

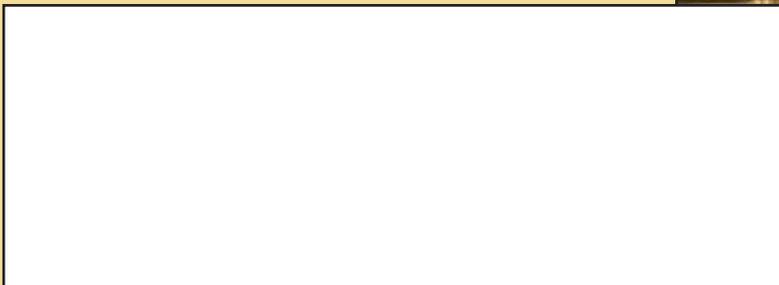


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in Charleston,  
South Carolina!**





## “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](http://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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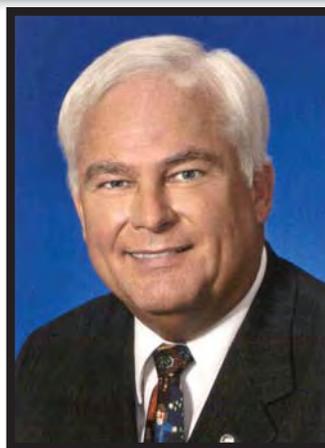
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***“People Builder” Steve Siemens will be speaking to us again in Charleston, South Carolina. See page 8 for more details.***



**On the cover are pictures from the Charleston, South Carolina Area. See registration form in this magazine for tour information.**

## Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley

### Growing Ruritan - Highest Priority



I would like to share with you some of the information that I shared with the Board of Directors at the August meeting. I always try to give the Board a feel for the state of Ruritan in each of our meetings and August was no different. Part of what I share with the Board is statistical information about the membership of Ruritan. The statistics as of the end of July are as follows:

- 22,095 Adult Active members
- 2472 Associate members
- 417 Living Ruritan Forever members
- 179 Deceased Ruritan Forever members
- 387 Business or Organizational members
- 340 At large members
- 1034 Youth members in Adult Clubs
- 1651 Ruri-Teen members

I think it is important that you know the numbers so that you have a general idea of the status of Ruritan and its membership. Back in the early 80's when I was just beginning my work as an administrator for Ruritan we were budgeting on 38,000 members all of which were adult active members. You can see the number of adult active memberships is nearly 16,000 less than it was then. Additionally, you will be able to see how important non-traditional types of membership have become over the years. We have almost 6500 members that fall into the category of non-traditional members. In the 80's we didn't have Associate members or Ruritan Forever members or business and organizational members and our youth program was just beginning.

The truth of the matter is that the non-traditional member types are what have kept us close to even over the years. We have had a loss in membership in 24 of the last 31 years. Over the last 10 years the loss of membership has averaged over 600 members a year. The corresponding loss in dues revenue over the last 10 years is staggering at nearly \$275,000 a year.

The bigger issue is the loss of 16,000 members. If the average Ruritan Club is 28 members then that equals roughly 570 clubs. That is 570 communities that we are no longer in, 570 communities that no longer benefit from Ruritan Community Service.

We have been able to offset the loss of income with corresponding cuts to the budget and reduction in staff. However, we cannot offset the loss of service to communities that no longer have a Ruritan Club.

I recently attended Dublin Ruritan Clubs 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 70 years is a long time to serve the local community. I asked them to consider what the community would have lost if the club had not been there to serve. I also asked them to consider what the community would lose if the club no longer existed. Two important questions that you should ask about your club as well.

Communities need us. People need us. We are as good for the local community today as we were in 1928. That is why we have to continually keep growing Ruritan as our highest priority. Getting a new member in your club is as simple as asking someone to join. If you know of a community that would benefit from a Ruritan Club, call us at the national office and we will assist you.

### New Clubs for 2017

<b>New Club</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Sponsoring Club</b>	<b>DRM*</b>
Black Knight Ruri-Teen	35	Clear Springs	Jonathan Lafollette Evie Lafollette
Unicoi Ruri-Teen	35	Unicoi	Jonathan Lafollette Phillip Hensley
DeRuyter Ruri-Teen	55	Tioughnioga	Shea Skeeel Trina Purcell
Brookneal 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	5	Lyn-Dan Heights O.H.	Bobbitt III

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

# Bylaws to be Voted on at the National Convention in Charleston

When the delegates gather in January 2017 in Charleston, SC for the 2018 Ruritan National Convention, in addition to electing national leaders, they will be considering three bylaws amendments, all passed by the Ruritan National Board of Directors at their August 2017 meeting.

The first proposed national bylaws changes calls for ARTICLE III, Membership/Members, Section 3. Classifications be amended by adding the following after item "G."

H. Affiliate. 1. Ruritan Affiliate Members shall be comprised solely of members who have dropped from a local Club but want to remain affiliated with Ruritan. Affiliate members will not be associated with any Club or District. 2. The purpose of Affiliate Membership is to allow members to maintain contact with Ruritan and continue to support this organization. Affiliate members can choose to change to a regular Club member at any time upon approval of a local Club.

Approval of this bylaws amendment will require Article III, Section 4, Dues and Fees be amended to add item H. Affiliate Member Dues. Affiliate member annual national dues shall be equal to those determined by the BOD for Active Adult members.

REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT: This bylaws amendment will, in essence, create a new class of Ruritan membership. The idea is to capture Ruritan members who have dropped from existing clubs by inviting them to remain as an affiliate member in order to maintain them in the Ruritan family. Example - Net loss of 848 members in 2016 cost \$37,312.

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The second national bylaws amendment proposes that Article V, Officers, be amended by striking text and replacing text as outlined below:

Section 1. Elected Officers. Be amended by striking, "The elected officers of Ruritan National shall be a president, a president-elect, a secretary, a treasurer, and twenty-one national directors."

Article V, Officers, Section 3. Term of Office. A. President. "~~Shall be elected annually in a manner prescribed in these bylaws and hold office for one (1) year or until a successor is elected and installed.~~"

Article V, Section 3. Term of Office. A. President. Strike all and replace with, "The President-Elect after completing their term, shall be installed as President for a term of one (1) year unless otherwise prescribed in these bylaws."

Article V, Officers, Section 4. Vacancy in Office. Be amended by adding, "In the event of a vacancy of the office of President-Elect, a special election for President will be held at the next National Convention."

REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT: Housekeeping measures for Sections 1 & 3 and to address the issue of how to fill the untimely vacancy of the President-Elect. Since we do not elect a President but install the President-Elect into the office of President, we would need a special election for the President at the next National Convention.

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And the final national bylaws amendment references Article V, Section 3E - National Directors which currently reads, "Twenty-one directors will be elected for a three (3) year term. Seven (7) will be elected for a full term each year with no more than two (2) elected for full terms from the same state in any one year. ~~No director who has completed a full three~~

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~~(3) year term will be eligible for re-election until a lapse of one (1) year.~~ Strike the last sentence from Article V, Section 3E. National Directors. "No director who has completed a full three (3) year term will be eligible for re-election until a lapse of one (1) year."

REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT: To bring consistency to the Bylaws regarding the eligibility for re-election of our National Treasurer, National Secretary, and National Directors.

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According to the Ruritan National Bylaws these three amendments can be considered by delegates providing they were approved by the National Board of Directors and are published in the Ruritan National Magazine at least 30 days before the opening of the next scheduled Ruritan National Convention. Bylaws amendments voted on by delegates must pass by two-thirds of the delegates present and voting.

## Items of Interest

### ***Sitting National Director Betty Moore Has Passed***



Betty Rowland Moore, 73, of Rustburg, passed away on Monday, June 12, 2017 at her residence. She was the loving wife of the late Allen Wayne Moore, Sr. She was born on December 15, 1943 in Lynchburg, she was the daughter of the late Dallas Gilmore Rowland and Ella Robertson Rowland.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Allen Moore, Jr.; daughter, Sheri Moore; and two grandchildren, Parker Elizabeth Smith and Dallas Peyton Smith. She had a special traveling friend, Carol Tyler.

Betty is retired from SunTrust Bank.

Betty is a member of New Chapel Baptist Church and sang with the choir. Betty also currently served as a National Director with Ruritan National. She was also the Past District Governor of the Peaks of Otter District and the past Secretary of the Rustburg Ruritan Club. Betty also served on many committees with Ruritan at the local, District, and National level.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, June 16, 2017 at Whitten Timberlake Chapel. A Celebration of Betty's life was held on Saturday, June 17, at 3:00 p.m. at New Chapel Baptist Church, Rustburg, VA.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made in Betty's memory to the Betty Moore Education Fund at the Ruritan National Foundation. Donations can be mailed to Ruritan National Foundation P.O. 487 Dublin, VA 24084. Please note **Fund # 1905**. (*taken from printed obituary*)

### ***Past National Director Marvin "T" Tolly Has Passed***

March 15, 1932 - July 22, 2017

Marvin "T" Tolly, 85, of Kingsport, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, July 22, 2017 at the VA Medical Center.

He was born in Appalachia, VA and had lived in Kingsport for the past 40 years.

Mr. Tolly proudly served his country during the Korean War, Bay of Pigs and the Vietnam War retiring from the U. S. Air Force after 22 years of service. He also served in the U. S.

Army. Mr. Tolly worked for Sears as an appliance salesman for 21 years.

He was a member of Kingsley United Methodist Church, Bloomingdale Ruritan Club where he served in several capacities locally and nationally. He enjoyed working and volunteering his time at Sullivan North High School, working with teachers and students and filmed numerous sporting events for local high schools. He was a huge fan of high school sports.

Mr. Tolly loved working the Masters Golf Tournament for almost two decades.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Aileen Tolly; parents, Harry and Retta Stipe Tolly; sisters, Jean Smith and Nell

*Obituary for "T" Tolly continued on next page*

Lennox; brothers, Bill Tolly, Bud Tolly and twin brother Melvin Tolly. Surviving are children, Dottie Beard and husband, Freddie, Sheryl Begley and husband, Richard and Marvin E. Tolly and wife, Victoria; grandchildren, Jamie Williams and wife, Christy, Angela Westmorland and Kimball, Zack Beard, Kelly Begley Holley and husband, Justin, Aaron Robinette and wife, Kara and mother, Tisha Deakins, Evvan Tolly and Megan Tolly Kilgore and husband, Daniel; great grandchildren, Derrick, Sarah, Ashley, Hannah, Hutch, Kallie, Taylor and Bailey; great-great grandchildren, Gabe and Ayra and several nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 5 – 7 pm on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 in the J. Wayne Hamilton Memorial Chapel of Oak Hill Funeral and Cremation Services. Funeral Services followed at 7 pm with Rev. Ray Amos, Sr. and Ray Amos, Jr. officiating. Military Graveside Rites were conducted at 1 pm Thursday July 27, 2017 by the American Legion Hammond Post #3 Gate City/#265 Kingsport at VA Mountain Home National Cemetery, Mountain Home, TN. Pallbearers were family and friends. Family and friends were asked to meet at the cemetery at 12:50 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Legion Post #3, P. O. Box 66, Kingsport, TN 37662 or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 or [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org). The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the VA Medical Center for their care and compassion for Mr. Tolly. Online condolences may be shared with the family on the website [www.oakhillfh.com](http://www.oakhillfh.com). The care of Marvin “T” Tolly and his family has been entrusted to Oak Hill Funeral and Cremation Services. *(taken from printed obituary)*



## **1978 National President Bobby Wrenn Holds 4th of July Celebration**



*Article Courtesy of Teresa Welsh of Independent-Messenger*

Independence Day has always been special to the Wrenn family but this year was extra special. It was the Church Street July 4th Celebration's 50th anniversary.

When Bobby Wrenn was young his mother always decorated with American flags for the event. So it's no surprise that when he and his bride, Ann, moved into a home of their own they wanted to make the family tradition their own....and they did by hosting the Church Street July 4th Celebration at their home on Church Street for five decades.

The annual celebration is important to Wrenn because he wants to promote patriotism and an appreciation for American history. Steven Walker, Mayor of Charlotte Court House, dressed in Colonial costume offered an inspiring history of the Declaration of Independence.

To make the event even more special, Delegate Roslyn Tyler presented Wrenn with a Resolution from the General Assembly. The presentation was made Tuesday in front of a large crowd attending the event.

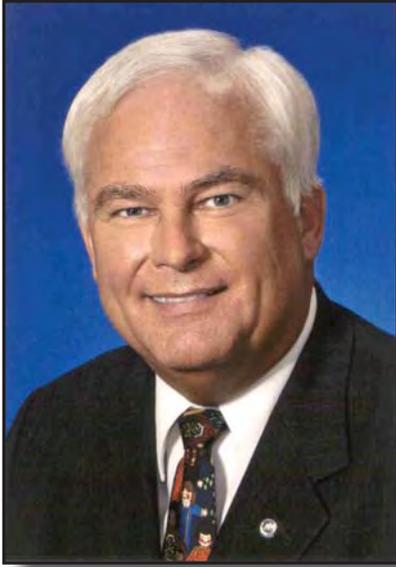
As with every year, the Wrenn's children, Bob Wrenn and wife, Jeanette, and Randi Wrenn Kei, and husband Kevin, and their children, help with the event, which draws 100-200 people every year. Dozens of kids look forward to riding the fire truck at noon every July 4, followed by music, a program, and food.

This year was special so the Greenville County Volunteer Fire Department brought five trucks for the annual ride. The kids were delighted. Even the adults rode the fire trucks. Everywhere you turned you saw people smiling or heard the sound of laughter.

This year even more American flags decorated the backyard. Everywhere you looked an American flag was sticking up out of the ground or hanging from a tree. Usually, every child receives an American flag to wave. This year everyone received a flag and a magnet to commemorate the occasion.

Linda Rawlings and Randy Hudson, organist, led several patriotic songs. The Star Spangled Banner was sang by Leary Davis and Rev. Tom Durance led the prayer before the large hungry crowd ate hundreds of hot dogs, baked beans, and watermelon. There were dozens of desserts, which people brought.

# STEVE SIEMENS IN CHARLESTON



2017 National President Danny Privott is pleased to announce that Mr. Steve Siemens will be joining us at the 2018 National Convention as a guest speaker. Steve will be speaking during the Vespers Service on Thursday evening and will be holding a workshop during the convention. You will appreciate his interactive, humorous, and motivational style of

speaking. He has been referred to as one of the best motivators in the world today.

At the 2017 Leadership Conference in June, Steve spoke about volunteering and building up our organization.

Steve not only speaks about it but puts it to practice. Steve became the first Associate Member of the new Brookneal 21st Century Ruritan Club. (See more about the new Ruritan Club on page 25.) Mr. Siemens has served as the International President for Kiwanis International, been a member of the Board of Governors for the Iowa Easter Seals, and served as Chairman on the Board for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a published author, but his favorite titles are still husband, dad, and grandpa.

“Building Positive People” is Steve’s passion and after he begins speaking you will immediately realize this. It will not just be another presentation, but a life-changing and fun-filled event with opportunities to learn and grow.

So if you missed him in Kingsport at the 2017 Convention, this is your opportunity to hear a great motivational speaker. Make plans to come to Charleston and hear Steve as well as Jane Herlong, and The Rocky Hock Opry.



Foundation Trustee O.H. Bobbitt III installed Steve Siemens as the first Associate Member of the Brookneal 21st Century Ruritan Club during the 2017 Summer Leadership Conference.



Steve Siemens speaks to workshop attendees at the 2017 National Convention in Kingsport.



To give real service you must add something that cannot be bought or measured with money: **passion, integrity, and enthusiasm.**

-Steve Siemens

# Ruritan National Convention – Charleston, SC. January 18-21, 2018

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

2nd Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ~~At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.~~
- This is my first convention.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one in each column)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army             | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____   |

**For Office Use Only:**  
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## MEALS IN Charleston

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Embassy Suites Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Charleston (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 \$160. Send in your registration before the Dec 18, 2017, 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Check one option below:

Expiration date # \_\_\_\_\_  Bill my credit card now  
3 or 4 digit code on back \_\_\_\_\_  Bill my credit card on December 1, 2017

## 2018 Ruritan National Convention - Charleston: Jan. 18-21

**Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FIVE package options for the 2018 Ruritan Convention**  
 Choose one of these five registration packages. All packages include opening ceremony, access to exhibits, access to the business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting, and all other convention activities.

### Meal Package Options

*Packages 1- 4 already include the base fee of \$160*

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Three meal package includes base fee, Thursday Vespers-Opening Dinner, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	<b>Package 1</b> <b>BEST DEAL</b>	\$336	
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	<b>Package 2</b>	\$290	
Friday Only Package includes base fee and Friday First Lady's Lunch	<b>Package 3</b>	\$210	
Saturday Only Package includes base fee and Saturday Banquet	<b>Package 4</b>	\$235	
No Meals - base registration only	<b>Package 5</b>	\$160	

### Extra Meal Tickets and Items

*Must purchase any package above to purchase additional meal tickets*

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Vespers-Opening Dinner on Thursday Evening	Vespers-Opening	\$60	
Lunch Honoring First Lady Linda on Friday	First Lady	\$55	
Installation Banquet on Saturday Evening	Banquet	\$80	
Rudy Bears - to be added to gift to Charleston charities	Rudy Bears	\$8	
Come celebrate the Ruritan National Foundation 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary <i>**See note number 2 below**</i>	Foundation	\$ _____	
H.L. Hunley Tour: The H.L. Hunley was an 1864 Confederate combat submarine.	Friday Tour	\$85	
Historic Charleston Tour: A private tour of the Edmondston-Alston House along with a private guided tour of historic Charleston.	Friday Tour	\$55	
Patriots Point Tour: Tour the USS Yorktown, discover the USS Laffey and the submarine "Clamagore."	Friday Tour	\$80	
Shuttle to downtown Charleston and back to the hotel running every 30 minutes.	Friday Shuttle	\$20	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL \$</b>		

**Please note:** Voting will be on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. If you plan to vote on Saturday, you must be pre-registered and be pre-certified. Delegate certification will close one hour before voting starts on Friday. If you do not pre-register and get pre-certified, you will not be able to walk in on Saturday and vote. Please check if you wish to be a delegate on this registration form. You must pick one of the above packages, 1-5, in order to vote.

*The Ruritan National Foundation will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary while in Charleston. Instead of a meal this year, they are inviting you to come and have dessert with them and stay for the Live Auction. Please make a donation to the Foundation and let them know if you are going to come celebrate with them. The above donation can be placed in your personal fund, your club, or district's fund. Please indicate below where you wish the donation to be placed!*

# National Convention Mini Schedule

## Thursday, January 18, 2018

2018 Governors Training (morning)  
Vespers-Opening Dinner (must be purchased separately or as part of one the packages on the registration form)  
Opening Ceremonies (evening)

## Friday, January 19, 2018

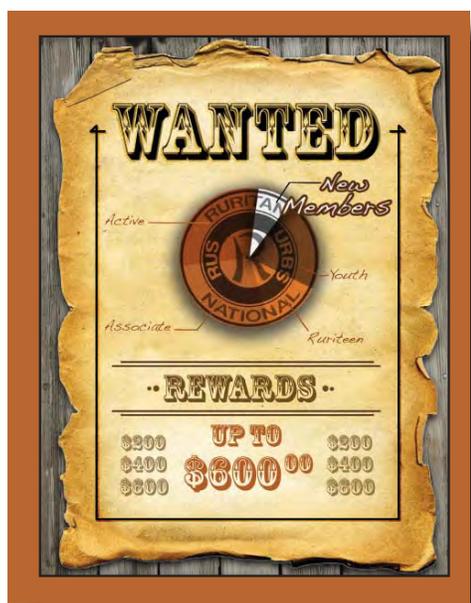
Workshops (morning)  
Morning Business Session with Awards  
Lunch Honoring First Lady Linda  
(must be purchased separately or as part of one the packages on the registration form)  
Afternoon Voting (The voting room will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. for those that wish to come vote in person)  
Free Time to Tour Charleston  
Foundation 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (evening)  
Foundation Live Auction (evening)

## Saturday, January 20, 2018

Workshops (morning)  
Morning Voting (The voting room will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. for those that wish to come vote in person)  
Morning Business Session with Awards  
Installation Banquet (must be purchased separately or as part of one the packages on the registration form)

## Sunday, January 21, 2018

Worship Service



## Keep Sending In WANTED Entries!

Ruritan has rewarded members with thousands of dollars in prizes in the popular WANTED contest since it started in 2013. Ruritans have won cash prizes for doing what we hope comes naturally – inviting potential members into Ruritan! This program is based on the “WANTED POSTER” and “REWARD” theme from the days of the old west. Copies of the poster and the reward “money” can be found on line. Winners are featured in special ads on the back of every issue of this magazine.

The new members brought in must be full, associate or youth in a regular Ruritan club. Participants who bring in more than one member will get exponentially more chances at the quarterly drawing. For example – if you bring in one member you get one chance. However two members gets you two chances plus the original one chance. Three members gives you three chances, plus two chances, plus the original one chance – for a total of six chances! Bring in a member at least five years younger than you and earn an additional five chances on the cash prizes!

You can print your own Ruritan WANTED money using the pdf found on line. There is a link on the first page of Ruritan.org for the Wanted Money (Right click to open the pdf in a browser window or choose “save target as” to save to your computer.) NOTE: this is a two-sided document. When you cut the money apart the instructions/entry form should be on the back.

The **Me Minus Five** program (M-5) to bring in younger members (and get five extra WANTED chances) is also working! Because of the M-5 program Ruritans have earned many extra chances! The average age difference for those who participated in the M-5 was 28 years younger than their recruiter.

If you are not using the WANTED money entry form, the member bringing in the new members must send in the following information for each chance and the new member will be confirmed through Ruritan membership records: sponsoring member’s name, club, district, and phone number as well as the new member’s name and status (i.e. full, associate, or youth). If you want the extra chances for recruiting a member at least five years younger than you are - be sure and include your year of birth and your new member’s year of birth.

## Candidates Announce for National Office



### President Elect

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**CLUB:** Joined Jefferson Ruritan Club, Jefferson MD in 1978; served as Secretary 1979-81; 1987-2001; 2006-present; served as Vice President 1982; President 1983; voted Ruritan Couple of the Year 1991; Ruritan of the Year 2001; served as Newsletter Editor and Publicity/PR Chair.

**DISTRICT:** Served as District Secretary 2008-12; District Lt. Gov. 2013; District Governor 2014; Publicity/PR Committee Chair 2008-present; District Newsletter Editor 2008-15; Golf Tournament Co-chair 2013-present; workshop leader at District Conventions.

**NATIONAL:** National Director 2015-present; Publicity/Public Relations Committee 2015-present (current chair); Sgt at Arms Committee (National Conventions 2013/2014); Leadership Conference 2013-2017; Workshop Leader (Leadership Conference 2015/2016; National Conventions 2014/2017); Tom Downing Fellow; Ruritan Forever; National Director of the Year 2016; Attended first National Convention in 1983 and numerous others during subsequent years.

**EDUCATION:** Middletown High School, Middletown, MD; Salisbury University (B.S. Elementary Education; Mr. SSC / Circle K); Shippensburg State University (Master's Degree, Curriculum & Instruction); Johns Hopkins University / University of Maryland (60+ hours) continuing education.

**OCCUPATION:** Frederick County Public Schools, Frederick, MD (1969-2004: Elementary classroom teacher / Middle School VP & Principal / Elementary School Principal; County Administration and Supervision Personnel Association President (charter president); MD State Elementary School Principals' Association (County rep. / State Convention Chair. 1 yr.); Lifetime Maryland PTA member; Washington Post Educational Leadership Award 2003.

**OTHER:** United Methodist affiliation; Civic groups – Circle K (college chapter president/Lt. governor); Optimist Club (former member, club president and distinguished Lt. gov.); VFW auxiliary member; volunteer fireman / certified EMT (former); Maryland Farm Bureau; enjoy traveling (39 countries / 47 states); enjoy golfing, the beach and being a pappap; Married to Nelda for 47 years; two daughters & sons in law – Laura & Randy, Emily & JT; four grandsons – AJ, Zak, Brooks and Bodie.



### National Treasurer

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**CLUB:** Member of Hunterstown (PA) Ruritan Club since June 2002. Served as Club President (2005-11; 2015-17), Vice President (2004), Secretary (2003) and on all committees.

**DISTRICT:** Served as Potomac District Zone 4 Governor and District Lt. Governor (2006); District Governor (2007); DelMarVa-NJ District Director (2008-09); and District Treasurer (2016-17).

**NATIONAL:** National Director (2008-11; 2013-16); attended Leadership Conference; participated in National Convention Flag Ceremony (2007); served as Sergeant-at-Arms.

**EDUCATION:** Attended Perdue University

**OCCUPATION:** Associate Agent, Pabody Insurance Agency (Nationwide); manufacturing supervisor for 25+ years; farmer.

**OTHER:** Member Memorial Baptist Church, Gettysburg; past 4-H member for 10 years; 4-H Junior Leader; married to Pam; two daughters and one son; four grandchildren.

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### National Director

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**CLUB:** Joined Dinwiddie (VA) Club in 2002; Fundraising Chair; Membership Committee; Nominations Committee; Audit Committee; Dinwiddie Steak Festival Chair (2004-Present); Board of Directors (2003-2005); Vice President 2 years (2005 & 2010) & President 2 years (2006 & 2011). Zone 1 Ruritan of the Year (2013). Joined La Crosse-Bracey(VA) Club in 2012; Secretary/Treasurer (2014-2016) and joined Red Oak (VA) Club in 2015.

**DISTRICT:** Appomattox District Zone 1 Governor (2007-2010); Zone 1 Lt. Governor (2011-2012); District Lt. Governor (2012); District Governor (2013-2014); Chair-Publicity/Newsletter (2007-Present); 1st Place, District Newsletter Media Award (2013); District Convention Committee; Audit Committee; Spring Rally Committee and Leadership Conference (2012-2014).

**NATIONAL:** National Director (2015-Present), assigned to Bylaws Committee; Tom Downing Fellow; District Governor Training (2013-2014); Sgt. at Arms - National Convention (2013-2014); Assigned Supply Room Sgt. at Arms (2013-Covington, Kentucky); 2015-2016 National Convention Resolutions Committee; Bylaws presentations and workshops performed at 2015 & 2016 Leadership Conferences and 2015 & 2016 National Conventions.

**EDUCATION:** Dinwiddie High School (Advanced Diploma); Richard Bland College (A.S.); Kansas State University (B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies) and Mountain Empire College (Geographic Information Systems, GIS Certification).

**OCCUPATION:** Employed with the City of Hopewell (VA) as the Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager; Former Law Enforcement Officer (14 years) and Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator (7 years) with 25+ years' experience in Local Government.

**OTHER:** Member of Crawford United Methodist Church, (Finance Committee & Audit Committee); Petersburg/Dinwiddie Crime Solvers Board Member (2004-Present); Dinwiddie Volunteer Rescue Squad (1983-1990), Treasurer; Currently Certified Umpire for baseball and softball; Coached baseball, softball, soccer and basketball; Wife (Jody) and 2 children (Kelly and Scott).

**CLUB:** Member, Stonewall District (VA) Ruritan Club (31 yrs. perfect attendance); Club President (1993, 2008); Vice President (1992, 2007); Treasurer (1991); Chair, Environment Committee, Business & Professions Committee; Director (multiple years); also served on Audit Committee; Club Ruritan of the Year 2012.

**DISTRICT:** Lt. Governor 2013; District Governor 2014, 2017; District Secretary 2015; taught club vice president class.

**NATIONAL:** Attended Leadership Conference 2012, 2014, 2017; served on Sergeant-at-Arms Committee 2014, 2015, 2017; Flag Ceremony 2014, 2017; Attended National Convention 1994, 2014, 2015-2017; Tom Downing Fellow.

**EDUCATION:** Attended Strasburg High School; Virginia Tech, B.S. Agriculture Education.

**OCCUPATION:** School Teacher (5 yrs.); AgChem Manager (6 yrs.); Pen-Tab Supervisor (7 yrs.); Rubbermaid Commercial Products Process Technician (15 yrs.) (retired).

**OTHER:** Eagle Scout; 4-H leader; Virginia 4-H All-Star; Member, White Hall United Methodist Church (PR Committee, Choir member; Sunday School teacher); High School sports official; Married to Denise for 36 years; Sons Blake, Brandon (Jessica), daughter, Lauren.

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# Candidates Announce for National Office



## National Director

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**DISTRICT:** Zone Governor (5 terms); Youth Coordinator (3 terms); Lt. Governor 2006, 2016; District Governor (2007, 2017)

**NATIONAL:** Delegate to National Convention (8 yrs.); Governors Leadership Conference (2006, 2017); Flag Ceremony (2006, 2016); DRM (2016)

**EDUCATION:** B.S. in Agricultural Science from Tennessee Tech University

**OCCUPATION:** Shipping Coordinator at Lisega, Inc.

**OTHER:** Member, Salem Lutheran Church, currently serving on the church council; two children: Olivia and Ken.



## National Director

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**DISTRICT:** Woodrow Wilson District Zone 3 Governor 2009, 2014-15; District Lt. Governor 2016; District Governor 2017.

**NATIONAL:** Attended Leadership Conference; Served as Sergeant-at-Arms and participated in Flag Ceremony at National Convention.

**EDUCATION:** Lakeland High School; Lee University, Northwestern University.

**OCCUPATION:** University of Virginia Prosthetics & Orthotics Certified Orthotist; UVA Community of Service Award; US Dept. of Labor (Nat'l Occupational Information Network (ONET) Data Collection Program.

**OTHER:** Church of God member; Sunday school teacher; choir member and soloist; serve on church and pastor's council; Adventure Camp, Inc. board & staff member; married to Camille; seven children and 20 grandchildren.

## *Are YOU Interested in A National Office?*

*All persons intending to run as a candidate for a Ruritan National Officer, National Board of Directors, and National Foundation Trustee must send a letter of official notification to: Michael Chrisley, Executive Director, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084 or [execdir@ruritan.org](mailto:execdir@ruritan.org). After receiving this official notification, the Ruritan National Office will forward the candidate a packet of candidate material including a biographical information form, which must be completed and returned to the Ruritan National Office along with a photograph (color or black and white).*

*A candidate for Ruritan National Officer, National Director, or National Foundation Trustee may have his/her biographical information printed in only one regular issue of the Ruritan magazine each year:*

*1. In the fall issue of Ruritan if the envelope containing the information is received by the Ruritan National Office postmarked no later than July 1*

*2. In the winter issue of Ruritan if the envelope containing the information is received by the Ruritan National Office postmarked no later than October 1.*

*All candidates will be featured in the Ruritan National Convention Program provided their information arrives at the Ruritan National Office prior to the printing of that program (approximately November 15).*

*NOTE: Candidates cannot serve on Ruritan National Convention committees. If you have been notified of a committee appointment and now seek to be a candidate, please call the Ruritan National Office toll free at 877-787-8727.*

## Candidates Announce for National Office



### National Director

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**DISTRICT:** Past Governor, Lt. Governor; currently serving my last year on the District Cabinet; served on Nominating Committee (2 yrs.)

**NATIONAL:** N/A

**EDUCATION:** Oakwood Christian School (HS); Clemson University, B.A. Elementary Education; Liberty University, Business Administration Certificate.

**OCCUPATION:** Procurement Specialist, Vulcan Materials Company; Employed 30 yrs., starting as a truck driver and working up to present position.

**OTHER:** Member, Cedar Shoals Baptist Church; Director, Youth & Children (8 yrs.); Choir director (5 yrs.); Sunday School teacher, VBS teacher, church council; Married to Danny (30 yrs.); two sons, Dale and JD; two grandsons, Justin and Hunter; daughter-in-law, Susan; two fur babies, Beau & Brutus.



### Foundation Trustee

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**CLUB:** Hyco Road Ruritan Club (member, 2005-10); Halifax County Middle School Ruri-Teen Club (assistant Ruri-Teen adviser, 2008-10); William & Mary Ruritan Club 2010-2013 (president, 2011-12, club adviser 2017-present); Creeds Ruritan Club (member, 2016-present; Ruri-Teen Club planting team member; growth & development committee and scholarship committee, 2017-present).

**DISTRICT:** Dan River District Cabinet ("Highroad" annual district directory chair, 2007-10); Holland District Cabinet (member, 2017-present; District Growth, Retention, and Development Co-chair, 2017-present). Association of Virginia Ruritans (Secretary, 2017-present).

**NATIONAL:** Attended 2009, 2010, and 2017 National Conventions (invited speaker at 2009 business session and at 2010 and 2017 Foundation meals; Credentials and Registration Committee in 2010). Ruritan Forever recipient in 2010. Attended 2008, 2009, and 2010 National Ruritan Youth Camp.

**EDUCATION:** Juris Doctor, William & Mary Law School; Bachelor of Arts in English and History, The College of William & Mary; Halifax County High School; Governor's School of Southside Virginia.

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney licensed in Virginia currently serving as law clerk to the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia; member of Order of the Coif, Blackstone Legal Fellowship, and I'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court; author of published works in law reviews and bar association publications.

**OTHER:** Member and audiovisual technician, Southside Baptist Church; actively involved as small group leader and audiovisual technician at William & Mary Baptist Collegiate Ministries during college; avid scuba diver; married to wife Mary.

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submitted by candidates.



### Purchase a Tom Downing Fellow Award

Greetings from the Ruritan Foundation President Pat Davis and the Ruritan Foundation Trustees. Over the last several months the Foundation Trustees have taken Ruritan President Danny Privott's message of "Affecting Change" to heart. While the mission of the Foundation remains

"to provide financial assistance to qualified individuals and groups for educational, charitable, and benevolent activities," the delivery method has, and continues, to undergo change.

The **Ruritan Foundation website**, which is accessed through the Ruritan.org site, has a fresh, clean, look. Through the Foundation website, several new items can be accessed including a video by Graham Bryant explaining the impact that a Ruritan Foundation Scholarship had on his life. There is also a link to every form that would be needed for an individual, club, or district to do business with the Foundation. Some of the forms include BYD Deposit and Claim forms, Tom Downing Fellows form, Permanent Fund Addition Form, etc. Take a moment to check out the new website.

The Ruritan Foundation will be celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** over the next year. For a limited time to honor the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** the Foundation has created the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund**. The Foundation encourages **ALL** Ruritans to contribute \$50 to the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund**. Every Ruritan who contributes \$50 between now and the 2019 National Convention will be awarded with a unique lapel pin and also recognition in the 2019 Annual Report. The \$50 can be credited to the fund of your choice. The form to make your donation is available on the website or from any Foundation Trustee.

We will be phasing out the \$\$\$Million Dollar Program (dime a day), so now is your opportunity to finish out your fund and receive the \$\$\$ Million Dollar Program pin. Everyone has until December 31, 2017, to finish their \$\$\$ Million Dollar Program. The form to submit your donation can be found at the "Forms" tab on the Ruritan Foundation website.

The Foundation has several opportunities for individuals, clubs, or districts to award additional scholarships. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to any RNF Trustee or the Foundation Office.

We have a goal for this year to add at least **200** more **Tom Downing Fellows**. We hope all clubs will start participating in this program. The additional money gener-

ated by the investment of this money will certainly increase the amount of money that we will be able to use when we calculate the Build Your Dollar Grants. By increasing the Tom Downing Fellows, the Foundation will come closer to the goal of matching the Build You Dollar deposits dollar for dollar.

The **Birthday Club program** is a simple way for your club to participate in the Foundation and will accomplish two things: 1) your club will receive recognition (a certificate for a \$2 per member donation and a plaque for a \$10 per member donation); and 2) growing your fund toward reaching the next milestone.

The October 1 deadline to submit your club's **2018 Build Your Dollar** deposit is fast approaching. There are several key changes this year: (1) there is now a Deposit and Claim form on the "Forms" tab of the Ruritan Foundation website, (2) The Claim form is now one page and the deadline for submission has been extended to June 30. These changes were made to simplify the program and allow more time for clubs to make their scholarship recipient selection.

Also, please encourage your BY\$ recipient to be at a club meeting to accept their scholarship. That is also a good time for the recipient to briefly let your club members know about their future plans. Do not forget to take pictures of the scholarship presentation and submit to the Ruritan National office for publication in the Ruritan National Magazine.

As a reminder, the **Regular Grant Program** will be phased out in 2018. In 2018, the Trustees will award the final five Regular Grants. The phase out of the Regular Grant Program will allow for more participation in the Build Your Dollar Program.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the National Convention, January 18-21, 2018, in Charleston, SC. The Foundation will kick off a yearlong celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a great birthday party followed by a live auction. Everyone is encouraged to bring items and \$\$\$ for the silent auction also.

Your Foundation Trustees are ready to help your district or club become more involved with your Foundation. The Trustees are available to speak at club, cabinet, or other district events.

REMEMBER, if you have any questions about the Foundation, PLEASE feel free to call one of your Trustees. We are here to help you any way we can.

# 2017 Founders' Day Recap



*National President Danny and First Lady Linda wave to the crowd during the parade.*



*Foundation President Pat Davis enjoyed being escorted by Trustees O.H. Bobbitt III, Corky Camin, and Jayson Duncan.*

The parade concluded with a local BBQ cook-off and Holland community activities. The day ended with a banquet hosted by the Holland Ruritan Club at the Community Center. The Holland Ruritan Club and all who worked so very hard to make the event a success are given special thanks. Ruritans left the event happy and pleased after the successful celebration and stated that they were looking forward to next year when Ruritan will be celebrating its "90th Birthday."



*Executive Director Mike Chrisley and National President Danny after the laying of the Ruritan wreath.*



*2002 National President and Grand Marshal Millard Thacker with Marty Thacker.*

The 2017 Founders' Day was held in Holland, Virginia, on May 19-20, 2017, to celebrate the 89<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ruritan. Activities began at the Friday evening hospital-ity room at the Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk. Saturday morning kicked off with a parade

featuring many cars, floats, bands, and participants that included 2002 Past National President Millard Thacker who served as the Grand Marshal of the event, 2017 National President Danny Privott, 2017 National Foundation President Pat Davis, Ruritan Clubs and State Associations, Ruritan National candidates, and other Ruritan national, district and club representa-

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## WHO IS GOING TO LEAD THE WAY?

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We need your help. There is a Ruritan Community near you and they don't even know it. Let's get the Ruritan Family (You) looking for them and help President Danny build new clubs.

Communities helping Communities through Ruritan.

## INCENTIVES

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New Clubs need to be active by November 30th

Recognition at National Convention (sponsoring club/individual)

Outdoor sign presented to new club at no cost

Sponsoring Club/New Club featured in "RURITAN Magazine"

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(refer to guidelines on page 70 of Ruritan National Officer Handbook)

*2017 Publicity and Public Relations Committee*

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## Deep Creek Gains Five New Members



Ruritan National President Danny Privott visited the **Deep Creek** (VA) Ruritan Club and installed five new members. Pictured along with Privott are new members Mac McSwain, Levesia Gargaro, Jud Baldwin, Rusty Barath, and Mike Coffman. Also pictured are Deep Creek's Membership Chair Glorine Cousin and Deep Creek Club President Nick Delphia. The club served hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings to over 175



people during the veterans memorial service on Memorial Day. The club honored Dwight Parker of Deep Creek High School as the Deep Creek Teacher of the Year for 2017. Parker has taught senior government classes for forty-two years. Many of his former students are now members of the club. Pictured

from (l-r) are Delphia, Parker, Social Development Committee Chair Joe

Noha, and Privott. The club presented \$1,000 scholarships to four Deep Creek High School graduates. Three of the scholarships were continuing ones that are paid in yearly increments, as long as the students are in college. The fourth scholarship was presented to a 2017 graduate. Pictured are Delphia with Kristin Seals, a rising senior at Virginia Tech, Marisol Sotelo-Paredes of Old Dominion University, and Sancia Celesting of George Mason University. Also pictured is the 2017 recipient, Pooja Patel who will attend Virginia Tech in the fall, and Noah.



## Great Bridge Supports Operation Smile

The **Great Bridge** (VA) Ruritan Club continues to support Operation Smile. Charlotte Lewter, Operation Smile VIP Student, was present and her dad, Jay Lewter, spoke

to the club about Charlotte's running the "Final Mile" in the Shamrock Marathon. Charlotte is a fifth grader and the granddaughter of 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter and First Gentleman Bill Lewter. Operation Smile Representative Vicki Ebert was present to give an update on upcoming events and to accept the club's donation to cover the cost of a surgery. Pictured are Vicki Ebert, Bill and Phyllis



Lewter, Jay Lewter with Charlotte. The McMannes family, club members, are strong supporters of Operation Smile and participate in fundraisers. Josh is wearing his shirt showing his support. Pictured with Operation Smile Representative Vicki Ebert are Josh McMannes with his parents, Sue and Jamie McMannes.

## Hickory Holds Scholarship Auction

**Hickory** (VA) Ruritan Club conducted its annual Scholarship Auction in March where funds are raised for local area students attending college. This year almost \$5,000 was raised. Pictured is Hickory Ruritan member Jay Edwards surveying the scene prior to the auction's kick-off.



## Greenville Holds Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

**Greenville** (VA) Ruritan Club held its spring chicken dinner fundraiser by feeding 600. Arnold Vincent, a club member for 60 years, invited guests to attend and enjoy the chicken. This year he invited three past Ruritan National Presidents and their spouses, a past Holland District Governor, and the 2017 Holland District Governor to attend. All attend- ed and were greeted by Zone 3 Governor Jim Sampson, who is a member of Greenville Ruritan Club. Pictured are 2008 National President Wayne Outlaw and First Lady Sharon, Erma and Arnold Vincent, 2015 Holland District Governor the late Jack York with 2017 Holland District Governor Nan York, Zone 3 Governor Jim Sampson, 2012 National Presi- dent Phyllis Lewter and First Gentleman Bill, and 2015 National President Bobby Burton and First Lady Linda.



## Isle of Wight Presents Awards



### Isle of Wight (VA)

Ruritan Club presented Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office Deputy of the Year to Eric Bertram. Bertram is pictured third from the right along with Sergeants Pope and Davenport, Sheriff Marshall, National Director Linward Hedgspeth, Isle of Wight Public Service Committee Chair Dale



Jones, and Isle of Wight Club President Pete Farmer. Three \$1,000 scholarships were also presented. Amber Edwards will be attending Virginia Tech. Lawson Farmer will be attending James Madison University. Lauren McKeel will be attend- ing Christopher Newport University.



## Waverly Holds Family Night

**Waverly** (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual family night. Special thanks was given to Ronnie Nicholson and Bob Gunnell for the hard work in preparing the meal. Pictured on the right (l-r) are Taylor Laxton and Lauren Buhls. They were presented schol- arships. The club gave the Waverly Fire Department and Waverly Rescue Squad donations to help with their expenses. In addition, the club sponsors a church softball league every summer. New member Michael Fields (pic- tured left) was installed into the club.



tured left) was installed into the club.

## Liberty Spring Sells Sausage

**Liberty Spring** (VA) Ruritan Club held its semi-annual sausage making fun- draiser. The club made and sold 1680 lbs. Pictured are Patrick Robertson, Wesley Moore, Liberty Spring Club President Ronnie Matthews, and Zone 1 Governor David Walker.



## Smithfield Presents Scholarships

**Smithfield** (VA) Ruritan Club presented two schol- arships. The Robert Taylor Scholarship went to Kirk Ring who will be attending USMA West Point. The Build Your Dollars Scholarship went to Cole McCarty who will be attending Virginia Military Institute.



## News From Ruritan: Holland District continued



### Creeds Presents Scholarships

Creeds (VA) Ruritan Club presented several scholarships during its club meeting. Pictured with recipient Kristin Davis (center) is Creeds Scholarship Chair Lenore Goodchild, Chris Davis, Creeds Club President Robbie Vaughan, and Terry Davis. Pictured on the right are recipient Jason Smith, Becky Smith, and Vaughan.



Pictured bottom left is recipient Missouri Vaughan, Goodchild, Jen Vaughan, and Robbie Vaughan.



## News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District



### Warwick Installs Two New Members

Warwick (VA) Ruritan Club welcomed new members John Cook and Joel Hubbard. The club looks forward to the two helping with club projects.

### Gloucester Holds Chick-N-Que



Gloucester (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual Chick-N-Que on May 20th at the American Legion Building. Pictured (l-r) are members Bob Beyea, Harold Beddingfield, Henry Thompson, and Lou Serio cooking the chicken over an open pit. Gloucester Club President Paul Bauer presented member Henry Thompson a club mug for his presentation. Henry gave club members pointers on how to make habitats for mason bees and shared benefits of growing milkweed to provide a food source to



produce monarch butterflies as monarch caterpillars can eat nothing but milkweed. He then enlivened the evening by portraying "Casey" Kasem as members tried to guess the titles of the 16 most requested songs of the 1950s. Gloucester Ruri-Teen Club President Toletha Etheridge spoke at the March meeting. Gloucester Ruritan Club sponsors the Ruri-Teen Club through the leadership of John and Laura Northstein. Ruri-Teen Club projects this past year have included participation in Clean Community Day (trash pickup on Short Lane), volunteering to help with children's games at the Daffodil Festival and Christmas Toy Giveaway Program, and preparation of dinner to show appreciation for GHS faculty. Club President Paul Bauer presented Toletha with a club mug.



## Abingdon Gives Generously



**Abingdon** (VA) Ruritan Club President Mike Davis presented \$1,000 to Master Deputy Bill Adams for the Gloucester County Project Lifesaver. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, and other related conditions or disorders. Davis also presented Nicole Groen with a \$2,000 scholarship. Groen will be attending ECPI University to obtain an associate of applied science degree. Pictured (l-r) are Davis and Adams.



Also pictured (l-r) are Davis, Groen, and Abingdon Scholarship Committee Chair Don Sandridge.

## Glendale Decides to “CHILL”

**Glendale** (VA) Ruritan Club's newer members suggested an evening of no work or meeting. The club's night to **CHILL** was filled with an assortment of food: oysters, salads, chicken, and desserts. An abundance of laughter and storytelling filled the atmosphere. It was said the “**CHILL**” evening refreshed the spirit of club members.

- C Chow down; everyone brings a dish to share.
- H “Hi, there;” this is an evening for meeting members you do not know.
- I Invite a friend; see the club membership in a non-work or meeting environment.
- L Liquid refreshments; everyone brings a refreshment of their choice to share - or not.
- L Laughter; spend the night enjoying the companionship of fellow club members.

## Ruritan National Sends Every New Member a New Member Packet

*As of June 1, 2016, the New Member Kits are no longer available for purchase. Ruritan National now sends out a New Member Packet to every member entered into the MMS. The packet includes a Foundation brochure, a Ruritan Forever brochure, a window cling, a Member Handbook, a certificate, Ruritan National Bylaws, Office Staff Directory, summary of Community Service Committees, Invitation to Membership, a current Ruritan Magazine, and a New Member Card. If the club would like to provide their new members with a Ruritan Lapel Pin they are available for purchase with our new supply company Shumsky. You can order online at <http://ruritan.shumskypromo.com> or call (800) 414-8946.*



Boy Scout Troop #706 from St. Peters United Methodist Church in Montpelier Virginia, perform their annual flag retirement ceremony at the **Montpelier** (VA) Ruritan Club meeting. Pictured are troop leader Harold Stills and Montpelier Club member Dan Johnson, along with three of the troop members.

## News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District

### Scott Reed Receives a Tom Downing Award



1994 Foundation President Joe Hulver presented Scott Reed with a Tom Downing Fellow Award at a zone meeting. Scott is currently Rappahannock's Zone 1 and 2 Governor and a member of the **Round Hill (VA) Ruritan Club**. Members of the club worked with other Ruritan clubs, area churches, and members of the community to raise funds to build a deck for a girl (age 5) born with Spina Bifida. Her dream was to be able to play outside and the limitations of being in a wheelchair and living in an area with rough terrain would have made that dream impossible without the deck. The labor was donated by Round Hill Associate member GGH Construction. Fogal Lumber provided the lumber at cost. Also, the club celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April. National



Director Mike Morrison presented Round Hill Charter member Eugene Larrick with a 65 year perfect attendance award and pin. Larrick's remarkable memory made the presentation of 65 years an easy task. He takes part at every meeting and before the pledge he always has a joke to tell. His smile is infectious and his dedication is outstanding.

### Rappahannock District Holds Reception for Privotts



The Rappahannock District was excited to have National President Danny Privott and First Lady Linda at the President's Reception held at the **Stonewall District Ruritan Club**. Two Ruri-Teens were honored and given one of President Danny's Pins. "Together We Affect Change."

## News From Ruritan: Appomattox District

### Clarksville and Cartersville Present Scholarships



**Clarksville (VA) Ruritan Club** presented scholarships to Cameron Owen and Winston Jeffers who won for their pursuit of a technical or trade profession. Cameron will study heating and air conditioning and Winston wants to study computer technology. Additionally, hundreds of citizens from Clarksville and surrounding communities were treated to the annual Ruritan parade and hot dog lunch on the 4th of July. Over 200 veterans attended the music and lunch reception hosted by the Clarksville Ruritans. The club spent many hours producing this successful patriotic community service. Veteran Joe Noah is pictured during the reception with the Friday night dance band.



**Cartersville (VA) Ruritan Club's** Scholarship Chair Bruce Robinson presented \$1,000 scholarships to (l-r) John Jefferies, Madaline Johnston, and Morgan Duncan.



## Brookneal 21st Century Club Chartered



*Ruritan National received permission to reprint the article below from The Union Star.*

Brookneal has joined the ranks of communities across Virginia and the nation with the creation of a Ruritan Club.

An organizational meeting was held July 24 in the Brookneal Community Building on Main Street, where a slate of directors was proposed and elected and new club members signed a charter that has been approved by the national Ruritan organization and sponsored by the Lyn-Dan Heights Ruritan Club.

The new club's charter night was enhanced by the "proud parent-like" presence of the group's national president, accompanied at the dais head table by a past national president. He and the current office holder were accompanied by their enthusiastically supportive "first lady" wives and several other prominent Ruritan personages and dignitaries.

The mostly hand-picked initial board members were elected in a somewhat unusual manner because the club they are to represent and serve was at the time of the election "a spark being propelled through tinder toward the flame the

*Pictured in the front are charter members Gayle Fannon, Dean Monroe, Robin Monroe, and National Director David Thompson. Pictured in the back are Foundation Trustee O.H. Bobbitt, Bobby Tuggle, Donald Floyd, Donna Fore, Donnie Reynolds, Carol Tyler, Jackie Poppe, Deborah Bobbitt, National President Danny Privott, and Joe Poppe.*



*National President Danny presented Deborah Bobbitt with a Ruritan Forever while Foundation Trustee O.H. Bobbitt looks on*



*Carol is presenting Deborah with a "seed money" check from the Peaks of Otter District for the new club. This is part of the Growth Budget, partially funded by the dues rebates.*

club will become."

The source of the spark was Winfall's O. H. Bobbitt III, a long-time Ruritan encouraged a while back by Betty Moore, a Ruritan stalwart, who sadly passed away in June before she could see the club she inspired come to life. Her enthusiasm for Ruritan as well as Bobbitt's stemmed from the fact that this civic service organization enables members of a club to work together, voluntarily, on community improvement projects.

Typical projects include sponsoring youth/adult athletic leagues and providing local athletic fields; awarding educational scholarships; sponsoring a scout unit, supporting 4-H, FFA and FHA; sponsoring students' attendance at leadership and youth programs, sponsoring road-side cleanups and anti-litter drives; promoting industrial development in the community; supporting life-saving squads and fire departments; sponsoring blood donor programs; assisting the elderly and infirm; constructing roadside and community parks; providing community centers and meeting places; providing drug abuse education, and sponsoring projects to meet other community needs.



*National President Danny Privott pins Steve Siemens as the first Associate Member of the Brookneal 21st Century Ruritan Club during the 2017 Summer Leadership Conference.*

## News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District continued

### Glade Hill Celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**Glade Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its fifth year anniversary. The club has given back over \$30,000 to the community over the past five years. Special guest in attendance were Ruritan National President Elect Guy Cox and wife Linda, 2012 National Secretary JoAnn Wenger and husband Winston, the late National Director Betty Moore, Peaks of Otter District Treasurer Carol Tyler, District Governor and Foundation Trustee O.H. Bobbit III and wife Deborah, National Director David Thompson, and Waidsboro Club members B.W. Wright, Cecil Mason, and Joe Brubaker. Pictured (l-r) are National President Elect Guy Cox, National Director David Thompson, and Glade Hill Club President David Ferguson. In April a community-wide yard sale was held by the club netting over \$2,000.

## News From Ruritan: Southwest Virginia District



### Nicklesville Volunteers for RAM

Remote Area Medical's mission to prevent pain and alleviate suffering is fueled by donors and volunteers who support the operation of mobile medical clinics that deliver free, high-quality vision, dental, and medical services to children, individuals, and families who do not have access or cannot afford a visit to a doctor. Since 1985, RAM's Corps of more than 100,000 Humanitarian Volunteers, comprised of licensed dental, vision, veterinary, and medical professionals, have treated more than 700,000 individuals and 67,000 animals, delivering \$112 million worth of free health care services.

The organization set up over the summer at the Wise County Fairgrounds. **Nicklesville** (VA) Ruritan Club partnered with the First Baptist Church and served over 3,000 free hot dog meals during the two-day period. Pictured above are (l-r) Larry Culbertson, Nancy Culbertson, National Director Glen Broadwater, and Ed Seiber.

The club also donated \$1,500 to the Southwest Virginia Partnership to help fund community projects such as building ramps, remodeling bathrooms, repairing roofs, etc. Pictured (l-r) are Nicklesville Club Treasurer Linda Broadwater, Club Secretary Tony Johnson, Southwest Virginia Partnership Tony Johnson, Jan Johnson, and National Director and Club Vice President Glen Broadwater.



### Yuma Presents Awards



**Yuma** (VA) Ruritan Club presented a plaque to Ethan Dingus for having perfect attendance from kindergarten through grade six. The club also presented scholarships to Audrey Lucas (left) and Abby Sallee (right).

**Reserve Your Hospitality Room**  
If your district, club, or candidate is interested in booking a hospitality room in Charleston, contact Craig Whitt at 877-787-8727 #312 or [convention@ruritan.org](mailto:convention@ruritan.org) and he will send you the proper form. Please note, these Hospitality Rooms are connected with sleeping rooms.

## News From Ruritan: Southwest Virginia District continued

### Atkins Installs Five New Members



**Atkins** (VA) Ruritan Club added five new members to its roster. Southwest Virginia Zone 2 Governor and Atkins Club Treasurer Jimmy Sheets installed Trish Daughtery, 2016 National President Calvin Shelton installed Eugene Hoover, Lisa Hoover, and Debbie Kellison. Atkins Club President Lester Owens presented Rudy



Bears to Atkins Fire Department Chief John Jones and Smyth County Sheriff Chip Shuler.



### Rye Valley Sponsors Fifth-Grade Awards

**Rye Valley** (VA) Ruritan Club sponsored two awards at the Sugar Grove Elementary School fifth-grade ceremony. The “Alton Choate Memorial Award” for outstanding student went to Leah Keyser. The school also received \$150 from this award to be used as needed. The “Joe Thompson Memorial Award” for being an outstanding reader went to Isabelle Magallanes (pictured far right). The school library received \$200. Southwest Virginia District Governor Jesse Choate was on hand to present the awards.



## News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District



### Bonsack/Blue Ridge Installs New Member Andrew Seibel

**Bonsack/Blue Ridge** (VA) Ruritan Club presented two \$1,000 scholarships to Teresa Seibel and Leeann Williamson. Seibel is planning to attend James Madison University and Williamson is planning to attend Shenandoah University.

A new youth member Andrew Seibell has been added to the club roster. He will be working with the Objective Committees of the club. Club members prepared and served lunch at the Samaritan Inn in Roanoke, Virginia.

## News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District continued

### Covington Holds Informative Meeting

**Covington** (VA) Ruritan Club combined informational speakers with fun and fellowship. Brett Siebenkittle of Ridgeline Therapy of Low Moor (pictured right) combined humor and charisma in a speech presentation on back pain including asthma and the wear of cartilages that produce extreme pain over the spinal column and body joints. He answered numerous questions by club members on the problems of aging and what can be done to improve and correct painful conditions.

Natural Bridge Zone 3 Governor Al Durham passed greetings from the Natural Bridge District Cabinet. He ran down a list of activities for the upcoming year.



## News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

### Beverly Manor Receives “The Whole Village Award”

Each year the **Beverly Manor** (VA) Ruritan Club Treasurer Michael Ruleman presents a check for \$2000 to Beverly Manor Elementary School Principal Miranda Ball to be shared by each of the school's departments and grade levels. The club continued its annual tradition of handing out dictionaries to third-grade students. Club members participate in “Hot Chocolate Friday” serving hot chocolate to students. In return, the students are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Verona Food Pantry. The club was honored to receive “The Whole Village



Award” from Beverly Manor Elementary School Principal Miranda Ball and the Augusta County Education Association.



The club has supported the school with numerous service projects and donations for many years. The school is closing at the end of this school year, which makes this award so special. Pictured (l-r) are Chris Senderak, Michael Ruleman, Marilyn Long, Keith Senderak, and Principal Miranda Ball.



Also, the club celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special dinner at the Depot Grill. Pictured (l-r) are Fran and Chris Senderak, John and Meredith Arneson, Michael and Robin Ruleman, Rob Longacher, Marilyn Long, Mildred Ruleman, and Keith Senderak.

**NOTE:** If you have youth under age 18 in your pictures Ruritan National requires that you also send the appropriate signed permission forms for their photographs to be published. If you need a copy of the standard Ruritan “photo consent form” please contact our office or check the Ruritan National website.

## Zone 5 Clubs Build Fence



## Glen Thomas Receives a Ruritan Forever



National Director Larry Cassell presented a Ruritan Forever to **Bridgewater** (VA) Ruritan Club member Glen Thomas. Thomas was recognized by the club for his leadership in organizing the Fry Shack project at the Rockingham County Fair for the past decade. Each year the Fry Shack has generated a profit of nearly \$20,000 which has been applied to community service projects. Also in honor of Glen and his wife Nancy, the club has re-named its Ruritan of the Year Award to the "Glen and Nancy Thomas Award." At a recent student awards assembly at Turner Ashby High School, the club



presented scholarship awards to several seniors. Past Bridgewater Club President Rick Claybrook congratulated the Build Your Dollars Scholarship recipient Gabriela Leijas-Hernandez (pictured right). Bryan Miklos and Destinee Harper received \$1,500 each from the Reese Williams Scholarship Fund. Behind Bryan and Destinee are Past Bridgewater Club President Rick Claybrook, 2016 scholarship recipient



Aiden Lapp, and Scholarship Chairman Ron Williams.

## Fulks Run Holds Tractor Show



**Fulks Run** (VA) Ruritan Club held a Truck and Tractor Show with 43 trucks, including a crane truck hoisting a dump truck, and 22 other types of vehicles and engines. Some of them were antiques. "It was a wonderful family fun day and a great success as a fundraiser," said Chris Bolgiano.

## Montezuma Presents Scholarship

**Montezuma** (VA) Ruritan Club presented its 2017 college scholarship award to Jordan Branner. Jordan graduated from Turner Ashby High School and will be attending James Madison University in the fall. Montezuma Board member Bernard Scott is shown presenting the award.



## News From Ruritan: Rockingham District continued

### North Shenandoah Works Mayfest

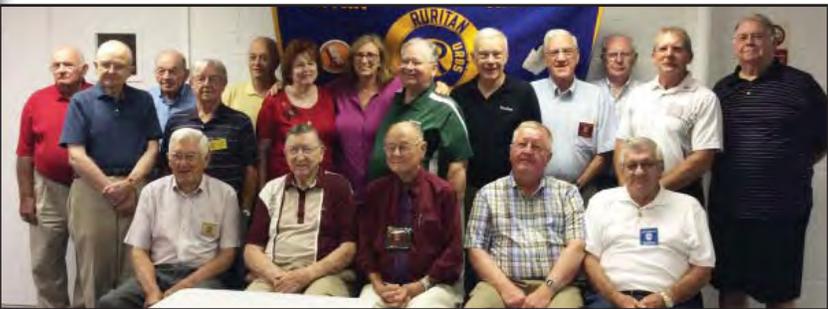
**North Shenandoah** (VA) Ruritan Club President Carl Newcombe (left) and Past President Von Himelright take their turn flipping burgers and grilling onions during the Strasburg Annual Mayfest and Carnival Days. The club and the Lion's Club have been partnering for a few years during the Strasburg's Mayfest.



### Peter Miller Receives Scholarship



**Rockingham Luncheon** (VA) Ruritan Club presented a \$600 scholarship to Peter Miller. In attendance were Ruritan National President Elect Guy Cox and National Director Larry Cassell. Others in the picture are Public Service Committee members Winston Wenger, Wilma Grimm, and Ralph Sebrell, Rockingham Luncheon Club President Rick Keyton, and Vice President Paula Frazier.



Each June, the past **Rockingham** Ruritan District Governors are the special guests at the district's cabinet meeting. The current Rockingham District Cabinet, along with quite a few of the past district governors, and spouses attended the meeting. 2017 Rockingham District Governor Martha Moyers (pictured 7th from left standing) welcomed the past governors and thanked them for their continued support. It was noted that several have served Ruritan at the National level as directors, secretary, and treasurer.

## News From Ruritan: Potomac District

### Potomac District Clubs Present Scholarships



**St. Thomas Area** (PA) Ruritan Club presented a \$250 scholarship to Samantha Buterbaugh. Samantha will be attending Wilson College majoring in veterinary medical technology. Pictured (l-r) are Samantha and St. Thomas Area Scholarship Committee Chair Shellie Veritz .



**Maugansville** (MD) Ruritan Club presented \$1,000 scholarships each to Jared Caudel, Bethany Doppel, Matthew Strite, and Lisa Weller. Each recipient gave a summary of their future plans.

The **Johnsville** (MD) Ruritan Club honored three outstanding students recently with \$1,000 scholarships. From the Linganore High School Rayann Eaves and Michael Zerr were recognized (left). Rayann is attending the University of California while Michael is attending Virginia Tech. Also honored was Hannah Charez (right) from Walkersville High School who will be attending Messiah College. Pictured with the young people is Scholarship Committee Chair Robin Ibex.

After taking a break for a year, the Jefferson Community Farmers' Market was revived for 2017 due to the efforts of a local business, Adrienne's Flower Delights. Adrienne volunteered to be the market master. The **Jefferson** (MD) Ruritan Club gave financial support and provided a location for the successful market. The market is open each Wednesday (4-7p.m.) with an average of ten vendors participating. Special features have allowed for other local businesses to become involved.



## Lewistown Holds Informative Meeting



A program dealing with opioid addiction was recently presented at the **Lewistown** (MD) Ruritan Club. Guest speakers included Becca Austin and Dylan Flannery. They shared their experiences as drug addicts in response to the record rise in overdose deaths across Maryland. Both are now participating in the very successful Frederick County Drug Court Program. Pictured (l-r) are Lewistown Program Chair Harold Staley, Becca Austin, Dylan Flannery, Lewistown Club President Dick Baseley, and Rachael Hubbard. Hubbard had a son who died of a drug overdose.

## Lothian Takes Veterans Fishing



**Lothian** (MD) Ruritan club entertained 15 veterans and three aides from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for a day of fishing. Anne Arundel Police provided escort service from Charlotte Hall to Skippers Pier restaurant in Deale, MD. Breakfast sandwiches and coffee were provided prior to boarding the boats. Upon returning with a chest full of white perch and spots, the veterans and aides were provided with a



hardy lunch before leaving.

The club may not have received first prize but the audience certainly was im-

pressed with the 12' long by 3' in diameter firecracker. Although Rudy Bear is shown lounging on the firecracker, he marched one mile in humid 91 degree sunny weather. A 1949 John Deere pulled the float while club members threw red, white, and blue Mardi Gras beads to the crowd.



## Burkittsville Helps Widow

The **Burkittsville** (MD) Ruritan Club held a benefit breakfast for a local widow whose home was destroyed by fire. A total of \$2,000 was raised from receipts and donations for Virginia Simms (age 95). Presenting the gift is Burkittsville Club Secretary Randy Huffer.

## Hall Holds Senior Citizens Night



**Hall** (NC) Ruritan Club served over 120 dinners to seniors at its annual Senior Citizens Dinner night. Non-perishable food items were collected for the local food bank. Door prizes were given and the event ended with entertainment. Hall Club President William Taylor presented



the club's 2017 scholarship to Donald Bazemore. Taylor also presented a donation to the Eure Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief Ed Story.

## News From Ruritan: Albemarle District continued

### Bethel, Coinjock, and Forestburg Present Scholarships



Ruritan National President Danny Privott presented **Bethel** (NC) Club President Donald Madre with a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate. Heather Chappell (left) and Katelyn Stokely (right) were presented with the Tom Proctor Scholarship. Proctor was a charter member of the club.



**Coinjock** (NC) Ruritan Club presented seven scholarships totaling \$8,000 to graduating seniors from Currituck County High School and JP Knapp Early College. Pictured



(l-r) are Coinjock Club Vice President Rich Allan, Hallie Fleischmann, Kayla Hellig, Madison Phillips, Sarah Logue, Juliana Chalk, Alycia Prescott, Lena O'Conner, and Coinjock Club Treasurer Ruth Ambrose.

**Forestburg** (NC) Ruritan Club President Sherie Cartwright presented \$4,500 in scholarships. Pictured bottom left (l-r) are Anthony Strausser who will be attending COA this summer then transferring to NC State to study agricultural science and veterinary medicine.

Parker Robertson will be attending NC State to study engineering. Cameron Perry will be attending Barton College to study nursing. Brian Winslow will be attending COA, continuing to volunteer for the Durants Neck Fire Department, then transferring to NC State to study forestry. Madison Loftis will be attending NC State to study agricultural science.



## News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt. Durham District

### Sylvan Hosts Snow Camp 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade



**Sylvan** (NC) Ruritan Club hosted the Snow Camp 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Pictured (l-r) are Sylvan Club Director Tyler Richards, Sylvan Club Charter Member John Allen (age 91), Rhonda Richards, Kitty and Harold Wright with great grandson Aayden, and club member Ann Jessup.



## News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt. Durham District continued



### Buck Layton, Bruce Little, and Ray Watson are Ruritans Forever

**Bethesda** (NC) Ruritan Club hosted a night of presentations. Buck Layton and Bruce Little received a Ruritan Forever. Ray Watson received a Ruritan Forever and a Tom Downing Fellows Award. The club also presented scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Mackenzie Allison, Samantha Bramigk, Isabella McCowan, Scholarship Committee Chair Jim Caddell, Trey Baker, McKenzie Lee, and Jake Smith.



### Benvenue Celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Pictured is Ruritan National President Danny Privott presenting **Benvenue** (NC) Ruritan Club with a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque. Pictured (l-r) are Privott, Benvenue Club President Fran Bunn, Benvenue Club members Billy O’Keeffe, Donnie Perry, Leon Huff, and Howard Taylor.

### Bynum Presents Scholarships

For over three decades the **Bynum** (NC) Ruritan Club has presented a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior. This year, the club was able to present two \$500 scholarships to Kathy Boone and Shelby Hatcher. Bynum Club President Jerry Felinczak is shown presenting the awards to Shelby (left) and Kathy (right).



Pictured are **Rocky Mt. Durham** District Governor Jeff Neese (front) and National Director Carroll Lowe during their new club PowerPoint presentation. Eight people signed up to join.



## Rougemont Holds Ice Cream Social



Rougemont (NC) Ruritan Club's Community Annual Ice Cream Social was a huge success. Fun and fellowship was had by all. Appreciation was given to the military veter-



ans and volunteer firemen and other service personnel. Present were national and district representa-



tives and other Ruritan Club members. Rougemont Club members wore their "ASK" shirts to help promote Ruritan. During another club meeting, three scholarships were presented to Person County High School seniors. Pictured (l-r) are Rougemont Ruritan Club Committee Chair Lawrence Daye, Noah



Davis Chambers, Jynna Perry, Drew Clayton, Rougemont Club President David Dohr.

## Veteran Boyd Stout Honored



Tri-County (NC) Ruritan Club hosted the Bennett 5K Freedom Run and the Glory Mile. The club purchased flags for the town of Bennett for the event. The race showed support for our troops and veterans. Proceeds from this race went toward the Randolph Honor Guard. Boyd Stout received recognition for his service in the Vietnam War.

## Anderson Creek Celebrates 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Pictured left is Cape Fear District Governor Neil Guin presenting **Anderson Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club President Steve Rigby with a 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate. Pictured right is Cape Fear Zone Governor Polly Bouldin presenting Anderson Creek Club President Steve Rigby with an Environmental and Public Service Achievement Certificate for the club. Also, the club presented Logan Hadding with a scholarship.



Logan is attending East Carolina University. He made the Dean's List his freshman year.

## Pelion and Pineview Honor Veterans



Over 350 people joined the **Pelion** (SC) Ruritan Club members as they held their annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Pelion, SC. The ceremony featured the Pelion High School Band who played the prelude and the medley of military anthems. The Pelion JROTC presented the colors. CMSgt Retired Tim Treaster led the pledge of allegiance, recognized the veterans, and assisted with the flag service. He also remembered Ruritan member, Frank Stover, who unexpectedly passed away recently. Amy Craft sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Rev. David Kessler gave the invocation and the benediction. Pelion Club President Kay Collings welcomed all the guests and introduced the speakers. The Soldiers of Faith, a Southern Gospel Group, sang



a medley of patriot songs, including "God Bless the USA." Mayor Barbara Carey recognized the attending dignitaries. Colonel Thomas Sheehan, Commander of the 165<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Battalion, gave a moving speech. Representative Kit Spires was a featured speaker. Special recognition was given to the people who made this memorial possible as well as to the SC Patriot Guard Riders who have assisted with this service since 2015. The old flag was retired and the new one was raised by 1SG Thomas Peel, Army Retired, assisted by the Pelion JROTC and Tim Treaster. Otto Hage, Director of PHS Bands played TAPS while the wreath was presented. The floor of the Veterans Memorial features 282 engraved interlocking brick pavers and the granite band features the names of 28 servicemen killed in action. The names of the 43 sponsors are listed on an engraved stone to the right of the memorial. Ron Clamp assisted Benny Collings with the design of the memorial and carved the stones and engraved the first 250 names. Currenty Larry Sossoman laser engraves pavers with new names, and Jesse Jeffcoat places the pavers inside the memorial.

**Pineview** (SC) Ruritan Club prepared a meal for the residents at the Homeless Veterans Retreat - Christ Central Ministry. Over 67 residents and staff were fed chicken barbeque and all the trim-



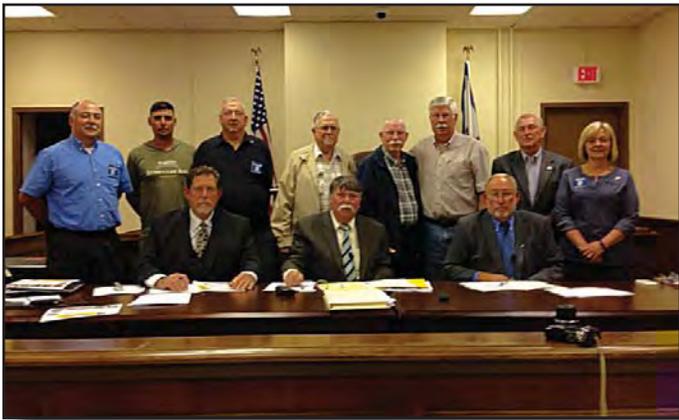
mings. This is one of the many community outreach programs of the club. After feeding the veterans, the club held its monthly meeting. Homeless Veterans Retreat Representatives James Wardlaw and Mike Meetze gave an overview of the centers operations.

### **Attention Club Officers! We Need Your Email Address**

***Please call the National Office and speak to Diane at ext. 306 if you have not given us your email address.***

***Club Secretary - Look for your club kit in the fall that includes your Club and District Officers' Handbook, Club Secretary's Book, Club Treasurer's Book, Community Service Guides, and quarterly envelopes.***

## Greenbrier County Proclaims Ruritan Week



The Greenbrier County Commission showed its support for the eight Ruritan Clubs in Greenbrier County. They are **Clintonville, Frankford, Maxwelton, Muddy Creek Mountain, Renick, Richlands, Smoot, and Williamsburg** by proclaiming the week of May 21-28, 2017, as Ruritan Week in Greenbrier County. The commissioners thanked the members who were present, and said they appreciated the work that the clubs do in each of their communities, especially participation with the Adopt-A-Highway program. Pictured in the front are County Commissioners Mike McClung, Woody Hanna, and Lowell Rose. Pictured in the back are Lower WV District Governor Larry Bowman, Richlands Ruritan Club President David Tuckwiller, Williamsburg Club

President Roy Mullins, Lower WV District Chaplain Lee Johnson, Clintonville Club President Neal Holliday, Maxwelton Club President Lee Godbey, 2010 National President Jerome Rhodes, and Lower WV Zone 7 Governor Debra Bowman.

**Williamsburg** (WV) Ruritan Club had a lot of volunteer help during its annual Adopt-A-Highway spring cleanup. Thirteen people braved the rain and picked up 15 bags of trash. Pictured (l-r) are Bill Zumpfe, John Bratnober, Doyle Owens, Ray Phillips, Junior Mullins, Albert Stidom, Jack Goodman, Rick Fox, Rick Hedrick. Pictured in the front are Gregory Hurd, Beth Stidom, Debra Zahorenko, and Marvin Walker. Not pictured is Lindsey Stidom.



## Richlands Dedicates Flag Pole to Dick and Kita Schmidt



**Richlands** (WV) Ruritan Club dedicated a flag pole and plaque to the late 1994 Ruritan National President and longtime member of the Richlands Ruritan Club Richard "Dick" Schmidt and his wife Margaret "Kita" Schmidt. Representing the Schmidt family at the dedication was Deborah Schmidt, daughter of Dick and Kita Schmidt and a local physician at the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine. The dedication of the flag pole honors the commitment of the Schmidts to the Richlands Ruritan Club and to their community. Assisting in the dedication was a member of the Greenbrier East High School Junior ROTC. The flag pole includes a photo electric cell to be illuminated after dark. Pictured (l-r) are Richlands Club President William Tuckwiller, Deborah Schmidt, Dick and Kita's son-in-law David Scott, and Greenbrier East High School Junior ROTC member.

## Bluegrass Sponsors Float

The **Bluegrass (WV) Ruritan Club** sponsored a float in the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Farmers Day Parade in Monroe County, WV to bring awareness to the problem of litter in the county. Participants on the float include Don Sibold (truck driver), Helen Graves and Rocky Parsons (litter bugs), trash collecting members Kathy Johnson and James Webb, and sign carriers Jim Allen, Rodney Graves, and Nelson Jenkins.



## News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District

### The Moonshiners Participate in County Fair



The “Moonshiners” is a TV series that has been airing since 2011 on the Discovery Channel. Digger Manes and Mark Ramsey have been best friends for many years. The two signed autographs and took pictures with fans at the **London-Laurel County** (KY) Ruritan Club’s County Fair. Digger’s dad Charles Manes is a member of the **Edwina** (TN) Ruritan Club. He has served as Edwina Club President three terms and is presently serving as Edwina Club Treasurer. Pictured (l-r) are London-Laurel County Club President Mark Begley, Charles Manes, Digger Manes, Jimmy Durham, Mark Ramsey, Bluegrass District Governor Bryan Franklin, and National Director Marty Sewell.

## News From Ruritan: Tennessean District

### Gravelly and St. Clair Present Scholarships

**Gravelly** (TN) Ruritan Club presented three \$540 scholarships to Skylar Derrick, Dylan Kenkel, and Jonah Rutherford. Skylar was valedictorian at Cedar View Christian School, served as captain of the Bible Quizzing Team for four years, and was chosen for the prestigious High School Medical Camp. She is very active in the Gravelly Baptist “180 Student Ministry.” She will be attending East Tennessee State University to study communication and English.



Dylan (pictured left) graduated from Volunteer High School with a 4.0 GPA and attended ETSU this past fall with a 3.5 GPA. He will continue his studies there as he pursues a degree to become an occupational therapist. Jonah Rutherford graduated from Sullivan South High School. He is very active in Gravelly Baptist Church with the “180 Student Ministry.” Jonah (pictured right) is an Eagle Scout and was on the high school soccer team for four years. Also, he was a member of the concert and jazz bands. His goal is to be a band director and he will study music education at ETSU.



**St. Clair** (TN) Ruritan Club hosted a dinner at their monthly meeting honoring their scholarship recipient, Madison Davis from Cherokee High School. Madison was in the NJROTC and achieved the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Commander. She received the Governor’s Volunteer Star Award, one of two given in each county in Tennessee, due to 469 hours of community service. She was also a recipient of the Ladley Family Naval Aviation Award and Scholarships. Pictured with her is St. Clair Club President Bob Palmer.

## News From Ruritan: Cherokee District

### Morrison Installs New Members



**Morrison** (TN) Ruritan Club had a recent influx of new members.

Pictured in the front is Najely Perez. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Jaquetta Morelan, Sue Anderson, Michael Gallegher, Moe Gallegher, Tanara Grissom, and Darlene Bryant. Pictured (right) is Morrison Club President Lavell Whitehead inducting new members Jason Hillis and Lana Whitlock.



## News From Ruritan: Cherokee District continued

### Harrison Presents Awards



**Harrison** (TN) Ruritan Club held its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show to raise funds for college scholarships, student citizenship awards, and the Hwy 58 Volunteer Fire Department. Harrison Club President Terry Williford presented a check to Deanne Morgan of The Friends of Harrison Bay State Park and



Jim Holcomb of the Harrison Cemetery. Williford also presented Evelyn Hamby (pictured right) with an honorary membership award.



### Ball Play Community Holds Ramp Festival



**Ball Play Community** (TN) held its annual Ramp Festival. Over 700 people were in attendance. This is one of the club's biggest fundraisers.

## News From Ruritan: Georgia North Alabama District

### Model Holds Barbeque and Stew Fundraiser

Charter members Thad Rush and Sam Mize (stirring) along with National Director Les Hopper (front) of the **Model** (GA) Ruritan Club are shown getting the stew ready at the club's annual 4th of July barbeque and stew fundraiser. The proceeds from this event fund the club's scholarships and other community service programs.

#### ***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. Please contact your National Office for more information.



## News From Ruritan: Alabama Florida District

### Walnut Hill Builds Handicap Ramp



**Walnut Hill** (FL) Ruritan Club built a handicap ramp. Member Edward Hudson initiated and directed the project. The club spent \$400 on materials for the ramp. Also, the club came to the rescue of a family with downed trees near Century, Florida. Members responded by cutting huge trees, hauling away the debris, and generally cleaning the area. The club presented scholarships to outstanding FFA student leaders at Northview High School in Bratt, FL. Recipients were Mitchell Singleton and Brandon Korinchak.

**Alabama Florida** District Governor Marc Wahler



spoke at the **Bleeker** (AL) Ruritan Club encouraging members to attend the Ruritan National Convention and challenging everyone to recruit members.



## News From Ruritan: Ohio District

### Ohio District Holds Spring Banquet



The **Ohio District** Spring Banquet was held at the Amish Door Restaurant in Wilmot, Ohio, on April 15. The Ohio District includes 60 Ruritan Clubs and 180 members from these clubs were present. Patricia Fallot from the **Washington** (OH) Ruritan Club was banquet chair. Ruritan National President Danny Privott and First Lady Linda were special guests. President Danny thanked the Ohio Ruritans for their commitment to their local clubs. He encouraged all to attend the 2018 Ruritan National Convention on January 18-21 in Charleston, SC. He urged financial support for First Lady Linda's project, ALS Awareness. President Danny emphasized the purpose of Ruritan National and encouraged clubs to recruit new members. Also, he

stated, "Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words." In appreciation for their service to Ruritan, President Danny and First Lady Linda were presented an Ohio-made gift, a set of steak knives from Warther's Cutlery in Dover, Ohio.

Ohio District Ruritan Clubs with anniversaries in 2017 were recognized (Knox, 43 years with members Terry Blickensderfer and Jim Ramsey Jr in attendance; Damascus, 63 years with members Mahlon Griffith and Dave Wingett in attendance; Wintonna, 61 years; Smithville, 51 years; and West Branch Ladies, 23 years with Patty Marty and Viola Blanchard in attendance).

Ohio District Governor Mike Wright and Lt. Governor John Biery presented awards. Terry Blickensderfer was presented with the Ruritan Forever which included a plaque and pin. Terry has 43 years of perfect attendance and recently stepped down as newsletter editor after 26 years. Jerry Haynam from the Washington Club received the Blue Ribbon Club for the Washington Club. The highlight of the evening was musical entertainment by Rodney Cross and the Gospel Spirits.



## News From Ruritan: Ohio District continued

### Washington and National Trail Present Scholarships



**Washington** (OH) Ruritan Club presented four \$1,200 scholarships to Marlinton High School seniors. The “Marion and Vera Rummell Service Scholarship” was presented to Maranda Neff. Kyleigh Ryan was presented the “Don Krabill Service Scholarship.” The “Dwight Ickes Academic Scholarship” was presented to Caden Swisher. Isabel Mack was presented the Build Your Dollars Scholarship. Since 1986, the club has given over \$65,200 to worthy graduates.

**National Trail** (OH) Ruritan Club Director John Quinn presented Hannah Salin- Norwich a \$500 scholarship. She wrote in her scholarship application, “I want to be able to help

board certified plastic, orthopedic, and trauma surgeon. I believe community service is important to everyone. The one that I feel the greatest connection is the work I do with the American Red Cross.”



### Pennyroyal Donates to Veterans



**Pennyroyal** (OH) Ruritan Club collected nonperishable items to be donated to the Chillicothe Veteran’s Hospital. Pictured are club members at the event.



## News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District

### District Holds Family and Friends Picnic



**Western North Carolina District** came together at Baton Ruritan Park for its Family and Friends Annual Summer Picnic and meeting. Clubs represented were **Gamewell, Collettsville, Foscoe, Wittenburg, Gwaltney, Cedar Valley, Bethlehem, and Chesterfield.** Also attending was National Director Jonathan Lafollette. Zone 4 Governor Doug Saylor, Zone 5 Governor Sue Moore, and Zone 6 Governor Phyllis Little also attended. Pictured (l-r) are

Growth and Development Chair Larry Richardson, National Director Jonathan Lafollette, Secretary Wanda Stafford, Zone 4 Governor Doug Saylor, Governor Michael Smith, Foundation Chair Gary Barger, Publicity and Public Relations Lee Ann Gragg, Zone 5 Governor Sue Moore, and Zone 6 Governor Phyllis Little. Pictured on the right (l-r) are Growth and Development Chair Larry Richardson and Gamewell Vice President Jerry Gragg.



## News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District continued

### Cedar Valley, Salem, and Kings Creek Celebrate Anniversaries



**Cedar Valley** (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. National Director Jonathan Lafollette presented a framed certificate of recognition to Cedar Valley Club President Janet Anderson. Western NC Lieutenant Governor Leslie Gentry and Zone Governor Doug Saylor also attended the celebration and congratulated the club. Several other district officers including



Lorene Reece, Bob Reece, and Lee Ann Gragg were in attendance. Also recognized with a framed certificate was charter member Richard Cordes. Delicious refreshments were served including a special cake commemorating the year.

**Salem** (NC) Ruritan Club celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. National Director Jonathan Lafollette presented Salem Club President Doug Beam with an anniversary certificate.



**Kings Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Caldwell County Commissioner Randy Church stands alongside Kings Creek Ruritan President Evelyn Lipford as she accepts the anniversary certificate from National Director Jonathan LaFollette, Western NC, Zone Governor Doug Saylor, and Western NC District Lieutenant Governor Leslie Gentry who is not pictured.



### Bethlehem Presents Scholarships

**Bethlehem** (NC) Ruritan Club presented 15 scholarships. Pictured are the recipients who were able to attend the meeting. In the front are Hannah Starnes, Peyton Coonse, and Amber Bolick. In the back are J.C. Bentley, Tong Vang, and Gabe Barkley. Club President Trey Braswell (right) received an Outstanding Club President Award.



### Ray Vance Receives a Ruritan Forever



**Collettsville** (NC) Ruritan Club recently honored Ray Vance for 57 years of dedicated service to the community. He was presented with a Ruritan Forever. Pictured (l-r) is Collettsville Vice President Doug Saylor and Ray Vance.



**Hopewell-Hollis** (NC) Ruritan Club Secretary Joyce Bridges received the Outstanding Club Secretary Award.

**Old Fort** (NC) Ruritan Club presented an Outstanding Club President Award to Keith Hall. Also, the club received the Blue Ribbon Award.

**Peak Creek** (NC) Ruritan Club member Ruth Ann Phipps (right) received a 2017 Senior Citizen Volunteer Involvement of the Year Award on behalf of the club.



## News From Ruritan: Delmarva New Jersey District

### Pay It Forward



Tri-County (MD) Ruritan Club furnished material and labor and constructed a wheel chair accessible ramp for a family. The family was so grateful for the ramp they wanted to make a \$500 donation for the work. Of course the club would not accept the donation. The family insisted that the club keep the check and “pay forward.” With that, the club became aware of a low-self-employed individual who was struggling to care for his wife who suffered from



MS complicated by a stroke and “paid it forward.”

Also, Tri-County Club President Fred Meers presented \$3,000 in scholarships on behalf of the club. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Meredith Camper, Cassandra Blake, Jake Colon, Brendan Wazniak, Julia Burns, and Club President Fred Meers.

## News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

### Edwin Carter, Tom Turner, and Mary Deal Were Presented Tom Downing Fellow Awards



Brushy Mountain (NC) Ruritan Club presented Edwin Carter with a Tom Downing Fellow Award. Club member Elrea Hendren is shown pinning Carter. Pictured in front of the community sign are the 2017 scholarship recipients.



Millbridge (NC) Ruritan Club presented scholarships and awards in May. Scholarship recipients receiving \$750 were Leyna Pence, Mal-lorie Hatfield, Robert Cognburn, Cheyenne Hunter, Austin Chris-mon, and Madison Fuller. Bryson Pope received the club’s Build Your Dollars Scholarship of \$600.

Madison Temple received the club’s \$1,000 Ann White Memorial Scholarship. In other club news, Tom Turner and Mary Deal were presented Tom Downing Fellow Awards for their service and support to the club.

## “Ruritan in Training”

Jasmine Robertson (age four) was presented with a Ruritan National pin during the May meeting of the **Rock House** (NC) Ruritan Club. She is a “Ruritan in Training.” Jasmine is the great-granddaughter of the late charter member Juanita Gordy. Jasmine’s grandmother Ruth Robertson and her mother Debbie Robertson are also members of the club making Jasmine a fourth-generation member. Jasmine likes to pass out the drinks and put the salt and pepper shakers on the tables for the meals.



## New Ruritan Sign on Highways

**Lawsonville** (NC) Ruritan Club erected a new sign on Highways 8 and 704. The landscaping around the sign has been restored, and freshly painted signs representing various organizations are proudly displayed. Lawsonville Club President Herb Cardwell and Vice President Roger Tucker are pictured hard at work.

## Sandy Ridge, West Iredell, and Semora Present Scholarships

**Sandy Ridge** (NC) Ruritan Club hosted high school seniors to a delicious meal. Guest speaker for the evening was Stokes County Schools Superintendent Dr. Brad Rice. Each senior received a Bible from the club. The students spoke about their future plans and career goals. The four scholarship winners are Michael Lemons, Junior Fulks, Logan Joyce, and Brittany Tuttle. Pictured with the students are retired Sandy Ridge Elementary School teachers John York (left) and Peter Zeien (right). Also in attendance was Rudy Bear. Pictured are all seniors that were in attendance.



**West Iredell** (NC) Ruritan Club presented five \$1,500 scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Yesenia Ocampo-Corrales, Justin William Dull, Alexis Blair Coleman, West Iredell Club President Frank Guy, Jana Carr, and Damian Kristopher Gregory.



**Semora** (NC) Ruritan Club Vice President Billings Miner Sr. presented the club’s Build Your Dollar Scholarship to Kylie Myers (pictured on the left). Kylie is a youth member of the club and has sponsored blood drives.



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*Purchase your Rudy Bear by calling 800-414-8946 or visit the website at : [www.ruritan.shumskypromo.com](http://www.ruritan.shumskypromo.com)*



## Hurt-Motley, Chatham, and Fontaine Present Scholarships



Dan River District Zone 6 Governor Charlie Rowland presented scholarships on behalf of the **Hurt-Motley** (VA) Ruritan Club. Rebecca Andrews received the club's Build Your Dollar Scholarship for \$540. Rebecca graduated from Gretna High School and will be attending University of Virginia. Ashley Mayhew received a \$540 scholarship. Ashley graduated from Faith Christian Academy and will be attending Liberty University. Pictured (l-r) are Dan River District Zone 6 Governor Charlie Rowland, Rebecca Andrews, and parents Jessica and Jason Andrews. Pictured (l-r) are Charlie Rowland, Ashley Mayhew, parents Charlie and Rhonda Parsons, and grandparents Betty Adkins and Bill



Adkins.

**Chatham** (VA) Ruritan Club is pleased to announce the 2017 recipients of the Red Giles-Ruritan, "Fuller Motley" and "Larry Newby" Scholarships. Chatham Club President Jimmy Scarce presented the Red Giles scholarship to Sterling Reynolds, son of Wendy and Stanley Reynolds. He will be attending Virginia Tech to study biology with plans to become a doctor. This award was presented to Sterling by Jimmy Scarce, President of the Chatham Ruritan Club. Tim Motley presented the Fuller Motley scholarship to James Silas Nuckols, son of Linnette and Bill Nuckols. James will be attending Liberty University to pursue a career in pastoral leadership. Ma-linda and Karl Newby presented the "Larry Newby" Scholarship to Casey Lynn Crews daughter of Connie and Jeffrey Crews. Casey will be attending Danville Community College to pursue a career in nursing.



**Fontaine** (VA) Ruritan Club presented eight scholarships. Pictured on the left (r-l) in the front are Mike Williams, Britany Terry, and Erin Perry. Pictured (l-r) in the back are Alexander Essary, Brian Ham-mock, Jacob Gusler, Dylan Gusler, Matt Tuggle, and Jared Burrell.



Pictured (right) at the **Oak Level** (VA) Ruritan Club's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony are (l-r) National Director Gary Solomon and Oak Level Charter members Garry Barrow, Ray Frith, and Jesse Frith.



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## News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District

### National President Danny Privott Visits Lincolnland

Ruritan National President Danny Privott spent a week in Illinois and Indiana. The visit began with Mount Carmel and Allendale. On his first day in the area, he attended one of Mount Carmel's most sacred Fourth of July traditions, Corn Day. President Danny stated, "I can tell that they are really working and doing good in the community. I can tell by the people I know in the area." Next, President Danny attended Allendale. Lincolnland District Governor Jim Bargar stated, "The visit from the Ruritan National President inspires the local clubs. We were really glad to have him with us." President Danny stated, "It is good for the president to come to this area. It shows that the National President is concerned about all Ruritans. The goal is to show clubs and members that we appreciate what they do and to encourage them to keep on doing what they do and help the community. We must also let them know that they're doing a great job." He also praised clubs for undertaking community service project such as presenting scholarships and helping senior citizens. Ruritan is about making America better, one community at a time. President Danny also stated, "My message this year is that Ruritan affects change."



*Pictured are National President Danny Privott, First Lady Linda, National Director Howard Tanner, Past National Director Beverly Tanner, and Jefferson Township (IN) Ruritan Club members during the club's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.*



Host for President Danny's visit to Lincolnland was Grover Burkett of District 33. He stated, "Volunteers are always needed to carry out community service projects." Grover and President Danny visited other clubs and had a busy, but exciting time meeting with Lincolnland Ruritans. Past National Director and Geff Community (IL) Ruritan Club Secretary Beverly Tanner was presented the Outstanding Club Secretary Award and the club's Blue Ribbon Award from National President Danny Privott. Geff Community Past Club President was also presented the Outstanding Club President Award.

## News From Ruritan: New River District

### Levi Horton Receives a Scholarship

**Fairview** (VA) Ruritan Club President Roger Payne had the honor of presenting his grandson Levi Horton with a scholarship. Levi has battled a brain tumor since he was 18 months old. He has survived four surgeries. Unfortunately after the third surgery at age five, Levi became blind. Levi joined the club at age nine. Levi preaches and writes songs. He plans to start in the fall with New Life Ministries Bible College and Seminary.



The club also donated bottled water to God's Pit Crew. Pictured left are Doris Combs and Roger Payne.

## News From Ruritan: Smoky Mountain District



### Piney Hosts Fish Fry

**Piney** (TN) Ruritan Club hosted one of its annual fish fry events. Club members made homemade fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, beans, and fish. Pictured are club members Henry Rogers (in blue) and Billy Lankford, as they work and prepared the fish.



### East Roane County Honors Veterans



#### East Roane County (TN)

Ruritan Club honored veterans with a beautiful display of American flags outside of Bradbury UMC. East Roane County Club President Zack McCallie states, "This is just a small token of the appreciation we can give to those who served for us."



## News From Ruritan: Middle America District

### Uniontown Community Raise Money for a Handicap Accessible Fishing Dock



**Uniontown Community** (KS) Ruritan Club held a raffle and benefit picnic with live entertainment. \$2,500 was raised at the request of the city of Uniontown to help fund a community handicap accessible fishing dock at the Uniontown School. Middle America

District Lt. Governor Mark Warren and Middle America District Governor Raymond "Skeet" George presented a check for \$100 to Allie Zornes. Standing at the new Uniontown School Accessible Fishing Dock are (l-r) Rogers and Son Concrete of Fort Scott representative Ron Rogers, Mark Warren, Raymond "Skeet" George, and Uniontown Mayor Larry Jurgensen.

### Calendar of Events On Website

Ruritan National is maintaining a calendar of Ruritan events and committee meetings as well as information on office closings and staff availability. This calendar, developed through Google Calendars, can be found under the "Events Calendar" link at <http://ruritan.org>. Clicking on many items provides additional detail and directions.

Districts are invited to submit items to include on the calendar by emailing [office@ruritan.org](mailto:office@ruritan.org).

## News From Ruritan: Tall Corn District

### Eddyville Presents Scholarships



Each year the **Eddyville** (IA) Ruritan Club invites high school seniors to be a part of the club for a year. All seniors who participate and complete the requirements receive a \$500 scholarship. The students have to attend a number of club meetings and have a certain number of community service hours. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Jessie Eveland, University of Iowa; Taylor Keegel, Indian Hills Community College; Teri Jo Lane, Iowa State University; Alexis Long, University of Iowa; and Eddyville Club President Pat Powers who gave them their checks. Not pictured but also receiving checks were Haegen Boyer, McKendrea University and Sara Loving, William Penn University. This year, the club decided to include high school juniors as well. Pictured (l-r) are the juniors and seniors who have been selected to participate in the upcoming year. They are Jacob Shepherd, junior; Tori Alexander, senior; Kathryn Gutch, senior; Megan Eveland, junior; Tony Lane, junior; Makeena Yates, senior; Emma Bunnell, senior; Adlynn Eveland, senior, with Club President Pat Powers who introduced them. Not pictured are Gracie De La Cruz, senior and Grace Manternach, junior.

## News From Ruritan: Opportunity Land District



### Western Yell Presents Scholarships

**Western Yell** (AR) Ruritan Club presented \$3,600 in scholarships to six outstanding students of Western Yell County High School's 2017 graduating class. Pictured are Tyler Catlett, Andrew Ridenour, Haley Ridenour, Hannah Smith, Adrianna Hall, and Clifton Claunts. Haley Ridenour was the recipient of the 2017 Build Your Dollar Scholarship.

### Template for Some Certificates Available Online

Anyone with a computer, internet access, and a printer (color or black and white) can download templates for certificates, fill in the blank fields with the appropriate information, and print Ruritan certificates on their own. The Ruritan website (<http://ruritan.org>) now features templates for new member certificates and club anniversary certificates. Coming soon: general appreciation certificates and perfect attendance certificates. When it's time to present these awards - community service award certificates as well as club and district Ruritan of the Year, Ruri-Teen of the Year, and Rudy Youth of the Year certificates will be available. Go to the library search function (also the magnifying glass on the home page) and search for the word "template" to see what is available for you to personalize and print.

"Many of our members have computers and high quality printers and will be able to produce their own certificates in a fraction of the time it takes them to call an order into us and get what they need," said Executive Director Michael Chrisley about the new template offerings.

Of course the Ruritan staff will continue to produce certificates for clubs and districts that need them. Remember that any certificate that represents a district level award will require the district governor's signature to be valid. And any district level award being entered into a national competition (i.e. **National Ruritan of the Year**) will still need to submit the application/point sheet to Ruritan National for judging prior to November 1 each fall.

In addition to these new certificate templates, there are templates online for brochures, placemats, and flyers that can be customized with local club contact information. If there are templates that you don't see on the website but you'd like to be able to produce locally - email your suggestion to [service@ruritan.org](mailto:service@ruritan.org).

**THE \$600 WANTED WINNER FOR THE SECOND  
QUARTER OF 2017 WAS TOMMY BROCKWELL  
OF THE BURROWSVILLE CLUB IN THE  
HOLLAND DISTRICT.**

**TOMMY  
BROCKWELL**

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



**REWARDED \$600**

**GLEN BROADWATER**

**THE \$200 WINNER FOR THE SECOND  
QUARTER WAS GLEN BROADWATER  
OF THE NICKELSVILLE CLUB IN  
THE SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA DISTRICT.**



**REWARDED  
\$200**

**BOBBIE EASTER**

**\$400 WENT TO BOBBIE EASTER  
OF THE HOLLY SPRINGS CLUB IN THE  
PEIDMONT DISTRICT.**



**REWARDED  
\$400**

