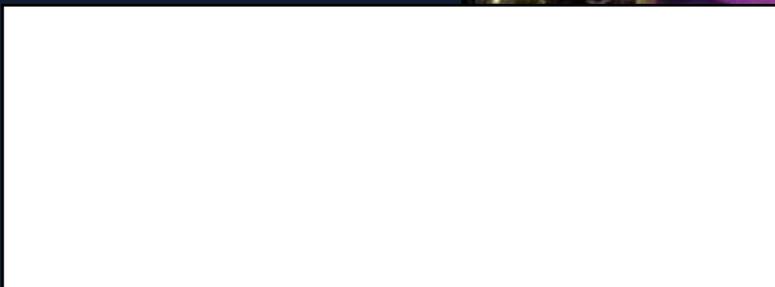




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***Let's "Walk the Walk" for Ruritan
in Jacksonville Florida!***



Spread the Ruritan Story This Summer



Spring is already here and summer is not far behind. It is a time of vacations, picnics, graduations, weddings and just “taking it easy.” As Ruritans, this can be a time of great opportunity for us. More folks are “out and about” so Ruritans will have the opportunity to interact and spread the Ruritan story.

This can help us put the flames out in that “Burning Bush” - Membership. While visiting and taking trips this summer, look at areas where we could start Ruritan clubs. Have fun and relax, but if you get the chance, “Just Ask” someone to be a part of America’s #1 Community Service Organization. On a recent visit to Ohio, I had the chance to go with the assigned National Director to check out possible sites for clubs. The National Office Staff is already working on investigating this area, and we hope something positive will come from this research.

Our travels so far this year have been filled with a lot of good Ruritan fellowship and goodwill. We have made trips to anniversaries, veteran dedications, spring rallies, a spelling bee, regular club meetings, and district cabinet meetings. Everywhere we have been this year we have seen what Ruritans do best. They are doing more in their “Own Backyards” with all kinds of projects from building handicap ramps, Relay for Life walks, and sponsorship, blood drives, helping a neighbor to make ends meet, scholarships to students, and dictionaries to third-grade school children. The list goes on as to how Ruritans are showing their communities that “We Care.”

Ruritans have not forgotten about our veterans and their families. The **Pinson** (TN) Ruritan Club has taken the wall of their building and created a “Wall of Honor” to honor the veterans of that area. A lot of other clubs are building memorials in their local areas to help recognize and honor these very special folks. Many are serving special meals to area veterans. Many of our Ruritan members are also veterans, so you might say “it is one veteran helping another.”

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and let’s get out there and WALK THE WALK FOR RURITAN.

*President Bobby was the guest speaker at the **Pinson** (TN) Ruritan Club meeting honoring veterans. The club displayed over 100 (8x10) pictures of veterans in the entrance of the club building. See more on page 25.*





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Fall 2015 Ruritan Magazine Cover Contest

National President Bobby Burton's special emphasis this year is "Walk the Walk" for Ruritan and to honor our veterans. The Ruritan National Publications Committee is sponsoring a Ruritan Magazine Cover Contest again for 2015. If your club sponsors a **"Walk"** or **honors veterans**, send photos of those activities for a chance to be on the cover of the Fall 2015 Ruritan Magazine. Submitted action photos must be in color and high resolution (at least 300 dpi) and include a caption or identification of the members pictured and a brief description of the event. Send your photo by mail or email no later than August 1, 2015, to: COVER CONTEST, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084 or email to media@ruritan.org. For the subject line use "cover contest."

On the Cover: Let's get excited about going to Jacksonville, FL in 2016 for the Ruritan National Convention. It's the perfect setting for our group. Pictured on the cover is the riverfront downtown - the location of the Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel. Inside this issue is your official registration form on pages 11 and 12.

Focus On What Is Really Important



I saw a quote on social media recently: "Don't Get Sidetracked by People Who Are Not On Track." Those are words with a powerful message. There are people all around us who want to see us fail; people whose happiness is dependent on others' failures to make them feel good about

themselves. It's so important to steer clear of those people and their bad tempers and dark outlooks on life.

Ruritan can experience the turnaround we need in our current membership decline, but it's going to take an effort to keep focused on the goal. It goes without saying that we need to invite new members into our organizations and start new clubs in communities where there are none.

But for every member who wants to grow the organization, there is a member who says it can't be done. It's going to take positivity and a firm belief in what can be done, rather than what can't be done, to overcome the naysayers.

Since the start of the fiscal year (Oct 1.) our total number of Ruritans has dropped by 546 members. Only six of our 42 districts and areas are in positive numbers for the period. What that means is that there are 546 people who won't be available to help make life better in our communities. And if the past is any indication negative numbers will grow as we go on through the year.

Were any of those 546 lost members in your club? Were any in your zone or your district? What are you doing to replace them? What is your plan to bring new members? Have you taken your eye off the goal and

are you worrying about things that don't advance the Ruritan agenda?

What can we do to help you concentrate on what is important? Our staff stands ready to assist you in any way. Would an advertising campaign in a newspaper help? Is it worth the cost of the ads to give it a try? We can help you design ads if you are willing to pay for the space in your local paper. We have radio spots you can personalize and run on local radio stations. We even have television spots that can be used locally. How about a billboard? If you can target a site and pay for the space rental – we can provide the billboard paper.

What can we do to help you move in the right direction? Give our member services department a call toll free at 877-787-8727 or email us at service@ruritan.org.

Another social media quote making the rounds (attributed to Carlos Castenada) reminds us that failing can sometimes take as much effort as succeeding: "We Either Make Ourselves Miserable or We Make Ourselves Strong. The Amount of Work is the Same."

Let's get to work and put the focus back on what is really important.

Paver Program for Capital Replacement

Consider purchasing a brick paver for the Ruritan patio to honor a special person or in memory of a loved one. The paver program will raise funds to use as capital reserves and make improvements to the Ruritan National Office.

The pavers come in a variety of sizes and price ranges. You can even order a replica as a gift for the honoree. Find the complete paver order form on the Ruritan website at <http://ruritan.org.temp.realssl.com/library/238.pdf>.

Past National President Kelly Chapman Passes



Kemper Lewis "Kelly" Chapman, Jr., 93, a resident of Grottoes, passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at his home. He was born on October 30, 1921 in Augusta County and was the son of the late Kemper L. and Verdie Long Chapman. Kelly lived in the New Hope area all of his life and was a graduate of New Hope High School. During WWII, he served in the 8th Air Force and was stationed in Europe. He was a member of the Middle River Church of the Brethren where he was a Sunday school teacher and served as Chairman of the Board. He was also a member of New Hope Ruritans for more than 60 years and received the Tom Downing Award. He was Past National Ruritan President serving in 1969, Grottoes VFW Post #04698, and Past President of New Hope Telephone Company for 42 years. Around 1960 he started Boy Scout Troop #86. He was a member of the National Corvette Restorers Society and owned a 1957 Corvette, which he dearly loved. Kelly was employed with DuPont for 41 years and retired in 1982. On May 4, 1946 he married Earline S. Chapman, who preceded him in

death on May 7, 2009.

He is survived by a son, Gary W. Chapman and wife, Sue, of Waynesboro; a daughter, Debra L. Chapman-Otero and husband, Craig, of Long Island, NY; three granddaughters, Nikki and Kristy Chapman and Paris Otero; one great-grandson, Duke Chapman Shytle; one sister, Beth Stanley of Tallahassee, FL; special nephews, Kemper and Jerry Shreckhise; special niece, Bobbie Neighbors; and special friends, Mark Mehler and Francis Stout; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Irene Chapman, Angeline Newman, Karrol Neighbors and Blanche Shreckhise. A memorial service was held 1:00 pm, Saturday, March 14 at Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church with Rev. Robert Alley and Rev. Jonathan Ytterock officiating. The family received friends following the memorial service at the church. Private burial was held earlier in the day at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Chapman Education Fund, c/o Ruritan National Foundation, P. O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084-0487. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting

www.lindseyweyerscave.com.

Past National Director Maurice Voland Passes

Past National Director Dr. Maurice Earl "Maurie" Voland, PhD, 84, passed away Monday, February 16, 2015 at Cypress Glen, NC. He was a national director from 1999 to 2001. He and his wife Ellen were active in the **Tri-Community Club** (NC) until 2008. A family memorial service was held at his ancestral home in Wisconsin. In addition, Dr. Voland was born in 1930 on a truck farm in Wisconsin where he was the elder son of Gertrude (Goehring) and Emory Voland. He received his B.S. degree in Horticulture from Iowa State University, prior to serving two years in the United States Army during the Korean War as a Chaplains Assistant. During this time he also married Ellen Hoover in 1954 and returned to ISU for his M.S. degree in Rural Sociology before launching his 33 year career with the Cooperative Extension Service (CES). After completing his Ph.D. in Sociology at Michigan State University in 1968, he served as CES State Specialist in Community Development in both Kentucky and North Carolina. While on sabbatical leave from NCSU, Maurie served as Chief Social Scientist with the USDA Forest Service in their Washington, DC Office. He is survived by: children, Sherie Koob and husband, Mike, of Knoxville, MD, Martie Voland and partner, Edie Woodward, of Portland, Maine, Randy Voland of Hampton, VA, and Andy Voland and wife, Valerie Smith, of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Elena Morrow and husband, Derrick, Igor Koob, Ella Koob, all of Knoxville, MD, and Lily Smith-Voland of Wilmington, NC; great grandchildren, Emeril, Dimitri & Rafael Morrow; brother, Don Voland and wife, Jeanette, and sister, Judy Helgeland and husband, Glenn, all of Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews.

Obituaries are printed as they appear in local newspapers

Past National Director Fred Creasy Passes

Frederick C. Creasy, Jr., 67, of Culpeper died Saturday, April 4, 2015 at UVA Culpeper Hospital. He was born June 21, 1947 in Bedford, VA to the late Frederick C. Creasy, Sr. and Willie-Kate Mason Creasy.

Mr. Creasy was a Deacon and Assistant Sunday school Director at Culpeper Baptist Church where he had been a member since 1981, when he began teaching full time in the Culpeper County school system. He began his 46 year teaching career at Greensville County Junior High School, followed by Brunswick Academy before ultimately making Culpeper his home. While teaching in Culpeper, he was named Teacher of the Year in 2002 and retired in 2010 but continued to teach Physics part time. Mr. Creasy was a member of the Lignum Ruritan Club, where he was past President and member of Ruritan National for over 35 years. He was also Zone Governor several times, Rapidan District Governor three times, a former National Director and Association Virginian Ruritan secretary. He was also a member of the VA Association of Science Teachers, Virginia Instructors of Physics and was a Germanna Adjunct Professor for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Grubbs Creasy; his daughter, Angie Creasy-Thompson and her husband, Steve; their children, Jaycen and Zoe of Culpeper; one sister, Sandra Creasy of Bedford, VA; one brother, Gary Creasy and his wife, Susan of Winnsboro, SC; one niece, Kathy Creasy; and very close friends, Bob and Shirley Houck.

The family received friends on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 5 to 9 pm at Culpeper Baptist Church Worship Center.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 10 am at Culpeper Baptist Church with Pastor Dan Carlton and Pastor Philip Walker officiating.

Interment was held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 11 am at Lael Baptist Church Cemetery, 23296 Germanna Hwy, Lignum, VA.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to Culpeper Baptist Church Building Fund, 318 S West St. Culpeper, VA 22701 &/or Ruritan National Foundation, PO Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084.

Pardon Our Errors: Corrections and Clarifications

In the spring issue of the RURITAN magazine, on page 17, the wrong photograph was used for the Sappany Club article. On the right is the correct photograph for the article below.

Sappony (VA) Ruritan Club recently honored local Fire/EMS departments with a special dinner. Honored were Jarratt Volunteer Fire/EMS Department, Stony Creek Volunteer Fire/EMS Department, and the Old Hickory Fire Department. After a delicious BBQ chicken dinner prepared by club members, monetary donations were made to each department. Pictured (l-r) are Fire Chief Wayne Spiers and Sappony Club Treasurer Joe



Bructo.

On page 27 of the spring issue, the heading under the Cherokee District said "**Charles**

Kirkland Named Cherokee District Ruritan of the Year."

The heading should have read "**John Bearlepp Named Cherokee District Ruritan of the Year.**"

Zone Governor and **Ball Play** (TN) Ruritan Club President Charles Kirkland presented the District Ruritan of the Year Award to John Bearlepp. John competed against 21 other clubs with 778 members to achieve the top spot in 2014. "We are very proud of John and his dedication to helping humanity through volunteer service," said Kirkland.





Quarterly Update from Hunters for the Hungry on our Partnership

In 2014, 216 Ruritan Clubs donated a total of \$53,652.00 for our hunger relief efforts, which provided a total of 472,137 servings of quality lean meat. 2015 is our 20th year working in partnership, and we are asking all Virginia clubs to consider making a gift in honor of this milestone. A special celebration will be held at the National Convention in Jacksonville this coming January, and we would like all clubs involved. All gifts made by Ruritan Clubs are

matched dollar for dollar thus doubling their contribution. These matching funds are made possible due to the generosity of Dibert Valve and Fitting, the Frueauff Foundation, and the Altria Companies Employee Community Fund.

Venison was requested by **Oak Level (VA)** Ruritan Club member Bobby Alderman for Grace Network in Martinsville, VA. 700 pounds of venison was delivered by Hunters for the Hungry. Pictured with the donation are Grace Network's representatives.



District	# of Clubs Donating	Donation Total	Servings of Venison
1 - Holland	16 Clubs	\$2,480	21,824
2 - Chesapeake	12 Clubs	\$2,400	21,120
3 - Rappahannock	17 Clubs	\$4,585	40,348
4 - Appomattox	23 Clubs	\$24,037	211,525
5 - Peaks of Otter (100% District 1996-2014)	28 Clubs	\$4,515	39,732
7- Natural Bridge (100% District 2006-2014)	16 Clubs	\$3,450	30,360
8 - Woodrow Wilson	12 Clubs	\$1,835	16,148
9 - Rockingham	20 Clubs	\$2,675	23,540
30 - Delmarva	2 Clubs	\$400	3,520
32 - Dan River (100% District 2002-2008 & 2010-2014)	40 Clubs	\$3,745	32,956
34 - New River	10 Clubs	\$1,630	14,344
39 - Rapidan	10 Clubs	\$1,900	16,720

Come join us at the Ruritan National Convention next January in Jacksonville, Florida to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our partnership!

If you'd like a program on the great work that is being done through our partnership, please call Hunter for the Hungry at 800-352-4868.

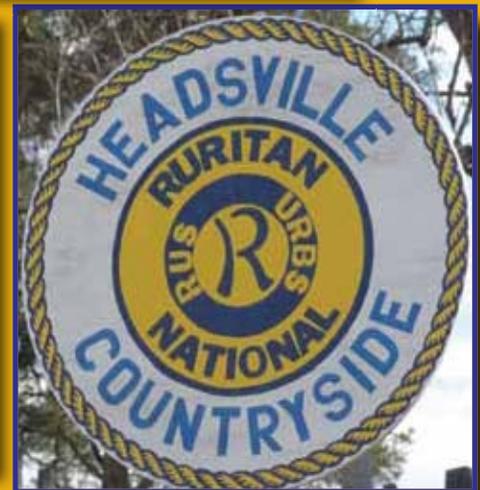
Which Sign Best Represents the Ruritan Look?



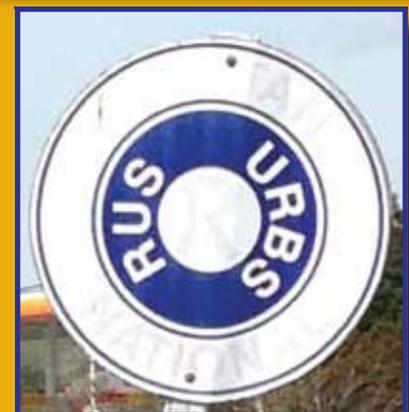
SIGN CONTEST

The Rules of the contest are simple.

1. Send in pictures of Ruritan Signs that have been neglected and in need of replacement.
2. The 20 worst signs will receive a coupon for a new sign to be presented at the national convention in Jacksonville.



3. If you are not there you will still get the coupon.
4. All photos must be received by December 1, 2015.
5. Send photos to the National Office.
6. One sign per club.



2015 Publicity and Public Relations Committee

Ruritan Forever Participants May 1, 2014 through May 1, 2015

6/16/2014 Catherine Pomeroy
 7/1/2014 Calvin Shelton+
 9/1/2014 Berkely Walton
 9/1/2014 Preston Redmond
 10/6/2014 Curtis Graham*
 10/6/2014 Patty Leasure
 10/6/2014 Allen Jackson
 10/6/2014 Debora Hedrick
 10/19/2014 Richard Dellinger
 10/19/2014 James Aaron McLellan
 10/19/2014 Bryon Wiggand
 10/19/2014 Michael A. Colley
 10/19/2014 Perry Marshman
 10/19/2014 Kenneth Edwards

10/19/2014 Jeanette Edwards
 10/19/2014 Kay Pearson+
 10/19/2014 Barbara Knowles+
 11/3/2014 Tom Page
 11/3/2014 Elrea Hendren
 11/3/2014 Harold C Gregg
 12/3/2014 Richard Weakley
 12/3/2014 Braxton Bell
 12/3/2014 Terry Call
 12/3/2014 Thomas E. Bennett
 12/3/2014 Roy McDonald
 12/3/2014 Carlton Snapp
 1/26/2015 Norm Thomsen
 4/1/2015 John Thaxton, Jr.
 4/1/2015 Julia Hopkins+
 4/1/2015 Harold Rogers
 4/1/2015 Marty Sewell



*deceased
 + means the Ruritan Forever was earned by recruiting a total of 65 new members

Bluegrass District Governor Marty Sewell was presented a Ruritan Forever from Past District Bryan Franklin on behalf of the district. Sewell was the district's Wanted Program winner. Pictured (l-r) are Franklin and Sewell.

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

Your Name: _____

Your Club Name: _____

Your Address: _____ Telephone: _____

This application is for: (check one)

Myself Current Member Deceased Ruritan **NEW Associate Member**

Name of Applicant (If not you): _____

Applicant's Club: _____

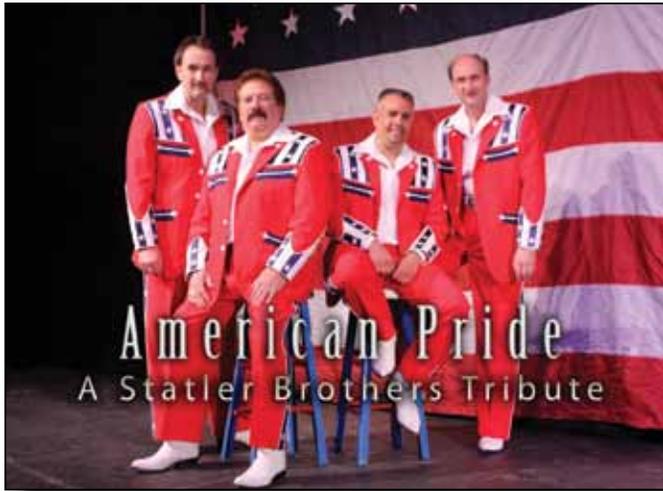
Applicant's Address: _____

OPTION #1 Credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
 CVC code (3 digit code on the back of your card) _____

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

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

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



Saturday Night Entertainment “American Pride”

American Pride “A Tribute to the Statler Brothers” will be closing out our Saturday night festivities in Jacksonville. President Bobby and Convention Chair John Hancock are excited that the group is going to be performing for us. Like the Statler Brother, American Pride has two members who are actually brothers. Jimmy and Mike Whetsel are joined by Bill Tomlinson and Adam Chambers to make up American Pride. The Whetsel

brothers have a life-long love for Southern Gospel quartet music, and still find the audiences cannot help but clap their hands and tap their feet to “I’ll Fly Away” or “Heaven’s Jubilee.” American Pride, like the Statler Brothers have deep roots in Southern Gospel Music. Members of American Pride have worked with groups such as The Talley’s, The Speer Family, The Cathedral Quartet, and Bill Gaither, among other great names.

American Pride captures the true authenticity

of the Statler Brothers sound, keeping the legacy alive and promoting traditional Country Music, which is generational, yet crosses age boundaries. American Pride is honored to represent the legendary heritage of the Statler Brothers.

President Bobby said, “I heard them performing at the Chesterfield County Fair in August of 2014 and knew that Ruritan would love them. I grew up in Staunton area like the Statler Brothers and where they started their careers. They sound and even dress like the Statler Brothers. After hearing them and talking to them in August of 2014, I knew that they would do a great job at our convention.” Convention Chair John stated, “American Pride sings grass root music and believes in Ruritan values. I don’t believe our attendees will want to miss a note.”

Jim Whetsel with American Pride stated, “We are so excited to be performing at this convention. We understand that the Statler Brothers were with you in Chicago in 1975. All I can say is be prepared to go back to songs like ‘Elizabeth,’ ‘Class of 57,’ ‘The Wall,’ ‘Flowers on the Wall,’ and ‘Do You Know You Are My Sunshine.’ Yes, many call us Retro Country, we just call it GREAT AMERICAN COUNTRY.”

Get Your Room Reservations in Jacksonville Now!

The 2016 Convention begins on Thursday, January 7. To make your reservations for the 2016 Ruritan National Convention, please visit: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ruritan2016>. If you would rather talk to a booking agent about your room, please call 888-421-1442 and say you are with Ruritan. For questions regarding hotel amenities and general services, you may call 904-588-1234. Rates before taxes begin at \$114 for single and double occupancy; \$139 for triple; and \$164 for quad.

Reserve Hospitality Suites Through National Office

If your district, club, or candidate is interested in booking a hospitality suite in Jacksonville, contact the national office at 877-787-8727 or office@ruritan.org, and we will send you the proper form. The form requires dates of arrival and departure, who will occupy the room, and how the room will be paid for.

January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____
 Member/Non Member (circle one)
 Member# (if member): _____
 Preferred Badge Name : _____
 Club: _____ District: _____
 Contact phone number: _____

2nd Attendee: _____
 Member/Non Member (circle one)
 Member# (if member) _____
 Preferred Badge Name: _____
 Club: _____ District: _____
 Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

- I have these food restrictions: _____.
- I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.
- Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.
- I have 50 years or more perfect attendance.
- At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.**
- This is my first convention.

Check items below that apply:

- I have these food restrictions: _____.
- I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.
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- I have 50 years or more perfect attendance.
- At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.**
- This is my first convention.

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

Name: _____ (Check one in each column)

<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea
<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. Marines	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy	<input type="checkbox"/> Desert Storm
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Operation Iraqi Freedom
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
_____	_____

For Office Use Only:
ID# _____; GRP# _____

MEALS IN JACKSONVILLE

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Jacksonville (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 \$113. Send in your registration before the Dec. 7, 2015, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals.

How Will You Pay?

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

Check payment type below:

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

_____ Payment made by check Check # _____

_____ Visa/Mastercard Card # _____

Expiration date # _____

3 or 4 digit code on back _____

Check one option below

_____ Bill my credit card now

_____ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2015

2016 Ruritan National Convention - Jacksonville: Jan. 7-10

Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FIVE package options for the 2016 Ruritan Convention

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

Meal Package Options

These package prices already include the base fee of \$113

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Four meal package includes base fee, Veterans Breakfast, Friday Fellowship Luncheon, First Lady's Breakfast, and Saturday Banquet	Package 1 BEST DEAL	\$295	
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday Fellowship Luncheon, and Saturday Banquet	Package 2	\$220	
Friday Only Package includes base fee and Friday Fellowship Luncheon	Package 3	\$166	
Saturday Only Package includes base fee and Saturday Banquet	Package 4	\$200	
No Meals - base registration only	Package 5	\$113	

Extra Meal Tickets and Items

Must purchase one of four options to purchase individual meal tickets and items.

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Foundation Banquet on Friday evening	Foundation	\$65	
Veterans Breakfast on Friday Morning	Veterans	\$38	
Friday Fellowship Luncheon	Fellowship	\$63	
Breakfast Honoring First Lady Linda on Saturday morning	First Lady	\$43	
Installation Banquet on Saturday evening	Banquet	\$74	
5K Walk The Walk Fun Run/Walk (includes t shirt and donation to Jacksonville charity) Note t shirt sizes below	Thursday	\$25	
T shirt sizes and quantity - one per \$25 5K registration fee: ___ Small ___ Med ___ Large ___ X Large ___ 2X ___ 3X			
How to Build a Club Webpage - 5 hour workshop Thursday p.m. No cost but limited to 25 attendees, first come, first-served. Must be familiar with use of internet browsers and must provide your own laptop computer with wireless access capability. Instructor: Linda Bradshaw	Thursday	No cost. Limited to first 25	
Rudy Bears - to be added to gift to Jacksonville charities		\$5.25	
GRAND TOTAL		\$ _____	

Program of Events *Note the convention is two weeks earlier in the month than in past years.*

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Dinner and entertainment on your own at The Jacksonville Landing

Thursday, January 7, 2016

2016 Governors Breakfast and training
5K "Walk the Walk" Fun Run/Walk (afternoon) See registration form.

Special workshop on designing a club website (Limited to 25 people and bring your own laptop.) See registration form.

Opening Ceremonies (evening)

Friday, January 8, 2016

Veterans Breakfast (must be purchased separately or as part of the package above)

Morning Business Session

Fellowship Luncheon (may be purchased separately or as part of a package above)

Workshops

NOTE: Delegate certification closes at 1 p.m.

Voting – 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Note: those with special physical needs and/or handicaps vote first.)

Foundation Awards Dinner (must be purchased separately)

Foundation Live Auction

***Note voting time has been changed from earlier publications.**

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Breakfast Honoring First Lady Linda (must be purchased separately or as part of a package above)

Morning Business Session with Awards

Workshops

Blood Drive

Installation Banquet (may be purchased separately or as part of a package above)

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Worship Service

Participants will be notified individually about special meetings. Hospitality suites may be open Thursday through Saturday evenings. Watch the bulletin board in the exhibit area for details and room numbers.

Cruise to Bahamas to Follow Ruritan 2016 Convention

Ruritans who enjoy cruise ship vacations may choose a bonus after the 2016 Ruritan National Convention in Jacksonville, FL- a cruise to the Bahamas! The majority of Ruritans responding to a recent online survey have chosen the five day cruise out of the port of Jacksonville. The cruise leaves on Monday and returns Saturday morning.

The five day cruise leaves Jacksonville on Monday, Jan. 11 and spends Monday evening and Tuesday at sea arriving in Nassau for a day of site seeing on Wednesday. Overnight the ship will leave Nassau and dock at Freeport for another day of site seeing on Thursday. Friday is another day at sea, enjoying the entertainment, spa, and recreational activities on board – docking back in Jacksonville on Saturday morning so travelers may depart early for their trips back home.

Rates begin at \$249* per person (double occupancy) for an interior stateroom and \$289* per person (double occupancy) for an ocean view stateroom. *Taxes on each room are start at \$92.96 and vacation protection insurance is \$49 per person. There is a \$60 gratuity per person which can be paid in advance or on board. Book your cruise now by calling 866-721-3225 and use group #6COWS2 (that's a zero not an O).

There is some urgency in securing your stateroom as the Ruritan block will fill up quickly. A minimum of \$200 per person is required as a deposit but the balance doesn't have to be paid until November 12, 2015. Rates and room availability are subject to change. Book your rooms and pay deposits by July 1, 2015. Ruritan has a limited number of cabins available first come, first-served. After July 1 we will release any unbooked rooms so Ruritan won't have to pay any penalties.

NOTE: You can cancel your room for a complete refund anytime before Nov. 11, 2015. After that date refunds will depend upon purchasing the vacation insurance protection.

The port of Jacksonville (known as JAXPORT) is 20 minutes north of our convention hotel on the St. John's River. It's just minutes from Interstate 295 and 12 miles south of the Jacksonville airport.

Ruritans who want to participate may choose to move from the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront on Sunday a hotel near the port that offers free transportation to and from the cruise. For example the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Jacksonville - Blount Island offers a cruise shuttle for \$60 for up to five people round trip to the port. All you have to do



is book a night there (Sunday night) to get the shuttle to the port on Monday and back at the end of the cruise. Call them at 904- 696-3333 or go on line to Holiday Inn Express.

Or you can choose to pay parking fees at the port. Parking is \$15 per day per passenger vehicle (\$75 for a 5-day cruise), and \$25 per day for oversized recreational vehicles (\$125 for a 5-day cruise). Cash or major credit cards are accepted. No reservations are required for parking. JAXPORT offers secure parking for Jacksonville cruise guests. The well-lighted and fenced parking area on JAXPORT property is located adjacent to the cruise terminal building, and the parking area is monitored by JAXPORT security 24 hours per day.

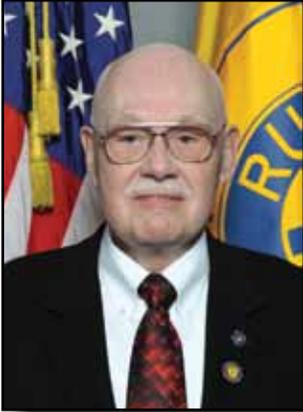
The living is easy in the Bahamas, a glittering necklace of sand dotting the blue Atlantic. On a Bahamas cruise you'll find a sun-splashed seascape of 700 islands and 2,000 cays offering idyllic tropical getaways for sailing, snorkeling, fishing, strolling pearly pink-sand beaches, and swimming crystalline turquoise seas.

Visit <http://www.carnival.com/cruise-ships/carnival-fascination.aspx> to learn more about the Ruritan cruise ship The Fascination. The Carnival website describes the ship as follows: *Meet and have a drink at Beverly Hills Bar, or grab a bite with tropical flair at Coconut Grove Bar and Grill. And star treatment is within anyone's grasp at Spa Carnival. You'll also find all the fun perks you look for in a Carnival cruise — resort-style pool, Serenity Adult Only Retreat, mini-golf course, and the very splashy Carnival WaterWorks.*

Once you have booked your cruise you can sign up and pay Carnival for a variety of excursions in Nassau and/or Freeport including kayaking, a day at Atlantis, close encounters with dolphins, snorkeling, or an underwater marine park. The website explains the ages allowed on the excursions and the level of exercise/agility required for each.

Message From 2015 Foundation President David Freshly

We Make Things Happen



On Thursday and Friday, April 16 and 17, the Foundation Board of Trustees met to determine the recipients of the 2014-15 Foundation Grants, Special Grants, and the amount of the Build Your Dollar (Build Your \$) Grants. There were sixty-nine (69) applications for Foundation Grants. The Trustees awarded twenty-eight (28) traditional and one (1) non-traditional for a total of twenty-nine (29) grants. There were three hundred sixty-seven (367) clubs which sent their funds to the Foundation for Build Your \$ Grants. The Trustees determined that from earnings an amount of two hundred forty-five dollars (\$245.00) plus the three hundred dollars which each club submitted will be returned to each club for a total award of five hundred forty-five (\$545.00) dollars. Fourteen Special Grants were awarded per the contract instructions in each Special Endowment account.

The Trustees are quite pleased to be able to make these awards.

With 1,022 clubs in Ruritan, we would like to see more clubs participate in the Build Your \$ Program. Where could you have gotten over 80% interest in a year or less?

The Trustees became aware of an alarming problem occurring in the Foundation Grants area as the applications were read. There were twenty-five (25) "Incomplete Applications." These applications had one or more areas of request which did not have sufficient information. Also, there were a number of Build Your \$ applications which were incomplete. This was extremely disturbing to the Trustees as some of these applications were positive in the other areas. It is the responsibility of the students to make sure that requests for information for their applications are completed and mailed to the Foundation by the due date (April 1).

More dollars can be distributed as we grow the Foundation corpus. There are clubs which didn't realize that they had a permanent fund or are building toward a permanent fund in their name. Could this be true of members or former members? As you enroll new members in your club, explain the Foundation and its goals to them. Have a program regarding the Foundation and its merits at a club meeting once each year. Your club may have one or more members who will have a child or grandchild who needs help to pay the costs of higher education. Your consideration of donating to your club fund, an individual fund, or starting a permanent fund will help the Trustees award more dollars to needy students.



Foundation Trustee Corky Camin said if they raised \$1000 for the Ruritan National Foundation at the Association of Virginia Ruritans meeting in April they could shave his head and beard - and they did.

Our newly installed Endowment Fund program is to encourage individuals and clubs to increase the balances in their funds to higher levels. Various Fund levels can be increased by the original individual, club, or anyone who would like to honor that individual or club. Persons wishing to remember the Foundation through a gift from their wills may do so. The Trustees approved the consideration of the donation of real estate in 2013. As you read this, you will realize that there are many possibilities which will increase the corpus of the Foundation and in turn will help many needy students.

Another ongoing need of the Foundation is the Operation We Care (OWC) program. These funds are used to help people in need when a disaster happens, such as a tornado, flood, or fire. OWC is not a first responder, but can help after other aid is sought and exhausted.

The Trustees thank all of you who continue to support others by your ongoing contributions. WE MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

Ruritan National Foundation

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Register Now For Fellowship Weekend 2015

Anticipate “peace and comfort” as you make plans now for the 2015 Ruritan National Foundation Fellowship Weekend to be held at the Carlisle Inn Sugarcreek west of Dover, Ohio, on Ohio Rte 39 (September 11-13, 2015). We will be in Amish country in Holmes and Tuscarawas counties. You will see beautiful farm land, horses and buggies, Amish furniture and crafts, and more. Optional visits to the David Warther ship-carving museum, Wendell-August Forge, Weaver Furniture, and Andreas Furniture are suggested. Shopping in Sugar Creek, Walnut Creek, and other spots for anything and everything including cheese, wine, Trail bologna, ice cream, and eating at Amish restaurants will delight you. Plan to come early and/or stay late to be able to browse and sight-see at your leisure.



Send registrations to: Ruritan National Foundation
P.O. Box 487
Dublin, VA. 24084

The deadline for registration is August 20, 2015. Pre-registration before August 20, 2015, is **\$55** per person. Late registration after August 20, 2015, is **\$65** per person. See below for registration and additional cost options.

Full Package Registration includes Friday dinner and Saturday banquet
Before or on August 20, 2015
Registration \$55 X _____ persons = \$ _____

Full Package LATE Registration includes Friday dinner and Saturday banquet
After August 20, 2015
Registration \$65 X _____ persons = \$ _____

Friday Meal Only
\$30 X _____ persons = \$ _____

Saturday Meal Only
\$30 X _____ persons = \$ _____

Willandale Golf Course (Saturday morning)
\$55 X _____ = \$ _____ (includes green fees, cart, box lunch)

I would be interested in playing in a cornhole tournament.

Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone + Area Code: _____

Club: _____

District: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my payment:

Check No. _____

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Mastercard # _____

Mastercard Expiration Date _____

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

News From Ruritan: Holland District

Holland District Holds Leadership Workshop

The Holland District held its first ever “leadership workshop” in April at the **Isle of Wight** Ruritan Clubhouse. The purpose of the workshop was to present information and skills to those Ruritans who may consider leadership roles at the club, zone, and district levels. Leaders from the Ruritan, civic, and governmental sectors gave presentations and lead practical exercises involving leadership. Pictured is Virginia 64th District Delegate, Rick Morris, who told the attendees, “Leadership involves taking charge and making a decision—just not yes or no. It’s a matter of what’s right and doing it!” Also speaking was 2003 National President George Winslow on Ruritan Organization; 2014 District Governor Rod Mustanski on Leadership Values and After Action Reporting; Hopewell, VA Kiwanis President Elect Rich Strongin on Types of Meetings; and 2015 District Governor Jack York on Brainstorming and Issues Facing Ruritan. The attendees were given practical exercises on fundraising, member recruiting, discrimination, and dealing with disruptive members. The workshop concluded with a panel discussion made up of 2003 National President George Winslow and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter who fielded questions from the floor. Workshop Coordinator Rod Mustanski and the other Ruritan district leaders felt this was a great start in providing a good basis for the district’s future Ruritan leaders.



Thousands Attend Shad Planking

Wakefield (VA) Ruritan Club held its 67th Annual Shad Planking with thousands in attendance. Former Virginia Lt. Governor John Hager was the speaker. Funds raised from the Shad Planking support the community service mission of the Wakefield Ruritan Club. Several Past Ruritan National Presidents were in attendance. Pictured (l-r) are 2004 National President John Hancock, 1978 National President Bobby Wrenn, 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter, 2014 National President Elliott Hogge,



2015 National President Bobby Burton, 1986 National President Dave Freshly, 2009 National President Donald Worrell, and 2003 National President George Winslow. In attendance, but not pictured was 1997 National President Braxton Bell.

Great Bridge Receives Community Organization Award

Great Bridge (VA) Ruritan Club was honored with the Community Organization Award by the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council at the Annual Awards Luncheon. The club was recognized for year-round projects that include roadside trash cleanup, three Adopt-A-Spot areas, participation in Arbor Day and Clean the Bay Day, recycling, and the Great American Cleanup. Club members were also selected to participate in a video to be used by Chesapeake Mayor Alan Krasnoff in his Annual State of the City Address. Pictured (l-r) are 2015 Club President



Danny Smith, Alton Brinkley, Joan Pitts, 2014 Club President Hank Pitts, Environment Committee Chair Joe Fitzpatrick, 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter, 2012 First Gentleman Bill Lewter, and Dawn Levering.



Chad Allen Receives Fellowship Award

Chesapeake Sheriff’s Department awarded **South Norfolk** (VA) Ruritan Club member Chad Allen with a Fellowship Award. Club President Doug Allen presented him with the award. Chad is an active member of the club and he participates in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge held at Virginia Beach each year. Chad was the number one fundraiser for the event.

Chesapeake Clubs Staying Active



Hanover (VA) Ruritan Club members assembled for their quarterly Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. Pictured (l-r) are Aaron Proctor, Roger Mitchell, Cindy Green, Brad Johnson, Club President Harrison Moncure, Ray Heath, and Jimmie Creech. Club member Marcia Kirby took the photo.

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Military personnel who are also Ruritans and who might be unable to attend regular meetings should not be counted as absent according to the Ruritan National Board of Directors.

If your club has a member currently serving in active duty, your club secretary should count him or her as “present” at meetings so that his or her absence doesn’t penalize the member or cause the club to fall short on attendance percentages.

The Board cited the National Bylaws provision for using “four hours of community service” as the equivalent of a make-up meeting -- a substitution that members of the U.S. Military are surely qualified to use.



Emma Laurent and Erika Laurent each received a \$2,000 scholarship check from **Warwick (VA)** Club President Woody Sanders.



Abingdon (VA) Ruritan Club President Sarah Fary recognized Don Sandridge as the club’s Ruritan of the Year. David Bowditch was welcomed as a new member. Pictured on the



Zone 6 Governor Aubrey Mitchell installed 2015 **Reedy Church (VA)** Ruritan Club Officers. Pictured (l-r) are Zone 6 Governor Aubrey Mitchell, Club President Wick Coleman, Jr., Vice President Bill Gordon, Secretary David Taylor, and Treasurer Ida May Nelson.



left (l-r) are Vice-President Rose Taylor, Bowditch, and Club President Sarah Fary.

News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District



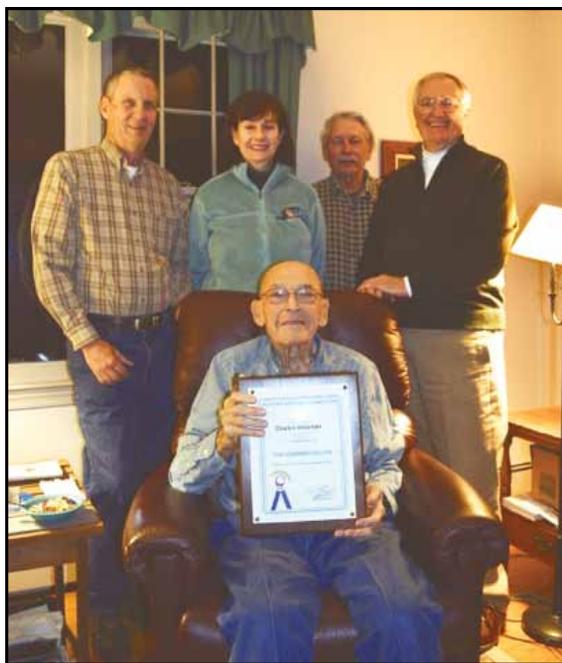
Joseph Hulver Jr. Recognized for Lifetime of Service

In recognition of a lifetime of service to the community, the **Stonewall District (VA)** Ruritan Club recognized Joseph Hulver Jr. for his lifetime of service to Ruritan. Joe joined Ruritan August 1, 1971, and became its president ten years later. He received Stonewall District Ruritan's Pearl Award for outstanding service to the club in 1977. In 1983 he became district governor of the Rappahannock District and became zone governor in 1986. He became district governor a year later in 1987. He was named Ruritan of the Year for the Rappahannock District in 1988 and also has received the clubs President Award. In 1990, he received a Tom Downing Fellowship Award, the highest national honor a Ruritan can receive. In 1990 he became trustee for the Ruritan National

Foundation. He served as trustee, promotional chairman, treasurer, secretary, vice president and became Ruritan National Foundation President in 1994. The next three years he served as district treasurer and was elected a National Director in 1997. He is known and affectionately called "Mr. Ruritan" by many. Joe has led the Ruritan Golf Tournament for many years. You can constantly find him on the road for Ruritan, whether it is to present a Tom Downing Award, install a new member, attend a meeting, pick up food and supplies for the club, or just to visit a club. Not only does he donate his time to Ruritan, but he also finds time to give of his service to other local organizations.

Just a few of the organizations to which he has given his time are: The Clearbrook Fire Department, Hunters for the Hungry, National Wild Turkey Association, Burnt Factory UMC, Kids Voting, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, and Habitat for Humanity. He is constantly working to improve Ruritan. Under his initiative, plans were made to begin fundraising to improve and repair the National Office in Dublin, Virginia. He always has ideas spinning around in that head of his as to what he can start on next. No doubt he is already planning his and our next project.

Hamilton and Cedarville District Present Tom Downings



Hamilton (VA) Ruritan Club recently honored Charlie Wiseman with a Tom Downing Fellowship Award. Wiseman had been a member since 1992. He has been club secretary and helped with many of the club's fundraisers through the years. Club President Karen Kazmark presented him the award at his home. Others in attendance were his wife Dottie, and club members Dick Mazzucchelli, Sam Welsh, and Gordon Bradford. "Charlie was a great asset to the club and highly regarded by everyone. It was an honor to present him with this award and recognize his value to the club," said Kazmark.

Cedarville District (VA) Ruritan Club presented a Tom Downing Award to Roberta Grove. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Ronnie



Rutherford, Grove, and Past Foundation President Joe Hulver Jr.

News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District continued

Leeds Sponsored English Second Language Class



Leeds (VA) Ruritan Club sponsored an English Second Language (ESL) class. The class met for ten weeks. Seven Hispanic students participated in the class. Pictured (l-r) are Margaret Morris, Eloy Chavez, Albino Sanchez, Edith Middleton, Imelda Ruiz, Litzy Santos, Michele Middleton, Ruben Rebas, Hugo Ordoñez.

Sumerduck (VA) Ruritan

Club held its annual chili cook-off. This is a fundraising event so the club can provide scholarships.



News From Ruritan: Appomattox District



South Hill Holds Antique Farm Machinery and Vehicle Show

South Hill (VA) Ruritan Club held their 6th Annual Antique Farm Machinery and Vehicle Show at the Dixie Tobacco Warehouse Complex. With free admission, this inside show was a popular event that featured antique tractors, farm equipment, cars, and trucks. Additionally, the show had toy exhibits, vendors, barrel train rides, crafts, food, and entertainment by the Classic Country Band. Taking a break at the show are back row (l-r) National Director Wally Hudson, Jeff Gill, Joe Just,

National Director David Thompson, Steve Bailey, and front row (l-r) Jean Payne, Charlene Just, Betty Bryant, Appomattox District Lt. Governor Bruce Butler, and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter.

Midlothian Receives Donation

Midlothian (VA) Ruritan Club's ongoing project is providing transportation to individuals needing dialysis treatment three days a week at the Da Vita Dialysis Center. The center awarded the club with a \$1,000 check for its efforts. The club donated the money to the Ruritan National Foundation. Pictured are Social Development Committee Member Cecelia Bowers, Committee Chair Margaret Gregg, and Past Foundation President Bruce Thompson.



News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Goode Installs Six New Members



Goode (VA) Ruritan Club installed six new members in March. Pictured (l-r) are Ed Williams, Ernie Rogers, William Ferguson, Howard Biggs, Alan Franklin, and Pablo Cifuentes.

News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

Fulks Run Honors Teachers

Fulks Run (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual dinner in honor of the teachers and staff at the Fulks Run Elementary School. The club helped fund the school when it was being built in 1961. The club continues to provide substantial support to the school through purchases of new equipment, sponsorship of field trips, volunteer tutoring, and many other activities.



Luray Presents Business and Professional of the Year Award

Luray (VA) Ruritan Club presented its 2014 Business and Professional of the Year Award at the club's January meeting. This year's recipient was Dr. Arsheeya Mashaw (left) of the Page Free Clinic. The award was presented by Ron Vickers, chair of the Business and Professional Committee. In addition to the plaque, a monetary donation was made to the clinic. This award is presented each year to a person

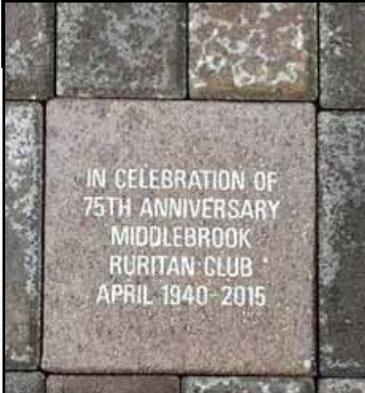
who has made outstanding contributions to the community.



Middlebrook Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary



Middlebrook (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 75th Anniversary at its monthly meeting in April. To honor the anniversary the club purchased a paver to be



placed in the Memorial Patio at the National Office. President Elect Calvin Shelton was the guest speaker and challenged the club to start planning for another successful 75 years. Shelton and Club President Jerry Jarvis presented



BB Hanger, Jr. (59 yrs), Bill Brubeck (59 yrs), John Pilson (55 yrs), and Charlie Beard (71 yrs) Ruritan jackets in honor and appreciation of their long-term service to the club. Shelton also presented the club a \$2,000 donation check from the **Wadlow Gap** (VA) Ruritan Club that is to be placed in the Dennie Clemmer

Memorial Vocational FFA 4-H Scholarship Fund. The club was honored to have in attendance many former national leaders, present and former Woodrow Wilson District leaders, and other Ruritan friends from out of the area. The anniversary meeting was closed with the youngest members, Austin Aylor and Alex Nichols, leading the Pledge.

Mint Spring (VA) Ruritan Club held a Red Cross Blood Drive at its club building. Pictured are Lucy Smith, June Steger, and Larry Beiler.



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 contacting the National Office, toll free at 877-787-8727 or email office@ruritan.org

Hamilton Celebrates 45th Anniversary

Hamilton (PA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 45th anniversary. 2014 Pennsylvania State Senator Richard Al-



loway presented an award to the club for its service to the community. National Director Sarah Kelly installed new member Paul Cullian. Past Zone Governor Eugene Hawbaker installed new club officers: President John Martz, Vice President Linda Haulman, Secretary Ronald Hughes, and Treasurer Charlie Rothrauff. Others in attendance were National Director Larry Cassell, 2014 Lt. Governor David Moser, 2014 Zone 6 Governor Earl Ross, and Scout Master Nicole Yoder. The club's first president Marvin E. Gayman reminisced on the club's activities throughout the years. 2015 Club President John Martz received a 45-year perfect attendance pin. Others recognized for 45 years of service were charter members Menno Landis, Richard Ross, and Marlin Gayman. Pictured is National Director Sarah Kelly with Club President John Martz.

New Franklin Donates \$6,000 to Occupational Services

New Franklin (PA) Ruritan Club donated \$ 6,000 to the Occupational Services Inc. of Chambersburg, PA. This money was used to buy an industrial horizontal band saw. This will allow OSI further production and processes that support, help train, and employ people with disabilities. Pictured (l-r) are OSI Executive Director Linda Mayo, 2014 Club President Sharon Guyer, and OSI Production Manager Jeremy Waechter.



Maugansville Ruritan Club's Community Breakfast Fun



Maugansville (PA) Ruritan Club enjoys the fellowship of working together.



Daryl Meyers Receives Member Bar

Williamson (PA) Ruritan Club member Daryl Meyers was presented a 20-member bar from Zone 7 Governor Barron Keefer. When Daryl was asked how he recruited so many members, he replied, "As a business owner, I have opportunities to tell customers about Ruritan." The conversation usually starts with, "What is Ruritan?" Pictured (l-r) are Meyers and Keefer.



Winterville Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary



Winterville (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 75th anniversary. Past National Director Leck Keeter gave a presentation of the history of the club and the organization as a whole. He shared memories of all deceased charter members and special projects throughout the years. National Director Frances Long presented an anniversary certificate to the club. A barbeque dinner and cake were served. The Tim Sutton Trio entertained. Others in attendance were Zone 2 Governor Jerry Mizell, Jr., Lt. Governor Curtis Rogers, and District Governor David Mooring.

Pantego Installs Three New Members

The **Pantego** (NC) Ruritan Club brought in three new members in March – two of which made club history being the first women to be inducted. The three members were Danny Lilley, Connie Benson, and Peggy Groom. National Director Frances Long was on hand to welcome all three as was Greenville-Goldsboro District Lt. Governor Curtis Rodgers.

The "Washington Daily News" quoted club president Neil Bowen as saying that the induction of the new members has "breathed life into the club." He continued, "I think we will do well with these two women. They are fireballs. They really have a lot of interesting ideas about where the club can go. It's always been for everyone – but no women have ever asked to join before."

At the next club meeting, in April, the club hosted Hayden Tankard, one of the recipients of a one-time \$1,000 scholarship for 2015. Hayden talked about his aspirations of attending the Citadel Military College and pursuing a military career. He thanked the club for the scholarship. Hayden's father, Robert, was also in attendance.

The program for the April meeting was a presentation about Cross Creek Healthcare by Administrator Gerri Weatherly and Admissions/Marketing Director Michele Newman. They explained the many services available at the 80-bed facility.

Rocky Mt. Durham Clubs Support Relay for Life



Nash County (NC) Ruritan Clubs once again cooked the meals for the annual Nash County Relay for Life Cancer Survivors Banquet on April 13. Approximately 600 survivors were expected to attend the event. Ruritans also sponsored a team in the April 24th Relay for Life event. Pictured (l-r) front row, are Relay for Life leaders Crystal Johnson, Sherry Harris, Sherry Leonard, and Sherry Leonard's daughter Brittney Leonard. (Back



Ruritan Club representatives John-ny Massie (**West Mount**), Charles Ethridge (**Coopers**), Ray Eason (**Momeyer**), 2015 Ruritan National President Bobby Burton, Russell Cockrell (**West Mount**), Andrew Tyson (**Elm Grove**), Herbert Joyner (**Oak Level**), James Morelli (**Benvenue**), and Sam Bass (**Dortches**). (Photo courtesy The Nashville Graphic)

Nash County Ruritans presented Nash County Sheriff Keith Stone with Rudy Bears during their annual meeting. Pictured is Sheriff Stone (left) with Kenneth Parker (right) of the **Momeyer** Ruritan Club. Parker also serves as a 2015 Chairperson. (Photo courtesy The Nashville Graphic)

Oak Grove, Redwood, Gorman, and Bethesda Clubs Donate \$14,000 to Aiden Ingle



Oak Grove (NC) Ruritan Club member Teresa Ellis heard of a family that needed to raise money so their seven-year old son Aiden Ingle, who suffers from debilitating seizures, would be able to get a service dog that detects seizures before they actually happen. **Redwood, Gorman, and Bethesda** Ruritan Clubs donated to the cause. The club was able to present Ingle with a \$14,000 check. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Davey Jones, sister Avery Ingle, Fundraising Chair Teresa Ellis, grandmother Patsy Churchill, mom Kristen Ingle, and Aiden Ingle.

The **Oak Grove** Club presented Sam Vaughan with a 50-year pin. Vaughan served as club treasurer for 13 years, vice president for three years, and club president for 1 year. Vaughan said, "I have always been a firm believer that supporting your community was one of the greatest thing an individual could do."

News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt. Durham District continued

Tri-County Hosts Golf Tournament



Tri-County (NC) Ruritan Club hosted its 14th annual golf tournament. Twenty teams of four participated with Zone Governor Harold Rodgers leading one of the teams. Club members served lunch after the tournament. Pictured right is Club member Pete Cox who headed up the tournament.

News From Ruritan: Hermitage District

Pinson Dedicates Club Wall to Veterans

1977 National President Jerry Ellis was featured in his local newspaper for helping the Pinson (TN) Ruritan Club organize a Wall of Honor to recognize veterans who have a connection to the Pinson community. As you enter the building, nearly 100 photos are displayed on the wall of veterans ranging from the Civil War to present-day military. National President Bobby Burton and First Lady Linda were in attendance. "I think it would've taken about six feet of snow and a foot of ice to keep me from this," said Burton.



News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District



Pictured is Anderson Creek (NC) Ruritan Club President Donna Rigby presenting Tim Rowe with the club's 2014 Ruritan of the Year Award.



News From Ruritan: Cherokee District



President Elect Calvin Shelton was Presented a Key to the City of Cleveland

National President Elect Calvin Shelton was presented a key to the city of Cleveland, Tennessee, at the **Oak Grove** (TN) Ruritan Club meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Zone Governor Ray Myers, State Representative Dan Howell, President Elect Calvin Shelton, and Patsy Shelton.

Brenda Elam was named **Morrison** (TN) Ruritan Club's Ruritan of the Year.

Pictured is Elam receiving the award from Club President Todd Shewmaker.

The club donated six tables to Morrison Elementary School. Pictured (l-r) are Randy Yates, Principal



Kim Cantrell, and Shewmaker.

Jackie Montgomery of the **Taylors** (TN) Ruritan Club was presented a plaque from National President Elect Calvin Shelton for becoming club president at age 14.



News From Ruritan: Lower WV District

Williamsburg Honor Nurses

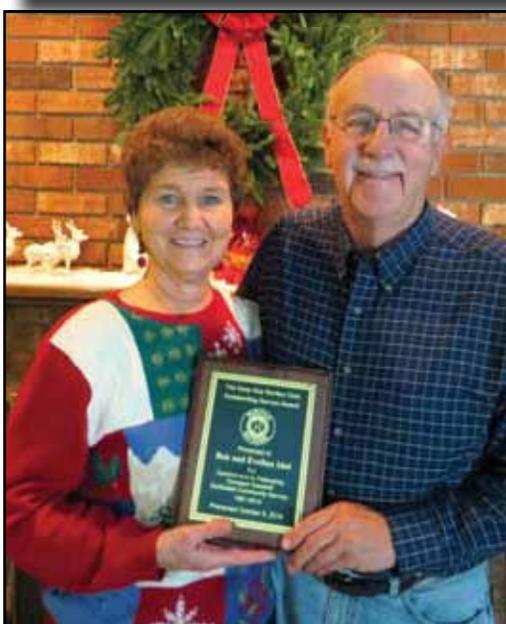
A critical life-threatening emergency was successfully handled by four employees of the Northern Greenbrier Health Clinic in January, 2015. These four people were honored by the **Williamsburg** (WV) Ruritan Club at a dinner to show community appreciation for their skills and knowledge that played a major role in saving a patient's life. Pictured (l-r) LPN Nicole Vance, EMT Amber Rowe, PA Regina Gum, RN Nursing Supervisor Sherri Faulkner, and Club President Jack Goodman.



Number Three Township Present Checks



Number Three Township (NC) Ruritan Club President Michael Plank presented a check to Matt Holland (left picture) representing the Pregnancy Resource Center and to Mike Gillett of the Cleveland County Rescue Mission.



Bob and Evelina Idol Receive Plaque for Exemplary Community Service

Since becoming charter members of **Deep Gap** (NC) Ruritan, Bob and Evelina Idol have worked hard to prove what dedication to the cause really means. "Their efforts have not been ignored," said Club President Wayne Davis, who presented a plaque of appreciation to the couple in November. Zone Governor Leslie Gentry said, "If we had more people like Bob and Evelina, this would be a better world to live in. They go above and beyond in their work for their community, their church, and anywhere else they serve." Pictured are the Idols holding the plaque for Exemplary Community Service.

Oak Hill Caldwell Donates \$5,100 to School

Oak Hill Caldwell (NC) Ruritan Club donates \$5,100 to Oak Hill Elementary School. Funds will be spent on new technology. Club President Carol Deal presented a check to Principal Chris Ackerman. Others in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone, school board members, and the school faculty and staff.



Rockwalkin Names Ernest Conner as Club's Ruritan of the Year

Rockwalkin (MD) Ruritan Club names Ernest Conner as its Ruritan of the Year. Conner has served as club president and secretary. He has been an active member in club functions such as Ladies Night Dinners, chicken barbeques, and highway clean-up projects. Club President Tom Field presented him with the plaque.

News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

Pilot Sponsors “Be a Hero” Program



Pilot (NC) Ruritan Club sponsored the “Be a Hero” Program initiated by the school system to bring the concern of child abuse to the public. Approximately 1,000 children were in attendance. The club handed out cupcakes along with other goodies. Club members helping with the activities were Deanna Chilton, Jeff Chilton, Debbie O’Reilly, Becky White, and Donna Sutphin.



News From Ruritan: Dan River District

Horsepasture Dedicates Ballfield to the Late John Bradshaw

Horsepasture (VA) Ruritan Club dedicated its ballfield to the late John Bradshaw, who was influential in the field’s creation. John’s brother Charles Bradshaw was the spokesman for the evening. Charles noted that the best way to keep the memory of John alive is by being a good ambassador to the community. “John Bradshaw would not have approved of this name on the sign out there. He would say that what he did was just what any community-minded person would do,” said Charles Bradshaw.



News From Ruritan: New River District

Rocky Gap Celebrates Its 65th Anniversary

Rocky Gap (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 65th anniversary. National Director Gary Solomon presented Club President Rick Worley with a certificate on behalf of the club. Club member Doris Sink gave a brief history of the club and its notable achievements. The most recent achievement was revitalizing the Bland County Veteran’s Memorial. Pictured (l-r) are Solomon and Worley.



Ashlee Lynch Donates Kidney to Charlie Davis



Chuckey (TN) Ruritan Club members Ashlee Lynch donated a kidney to club member Charlie Davis in memory of her papaw Dewey Waddell. Waddell and Davis had been best friends throughout their childhood and adult lives. Pictured are Lynch and Davis.



Camp Creek Provides Lending Library

Camp Creek (TN) Ruritan Club provides a Lending Library in a weatherproof book cabinet located at the Memorial Park Pavilion. The library is stocked with fiction and nonfiction for adults, teens, and children. All books are free – if you take a book – leave a book. Beside the library is a bulletin board where community announcements are posted.

Bloomfield Raised \$2,600 for Family



Bloomfield (NE) Ruritan Club held a benefit breakfast for a young girl who had been injured in a farm accident. Pancakes, french toast, sausage, ham, applesauce, coffee, and milk were served. The proceeds helped the family pay medical expenses. Twenty-eight club members volunteered their time to make it a success. The benefit raised \$2,600 with additional funds of \$500 from Thrivent Financial.

District Cabinet Honors Veterans



Rapidan District Ruritan Cabinet honored the military veterans of the **Albemarle** (VA) Ruritan Club at the Albemarle Ruritan's Clubhouse in Charlottesville, VA. Certificates of Appreciation were presented during a visit by the Rapidan District Governor Linda Bradshaw. The presentation is part of the Rapidan District's plans to thank, appreciate, and honor all of their local clubs'

veterans. Pictured (l-r) John Propst, Kenneth Maupin, Brian Edson, Elbert Dale, Linda Bradshaw, Elvin Frame, Ernest Hill, and Mac Woodward. (Photo courtesy Hank Smith)

The District Ruritan Cabinet also honored Fulton Payne, a military veteran of the **Three Chopt** (VA) Ruritan Club, by presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his military service during a visit by the Rapidan District Governor Linda Bradshaw. Pictured (l-r) Linda Bradshaw and Fulton Payne. (Photo courtesy Hank Smith)



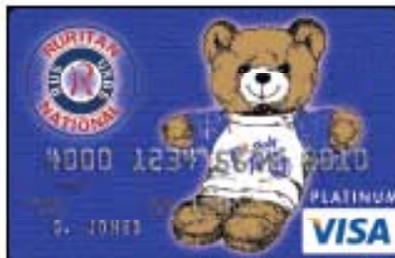
RURITANS ENJOY THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN OPRY DURING THE TENNESSEE RALLY



Pictured front row (l-r) are Marilyn Williford, Lauren Blake, and Patsy Shelton. Center row (l-r) are Joyce Johnson, Linda Privott, Anne Freshly, Sandra Hogge, 2015 First Lady Linda Burton, Joan Beaver, Joy Smallwood, and Edward Wilson. Back row (l-r) are Terry Williford, W.W. Johnson, National President Bobby Burton, Fred Beaver, Jim Smallwood, 2015 President Elect Calvin Shelton, and 2014 National President Elliott Hogge.

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THE \$600 WANTED WINNER FOR THE
FIRST QUARTER OF 2015 WAS
ROSE LITTLE OF THE BEAVERDAM (VA)
CLUB IN IN THE CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT.

ROSE LITTLE

*and the accomplices
below have earned their
awards for recruiting
new Ruritan members!
Congratulations!*



REWARDED \$600

BRENT WHEELER

THE \$200 PRIZE WENT TO
BRENT WHEELER OF THE KASH (GA)
AND BRYANT (GA) CLUBS IN THE
GEORGIA - N. ALABAMA DISTRICT.



REWARDED \$200

J. RALPH HANNER

\$400 WAS PRESENTED TO RALPH WHO IS A
MEMBER OF THE BLUE GRASS (VA) CLUB
IN THE WOODROW WILSON DISTRICT



REWARDED \$400

