



“Together We Affect Change” Because We Believe In Ruritan!

Hello Ruritan family. First Lady Linda and I have traveled many miles, met many fun-loving hard-working Ruritans serving their communities needs. We have seen up close the good work you do in the name of Ruritan.

For that she and I say “thank you!”

We are positive givers of time and talents without caring who, when, or why we are helping someone. Ruritans are VOLUNTEERS who share with and care for those in need within their own communities.

We ask you to continue reaching out to anyone that is a potential Ruritan member. We need to recruit new members into our clubs but we also need to keep the ones we already have. Remember our goal for this year, “each district charter a new club and each member recruit a new member.” We can and we must expand and recruit but just as important, we must keep the members we now have. An involved member is a happy and contented member - one that wishes to remain a viable asset to their club for life. Let’s make sure we are doing our part to involve all members in the activities of our Ruritan clubs.

Perhaps now more than ever, our communities need Ruritan Clubs because Ruritan offers an outlet to provide that special something for families to be together in a patriotic and God-fearing environment while performing a much needed service for their communities.

Thank you for the positive impact you display in your own club and for the ones in your own community that depend on your help. Always think positive, keep a positive attitude and remember – “If It Is To Be It Is Up To Me and You Together”. We can improve our organization if we do it TOGETHER. Linda and I look forward to seeing you as we travel throughout Ruritanland seeing the results of how you are affecting Ruritan in a positive way.

Ruritan co-founders Tom Downing and Jack Gwaltney had an idea and then acted on that idea some 89 years ago. That idea was for groups of people to work TOGETHER through promoting Fellowship and Goodwill and performing needed Community Service for others. They would probably be amazed to see what they created. We as

Ruritans must do everything in our power to continue that tradition, the idea of serving others in our own community.

One of the ways we as Ruritans can help improve the life of others is by contributing to and supporting First Lady Linda’s goal of ALS Awareness. A special website has been created for all Ruritans, clubs, districts, and associations to be able to access with ease and make a donation. Donations made to this website (www.ruritan.org click at top left corner marked ALS Awareness) and follow directions. This will help contribute to research to find a cure for this terrible disease which affects many families. We thank you for all the donations made thus far. Currently we have \$3,385 in donations and we thank you in advance for any and all future donations.

In closing, I would ask your support of your Foundation and of the goals currently set by your trustees.

May God continue to bless each of you. May God continue to bless Ruritan and the deeds that Ruritans perform. May God continue to bless our veterans, our troops wherever they may be, and continue to bless our country and our country’s leaders.

Thank you all for what you do in the name of Ruritan.



2007 National President Joe Pancione with National President Danny at the Veterans Memorial Ceremony in Dublin, Virginia.

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