wall, and President of Olney Community College Rodney Ranes.



Holly Springs (NC) Ruritan Club President Gray Childress is shown presenting Kelsey Martin with the scholarship (center picture on the left.)

Deerfield (VA) Club President Bonnie Smith presented Kaye Benner with the scholarship (left.) **Semora (NC)** Ruritan Club presented Paige

Eggleston with the scholarship. Pictured above (l-r) are Paige's mother Sherry Abbott, Paige, Paige's grandmother Nancy Henderson, and Club President Ricky Vernon.

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

Donation Amount \$ _____ Name of Fund to Credit _____
 From _____ Club _____
 Address: _____ District _____
 City, State, Zip _____

Pay by check or Credit Card (Visa/Master Charge)

Credit Card # _____
 Expiration Date: _____

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

Ruri-Teen and Ruritan Youth -What's the Difference?

There appears to be some confusion about the difference between Ruri-Teen members and Ruritan youth members. A Ruri-Teen member is a youth that belongs to a Ruri-Teen club. The youth does not necessarily have to be a teenager, since there are Ruri-Teen clubs in middle and elementary schools as well as in high schools. A Ruritan youth member is a youth (up to age 19) that belongs to an adult Ruritan club. A Ruri-Teen member pays no national dues, however his or her club pays a yearly affiliation fee of \$100.

A Ruritan youth in a regular club pays \$15 annual (\$3.75 per quarter) national dues. There are also sssociate youth members, who pay the same dues as the regular youth member. These are youth who, for whatever reason, are not able to regularly attend meetings. An sssociate youth member can be older than 19 years of age as long as he or she is still a student in a college or trade school.

There are two youth awards that are given at the club, district, and national level. They are the Ruri-Teen



Copper Basin (TN) Ruri-Teen Club was chartered in October. The DRM is Westside (TN) Club member Pat Mulcahy.

of the Year Award and the Rudy Youth Award. The Ruri-Teen of the Year Award is given to a Ruri-Teen member. The Rudy Youth Award is given to a Ruritan youth member. See the **Club and District Officers' Handbook** for details.

Members of college clubs are currently considered as Ruri-Teens with regards to membership statistics. A member of a college club pays no national dues, but the club pays \$150 as a yearly affiliation fee. As the number of college clubs grows, it is anticipated that they will have their own membership category and awards.

-- Ruritan Youth Committee

Youth Event Changes Name

The name of the Ruritan Youth Leadership Conference has been changed to Ruritan Youth Leadership Camp. This change is more indicative of what takes place during the camp at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center at Smith Mountain Lake in Wirtz, VA. Conference by definition implies a formal meeting. The camp is anything but that. It is full of fun activities (mostly outdoor) that develop leadership skills, team building skills, and confidence. The camp is also fun for adult chaperones. The 2012 event will be held on July 13-15. Registration materials will be available soon.

Items of Interest

1992 National President Jerry Walker Passes

Jerry Lee Walker (Popa), 70, of Spartanburg, died Friday, November 11, 2011, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. A native of Spartanburg, he was born January 13, 1941, to the late Amos Lee and Effie Pearson Walker. He was the former owner of Jerry L. Walker Floor Covering Company, a 1959 graduate of Spartanburg High School, past president of the West View Ruritan Club, and 1992 National President of Ruritan. He was instrumental in establishing the Rudy Bear program for Ruritan.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Donna Caldwell Walker; daughter, Debbie Walker Hughes and her husband Jerry of Roebuck; son, Timothy Lee Walker and his wife Kim of Spartanburg; three granddaughters, Caroline Hughes Parris and her husband J. T., Elizabeth Walker, and Hannah

Hughes; and brother, Danny Walker and his wife Doris. He was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Walker Fleming.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 14, 2011, at Floyd's Greenlawn Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Jack Caldwell, the Rev. Larry Amos, and the Rev. Kevin Dalton. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church, 820 S. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306.



Potomac District Involved in Community

Shady Grove (PA) Ruritan honored local veterans with a meal at Savoy Restaurant in Waynesboro. Retired Army Lt. Col. Matt Lamer and Retired Master Sgt. Franklin Scheib were guest speakers.

With an Antrim Township Park Grant for materials and with cooperation from Valley Quarries of Chambersburg, J.A. Horst and Sons of Clear Spring, and Shady Grove Improvement Association, the club helped build a sand volleyball court. The court is open to the public free of charge. Laborers of the court are LeErin Plasterer I, LeErin Plasterer II, Ralph Tracey, Bill Pfoutz, Bill Berger, Roman Barvinchack, Roger Bitner, Brian Bitner, Ed Tracey, and Jerry Harness.

The club also presented scholarships this year to Gabriel Martin and Lauren Plasterer. Since 1988, the club has awarded 114 scholarships to 39 individuals totaling \$31,090.78.

Pictured top right (l-r) front row: Larry Williams, Chet Williams, Bob Ebersole, John Kinney, Bill Gearhart, Ray Stine, and Bill Smith. Second row: Allen Schooley, John Hykes, Bob Snyder, Larry Kennedy, Bob Miller, Paul Keckler, and John Myers. Third row: Dave Barr, Mike Baer, Hal Myers, Bob Gearhart, Herb Mallory, and Bob Izer. Not pictured: John Baer.



Leitersburg (MD) Ruritan Club (left) invited a family to their August meeting after a fire destroyed their home in July. Club President Bruce Barr presented a check to Robert and B.J. for \$1,000 to assist them with their immediate needs. Pictured (r-l) are Club President Bruce Barr, Jerry Elmore, Tom McCall, B.J., Robert, and family.

In July, **South Jefferson (WV)** Ruritan Club (right) received an award from the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the club's support to the

Jefferson County Business Community. The award was received by Club President Richard Zigler and Vice President Mike Dick and was accompanied by a commentary listing of South Jefferson Ruritan Club's services to the community. The commentary mentioned the club's donations of more than \$500,000 over its 50 year existence. Also noted were the causes and charities the club supports.

Tomahawk (WV) Ruritan Club held its summer golf tournament in June. All players were invited to the club for a dinner after the tournament. First place winners were Bob White, Steve Grove, Richard Garrett, and Ralph Eckenrode.



In July, the club presented Courtni Marie Riggs with a \$1,000 scholarship. In attendance was County Commissioner Tony Petrucci, who presented her with the check. She will be attending Shepherd University and will major in social work.



Somerset (MD) Holds Successful Fundraiser



Somerset (MD) Ruritan Club was featured in their local newspaper for holding a four-day softball tournament to raise money for individuals suffering from illness or recovering from serious injury. Pictured are the first place winners (New Direction Team) with recipient Frank O'Rourke.



Idlewild (MD) Ruritan Club won first place for their float submission in a local parade. The club also sponsored a car for the Soap Box Derby.

Rockawalkin Donates \$5,000



In September the Rockawalkin (MD) Ruritan Club's Secretary Ernie Conner presented a check for \$5,000 to Rockawalkin Community Hall Committee Member Fred Crocket. The funds will be used to make necessary improvements to the hall including handicap accessible restrooms.

Bahama (NC) Club is Proud of its Clubhouse

Bahama (NC) Ruritan Club's meeting hall was built by its members in the early 1950's and has become a mainstay for its community. The building has been used by several organizations throughout the years. It comfortably seats 300 people and club members Will Boak and Rick Whitaker make sure the building is both attractive and fully operational year round to serve the community. Pictured are Vice President Richard Miller, Treasurer Neil Frank, and Secretary Dennis Shipman.



Zeb Vance Donates Dictionaries



Zeb Vance (NC) Ruritan Club is shown donating dictionaries to third grade students at their local elementary school in October.

Rougemont (NC) Ruritan Club held a community awareness day in September. It consisted of a roadside cleanup and a food drive. Eighteen bags of trash were collected along the road. 291 pounds of food and \$118 were delivered to Urban Ministries from the event.

Helicopter Lands for Leasburg Anniversary



Most clubs celebrate the club's anniversary with cake and ice cream but not **Leasburg** (NC) Ruritan Club. They planned a special afternoon program to include the arrival of a helicopter at the clubhouse. The entire community could come and talk to the guardsmen and view the helicopter. Pictured celebrating the 40th anniversary are Past National President Millard Thacker, Marty Thacker, Club President Dixie Vernon, National Vice President Phyllis Lewter, NC Guardsmen/Pilots, and Bill Lewter.

In September, the club honored veterans with a spaghetti dinner.



Past National President Willis Overby and spouse Jeannette were the special guests for the evening. Overby read an inspirational poem and then quoted General McArthur, "Only the Americans willing to die for this country are fit to live in it."

Cherry Grove Thanks Volunteer Fire Department



Cherry Grove (NC) Ruritan Club recognized and thanked the Cherry Grove Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance with Ruritan functions as well as their continued dedication to the community. Pictured (l-r) are the members of the Fire Department with Piedmont District Governor Terry Call and Club President Greg Boone.

Holly Spring (NC) Ruritan Club Secretary Eileen Mrozinski presents Club



President Gray Childress and club member Wanda Crabb President's Golden Key Pins at a recent club meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Wanda Crabb, Eileen Mrozinski, and Gray Childress.

Pilot (NC) Club President Joe Jones presented Charlie Joe Sutphin with a Farmer of the Year Award. Charlie was featured in his local newspaper for being one of the first persons in the area to pass a special training class sponsored by the Surry Co-operative Extension Office and the NC Department of Agriculture.



Greenville/Goldsboro Clubs are Being Creative



Members of the **Southwood (NC)** Ruritan Club recently gathered at Lenoir Community College to dedicate a tree that they planted in memory of deceased club members Kenneth and Joyce Cole.

Attending the dedication (l-r) on the front are Eddie Hill and Leslie Jones; back row (l-r) are Chaplin Nelson Killingsworth, Club President Wendy Robinson, Publicity Coordinator Susan Baker, Club Treasurer Bonnie Killingsworth, members Roger Hill,



Jerrie Hill, and Lisa King.

One of the club's service projects for this year was making baby blankets for new mothers at the homeless shelter and safe house. Jane Vernon is pictured on the left demonstrating to club member Gerri Hill the stitch she uses around the blankets.

In August club members spent most of the day at the Southwood Memorial Christian Church cooking a meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald



House in Greenville. Cooks were in the kitchen and even lined the yard preparing chickens, hot dogs, hamburgers, potatoes, beans, and various desserts.

Contest for the Summer 2012 RURITAN Magazine Cover

The Publications Committee is repeating the contest for the front cover of the Summer 2012 Ruritan magazine. Send in your club's action photo and see if you will be used on the front cover. Photos must be in color and high resolution (at least 300 dpi). While making donations to local charities is certainly important, the committee is looking for more than a check presentation picture – they are interested in photographs that shows Ruritans in action in their communities.

Send your picture by mail or email no later than April 1, 2012. Remember to include a caption or identification for the members pictured. Runners up may also be used later in the year. Send your pictures to COVER CONTEST, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084 or e-mail to media@ruritan.org. For the subject line use "cover contest."

Wheat Swamp (NC) Ruritan Club presented Blue Star Flags at the Wall that Heals at the Emma Webb Park in Kinston, NC. Blue Star Flags are presented to families that currently have someone serving in the military. Pictured above (l-r) are President of the Vietnam Veterans Association Roland Jack, Club Vice President JC Braxton, and Post Commander VFW Post 2771 Eric Cantu.

Forestburg (NC) Club Donates Generously



Forestburg (NC) Ruritan Club's Social Development Committee held a food drive. The committee chaired by Clarissa Perry collected over 250 pounds of non-perishable items and donated them to the Perquimans County Schools' social worker for distribution.

At the club's next meeting, the committee asked members to bring items to stuff book bags for needy children. Over 1,100 items were collected and delivered to the school. Pictured (l-r) are School Principal Melissa Fields, club student members Stephanie Eure and Casey Cartwright, social worker Latonia Johnson, and club student members Ryan Singletary, and Dustyn Fields.

Belvidere (NC) Club Raises American Flag



Belvidere (NC) Ruritan Club was presented an American flag and a flag pole from the Woodmen of the World at a club meeting recently. A dedication ceremony was held to commemorate 9/11. President of the Woodmen of the World Lodge 463 presented the flag to National Director Charles Davis.



From the Kitchens of Ruritan Cooks Lee's Bar Cheese

*From A. Lee Holden of the
Rougemont (NC) Ruritan Club*

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. 301.

- 1 pound block of processed cheese (i.e. Velveeta)
- 3/4 cup of sour cream
- 10 drops hot sauce of your choice
- 5 drops of Worcestershire
- 5 ounces prepared horseradish

Blend the sour cream, hot sauce, Worcestershire, and horseradish until well-mixed and set aside. Melt the cheese – cut into cubes first - in a double boiler or in a large sauce pan over low heat, stirring constantly. Once fully melted, stir in the mayonnaise mixture until WELL blended (about 10-15 minutes) Cool slightly and pour into several smaller containers and refrigerate. Use one container at a time as a wonderful spread with crackers.

News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District

Bluegrass District Clubs Celebrate 50th Anniversary



National Director Beverly Tanner presented a 50th year certificate to the **Pembroke** (KY) Ruritan Club President Jack Lackey in honor of the clubs 50th anniversary. Tanner thanked the club for their many years of service. Pictured left (l-r) are District Lt. Governor Bryan Franklin, National Director Anne Hillard, District Governor Chester Hillard, Club Secretary Wendell Chapman, National President Jayson Duncan, Club President Jack Lackey, Club Treasurer Alton Slaughter,

2011 First Lady Gail Duncan, Charter member Charlie Porter, Jr., Tanner, and Vice President Ken Pendleton, Jr.

Mt. Eden (KY) Ruritan Club (right) also celebrated its 50th anniversary in August. Tanner was on hand to present them with a 50 year certificate. Pictured in the front is charter member Donald Perry, (l-r) Tanner, charter member Alanzo Glass, Club President Douglas Haggard, and Zone Governor Tom Eldridge.



News From Ruritan: Tennessean District

Congressman Visits Piney Flats (TN) Club



U.S Congressman Phil Roe presented the **Piney Flats** (TN) Ruritan Club with an American Flag and certificate to show that it was flown over the U.S. Capitol Building at the club's Piney Flats Days celebration. Pictured (l-r) are school representative Andy Hare, State Senator Ron Ramsey, Lt. Governor Armetta Hunigan, and Congressman Phil Roe.

Mt. Hermon Ladies Wear Pink for the Cure

In October the **Mt. Hermon Ladies** (LA) Ruritan Club sponsored the first “Pink High Heel Fun Run/Walk” for breast cancer. The event was held at the Washington Parish Fairgrounds in Franklinton, Louisiana. Club President Myrna Schilling welcomed everyone and Liz King sang the national anthem.



Pictured above is Kal Roshto with cancer survivor Becky Yates.

Breast cancer survivor and Ruritan member Becky Yates shared her personal experience. Event coordinator Kal Roshto gave the logistics of the event. Approximately 396 people participated. The Cancer Society received a \$6,000

check from this successful fundraiser. The town mayor said that this was the most successful event held in that area. Pictured above are the winners in the youth, ladies, and men’s division. The winner in the men’s division was a good sport and wore pink shoes, too.



We Want YOUR Club News!

Include information on who, what, when, where, why, and how your event was held. Send or e-mail original photographs as separate documents – not embedded in text file. Digital pictures should be high resolution – approximately 300 dpi. **Pictures that do not meet these quality standards will not be used.** Send your news by e-mail to media@ruritan.org or mail it to Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084. Priority is given to clubs who have not been featured recently.

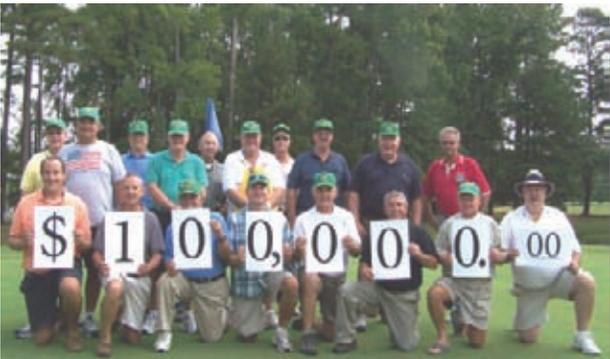
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Stockbridge Valley (NY) Club Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Stockbridge Valley (NY) celebrated its 30th anniversary recently. Past National Director Larry Blount was on hand to congratulate the club on its accomplishments. Pictured (l-r) are Larry Blount, Fuzzy Cramer, Gene Czajkowski, Raymond Lighthall, Darrell Griff, and Wayne Stoker.

Prince George Raised \$100,000 for Brain Tumor Research



Prince George (VA) Ruritan Club reached the \$100,000 mark with their 7th annual Johnny Oates Golf Tournament at Jordan Point Golf Club. Monies raised have been donated for brain tumor research and the Palative Care Unit at the Medical College of Virginia/VCU Hospital in Richmond, VA in memory of professional baseball player Johnny Oates. Johnny Oates grew up in Prince George County, was drafted by a professional baseball team, and retired as manager of the Texas Rangers. Pictured are club members who participated in the recent golf tournament.

Meherrin (VA) Club Serves Pasta to Cyclists

The Great Peanut Ride and Bike Tour is known throughout the country for its cucumber stops, tomato sandwiches, watermelon rind pickles, and many types of peanuts offered to riders. This year the **Meherrin (VA)** Ruritan Club decided to participate and serve pasta to cyclists. Riders came from 13 states to participate in the four-day event. Past National President Bobby Wrenn was chairman of the event. Pictured (l-r) are Zone Governor Dave Thomas, Tommy Crew, and Dave Thomas Jr. serving one of the cyclists.



In August, the **Grassfield (VA)** Ruritan Club presented two scholarships. The recipients were Christopher James Prichard and Kelsey Leigh Spruill. Pictured are the

recipients with Club President Russell Gwynn.



Deep Creek (VA) Ruritan Club donated 55 bears to the Chesapeake, VA Police Department. Pictured are 2010 Club President Donna Silberholz and Officer Gus Mojica.



Wadlow Gap Donates to Food Bank

Wadlow Gap (VA) Ruritan Club recently collected canned food items in conjunction with the AARP food drive. The club delivered approximately 884 pounds of canned goods donated from their loyal bingo players, to the Scott County Cooperative Ministries. In addition, the club made a \$3,000 donation of canned goods, a \$2,000 donation in clothing, and a \$5,000 cash donation to help purchase a walk-in freezer at the facility where the items are distributed. In August, the club purchased \$3,000 in

school supplies for the teachers at Hilton and Weber City Elementary Schools. Each teacher received a box containing at least \$100 of supplies. Pictured are club members Brenda Jones, Denise Bruner, Jordan Eidson, Janet Edwards, Kathy Babb, Bo Linkous, Jacobi Eidson, Jack Edwards, Paul Babb, and Darryl Jones with members of the Scott County Cooperative Ministries.

Chesapeake District Clubs Making a Difference



Short Pump (VA) Ruritan Club (left) participated in the local craft fair recently by selling hot dogs, barbeque, chips, cookies, and soda. Earlier in the year the club held a golf tournament raising \$2,200. Proceeds went to the Fisher House at McGuire Veterans Hospital. This is a house where family members can stay while their loved ones are in the hospital.

Reedy Church (VA) Ruritan Club (right) held a pork barbeque fundraiser with beans and cole slaw on the side. Desserts are all homemade and National Director Karen Palette said, "The chocolate chess pie was worth every calorie."



Five Forks (VA) Ruritan Club (left) held its open house recently. The program consisted of fellowship, food, donations, and presentation of scholarship checks. Pictured front (l-r) are Avalon Abuse Shelter Representative Sarah Meacham, Childhood development resources representative Lisa Thomas, scholarship recipients Aria Mildice and Marni Robins: Back

row (l-r) are Salvation Army representative Captain Roger Hasty, Hospice of Williamsburg representative Teresa Christin, Heritage Humane Society Robin Bledsoe, 4-H representative Jeremy Johnson, Hunters for the Hungry representative J.C. Gaitley, and scholarship recipient Roland Brent Norton, Jr.

Gloucester (VA) Ruritan Club (right) held its annual fish fry in September. The menu included fried fish, hush puppies, baked beans, and cole slaw.



Warwick (VA) Ruritan Club's Vice President Steve Laurent (left) presented 50 Rudy Bears to Virginia State Trooper S. Bethea at a recent club meeting.



Washington & Lee (VA) Ruri-Teen Club helped the **Westmoreland** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrate its

75th anniversary by serving the anniversary cake to the club. District officers, local, and state government officials, and school representatives were in attendance. Pictured right (l-r) are Lt. Governor Mike Morrison, Robert Sanford, Jr., Westmoreland Club President Cathy Sanford, 2011 First Lady Gail Duncan, and National President Jayson Duncan.



On July 30th, 2011, **Chickahominy** (VA) Ruritan Club (right) celebrated its 20th anniversary with a picnic. District Governor Sewell Rowley and Lt. Governor Michael Morrison were in attendance.



Hanover (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 75th anniversary this year, too. One successful fundraising event was lawn mower racing with the National Racing Association. While enjoying the steak dinner, attendees listened to a live band. Pictured left is the club preparing for the steak dinner.



Port Royal (VA) Ruritan Club members brought canned goods to their September meeting, and they were delivered by club member Fred Pannell to the Fredericksburg Food Bank Warehouse. The warehouse roof collapsed from the heavy rainfalls this past summer.

National President Visits Davy Crockett District



2011 National President Jayson Duncan and First Lady Gail spent a weekend in the Davy Crockett District in October. To start the weekend the district held an informal meet and greet at the Locust Springs Christian Retreat two-story log cabin.

Saturday morning a breakfast was held at the **Hales** (TN) Ruritan Club. Then the first couple headed to Baileyton, TN to serve as the Grand Marshall in the Baileyton Days parade. Past District Governor Larry Taylor was given the honor of driving the couple in the parade.



Baileyton (TN) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th anniversary by participating in the parade with an anniversary float. That afternoon the couple attended a ham supper provided by the **Chuckey** (TN) Ruritan Club and were given a tour of the new Chuckey Ruritan building and ball fields. Saturday evening, **Mt. Pleasant**

(TN) Ruritan Club provided a hamburger and homemade ice cream supper.

Sunday morning they were treated to a country breakfast at the home of Past National Director Harvey Crain and were shown the

Bowmantown (TN) Ruritan clubhouse. The couple attended church and was escorted to the **Hardin's Chapel** (TN) clubhouse by club member Jim Foshee. Lunch was prepared by Kim Carter and her mother Wanda Cutshaw, and then the Duncans viewed the surrounding areas that were affected by the spring tornadoes.



Monday they attended **Nolachuckey** (TN) Ruritan Club's 60th anniversary celebration. Jayson helped Club President Pete Bowers cut the cake.

Bowmantown (TN) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in October.

Pictured are National Director Gary Olinger and National President Jayson Duncan presenting Club President Charles Huff with an anniversary certificate and a copy of the club's charter.



Fall Branch (TN) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th anniversary in January. To



commemorate this achievement, an open house reception was held.

National Director Joe Jaynes presented an anniversary certificate to Club President Wayne Jeffcoat. Pictured (l-r): Zone 3 Governor Larry Taylor, Jaynes, Jeffcoat, District Governor Patsy Shelton, and **Conklin** (TN) Ruritan Club President Allen Jackson.

Appomattox District Staying Busy This Fall



Kenbridge (VA) Ruritan Club members Steve Israel, Eddie Edmunds, and John Washburn unloaded supplies for a recent school supply giveaway. The club donated 50 3-ring binders with dividers for this year's program. The event helped over 150 children get a jump start on this year's school supplies.

South Hill (VA) Ruritan Club stirred up a pot of stew for the Taste of Brunswick Fest held in October at Southside Virginia Community College. This was the first year the club competed in the event with stew master Lloyd Tanner (second from the left) leading the crew.



Clarksville (VA)

Ruritan Club collected over 1,400 pounds of food for the Clarksville food pantry. The pantry's shelves were empty when Club Vice President Cliff Kratt delivered the goods to pantry representative Don Koch.



News From Ruritan: Lower WV District

Smoot Recognizes Youth

Smoot (WV) Ruritan Club is proud of their youth and takes an active interest in their careers. Robert Peters was one of the recipients of the \$1,200 Ralph J. Perkins Memorial Scholarship. Peters is currently a senior attending Concord University and



has recently published his first novel, "Ruins of Erodross." He is studying health and physical education, but is also pursuing his interest in writing. He is currently working on his second novel, "Chronomancer." Pictured is Peters presenting a copy of his first novel to his grandmother Doris Radtke.

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Dan River District Clubs Work Together



Dan River District held their annual picnic and summer zone meeting at Philpott Dam Park Overlook in August. Rudy Bears were presented to the park rangers as one of the projects for the year. Pictured (l-r) are Dan River District Governor Bill Maxwell, Past National Director Jerry Atkins, National President Jayson Duncan, Philpott Lake Project Manager Craig Rockwell, Park Rangers Jessica Mason, Murrill McClean, Kevin Reynolds, Richard Wigley, and National Vice President Phyllis Lewter.



Fontaine (VA) Ruritan Club's Citizenship & Patriotism committee chair, Edd Mills organized a flag retirement ceremony during a club meeting with the Fontaine (VA) Ruri-Teen Club. Flags were donated from several businesses and club members.

Fontaine Ruritan Club also donated \$800 to the Ridgeway Fire Department.

News From Ruritan: Middle America District

Redfield Community Honors Club Member



Roy Johnson was honored at a recent Redfield Community (KS) Ruritan Club meeting recognizing his 40 years of membership in the club. Johnson joined the club in 1971 and has served as Club President, Middle America District Governor, and District

Foundation Chair. He received the Tom Downing Award in 1989. Johnson has 40 years of perfect attendance and has attended 12 national conventions.

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News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Clifford (VA) Raises Funds with Sorghum Syrup

For more than 30 years on the first weekend in October, the Clifford (VA) Ruritan Club has brought together old-fashioned sorghum syrup, apple butter making, traditional Virginia music and food, historical presentations, and more. This year over 800 cars carried hundreds of visitors to watch club members strip, grind, and cook sorghum. Visitors bought bottles of sorghum syrup, 100 gallons of Brunswick stew, visited vendor and informational booths, warmed up with gallons of hot apple cider, ate hamburgers and hot dogs, listened to bands, watched dancers and historical reenactments, and witnessed the Virginia State Jousting Championships. The Sorghum Festival helps generate funds for the club to provide community support to the citizens of Amherst County. The Club is especially proud of the family atmosphere of the festival and the tradition of fellowship shared between club members, families, and visitors alike.



Callaway Celebrates 70th Anniversary



Callaway (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 70th anniversary recently. Several national representatives including National President Jayson Duncan were in attendance. The Callaway Ruritan Band provided the

entertainment. Pictured (l-r) are Bruce Bailey, Kay Bailey and David Kaltenbach.

Amherst Monroe (VA) Ruritan Club held a dinner in honor of deceased member Randolph Wood. The club presented a plaque to his widow Monyeene Wood. Randolph had been a member of the club for 52 years and had 48 years of perfect attendance. Pictured are Club President William Bryant, Wood, and Club Chaplain Rev. Charles Anderson.



News From Ruritan: New River District

New River and Potomac Districts Thanks Mission Workers

New River and Potomac Districts cooperate to thank a church youth group representing several churches/communities in Pennsylvania for assisting with clean up and repairs from damage caused by tornadoes in Pulaski County Virginia. Past Potomac District Governor Earl Ross contacted the New River District through Debbie Southern at the National Office. Debbie and Mt. Tabor (VA) Ruritan Club member and New River District Governor Ben Crawford met with the group and presented them with Ruritan ink pens as a token of remembrance of the mission trip to Southwest Virginia. Youth spokesmen Paige Fronheiser said, "I loved getting to know some of the homeowners and the community members who were just so appreciative of all the work that we were doing."



Mt. Tabor also joined with the AARP Blacksburg Chapter to collect food in September. Over 525 bags of food totaling more than 6,000 pounds were donated to the food pantries.

Pictured (left) are the Baywood (VA) Ruritan Club's scholarship recipients (l-r): Derek Weatherman, Michael Sumner, Ehan Liffle, Jordan Hensley, and Club President Pete Duggins.



Clubs Across Ruritan Making the Dreamwork



In honor of its 75th anniversary, **West Rockingham (VA)** Ruritan Club donated a marquee sign to Mountain View Elementary School. The School principal thanked the club and commented on the benefit the sign will provide the school.

Special guests included 2011 National President Jayson Duncan, First Lady Gail, and National Secretary JoAnn Wenger.

Seventy-First (NC) Ruritan Club (below) supports the Backpack Buddies Program with their local school. The program allows needy

children to take home a backpack full of non-perishable food items to help meet their nutritional needs over the weekends.

Walnut Hill (FL) Ruritan Club (below) held its annual farm auction. The club receives 10% of the purchase price of all auctioned items. Proceeds from the event go toward scholarships and community projects throughout the year. The club provides hotdogs and



hamburgers for everyone attending. Future Farmers of America from Northview High School help the club members make this day a success.



White Hall (VA) Ruritan Club and club member Dan Maupin were featured in their local newspaper for celebrating its 50th anniversary in July. 2011 National President Jayson Duncan was on hand for the celebration and presented



Maupin with a certificate recognizing his 50 years of service. (not pictured)

Monticello (VA) Ruritan Club (left) built and donated a hay wagon for Camp Holiday Trails. The campers get to be escorted to and from the camp on a hay ride.



Clubs from zone six in the **Ohio District** (above) joined together to distribute dictionaries. **Beloit, Damascus, Goshen Center, W.B. Ruri-Teen, and West Branch Area**

Ladies (OH) Ruritan Clubs distributed 200 to third graders at Damascus Elementary School. Pictured (l-r) are West Branch Area Ladies club member MaryBelle Metzgar, Hanna Carlton, Sophie Davis, Beth Flickinger, Kaylyn Hicks, teacher Mrs. Roelen, and Kade Blake.



In September, National Director Bob Reece (left) presented **Duncan (SC)** Ruritan Club President Rev. Andy Young with an award commemorating the club's 75th anniversary.



To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the **Augusta Road (SC)** Ruritan Club held a "Fly the Flag" project. Individuals were able to purchase an American flag and place it along the highway. Club Vice President Terry Creamer and Club Director Willis Creamer worked together to install the flags.

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