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Message From 2018 National President Guy Cox



Keep Sharing and Caring

As our time draws nigh to the end of this our year, Linda and I want to express our joy of having the opportunity to serve as your President and First Lady for 2018. As we have visited the many clubs and districts this year celebrating your club achievements and an-

iversaries, we have seen and heard first-hand the many different projects that you have as fundraisers to benefit the needs of your communities. They have been successful, resulting in scholarships you awarded to well-deserving students, some through the assistance of the Foundation as well as scholarships being awarded to students by individual Ruritan clubs. You have also shown what Ruritan stands for by doing projects such as wheelchair ramps, planting flowers in the town square, donating money toward individuals who have lost their homes by fire, contributing toward someone with cancer and other medical bills, etc. You **share** because you **care** for others.

First Lady Linda has been very pleased with the response to her "Homeless Student Project." The need for your continued support is great and very much appreciated. Do not forget to call Chris Pugh at the National Office to inform her about the number of hours and funds that your club dedicated toward this project. Linda wants to report on these numbers at the National Convention.

We all know that growth is one of the main concerns every year. Ruritan clubs take in thousands of new members every year but do not retain those

new members. When you bring them in, put them to work in your clubs by assigning and giving them something of importance to do. Assign someone within the club to mentor those individuals. Let them be the "Welcoming Committee" for anyone who is visiting the club. We even have some clubs that have a waiting list of members that they will not install in their club because they have what they consider "enough members at this time". Why not start a new club in that area with these waiting potential club members? Most clubs would love to have those potential members.

There are a number of bylaws issues on the ballot for this convention. It is your responsibility as a delegate to familiarize yourself with the issues and make an informed decision that best serves your club and members. The bylaws changes are listed on pages 7-9.

There are several items that we have asked members to bring to the National Convention. The Rudy Bears are always donated to the ambulance and rescue squads, fire departments, and police officers. I am also asking members to bring the toiletry items from their hotels and motels where they have stayed to be donated to the homeless veterans in the Hampton area. This is another way we can support our veterans.

Until we see you at the National Convention, please have a good last quarter of your Ruritan year and continue to care for those around you. May God bless and keep you and your Ruritan club through another successful year and for many years to come. Keep on **sharing and caring** for those in need around you.

New Clubs

<u>New Club</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>DRM</u>
Elkton Middle School Ruri-Teen	9	McGaheysville	Becky Lane
Roaring Round Hill Ruri-Teens	3	Round Hill	Pearl Underwood
Church Hill	22	Telford	Jonathan Lafollette Jim Lafollette

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Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley



Don't Miss the Convention in Hampton!

We are so thankful for all your hard work in communities this past year. As we approach the holiday season let's continue to do what we do best by remembering those who are not as fortunate as we are. That's easy for Ruritan. It is an extension of what we do all year long.

We are preparing for our annual convention in Hampton, Virginia. I have said it many times and I'll say it again, our conventions are like a big family reunion. Come see all your old friends and make some new ones while we take care of important Ruritan business. We have great entertainment and speakers. There are important bylaws changes and of course we will elect our new leaders. Our convention is sure to motivate, entertain, and inform you. You can find information on our convention activities throughout this issue of Ruritan.

I was fortunate to come to work for Ruritan in August 1980. It is amazing how fast 38 years can go by. I have gained so much from my experiences working for the best community service club in America. I will hold our program of service up to any other program in the industry. We have a dedicated group of volunteers that give tirelessly of themselves to make sure that the local community is served.

I was also fortunate to sign a five-year contract with the board just a couple of years ago. However, time does what it always will and passes quickly. I currently have only 27 months left on this contract. In this issue you will find an advertisement for the

position of Deputy Executive Director. I hope to hire and work with an individual for the next two years or so and create a good candidate for my replacement. One of the things we say all the time is that one of our most important responsibilities is to find and train a potential replacement for ourselves. That is what I hope to do. It is part of a wise move by the board of directors to focus on succession planning with regard to staff. If you are interested in this position please understand it would require you to relocate to the Dublin, Virginia area. It is also not a guarantee that you will be the successor Executive Director, but could be a solid candidate.

In my remarks to the convention delegates every year I always say "any year that there are Ruritan clubs and members serving communities, it is a good year". That is true again this year. If you have read my previous articles you will know that while there are still a significant number of clubs and members serving local communities that there are not as many as there used to be. That continues to be a problem. Early statistical information reveals that this year's membership and club losses are similar to every year in the past 15 or 20 years. Unfortunately we will lose over 800 members net this year ending September 30. An 800 member loss is bad enough when taken alone, when combined with years of similar losses it is exponential. We have to keep our eye on the ball with regard to recruiting new members and building new clubs. It is the most critical issue facing Ruritan. If you need our assistance in any way please ask. We are ready and willing to help your club grow or to help you form a new club.

Hampton Convention Mini Schedule

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Board of Directors Meeting (1 p.m.)
Sgt-at-Arms Meeting (8 p.m.)

Thursday, January 17, 2019

2019 Governors Training (8:45 a.m.)
Sharing is Caring Dinner (5 p.m.)
Opening Ceremony (6:30 p.m.)

**Dinner and Opening ceremony will be in different ballrooms

Friday, January 18, 2019

Business Session with
Veterans Speaker (9 a.m.)
First Lady Linda's Lunch (12 p.m.)

Friday, January 18, 2019

****Please note that delegate certification closes at noon (12 p.m.) on Friday****

Voting (2-5 p.m.) (Note: those with special physical needs and/or handicaps vote first.)
Workshops (3-5 p.m.)
Foundation Live Auction (7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Business Sessions with awards (9 a.m.)
Workshops (2-4 p.m.)
Installation Banquet (6 p.m.)

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Church Service (7:30 a.m.)

Deputy Executive Director Position

Ruritan National is seeking an individual to fill the Deputy Executive Director position at the Ruritan National Office in Dublin, Virginia. This position is full time and would require the applicant to relocate to the Dublin, Virginia area. The Deputy Executive Director will report directly to the Executive Director and will be a **candidate** for the Executive Director position when the Executive Director retires. Job duties may include:

Assist the Executive Director in Supervising Staff and Staff Functions:

- Membership
- Accounting
- Publications
- Convention Planning
- Foundation
- General Office
- Personnel – Employment decisions/compliance

Assist the Executive Director with Board of Director Activities:

- Agenda preparation
- Committees as assigned
- Logistics for Board of Directors meetings
- Budget preparation and analysis
- Execution of board policy

Assist the Executive Director in Organizational Activities:

- Service to clubs and members of Ruritan National
- Maintenance of tax exempt status
- Maintenance of trade marks
- Convention Site Selection
- Contract Negotiations
- Physical Plant maintenance and upgrades
- Information Systems
- Risk Management



An individual with diverse management experience including significant work in the non-profit area either as an employee or volunteer is preferred. Resumes must be received by May 15, 2019. Planned start date October 1, 2019.

Please send resume and salary requirements to:

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Candidates for National Office

As of November 1, Ruritan National had the following candidates for national office. They are: **President Elect** - Linward Hedgspeth; **National Director** - Carroll Lowe. Only candidates declaring between July 1 and November 1 are featured in this issue. They are: **National Secretary** - James Mills; **National Director** - Cleve Wright.



National Secretary

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CLUB: Charter member of the County Line Ruritan Club (2003). Member of Hiram Ruritan Club, Hiram GA from 1992-2002; Charter member of the Paulding Ruritan Club in 2002 and Over the past 26 years, I have served in every office at the club level. I am currently the president of my local club.

DISTRICT: Served as Zone Governor three times for a total of 5 years, between 1996 and the present, in my home Zone (3) of the GA / North AL District (24); Served the Georgia / North Alabama District (24) as Leadership Development Coordinator 7 years; District Secretary 3 years; District Lt. Governor in 1998 and District Governor in 1999; District Ruritan of the Year in 2007; currently serve as the Assigned National Representative since 2013.

NATIONAL: Attended 22 National Conventions and served on the Sgt-at-Arms Committee, as a workshop presenter, in the Flag Ceremony, and served on the Convention Planning Committee in 2010. In 2011, served as the President's Aide Convention; Elected National Director in 2002, and had assignments as District Director to my home district, as well as the Alabama-Florida and Cherokee Districts and the Central Florida Area. I was Chair of the National Leadership Development Committee in 2004. I have served as National Secretary since 2013 and I am a Ruritan Forever!

EDUCATION: Smiths Station High School, Smiths AL (1979); Phillips College, Columbus, GA (1982) with an AA Degree in Data Processing.

OCCUPATION: I have been employed at Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA since 1988, (30 Years) in various leadership roles ranging from Regional Service Supervisor, National Service Manager, Operations Department Manager and Procurement Department Manager (current role).

OTHER: I am married to Vicky for 38 years and we have two sons, James III (wife, Jamie and grandsons, Jasper and Hudson), and Richard. We enjoy boating, fishing and camping. I served for 10 years as the CFO for our church, Cross Walk Chapel (a non-denominational Christian Church) in Hiram, GA.



National Director

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CLUB: James City Ruritan Club (February 1987 - 31 years Perfect Attendance), President, (1991, 2006, 2007, 2013, 2017, & 2018). Treasurer for "Many Years".

DISTRICT: Chesapeake District Governor, (2005, 2014, & 2018). Zone Governor and other cabinet positions for over 25 years.

NATIONAL: Ruritan National Foundation (President - 2012). Co-Chair, Sergeant at Arms Committee (2014 & 2019). National Convention Flag Ceremony, (2005 & 2006). Attended National Conventions regularly since 2000. Summer Leadership Conference (2005, 2014, & Program Presenter - 2018). Association of Virginia Ruritans (AVR), President, (2016)

EDUCATION: University of Virginia, BS - Commerce (Accounting), 1983.

OCCUPATION: Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, Va. (1984 - Current), Treasury, Internal Audit, Financial Reporting, Budgeting, and Program Cost Control.

OTHER: Olive Branch, Christian Church (member since childhood), Chickahominy Masonic Lodge #286 (Raised June 1991, Master 1996, DDGM 2000), American Red Cross, Blood Drive Coordinator (since 1995 - over 100 blood drives), Peninsula Baseball Umpires Association (member/umpire since 2006, Secretary since 2009), Married to Michelle (34 years), son Jeremy & daughter Ashley.

Biographies are printed as submitted by candidates.

Ballot Issues for 2019 National Convention

Delegates to the 2019 Ruritan National Convention will have two National Bylaws amendments to consider on the ballot in Hampton. As required, both of these items were passed by the National Board of Directors before coming before the delegates.

Bylaws Issue #1

NATIONAL BYLAWS, Article VII - Meetings, Section 1 – Conventions, Paragraph B – Voting Body currently reads:

B. Voting Body. The voting body of the Ruritan National Convention shall be composed of the following Ruritan members in attendance, who are certified delegates, and have paid the appropriate registration fee:

1. Members of the BOD
2. Foundation Trustees
3. All Past National Presidents (who are active members)
4. District Governors
5. Immediate Past District Governors
6. Club Delegates
- a. Each adult member club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, provided that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any Ruritan National Convention.
- b. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote upon any question or at any election upon the floor of the Ruritan National Convention. In the absence of any club delegate from the floor, an alternate delegate from the club of the absent delegate shall be entitled to vote.
7. Ruri-Teen and College Delegates. Ruri-Teen and College clubs representation shall be limited to two (2) delegates.

MOTION: Move that the voting body of the Ruritan National Convention shall be all active Ruritan, Ruri-Teen and College Club members in attendance.

NATIONAL BY-LAWS, Article VII - Meetings, Section 1 – Conventions, Paragraph B – Recommended Change:

B. Voting Body. The voting body of the Ruritan National Convention shall be all active Ruritan, Ruri-Teen and College Club members in attendance.
(the list 1 – 7 is deleted)

REASON FOR THE MOTION:

- To complete the process of eliminating block voting.
- To enhance attendance to the National Convention.
- To encourage more members to become leaders.
- To increase enthusiasm and grow Ruritan through new members and new clubs.
- To lessening the need to increase dues.
- To reduce the need to cut the number of board members.
- To reduce the need to cut staff at the national office.
- To eliminate the effort to establish and control district seating at the convention.
- All of this would come at a very minimum of expense to implement.
- If passed in conjunction with a similar change to the voting delegates to the district conventions, make voting the same from the club and zone level to the district and National levels.

Ballot Issues for 2019 National Convention

Bylaws Issue #2

Ruritan National Bylaws, Article IV - Divisions, Section 2 – Districts, Paragraph D – Convention, Item 2, 3 and 4 concerning Delegates currently read:

2. Adult Clubs. Each adult club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate to the district convention for each 10 club members or major fraction thereof; provided, however, that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any convention. In the absence of any club delegate from the floor of the district convention, the alternate delegate from the club of the absent delegate shall be entitled to vote.
3. Delegates at Large. The voting members of the cabinet shall be delegates at large to the district convention and shall be entitled to participate and vote therein.
4. Delegates - Ruri-Teen and College Clubs. Ruri-Teen and college clubs will be entitled to two (2) delegates each to a district convention.

MOTION: Move to allow every active member of Adult, Ruri-Teen and College Clubs within a district, who attend a district convention, to vote in the elections and on any business conducted at the district convention.

Ruritan National Bylaws, Article IV - Divisions, Section 2 – Districts, Paragraph D –Convention, Recommended Change:

2. Adult, Ruri-Teen and College Clubs. Each active member of clubs within the district, attending the district convention, shall be entitled to vote.
3. Delegate at Large. The assigned national representative, if not a member of a club within the district, will be allowed to vote as a delegate at large.

If approved, the same change would be applied to the District Bylaws.

REASON FOR THE MOTION:

- To align voting at the district convention with that of clubs and zone meetings, where every member in attendance is a voting member.
- To increase attendance at the district convention.
- To give every active member a say in what happens at a district convention, including voting on elected cabinet officers.
- To increase enthusiasm in the clubs which could lead to an increase in membership and to chartering more clubs within the district.
- To increase the number of people allowed to vote and encourage a larger more diverse group of people to compete for the elected positions.

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.

Ballot Issues for 2019 National Convention

Bylaws Issue #3

ARTICLE V Officers Section 1. Elected Officers. Currently reads: The elected officers of Ruritan National shall be a president-elect, a secretary, a treasurer, and twenty-one national directors. Once elected the officers must remain active members of Ruritan National. Section 3. Term of Office Paragraph E. National Directors. 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.

MOTION: Move to amend the national bylaws to add "Up to" before "Twenty-one" at the beginning of the first sentence. in ARTICLE V Officers Section 1. Elected Officers, and to amend the national bylaws to add "up to" before "twenty-one" at the beginning of the first sentence and add "up to" before "seven" in the second sentence of Section 3 Term of Office Paragraph E. National Directors.

(a) After the change, Section 1. Elected Officers will read: The elected officers of Ruritan National shall be a president-elect, a secretary, a treasurer, and up to twenty-one national directors. Once elected the officers must remain active members of Ruritan National.

(b) After the change, Section 3. Term of Office Paragraph E. National Directors will read: Up to twenty-one directors will be elected for a three (3) year term. Up to 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.

RATIONALE: to allow for the election of fewer than seven directors in a given year.

Items of Interest

Past National Director Wayne Murphy Passes

Past National Director Wayne Murphy, 76, passed away in October. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sandy, as well as sons, Keith Todd (Kendra) Murphy and John Kent (Crystal) Murphy; grandchildren, John Paul Murphy and Sara Ann Murphy; great grandchild, Brooklynn Murphy; sister-in-law, Linda Murphy; niece, Beth Pembroke; and nephew, Dale Murphy. A lifelong farmer, Wayne was also a former mail carrier, a retired bus driver for Scott County Public Schools and most recently was an associate with Johnson's Funeral Home. In addition to serving as a National Director he was active in his local club and in the Bluegrass District. Funeral services were held on October 26 with burial in the Masonic Cemetery.

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. 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.



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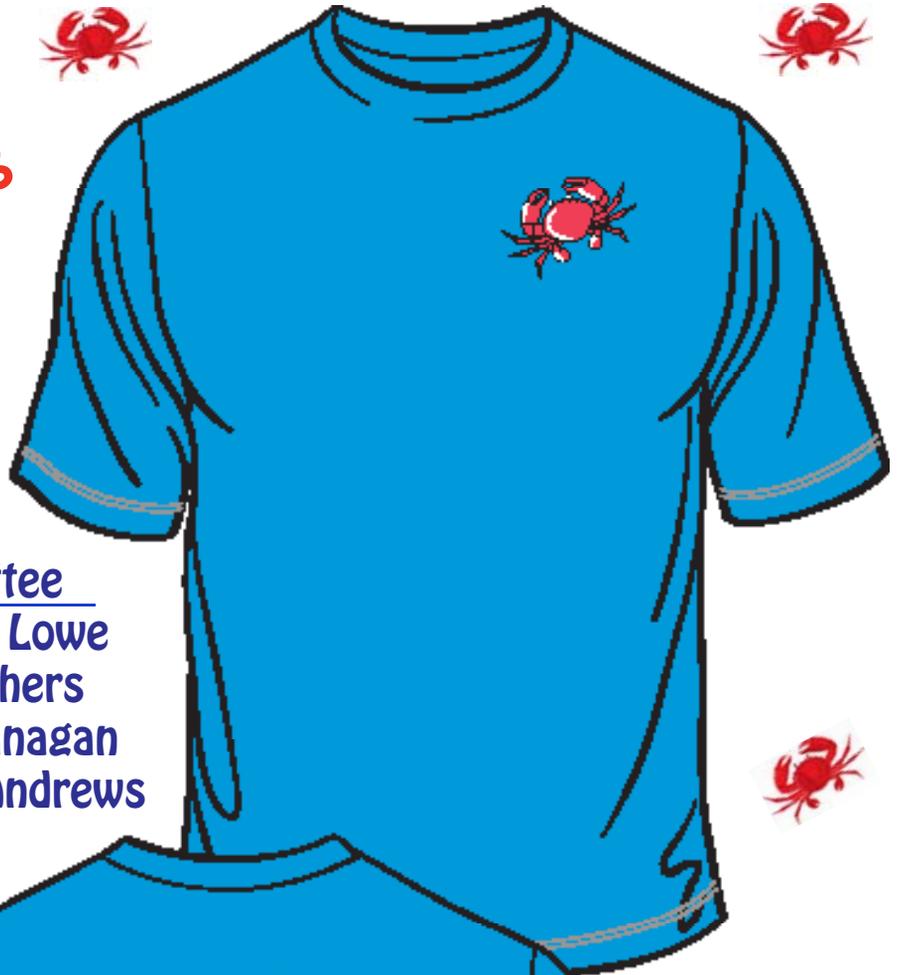
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Message From 2018 Foundation President Jayson Duncan

See Us In Hampton!



Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you for your past and future support of your Foundation. As my five-year term comes to an end, I have seen a lot of improvements on how the Ruritan Foundation operates and how we communicate. We have worked hard to make

the operations of the Foundation as transparent as possible. I hope, after a year of Foundation Blast, you better understand our programs and how they help your clubs. There is still work to do, and programs to be added, but all that the Foundation tries to do is in the best interest of the clubs and its members. As you have ideas, extra money, or just suggestions, please feel free to share these with our Trustees, your District Foundation chair, or the National office staff. We do listen and will act on suggestions.

Our National Convention in Hampton, Virginia, will be the last part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration and your last opportunity to donate for a 50th Anniversary Pin. Be sure to bring donations, money, and enthusiasm on Friday at the silent auction and Friday night at our live auction. This will be the best entertainment in town that night.

For those that did not have the opportunity to come to the Foundation Weekend in Greensboro, I have included pictures of the fellowship that is always had at Ruritan events. Remember to support your Foundation through Permanent Funds, Tom Downing Fellow Awards, Build Your Dollar, Operation We Care, Birthday Club, and other opportunities you are given. Thanks again, for all you do in the name of Ruritan to make your community, your state and our country a better place to live and raise a family because in Ruritan, "We Care, We Share, and We Work. We are Ruritan!"

Ruritan National Foundation

2018 Board of Trustees

President: Jayson Duncan

Vice President: Corky Camin

Secretary: Graham Bryant

Treasurer: Brent Wheeler

Promotion Chair: O.H. Bobbitt III





Driver Sponsors Scouts

Driver Ruritan Club presented two camperships to Cub Scout Pack 89 and to Boy Scout Troop 16. Cubmaster Jeff Ward and Cub Scout Committee Chair Brent Haden accepted the check from Driver Ruritan Club President Bill Wulfkuhle. Senior Patrol Leader Alex Gregg and Boy Scout Troop Committee Chair John MacDonald also accepted the check from Wulfkuhle.



Great Bridge Holds Pancake Breakfast

Great Bridge Ruritan Club has held pancake breakfasts from April through October. Monies raised are used for the club's scholarship fund. Pictured (l-r) are members Joe Fitzpatrick and Alton

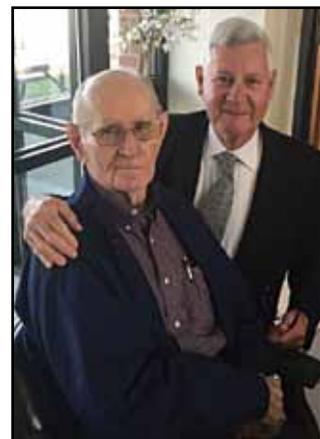


Brinkley with National Director and **Creeds** Ruritan Club member Robin Davenport, who regularly supports the club's pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Greenville County Honors Arnold Vincent



Greenville County Ruritan Club member Arnold Vincent was presented a plaque and name badge for 61 years of service to the club. Vincent along with his daughter Cindy Holloman attended the Holland District Zone 3 meeting held at the **Sappony** Ruritan Club. Vincent reminded club members that the clubhouse had a dirt floor when he joined. Pictured is National Director Linward Hedgspeth presenting the plaque and badge to Arnold Vincent. Pictured in the back (l-r) are 1978 National President Bobby Wrenn,



Holland District Governor Phillip Bradshaw, and Lt. Governor Jim Simpson.

2008 National President Wayne Outlaw is shown on the right with Arnold Vincent as he was celebrating his 87th birthday in October.

Holland Presents Donations

Holland Ruritan Club President Joe Simmons is shown presenting donations to Lakeland High School Future Farmers of America Ronald Daughtrey, Suffolk Meals on Wheels Roseland Worrell, and Hunters for the Hungry J.C. Gaitley.



Cypress Ruritan Club built a wheelchair ramp. Pictured (l-r) are Joh St. Joh, Bobby Brinkley, Roy Rowell, Roger William, Denny Smith, John Sharrett, Mary Steger, Larry Felton, and Barry Bratton.

Holy Neck Holds Barbeque Chicken Fundraiser



Holy Neck Ruritan Club held a barbeque chicken fundraiser. Over \$2,000 was raised which will help support various community organizations located in Suffolk, VA. The club provided lunch at the Suffolk Salvation Army. Over 60 adults and children were served during this annual event.

Hunterdale Celebrates its 70th Anniversary



Hunterdale Ruritan Club celebrated its 70th anniversary with a banquet at the Cypress Cove Country Club. Hunterdale Club President Edwards Gurganus received a certificate to commemorate the clubs seven decades of public service. Pictured left (l-r) are Zone Governor Mose Wyche, Edward Gurganus, Holland District Governor Philip Bradshaw, and National Director Linward Hedgspeth.

Waverly Honors Bill Lane

Waverly Ruritan Club honored its longest serving active member Bill Lane, with a 50-year membership



name tag from Ruritan National as well as a plaque of recognition from the club. Pictured is Waverly Club Vice President Kenny Bell presenting the items to Lane. The club sponsored a church softball league this year. Teams were Waverly Christian, Antioch Baptist/Sharon Methodist, Prince George Faith Baptist, and Empowerment Temple. At its annual family night, two \$1,500 scholarships were presented. Pictured is Waverly Club President Ronnie Nicholson presenting a scholarship to Jessica Corl.



Wayne Griffin Receives Farmer of the Year Award

Smithfield Ruritan Club member Julie Hopkins



presented Wayne Griffin with the 2018 Farmer of the Year Award. Also present were Alan Williams and Regan Lynn.

Wallaceton Holds Flea Market



Wallaceton Ruritan Club held a flea market and chicken and barbeque supper. Holland District Secretary Martha Byrum and Carrsville Club member Kate-land Bradshaw enjoyed visiting and sampling the food.

News From Ruritan: Holland District continued

South Norfolk Presents President's Golden Key Award



South Norfolk Ruritan Club President Rusty Barath (pictured top right), Steven Painter II, and South Norfolk Past Club President Doug Allen received a President's Golden Key. Allen also received a five-member bar. Pictured top left (l-r) are Gary Burdette, Painter, and Allen. South Norfolk Club Vice President Rich Wethington presented Shawn Huntley (bottom right) with his Golden Key Award.



The Curtis Newsome Bluegrass band performed at the Zuni Ruritan Club's Ladies Night dinner.



News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

York Presents Gift Cards

York Ruritan Club President Sewell Rowley presented 50 ten dollar Walmart gift cards to York County Foundation for Public Education President Carrie Dayton and York County Coordinator of Enrollment and Attendance Kimberly Snow. The cards will be given to the homeless students in York County.



King William Celebrates its 80th Anniversary



King William Ruritan

Club celebrated its 80th anniversary. Chartered on September 12, 1938, the club has donated thousands of man hours and given well over \$450,000 back to the community in the form of scholarships, donations to fire and rescue organizations, veterans, and ramps for the elderly and handicap. King William County Board of Supervisors Chairman Hodges presented the club a resolution on having 80 years of dedicated service to the community. The club honored members B. W. White, Jr., Erwin "Tootsie" Campbell, Robert "Bob" Stevens, Jr., and A. D. "Drew" Pollard, Jr. who have over 50 years of service. National President Guy Cox was on hand as well as Congressman Rob Wittman, State Delegate Chris Peace, and Chesapeake Lt. Governor Rose Taylor.



Gloucester Holds Flag Retirement Ceremony



Gloucester Ruritan Club's Citizenship and Patriotism Committee Chair Paul Bauer conducted a flag retirement ceremony at the club's annual picnic at Beaver Dam Park. Gloucester Club President Tom

Swankler inspected the flags and found one in good condition and not suitable for retirement. He presented it to Girl Scout Troop 180.



Girl Scout Troop 130, troop 180, and troop 1055 assisted in retiring 20 flags. Pictured in the front are Sutton Earwood and Azriel Owens. Pictured in the

center are Molly Steiger, Nykee Edwards, Alexis Stevens, and Arizona Phelps. Pictured in the back row are Haley Roberts, Lillian Steiger, Girl Scout Troop 180 Leader Cindy Williams, Girl Scout Troop 1055 Leader Sarah White, and Maya Jones.

David Bauer checks the temperature of the oil for cooking hushpuppies for the club's annual Fish Fry held at the American Legion Building. Cooks (l-r) are Gloucester Club Fish Fry Co-Chair Janet Leigh, Lou Serio, Bob Beyea, and Harry Thomas.

Abingdon Supports Relay For Life



Abingdon Ruritan Club's Speedy Diesel Mechanics Relay for Life team recently had a fundraising event at the Stagecoach Markets and Antique Village in Gloucester. Club members, family, and friends gathered and donated items to sell at the Market and took turns manning the tables. All proceeds went to the Relay for Life team. The event was planned and coordinated by Relay for Life Team Chair Barbara Priest. Pictured in the front is Lynn Onesty. Pictured on the first row are Denise Dick, Janet Kyle, and Barbara Priest. Pictured in the back

are Bruce and Janet Parmiter, Roger Dick, Sid and Ann Dugas, Dave Onesty. Also helping but not pictured were Jimmy and Sandra Leiffer, Walter Priest, Dianne and Rollin Woolley, David Kyle, and Dan Zaruba. The club's Social Development Committee Chairs Mike Ekdahl and Mitch Dunston recently completed a project for the Habitat for Humanity's ReStore. Members Mike Davis, Mike Ekdahl, Allen Scales, and David Kyle built storage racks for storing bed headboards and footboards.



Warwick Donates to Camp Rudolph



Warwick Ruritan Club presents a \$700 donation to Camp Rudolph. Camp Rudolph exists to make disciples through encounters with God in his creation through the study of God's Word, fellowship with believers, and recreation in a wooded setting.

President Steve Laurent installs new member Danny Riggs.



Marshall Rebuilds Club Building



Members from **Marshall** Ruritan Club prepared for its open house on September 29th. Officers from the Rappahannock District helped with the event. It took a little over two years for the club to rebuild after snow collapsed the roof and destroyed the majority of the building. Jan Sickle stated, "Members from the Marshall Ruritan Club have worked hard to rebuild their club as well as their membership." The Open House brought in five new members for the club. Members of the community expressed excitement in having the club up and running again. One of the members from the Marshall Business and Residents Association said, "The community relies on the use of the building for various community events throughout the year. The Ruritan club is a place for organizations and businesses to come together to support the community."

Cedarville District Works Food Booth

Cedarville District Ruritan Club serve food at the Warren County Fair. Members take shifts during the long week preparing and serving food. The fair is held the second week in August and members spend several weeks prior to the event cleaning and obtaining supplies for the event. Mack McComas has the longest standing attendance record for any member of the club.

He remembers working beside Andy Guess grilling hot dogs and hamburgers long before there were any other food vendors. "Of course, the fair has changed over the years, everything eventually does, but our mission has not," said McComas. Pictured (l-r) are Charlie Goddard, Thomas Megeath, John Clatterbuck, and Maurice Bowen.



Shawnee Owns Food Trailer



Shawnee Ruritan Club transports its famous food trailer throughout the area in hopes of raising money for the community. "It is a lot of work hauling and setting up the trailer to these events but we are raising money," said Shawnee Club President Chase Malone. Bobbie Dick said, "I can't remember the club without the trailer. It has always been a part of our club. Driving down the road it is hard to miss the bright white trailer and those big yellow Ruritan signs."

Shawquon Makes 54 Cases of Apple Butter



Sterling Donates Hurricane Relief Supplies

Sterling Ruritan Club and Troop 966 collected relief supplies for Hurricane Florence victims. The items were delivered to the hard-hit areas of North Carolina.



Sumerduck Holds Bluegrass Festival



Darlene Constant gives the thumbs up at **Sumerduck** Ruritan's 4th Annual Bluegrass Festival that was held on Saturday, October 27th. The event was open to the public and provided food, live music, and fun. Club members take

pride in sponsoring the Bluegrass Festival as well as their many other community activities such as a Veterans Luncheon, Senior Citizen Bingo, Lunch Box program, and the September 11 Remembrance Ceremony.



Clarke County Honors P.T. McIntire

Clarke County Ruritan Club honored P.T. McIntire for 65 years of membership in the club.



Ruritan National Sends Every New Member a New Member Packet

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 Ruritan Forever brochure, a Member Handbook, a certificate, Ruritan National Bylaws, Office Staff Directory, summary of Community Service Committees, Invitation to Membership, and a New Member Card.

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Start Planning for the 2019 Ruritan Youth Camp

As we approach the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019 keep in mind the future of our organization, the youth. If you have youth in your clubs, communities, or families consider sending them to the Ruritan Youth Camp. This is a great opportunity to have the youth in our organization meet youth from other areas in Ruritan and learn about the fundamentals of Ruritan. At camp we teach the importance of Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service. The camp will be held at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center. More information will be available soon. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Amanda at the Ruritan National Office.

Central Chesterfield Installs Two New Members



Central Chesterfield Ruritan Club Vice President Josh 'Leaner' Adams installed two new members. Sandy 'Pickleball' Hall and Sherrie 'Boot Scooting' Francisco. Both members were recruited by



Central Chesterfield Club Secretary Diane 'Spike' Reid. The

club invited a ventriloquist John Byrd as the entertainment during a club meeting. Club member Rick Davis volunteered to be the dummy.

Cartersville Donates to Fire Department



Cartersville Ruritan Club presented \$1,500 to the Cartersville Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (l-r) are Cartersville Club President Fred Shumaker, Fire Department Blake Martin, and Tom Perry.

Downing Presents Over \$20,000 to Hunters for the Hungry

Bruce Butler, Chair of the 2018 Hunters for the Hungry Golf Tournament sponsored by the Downing Ruritan Club, presented a

check for \$20,544.89 to Hunters for the Hungry representative Laura Newell-Furniss. The club began hosting the benefit golf tournament in 2000 and has now raised over \$300,000.00 for Hunters for the Hungry. The 2018 golf tournament was held in memory of 1997 National President Braxton Bell.



Clarksville Donates \$10,000 to Fire Department



Clarksville Ruritan Club Treasurer Wanda Duncan presents a \$10,000 check to the Clarksville Volunteer Fire Department. Thrift Shop workers Brandon Moyer, Bill LaRose, and Vicki Garrett pack a truck to send items to hurricane victims.



Chris Garrison volunteers during the club's blood drive. Christel Lombardino, Betty Wiles, Wendy LaRose, and Dianne Johnson "Treat on the Street" to make Halloween a safe and fun experience.



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News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Waidsboro Holds Community Day



Waidsboro Ruritan Club held a community day with live music, dance, and a meal. The club thanked over 150 in attendance for their support throughout the year.



Madison Heights Honors Seniors



Madison Heights Ruritan Club invited senior citizens to a club luncheon. Over 60 were in attendance. Each attendee received a special gift.



News From Ruritan: Southwest Virginia District

Atkins Upgrades Sign

Atkins Ruritan Club members Jerry Umbarger and Patricia Daugherty upgraded the landscaping and installed a new sign for the club.



Club President Lester Owens presented a plaque to new Business Associate member Melvin Thweatts of Thweatt's Hardware.



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News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District



Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area Donates to D-Day Memorial

Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area Ruritan Club has continued to raise money for the National D-Day Memorial. The funds have been raised by placing a small “arch” bank in the Roanoker restaurant. Over the past eight years the money (mostly coins) have amounted to \$2,440. Pictured are Past National Director and Bonsack/Blue Ridge Club member Lou Rader, a representative from the Roanoker, and National D-Day Memorial President April Cheek-Messier.

Nelson Hall Recognized for 61 Year Membership

In 61 years of active membership in the **Effinger** Ruritan Club, Nelson Hall has witnessed, and presided over, a wide spectrum of hard work, good times, and big changes.

Hall joined the Effinger Ruritans in 1957, when the club was just ten years old and he was 26. Married to his wife Gatha for three years by that time, Hall joked, he “had to have a safe haven,” referring to the service club whose membership in those days was restricted to men only.

But Hall, a Rockbridge native, said Gatha understood his humor and supported his choice. “She always took part by pitching in with projects and hosting meetings cheerfully over the decades,” he recalled.

Much has changed since those days. “You used to have to wear ties and sportcoats to meetings or you were misdressed if you didn’t,” he recalled. In time, and after much debate, the club chose to extend membership to women. “I’ve enjoyed having the ladies in the club. They bring a lot of energy, and lots of fun,” Hall said. After receiving recognition as a 61-year member, Nelson Hall (center) is flanked by Effinger Club President Gary Hayes and Vice President Jimmy Glenn. To mark the occasion, Hayes presented a custom pin to Hall at the club’s annual August picnic at Lake Robertson. (Photo courtesy of Ellen Arthur)



News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District



North River Celebrates 80th Anniversary

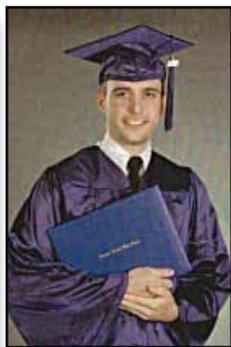
National Director Dennis Bagnell presented a plaque to **North River** Ruritan Club Officers in recognition of 80 years of community service during the club’s celebration dinner. Pictured (l-r) are Celebration Committee Bill Simmons, Vice President and Celebration Com-



mittee Chair Sue Ann Sheets, Club Secretary Jim Grove, Club Treasurer Susie Johnson, Club President Bill Ware, and National Director Dennis Bagnell. The club held its Annual Family Picnic. Bill Blair, W. D. “Hoot” Gibson, Charles Harlow, Roger Harlow, Charles Horn, Mike Meffert, Ernest “Bo” Reeves, Richard Reeves, Gary Shull, Jerry White, Mack Wilson, Dick Yates, Berlin Zirk, and 40 more veterans were honored. This year the program was provided by speaker, Kelly Nordhausen, owner and trainer of Elite Canines, service dogs for veterans and others in need. Boy Scout Troop 8 led the group in a salute to the American Flag and American Legion Post 27 honored those who have gone before and others not able to attend the evening with a 21-Gun Salute. Approximately 120 guest enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Betty Sheffer.



Sangerville Towers Presents Scholarships



Sangerville Towers Ruritan Club presented \$1,000 memorial scholarships to Lauren Fifer and Alex Garber. Lauren attends Blue Ridge Community College and will transfer to Virginia Tech. Club member Roy Derrow presented her the award in memory of her uncle Carson Fifer. Alex attends Christopher Newport University. His award was in memory of his great grandfather Herman Wing.

Jollivue Barterbrook Honors Kenneth LaPorte



Jollivue-Barterbrook Ruritan Club's Charter member Kenneth LaPorte was presented a resolution for his 64 years of dedicated service to the club.

Magazine Deadlines

- Spring - February 1, 2019
- Summer - May 1, 2019
- Fall - August 1, 2019
- Winter - November 1, 2019



Hamburg Installs Three New Members



Hamburg Ruritan Club installed three new members. Pictured (l-r) are new members Dottie Farley and Karl and Pat Rosenbaum. The club delivered a box of Rudy Bears to the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department.



The club delivered a box of Rudy Bears to the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department. Pictured is Sgt. Chris James, Hamburg Ruritan Club President Danny Lindamood, and Captain Wes Dellinger.



Rockingham Luncheon Ruritan Club traveled to Frazier's Quarry for an educational tour.



Fulks Run Ruritan Club expanded their 60-year lawn party tradition in 2018 to include a new feature that proved to be very popular. Tethered balloon rides that gave a 360 degree view of the Ruritan Park were provided.

Bridgewater Presents Awards

Bridgewater Ruritan Club presented Ron Williams with the Glen and Nancy Thomas Ruritan of the Year Award. Pictured with Ron are Glen Thomas (left) and Bridgewater Membership Committee Co-Chair John Harsh (right). In addition to his 36 years of active service to the club, Ron is serving as Vice-Chairman of the Rockingham County Fair Association. Club members receiving anniversary pins in October were John Leigh Miller who was honored for 60 years of Ruritan service. Over \$10,000 in contributions have been given to the community this year. The vast majority of funds raised were through the club's Fry Shack at the Rockingham County Fair.



Broadway-Timberville Works Food Booth

Broadway-Timberville Ruritan Club members worked their food booth during the Rockingham County Fair. The booth features favorites such as catfish, pork tenderloin, shrimp, and potato springs. Proceeds from the booth go toward funding community projects.



McGaheysville Flips Funnel Cakes

McGaheysville Ruritan Club joined camp staff, counselors, and firefighters at the 30th Annual Mid Atlantic Children's Burn Camp at Camp Brethren Woods, in Keezletown, VA. This week long camp is for kid's (age 5-17) that have suffered severe burn injuries. The club made a \$1,000 donation for a sponsorship.

During the week of the fair club members "flipped and fried up" their famous Funnel Cakes and oreos. For the week, the club nets over \$20,000. This year local leaders of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and **Churchville** Ruritan Club assisted. Each group was recognized and presented a donation for their help.



Fort Valley Staying Active

Fort Valley Ruritan Club activities included building a handicap ramp; operating a concession stand during Shenandoah County Fair; hosting a benefit breakfast for injured club member; purchasing school supplies; attending the Zone 4 convention; hosting guest speakers for monthly meetings; welcoming nine new members:



Stacey Klebold, Alex Selby, Pat McCullough, Ernie Walters, Brian Green, Adam Stout, Shawn Klebold, Ann Hogshead, Scott Dingwall, Kyle and Geraldine Schilling.

News From Ruritan: Potomac District



Churchville Steams Crabs

Each year the **Churchville** Ruritan Club invites local supporters of their club for a traditional Maryland steam crab/pork BBQ feed. Representatives from the community's local churches, fire companies, Lions Club, and Rotary Club came together and enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship. Over 125 supporters and friends came together. Ruritan National President Elect Larry Cassell, National Director Dennis Bagnell, Potomac District Governor Steve Kidwell, and repre-

sentatives from **South River** Ruritan Club were honored to be part of this special evening.

Lewistown Presents Scholarships

Lewistown Ruritan Club presented eight scholarships during the annual picnic. The funds for these scholarships were derived from the proceeds of the Lewistown Ruritan Annual Golf Tournament. Also, the popular Lewistown Ruritan chicken BBQs, held once a month on Sunday from May through October 7, provides financial support to local community services such as Lewistown Fire Department, Lewistown Elementary School PTA, Thurmont Food Bank, Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Club, Frederick 4-H Camp Center, Catoclin High School Safe and Sane Program, Catoclin High School FFA Alumni, and the Lewistown Methodist Church. Pictured are scholarship recipients Lindsey Stanley, Hood College; Matt Gartrell, Mt. Saint Mary's University; Meghan Jenkins, Salisbury University; Allison Rippeon, Shippensburg University; Allison Howard, Anne Arundel Community College; and Luke Staley, Hood College. Recipients not pictured are Ali Wright, West Virginia University, and Karah McNamara, Frederick Community College.



News From Ruritan: Albemarle District



Forestburg Invites Businesses

Forestburg Ruritan Club invited local businesses to a club meeting to learn more about their community involvement. Each of the eight businesses was given an opportunity to bring brochures, business cards, or other material and then given a few minutes to speak. Pictured (l-r) are Forestburg Club President Sherie Cartwright, Trueblood Family Hair Care Robyn Trueblood, Fennell Honey Company Suzy Fennell, White Hat See Farm Burt Eure, Camp Cale Matt Thomas, and Pro-Am Transmissions Mickey Phelps.



Perry Eure Receives Ruritan of the Year

Hall Ruritan Club's Vice President Steve Tinkham presented the club's Ruritan of the Year award to Perry Eure (left).



Rocky Hock Ruritan Club presented toiletry kits to Dr. Linda White of the Edenton Chowan Public School System as part of First Lady Linda Cox' Homeless Student Project.

Bynum Celebrates 60th Anniversary



Bynum Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th anniversary. National Director Linward Hedgspeth and Rocky Mt. Durham Lt. Governor Jeff Neese were in attendance. Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck presented Club President Jerry Felinczak with a proclamation making Sep-

tember 11, Bynum Ruritan Day. Pictured (l-r) are National Director Linward Hedgspeth, Club President Jerry Felinczak, and Pittsboro Town Manager Bryan Gruesbeck. Pictured (l-r) in the back are Shannon Stubbs, Martha Collins, Mandy Boone, Jerry Felinczak, Robert Elmore, Virgil Johnson, and Joe Barr. In the front (l-r) are Karen Webster, Shelby Hatcher, Neal Elmore, Judy Felinczak, and Larry Webster.



Redwood Builds Ramp

Redwood Ruritan Club installed a handicap ramp for a beloved member, Edna Rice. Unfortunately, Rice only was able to use it a few times before her passing. Upon



her passing, club members disassembled the ramp and installed it for another elderly lady in the community. The club donated 142 quarts of Brunswick stew to help feed eastern NC citizens following two major back-to-back hurricanes. Club member Harold Rigsbee is shown delivering stew to Craven County Relief Center.

West Mount Honors Gold Joyner



West Mount Ruritan Club's Vice President Buck Pittman honors Gold Joyner with a 60 years perfect attendance award.

Come Visit the Ruritan National Office

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News From Ruritan: Greenville-Goldsboro District



New Hope Celebrates 70th Anniversary

New Hope Ruritan Club celebrates its 70th anniversary with Charter Member Winston Best and Zone Governor Curtis Rogers. Best continues to attend meetings, service projects, and lends his wisdom to the club. His smile and dry humor are a blessing to all. The club presented a \$300 donation to the NC State Troopers Association Caisson Unit, which is housed in Wayne County, NC. The caisson unit is one of only three units in the United States that honors the men and women whom have lost their lives in the line of duty.



Pinetown Presents Scholarships

Pinetown Ruritan Club President Myra Strickland presented four \$500 scholarships. Recipients were Cameron Cahoon, Cameron Howell, Joannes Van Essendelft, and Marjorie Griekspoor.

Wheat Swamp Donates Rudy Bears

Wheat Swamp Ruritan Club member Harold Jones presents Rudy Bears to UNC Lenoir Health Care. Pictured is Director of Volunteer Services Ann Durusky accepting the bears.



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News From Ruritan: Spartan District

Duncan Holds Barbeque and Bake Sale



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Middle Tyger Works for its Community



Middle Tyger Ruritan Club member Ronnie Knight makes wood crosses. The crosses vary in size and design but mainly small enough to hold. These are referred to as “Holding or Comfort” Crosses and given to hospital and nursing home patients, hospice patients, and anyone who desires one. Ronnie is providing crosses to Amedisys Hospice Patients in Knoxville, TN where his daughter works. Club members have also given crosses to first responders, state troopers, and active military personnel. Ronnie estimates he has made and distributed over 6,000 crosses.



The club has adopted a new project whereby ladies paint cartoon characters and images on canvas bags. These bags are then filled with goodies such as puzzles, small toys, coloring books and crayons, pencils, notepads, other kid-related items, and a puzzle or word game book for parents. These bags are then given to the emergency rooms at two local hospitals to be given to children who are hospitalized due to some traumatic situation with them or a family member. Christine Free (not pictured) came up with the idea and it has since spread to two local churches who also participate. This group is affectionately known as “The Bag Ladies.”



The club sponsored a Hunter/Pace Event at Scotsgrove Farms in September. Pictured are Middle Tyger Club member Leslie Scott with members of the Scotsgrove Riding Stables. This year’s Hunter/Pace consisted of 71 riders on 37 teams and included both the Field Hunter Division and the Trail Rider Division. The club raised approximately \$3,000 for the one-day event in support of a local children’s home in the area. Scott is owner of Scotsgrove Riding Stables.

Pelion Participates in “Sole Stepping”

Pelion Ruritan Club donated items to the local PetsInc shelter. The shelter housed over 80 animals during hurricane Florence. The club participated in the annual Trunk or Treat. This event has hundreds of children who participate. Donations were given to the “Sole Stepping” project. This project was started by a local church several years ago. The money raised is used to purchase new shoes and socks for every student in the elementary school. Gift bags were distributed to the Lexington Extended Care residents. New Pelion Club Officers are Club President Kay Collings, Vice President Melissa Behles, Secretary Jean Haggard, and Treasurer Steve Neese.



National President Guy and First Lady Linda Work Fair



Maxwelton Ruritan Club had the honor to host National President Guy and First Lady Linda Cox during the West Virginia State Fair. The club operates an ice cream concession stand. Ice cream cones, milk shakes, and drinks are sold. President Guy enjoyed dipping ice cream while First Lady Linda took orders at the window. The local television news station interviewed President Guy and club members for the evening news. Although it rained on the second day, everyone enjoyed their time at the stand.

Gap Mills Runs for Veterans

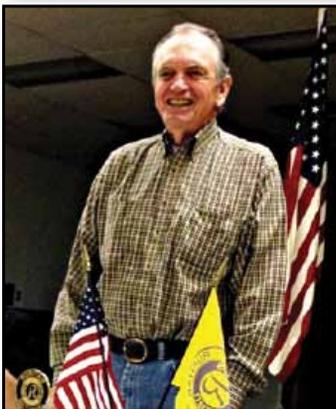
Gap Mills Ruritan Club held a 5K Run/Walk for the Monroe County Veterans Association. A great time was had by all. Proceeds will benefit the local veterans in the area. Pictured (l-r) are Monroe County Veterans President Hank Fisher and Gap Mills Ruritan Club President Roy Jon Petruz.



Williamsburg Cleans Cemetery



Williamsburg Ruritan Club along with Fire Chief Rick Winfrey spent a day in the heat resetting the marker stones in St. Mary Cemetery and Williamsburg Cemetery. Pictured (l-r) are Bill Zumpfe, Gregory Hurd, Rick Winfrey, Jason Hedrick, Ray Phillips, and Jack Workman. Not pictured and manning the gravel truck was Elmer "Jr" Hedrick. The club honored Jack Goodman as its 2018 Community Champion. Jack was born in the Williamsburg community and then, as a lot of young



men, left home to find his way in the world. After 50 years, he and his wife Barbara came back to serve the community of his youth. Being a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather of three, and great-grandfather of 2, he has worn a lot of hats over his years. Jack worked in the oil/petrochemical field in DC and Georgia and now brings his talents to help the club. Among the many contributions to the town, he has helped with grant writing, getting new playground equipment, working with others to reset and clean up the local cemeteries, and working with the club for the roadside clean-up. He helps with the monthly shooting matches, annual Easter egg hunt, community fair, annual pork loin dinner, and community Christmas party. He is also

an active member in Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church.



Choateville Cooks Burgers for County Fair



Choateville Ruritan Club participated at the motorsport arena at the Franklin County Fair by cooking burgers, hot dogs, and funnel cakes. Pictured is Choateville Vice President Matt Harrod cooking hamburgers assisted by 2017 Bluegrass District Governor Bryan Franklin. The club held a free back to school bash. Families could choose clothing for children and adults. Bags of school supplies were given out as well. Approximately 200 children received school supplies. Over 70 families were assisted.

St. Clair and Volunteer Present Scholarships



St. Clair Ruritan Club President Bob Palmer presented two \$400 scholarships. Recipients were Allison Brewer (left) and Allison Dykes. Brewer is attending Tusculum University and Dykes is attending Walter State Community College.

Volunteer Ruritan Club celebrated Ruritan Awareness Month by having drawings for free fish dinners and desserts. In July, the club presented Taylor LeAnne Carter with a scholarship. She is the granddaughter of long-time Ruritan member Don Carter. Taylor is attending the University of Tennessee and is pursuing a degree in engineering. Also, the club is having a toy drive for the Carters Valley Volunteer Fire Department's Santa Run.



In a Declared Disaster: How to Activate OWC

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The Ruritan National Foundation will review the needs listed on the report as soon as possible.

News From Ruritan: Cherokee District



Jean Pierce Receives \$5,000 Award

Valley View Ruritan Club member Jean Pierce was the recipient of a \$5,000 award from H&R Block for her many hours of service to the community. In-turn, Pierce presented the check to the Valley View Ruritan Club to be used for donations to St. Jude, Special Kids, and Valley View Schools.

News From Ruritan: Hermitage District

Eastview Presents Scholarship

Eastview Ruritan Club President Charles Weeks presents the club's \$600 scholarship to Mary Grace Hunter. Mary is attending Mississippi State.



Join in the celebration of Ruritan Awareness Month in May, 2019! Ruritans across the country will be conducting special projects to serve others and bring awareness in their communities. This is a great way to support recruitment of new members and to let people know what great things your Ruritan club is doing in your community.

News From Ruritan: Alabama-Florida District

Ronnie and Rhonda Brooks Receive Gift



U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers of Alabama recently presented **Bleeker Club** members Ronnie and Rhonda Brooks with the Congressional Proclamation of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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John Feisley Celebrates 100th Birthday



St. Clair Ruritan Club celebrated Charter member John Feisley on his 100th birthday. Pictured in the front (l-r) are Charter members Bruce Henderson and John Feisley. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Past National Director Frank Kinsey, National Director Janet Kinsey, and Ohio Lt. Governor Charles Pierce.



Washington Donates to Pregnancy Center

Washington Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th anniversary. More than 100 members and guests gathered to celebrate the club's success over the past 60 years. 2018 National President Clinton Guy Cox and Ohio District Governor John Biery were in attendance.

The 6th annual Taste of Alliance was held. More than 350 tickets were sold and 18 vendors took part in the two-hour event.

Proceeds went to the Alliance Pregnancy Center and the Washington Township 4-H Clubs. Freda Hathaway, Richard Royer, and Washington Club President Anne Freshly presented a check to the Alliance Pregnancy Center for \$5,700.

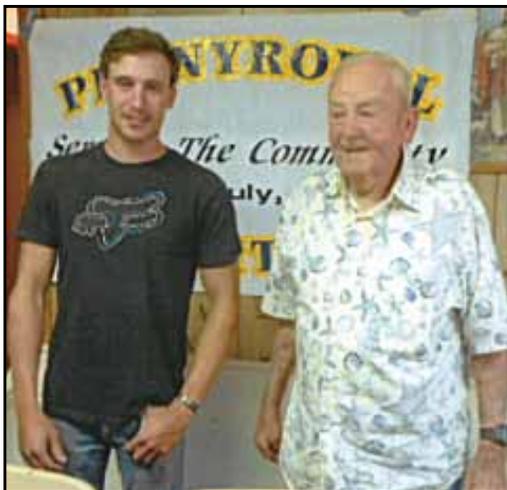
The local Washington Township 4-H Clubs received \$690 for wristbands for the upcoming Stark County Fair. Pictured are Richard Royer, Larry Wilson, Alliance Pregnancy Board Chair Freda Hathaway, Washington Club President Anne Freshly, and Executive Director of the Alliance Pregnancy Center Emily Trevino.

National Trail Builds Ramp



National Trail Ruritan Club members George Reynolds, Marcia Reynolds, Charlotte Harmon, John Sprouce, and Rick Morrison built a handicap ramp for Don Harmon. Harmon will now be able to go to his garage.

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Pennyroyal Honors Veterans

Pennyroyal Ruritan Club held a free Veterans Breakfast. Pictured (l-r) is the youngest veteran CPL Glenn Groh USMC and

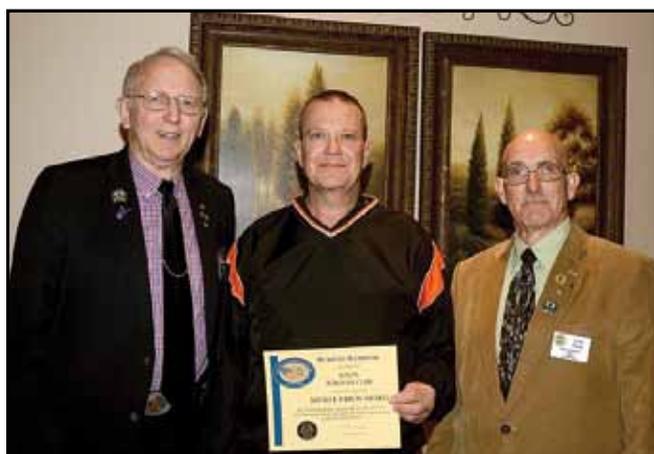


the oldest Navy Veteran Kenny Keylor. Lindsay Gray and Hayleigh Kline received the club's scholarships.

Ohio District Holds Spring Banquet

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The Alliance Review

Area Ruritan club members took part in the annual Ohio District Spring Banquet on April 21 at the Amish Door Restaurant in Wilmont. Banquet Chairperson Patricia Fallot from the **Washington** Club welcomed the members and guests, who included 2018 National President Clinton Guy Cox and National Director Janet Kinsey. Recognition of members of Ohio District Cabinet was made by 2018 Ohio District Governor John Biery from the **Goshen Center** Club. "It's really a pleasure to have all you folks here," Biery said as he recognized the dignitaries in attendance. He talked about the importance of Ruritans and their mission, stating, "Our world truly needs us now." Biery introduced Cox, the fifth national president from West Virginia. He talked about the upcoming national convention set for Jan. 17-20 in Hampton, Va. His project is to help homeless veterans and he asked those who plan to attend to bring personal-size soap and shampoo to donate for the cause. "As blue-blooded Ruritans, we need to grow; asking still works," said Cox, referring to growing club membership. He told the group about a contest for those who bring in new members, a chance to win a "Ruritan Forever" lifetime membership, along with other prizes. Cox talked about the importance of Ruritan and encouraged members to continue to grow and help others. **Knox** Ruritan Club was represented by past president Jim Ramsey and current president Zane Ziegler, along with treasurer Mel Albrecht and two other members and guests. Ramsey accepted the Blue Ribbon Award on behalf of the club, which will celebrate its 43rd anniversary during the year Biery's wife, Barbara, created the table decorations of yellow roses, ferns and baby's breath in glass vases. Rich Burdon, also from the Washington Club, gave the invocation followed by the singing of "America."



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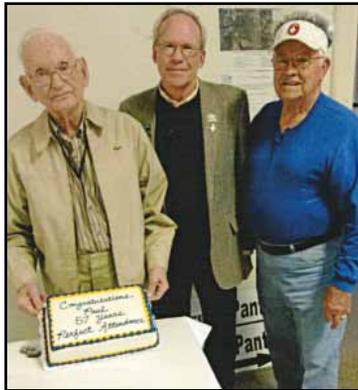
News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District

Chesterfield Installs New Member

Johnny Puett (center) is the newest member of the **Chesterfield** Ruritan Club. Club member Larry Throneburg and Western North Carolina District Governor Leslie Gentry were the recruiters.



Glen Alpine Honors Paul Powell



Glen Alpine Ruritan Club honored Paul Powell for having 57 years of perfect attendance. Club President Graham Anderson and Western NC District Governor Gary Barger presenting him with a cake and pin. The club sold raffle tickets for a John Deere riding mower to raise funds for scholarships. Four \$350 scholarships were presented. Recipients (l-r) are Railey Pitts, Aaron Pitts, and Emily Toothman. Not pictured is Justin Browning.



Ray Vance Serves as Grand Marshal



Navy Veteran and Ruritan Forever Ray Vance served as Grand Marshal of **Collettsville** Ruritan Club's Independence Day Parade. The club presented five \$500 scholarships during its family picnic. Pictured (l-r) are third-year recipient Dalton Vance, first-year Shelby Watson, and second-year Isaac Webb. Not pictured are fourth-year recipient Loryn Rader and third-year Adam Jones.



News From Ruritan: Delmarva-New Jersey District

Pungoteague Presents Scholarships



Pungoteague Ruritan Club presented \$1,000 scholarships each to three students. Recipients were Matt Teasley, University of Virginia; Robert Nottingham, Christopher Newport University; and Courtney Floyd, Virginia Tech. Pictured (l-r) are Pungoteague Scholarship Chair Bill Mapp, Alan Teasley, Matt Teasley, Elizabeth Teasley, Robert Nottingham, Greg Nottingham, LeAnn Nottingham, Courtney Floyd, and Missy Floyd.

Tri-County Donates to Hurricane Victims



Pictured are **Tri-County** Ruritan Club Treasurer Chet Goudy and Club President Fred Meers writing a \$500 donation check to **Northeast**

Ruritan Club of the Cape Fear District. Cape Fear District Governor Cynthia Potter sent pictures of the damage from the hurricane and a list of needed items for the Northeast Club.



Windsors Crossroads Holds Community Day



Windsors Crossroads Ruritan Club held its Annual Community Appreciation Day event to celebrate its 30th anniversary. The club wanted to thank everyone who helped in completing a two year \$40,000 roof project. The 102-year-old building serves as the club meeting place and is available for community activities. Founding members, still active in the club, were recognized and asked to speak. Free hot dogs, ice cream, and music were provided, along with barrel rides for kids of all ages.

V-Point Sponsors Flag Day Program

V-Point Ruritan Club sponsored a Flag Day Program for its community. The guest speaker for the evening was Brigadier General of NC National



Guard James R. Gorham. He assumed duties as Director, Joint Staff, North Carolina Joint Force Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina on 15 January 2009. He also serves as Commander, North Carolina National Guard Joint Task Force and is responsible for joint training and deployment.



Francisco Presents Tom Downing Fellow Award



Paul Portch was recently honored with the Tom Downing Fellow Award in appreciation of his unselfish personal efforts in going above and beyond for his community. The **Francisco** Ruritan Club nominated Paul Portch for his work at the Northern Stokes Food Pantry. Pictured (l-r) are Piedmont Convention Chair Debi Davis, Piedmont District Foundation Chair Bob Beeson, Sean Portch, Grace Portch, Alex Portch, Paul Portch, and Francisco Ruritan Club President Greg Collins.

Germanton Presents Scholarship

Germanton Ruritan Club President Mark Rutledge and Ruritan National Foundation President Jayson Duncan are shown presenting the "Build Your Dollar" scholarship to National Ruri-Teen of the Year Sarah Birkholz.



Dry Fork Makes Pillowcases

Dry Fork Ruritan Club has just completed a new outreach "Pillowcase Project." The idea came from an excellent seamstress who happened to be a club member. The club embraced the idea and provided funds and shopped for material. Members sat down and went to work making 70 colorful pillowcases. The club decided to donate the pillowcases to God's Pit Crew. The mission of God's Pit Crew in Danville, Virginia, is to bring hope and healing to people in times of crises. Pictured (l-r) are God's Pit Crew Randy Johnson, Dry Fork Club members Robert Kearin, Carla Kearin, and Barbara Waller.



Red Bank Installs New Members



Red Bank Ruritan Club President Roger Gammons (right) installed two new members, Randall and Linda Fain.

Irisburg Makes Stew

Irisburg Ruritan Club members cooked 614 quarts of stew. Pictured left (l-r) are club members Rick Joyce, Bobby White, and Dan Joyce. Pictured on the right is Master Cannery expert Ronald David.



Union Presents Scholarships

Union Ruritan Club President Dianne Simmons presented three \$1,000 scholarships. Recipients were Jalen Chism, Yasmine Ferrell, and Molly Slate. Chism is pictured with his mother Yvette Chism. Ferrell is pictured with her mother Melissa Ferrell. Jonci and Chip Slate are pictured receiving the scholarship on behalf of their daughter Molly Slate.



News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District



Lincolnland District Supports Ruritan National Foundation

Mary Peoples, Marilyn Bledsoe, and Sue Case are pictured with Ruritan National Foundation President Jayson Duncan receiving their Tom Downing Fellow Award. Others in the Lincolnland District are pictured receiving the Foundation's 50th anniversary pin.



News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

Davy Crockett Helps Homeless Students

Washington College, Telford, and Limestone Ruritan Clubs joined together and bought clothing for 20 homeless students in the area. 2016 Ruritan National President Calvin Shelton presents Washington College new members Johnathan Devotie and David Wilson, Vice President David O'Brien, and Club President Nancy Hall with National President Guy Cox' pin.



Telford and Washington College Builds Buddy Bench

Telford and Washington College Ruritan Clubs pooled resources to purchase a Buddy Bench with signage for West View Elementary School. The Buddy Bench gives new students, or those who feel alone, the opportunity to make friends. This was one of many projects that both clubs provide to the elementary school that serves both clubs' communities. Pictured (l-r) are Telford Club President Carl Daniels, West View School Assistant Principal Eric Campbell, and Washington College Club President Nancy Hall.



Pictured is Club President Carl Daniels presenting aluminum pull-tabs to Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House representative Karen Bailey. The collected tabs are sold and the money is then used for the everyday expenses of the house.



News From Ruritan: Rapidan District

Cove Garden Holds Community Day



Cove Garden Ruritan Club participated in the 2018 North Garden Community Day. Over 450 local residents attended the event at Cutright Lake, North Garden, Virginia. Although the skies were overcast, the rain seemed to skirt



the actual event. The goal was for North Garden residents to get to know each other while enjoying free food (hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue), fun (door prizes, hayrides, face painting, bouncy house), games (cake walks, bingo, corn hole), and great live music. It was sponsored by the North Garden Area Christian

Community, Inc. (18 churches), Cove Garden Ruritan Club, Inc., the North Garden Fire Company, Inc., and local businesses (50).

Three Chopt Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Three Chopt Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th anniversary. Special guest included National President Guy and First Lady Linda Cox, National Director Susan Greisz and her husband Len, and Rapidan District Governor Perry Marshman. Pictured are Three Chopt Club members with National President Guy and First Lady Linda Cox.



News From Ruritan: Tallcorn District



Joseph N. Morgan Receives 43 Years of Service Plaque

Pekin Ruritan Club President Tim Hadley presented Joseph N. Morgan a plaque for his 43 years of service in the club. The presentation was during halftime of a Pekin football game. He was the club's charter president and had served as president three other times.



To purchase a Tom Downing Fellow Award contact Amanda Ramirez in the Foundation Department.

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Ruritan Forever

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“Ruritan Forever” is a plan for the payment of **national** dues by members who wish to make a long term investment in Ruritan. The “Ruritan Forever” plan allows a member in good standing to pay \$600 and become a life-time participant of the National Organization. Ruritan National will invest these pre-payments in a special managed fund, transferring the dues quarterly to the business office of Ruritan National. Even after the life participant dies, dues will be transferred quarterly to Ruritan National, thus offering a perpetual memorial to the organization on behalf of the deceased Ruritan.

A “Ruritan Forever” endowment may be purchased by a member in good standing or may be purchased for a member in good standing. A Ruritan Forever endowment may be purchased to honor a non-member provided they are brought into a club as an Associate Member at the same time. In this case the Associate Member’s dues would be covered by the \$600 endowment.

The lifetime endowment may also be purchased in

memory of an already deceased Ruritan, ensuring an ongoing contribution to the operation of Ruritan in his or her name. Dues for a living participant must be current through the previous quarter to participate. Ruritan National will administer these prepaid dues in a separate fund with the original amount remaining in perpetuity. Interest on the fund will provide the money paid to Ruritan National for dues.

Upon payment of the fee, the Ruritan will receive a certificate, a lapel pin, and a permanent life participant card. For endowments purchased for a deceased member a special plaque will be provided for the club to present to the deceased member’s family. **National** dues increases will have no effect on participants enrolled in the plan, although the purchase price of \$600 for new enrollees may be adjusted over the years as necessary. There will be no special assessments or charges made to Ruritan Forever participants.

Please detach or photocopy this portion if you would like to participate in this endowment plan to secure the future of Ruritan, in your name or in the name of a fellow Ruritan.

Your Name: _____

Your Club Name: _____

Your Address: _____ Telephone: _____

This application is for: (check one)

Myself Current Member Deceased Ruritan NEW Associate Member

Name of Applicant (If not you): _____

Applicant’s Club: _____

Applicant’s Address: _____

OPTION #1 Credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

OPTION #2 Enclosed please find a check/money order for \$600

OPTION #3 Enclosed please find the 1st \$200 installment of the \$600 Ruritan Forever fee.

I understand the perpetual life endowment will not begin until the entire \$600 has been paid.

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