

Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley

People Need Us and Our Service



It's amazing how fast a year goes by. We are just a short time away from our National Convention in Kingsport TN. We have a great convention planned with excellent entertainment, food and fellowship. If you haven't already made plans to join us we hope that you will. We know you will have a great time seeing all your

old Ruritan Friends and making new ones as well. I have often described the convention as a big Ruritan family reunion. Come be a part of the reunion! It is also a time to elect your new officers and directors and attend to the business of the national organization. Your club deserves to have a voice in the decisions that are made. Please consider sending your delegates to be a part of the decision making process.

We hope that this year has been all you wanted it to be for your club. Survey where your club is at the end of this year. Do you have more members than you started the year with? They are only a question away. Ask someone to be a part of your club. It's

good for your club and the community it serves to have new members and new ideas.

We have spent this entire year focusing on informing members about the importance of building new Ruritan clubs. It has created a lot of excitement and interest. Unfortunately, that excitement has not converted to very many new Ruritan Clubs. We need new clubs in new communities. In my own community it seems that the need is never fully met. No matter how hard my club works to service the community there is always more to do. One of the most important reasons to organize a new club is that the community that doesn't have a club still has the need. People need us and our service. That is why we exist, to serve others. We have a number of resources available to assist you with building a new club. All you have to do is ask. Please contact the National Office or your district officers if you know of an area that could use a new club.

We hope you have a great year-end celebrating the holidays with your families and join us in Kingsport to celebrate our Ruritan year.

New Clubs for 2016

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
Hartly	30	Kenton	Kyle Virdin
Cyclone Service Ruri-Teen	35	Unicoi	Norman Odell Jonathan Lafollette
Topper Ruri-Teen	35	Boones Creek	Tristan Lane
Lucketts Elem. School Rudy Youth	3	Lucketts	Stan Sorrell
Chowan Middle School Ruri-Teen	11	Belvidere	Melissa White Sarah Williams
Spotswood High School Ruri-Teen	9	Keezletown	Russ Lawrence
Patriots Ruri-Teen	36	Parrottsville	Lynn Fillers Paula McCallie

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