

# RURITAN

JULY 2017

NEWSLETTER

## Make Plans For Fellowship Weekend



Greetings from your National Foundation: The first order of business is to ask that, as Ruritans, we keep Foundation President Pat in our prayers. President Pat is dealing with Lyme Disease from a tick bite.

Your Trustees hope you are making plans for the September Fellowship Weekend in Galax, VA on September 8-10, 2017. We have a trip planned to Mt. Airy, the home of Andy Griffith. While in Mt. Airy, you can have lunch at Snappy's Lunch (mentioned in the show several times) and eat a world famous pork chop sandwich. When you leave you can go over to Floyd's Barber Shop. If you are are looking for a weekend of fun, fellowship, food, the opportunity to see new sights, and make new Ruritan friends, Foundation Weekend is for you. For more information see your magazine or [ruritan.org](http://ruritan.org). Hope to see you

in Galax!

By now most of you have presented your "Build Your Dollar" scholarships. These 375 clubs turned \$300 into \$540 scholarships in a few months. That means that there were 600 clubs that did not participate in the Build Your Dollar program. It is time to start planning for next year's program, if you have or when you have \$300 in your treasury send you money into Ruritan National on or before October 1. Please note on the check or in a letter that it is for BY\$ and which club. Do not miss the opportunity to help the students in your community.

The money given back in the Build Your Dollar program is interest from 49 years of Foundation donations. The more money we have in the bank the more money we can give back to the clubs. You can do your part in helping us grow.

President Pat and the Foundation Trustees have set a goal of at least 200 Tom Downing Fellows. The Tom Downing award is given to club or community members for outstanding leadership and service. When a club or individual sends \$500 and the correct form to Ruritan National, your nominee will receive a plaque and a Tom Downing pin. There are some districts that will match half the cost of the Tom Downing Fellow so check with your district Foundation chair, a Foundation Trustee, or call Ruritan National to ask about your district.

Remember to get more out of an investment you need to keep adding money to it. The Ruritan National Foundation offers you several ways to make donations. To find out more about donation opportunities contact your district Foundation chair, your district governor, an assigned trustee, or call Ruritan National (ask for the Foundation department) or check on [www.ruritan.org](http://www.ruritan.org).

With your help, we will grow and help more people in the communities we live in.

*2017 Foundation VP Jayson Duncan*

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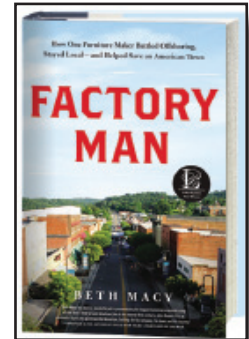
**Foundation Fellowship Weekend September 8-10**

**Register Now For Fellowship Weekend 2017**



The 2017 Fellowship Weekend will be held September 8-10, 2017, in Galax, VA. Highlights for the event include a golf tournament with all proceeds to benefit the Foundation, a trip to Mt. Airy, NC, (home of Andy Griffith) and a chance to meet "Thelma Lou," a bus tour of Grayson County, silent and live auctions to benefit the Foundation, and a walk for ALS and Parkinson's disease. Make your choices on the form below and send this registration form (or a copy) to Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084.

Get your room before July 31 at the **Hampton Inn** 276-728-2345 (90 Farmers Market Drive, Hillsville, VA 24343) and tell them you are with Ruritan. Base room rate starts at \$103.55 (plus tax and fees) and includes a hot breakfast. The weekend also includes an optional tour of the Vaughan Bassett Furniture Factory and meeting John Bassett, who was made famous in the best-selling book, "Factory Man," by Beth Macy. The Bassett Furniture Company was once the world's biggest wood furniture manufacturer. Run by the same powerful Virginia family for generations, it was also the center of life in Bassett, Virginia. Macy brings to life Bassett's deeply personal furniture and family story, along with a host of characters from an industry that was as cutthroat as it was colorful. Tom Hanks is producing a mini-series for HBO based on the book. Copies of the book will be for sale on this tour.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone + Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Package Registration includes Saturday bus tour of Grayson County, Friday picnic, and Rex Theater music show as well as Saturday banquet.  
**Registration \$50 X \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Friday Meal Only includes Friday picnic and Rex Theater music show.  
**\$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Saturday Meal Only includes Saturday bus tour of Grayson County and Saturday banquet.  
**\$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I would like ALS/Parkinson T-shirt. sizes \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ shirts = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Golf Saturday Morning at Longview Golf Course  
**Registration \$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I plan to take the bus tour of Grayson County on Saturday morning (departing 9 a.m. from Matthews State Park).

I plan to tour Mt. Airy, NC, with the group on Friday afternoon prior to picnic (using private vehicles).

I would be interested in free Friday morning tour of Vaughan Bassett Furniture with John Bassett. Copies of book "Factory Man" will be for sale.

**Enclosed is my payment:**  
 Check No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visa # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Visa Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mastercard # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mastercard Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 CVC code (3 digit code on the back of your card) \_\_\_\_\_

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Member/Non Member (circle one)

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

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

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

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

Check items below that apply:

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

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

**For Office Use Only:**  
GRP# \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date # \_\_\_\_\_

3 or 4 digit code on back \_\_\_\_\_

Check one option below

Bill my credit card now

Bill my credit card on December 1, 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	Package 1 <b>BEST DEAL</b>	\$336	
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 2	\$290	
Friday Only Package includes base fee and Friday First Lady's Lunch	Package 3	\$210	
Saturday Only Package includes base fee and Saturday Banquet	Package 4	\$235	
No Meals - base registration only	Package 5	\$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 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:



## “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.

In Ruritan Service,  
Danny Privott

# LET'S REPLACE

**This Sign**



**With**

**This Sign**



## 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"

Become DRM

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

# Spring into

# SUMMER

with the new Ruritan supply items



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## RURITAN SUPPLY

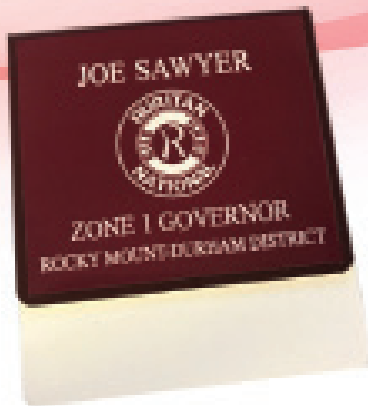


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