

Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley

Have a Blessed Holiday Season



This is the time of year when we give thanks and celebrate. We are so thankful for all our clubs and members. You volunteer in the local community to make the community a better place to live and work. All of our members give of their time and talents to improve the local community. We help people of all races, creeds, faiths, colors and lifestyles. The common denominator for all we do is need. Unfortunately, needs may change, but there are always needs. We work hard to improve the lives of others never expecting anything in return except knowing that we did the right thing and we did our best. So many people need us and in community after community we rise to the call and help. We are an organization that embodies the spirit of the seasons.

Preparations are almost complete for a great convention in Charleston South Carolina. Charleston is a great city with so much to offer. We have several great tours planned as well as buses that will take you into the city so that you can

explore on your own. Our online registration is now open. Please go to the MMS and then to your record. Under the events tab you can register for the convention.

The convention program committee has planned a great convention with a number of activities and events. Please come and enjoy the convention and the city of Charleston. We will be electing our officers and directors and considering changes to the bylaws. Come take part in the decision making process and enjoy the fellowship of new and old friends.

Because you do so much for so many we are always looking for ways to make your membership more valuable. We have just completed an arrangement with Gallagher Affinity to provide a number of valuable discounts and services for you. Please visit Ruritan.org and go to the member resources page for an updated list of our offerings.

As always our staff wishes you the best in the upcoming year and hope that you and yours have a blessed holiday season.



New Clubs for 2017

| New Club | District | Sponsoring Club | DRM* |
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| 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 st Century | 5 | Lyn-Dan Heights | O.H. Bobbitt III |
| Random act of Kindness Ruri-Teen | 10 | Jefferson | Larry Cassell |

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