National Convention
January 9-12, 2020
Kingsport, Tennessee
Ruritan

2020 National Convention

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89th Annual
Ruritan National
Convention
MeadowView Conference
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Convention Center
January 9-12, 2020

Plan now to attend the next
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Covington, KY
January 28-31, 2021
2020 RUNITAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT BECAUSE ANYBODY CAN SERVE.
YOU DON’T HAVE TO HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE TO SERVE.
YOU DON’T HAVE TO MAKE YOUR SUBJECT AND VERB AGREE TO SERVE.
YOU ONLY NEED A HEART FULL OF GRACE AND A SOUL GENERATED BY LOVE.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nelda and I welcome GREAT PEOPLE to the 2020 Ruritan National Convention at this beautiful MeadowView Resort and Conference Center in Kingsport, TN. As we traveled throughout Ruritan Land in 2019, we continually met great people whose hearts were full of grace and whose souls were generated by love.

This convention provides us the opportunity to come together to celebrate our achievements, enjoy the company of GREAT PEOPLE, and learn from one another how to enhance this wonderful community service organization we know as RURITAN. Be sure to take advantage of all activities as outlined in this convention program book. Do not take a chance on missing something that may make a difference for you when returning to your home club.

First Lady Nelda always had a goal to meet at least five new people at each event we attended this past
year. Make this a personal goal at this convention. Reach out your hand and greet someone new. It will enrich your experience at this convention and provide you additional resources to reach out to when trying to grow this organization.

Take a look at the back of a one-dollar bill. Looking at the left-hand circle you will see a Pyramid. The Pyramid is un-capped. Some believe this signifies that our country is not yet finished and the Pyramid represents strength and duration. Hopefully, this pertains to RURITAN. We are not finished. Our organization represents strength that has lasted for 92 years. We are not finished.

Your attendance at this convention reflects your desire to see RURITAN continue to grow. We have the right ingredients…. people with hearts full of grace and souls generated by love. When you return to your homes, take back to your fellow Ruritans the enthusiasm and determination to make a difference.

2019 Ruritan National President and First Lady, Larry and Nelda Cassell
Welcome to Kingsport, TN for our 2020 National Ruritan Convention. Kingsport offers us a wonderful convention center, great hotel, friendly people, and a wide assortment of attractions. We encourage you to make the most of our convention and take time to visit Kingsport attractions.

I extend a very special welcome to those who are attending their first Ruritan National Convention. I look forward to meeting you at the First Timers Convention Attendees Welcome Reception on Thursday. To those of you who have attended our conventions before, I say welcome back.

As you plan your schedule you will find that we have informative workshops and motivating speakers, excellent entertainment, and opportunities to enjoy fellowship as we conduct the business of Ruritan. All of this is possible because of the efforts of our Ruritan staff and the convention committee members listed below. I thank them for their dedication. Our goal is to make this a memorable convention experience to you.

Again, welcome to your 2020 Ruritan National Convention. We are so glad you came!

Phyllis Lewter,
2012 Ruritan National President and 2020 Convention Chair

2020 Convention Program Committee
Phyllis Lewter - 2012 National President Chair
Jerome Rodes - 2010 National President/Co-Chair
Larry Cassell – 2019 National President
Glen Davis – President’s Aide
Michael Chrisley – Executive Director
TUESDAY

Pre-Convention Meeting  
2 p.m.  
MeadowView Ballrooms A & B

Executive Committee Meeting  
7 - 10 p.m.  
Bays Mountain Boardroom

Ruritan Foundation Meeting  
7 - 10 p.m.  
Blue Ridge Boardroom

WEDNESDAY

Board of Directors Meeting  
1 - 4 p.m.  
Yuma Ruritan Club

Candidate Certification Committee Meeting  
5 – 6 p.m.  
All candidates should attend.  
Boone & Cherokee Rooms

Fellowship Time Hosted by the Tennessean District  
6:30 - 8 p.m.  
Bloomingdale Ruritan Club

Workshop Committee Meeting  
8 - 9 p.m.  
Holston & Watauga Rooms

Reception and Fellowship Meeting  
8 - 9 p.m.  
Blue Ridge Boardroom
Sgt-at-Arms/Ambassador Committee Meeting
8 - 9 p.m.
Crockett Amphitheater

Chair Meeting with Thursday Participants
9 - 10 p.m.
Bays Mountain Boardroom

THURSDAY

Individual 2020 District Governors & 2020 Board Members Pictures
7:15 - 7:45 a.m.
Hawkins Room

2019 District Governors Outgoing Board Members Breakfast with the President
7:45 – 8:45 a.m.
MeadowView Ballroom B

Ruritan Information Booth
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Registration and Credentials
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Exhibits
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Candidate Tables
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Grand Ballroom
Silent Auction
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Ruritan Supply
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

2020 District Governors Training
All 2020 Governors must attend
8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.
At 10:45 a.m. District Growth and Development
Chairs should join this training.
Crockett Amphitheater

Youth Room
9 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Scott Room

APNP (Association of Past National Presidents)
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom A

Chair Meeting with Friday Participants
1 - 2 p.m.
Bays Mountain Boardroom

Flag Ceremony Practice
2 - 3 p.m.
Convention Center B

Resolutions Committee Meeting
3- 4 p.m.
Boone & Cherokee Rooms
Bylaws Committee Meeting
3 - 4 p.m.
Holston & Watauga Rooms

First Time Convention Attendees
Welcome Reception
4- 4:30 p.m.
MeadowView Ballrooms B

Resolutions Committee
Open to Receive Delegates
4- 5 p.m.
Boone & Cherokee Rooms

Bylaws Committee
Open to Receive Delegates
4 - 5 p.m.
Holston & Watauga Rooms

Individual Candidates & 2020 District Lt. Governors Pictures
4:30 - 5 :30 p.m.
Hawkins Room

Workshop

Visiting Kingsport/Bellafina Chocolates
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Crockett Amphitheater
Lara Potter and Brenda Barnicki
Learn about the sites and activities in Kingsport and hear about Bellafina Chocolate’s community service project.
Opening and Flag Ceremony
Convention Center B
6:30 p.m.
Presiding: National Director Larry Bowman

Welcome
Larry Bowman
America
Donna Poulton, National Director
Invocation
Patsy Shelton, National Director
Announcements
James Mill, National Secretary
Introduction of Past National Presidents
Jerome Rodes, 2011 National President
Presentation of the National President
Larry Bowman

The president’s escorts tonight are members of the Jefferson, MD Club.

Welcome
Larry Cassell, 2019 National President
Flag Ceremony
Frank Guthrie, 1995 National President and Flag Ceremony Chair
Veterans Speakers
Retired Air Force General Charles Lyon and Mrs. Karen Lyon
Pledge
Stan Turner, National Director
President’s Reception  
Convention Center  
Foyer  
(Immediately following the close of the Opening and Flag Ceremonies)

Caucus Rooms  
9:30 - 11:30 p.m.  
Holston & Watauga, Boone & Cherokee, Sullivan, Hawkins rooms.

**If the District Governor signed up.
Friday

Ruritan Information Booth
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed from 12 - 2 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Registration and Credentials
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed from 12 - 2 p.m.
*Delegate Certification ends at 12:00 p.m.*
Grand Ballroom

Exhibits
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed from 12 - 2 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Silent Auction
8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom
Winning bids can be picked up between 2 - 5 p.m.
The live auction will take place in this room also.

Candidate Tables
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
All tables must be cleared off by 1 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Ruritan Supply
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed from 12 - 2 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Youth Room
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Scott Room
Memorial Service  
Convention Center A  
7:30 a.m.  
Presiding: 2010 National President and 2020 Convention Co-Chair Jerome Rodes

Welcome  
Jerome Rodes  
Invocation  
Patsy Shelton, National Director  
Memorial Torch  
Perry Marshman, Past National Director  
Introduction of National President  
Jerome Rodes  
Memorial Service  
Pastor Lori Hays  
Announcements  
James Mills, National Secretary  
Benediction  
Pastor Doug Hays

(A Breakfast Cart will open at 6:45 a.m. in the lobby outside where the Memorial Service is to be held. If you do not want to purchase a full breakfast in the hotel’s restaurant, this breakfast cart will provide you an opportunity to purchase continental breakfast items and beverages.)
Friday Business Meeting
Convention Center B
9 a.m.
Presiding: Larry Cassell
2019 National President

Welcome
Phyllis Lewter, 2012 National President/2020 Convention Chair

America
Donna Poulton, National Director

Invocation
Patsy Shelton, National Director

Introduction of the National President (stand)
Phyllis Lewter

Adoption of Convention Program
Larry Cassell

Credentials Committee First Report
Carroll Lowe, Chair/National Director

Introduction of Local Dignitary
Larry Cassell

Dignitary Remarks
Honorable Mayor Patrick Shull

Report of the Nominating Committee
Perry Marshman, Chair/Past National Director

Short Speeches by Candidates

Ruritan National Foundation
Corky Camin, 2019 Foundation President

Bylaws Concerns
Bylaws Committee

Presentation of Rudy Youth of the Year
Larry Cassell and Janet Kinsey, Youth Committee Chair

Presentation of Ruri-Teen of the Year
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Presentation of Ruritan of the Year
Larry Cassell

2021 National Convention – Covington, KY
Danny Privott, 2021 Convention Chair
Linward Hedgspeth, 2019 President-Elect
Sue Cline, Northern KY CVB

Announcements/Convention Overview
James Mills/Phyllis Lewter

Recess
Larry Cassell
Welcome
Glen Davis

America
Donna Poulton, National Director

Introduction of DRM’s
Glen Davis

Invocation
Pastor Doug Hays

Meal

Introduction of the Head Table
Glen Davis

Introduction of 2019 National President Larry Cassell
Glen Davis

Remarks
Larry Cassell

Donations
Publicity and Public Relations Committee

Introduction of Speaker
Glen Davis

Speaker
Sam Venable, Author and Columnist

Friday’s Convention Overview
Phyllis Lewter, 2012 National President/2020 Convention Chair

Announcements
James Mills

Pledge of Allegiance

2019 Ruri-Teen of the Year
**Voting**
1 to 4 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom C
Delegates properly credentialed at the Ruritan National Convention will have the option of voting from their hotel room or some other remote site. During the time for voting (Friday, January 10, from 1 p.m. through Friday, January 10, 10 p.m.), each delegate will have to enter a delegate code (assigned at registration) to allow for one voting session per delegate. This should considerably reduce the lines for voting and allow a delegate more freedom for other activities. *Instructions for remote voting will be provided when you are certified.*
The voting room (*MeadowView Ballroom C*) will be open on Friday from 1 – 4 p.m. for those that wish to come and vote in person.

**Ruritan Main Street**
(Featuring Kingsport area merchants and crafters)
2 - 4 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom Foyer
Workshops

In the Know – are required workshops for club officers training! This is a repeat of Friday’s workshop. You only need to attend one time for credit.

Swimming with the Sharks - Risk Management
3 - 3:50 p.m.
MeadowView A
Mike Chrisley
Learn about legal issues as well as important IRS 990 regulations and insurance issues.

In the Know-Club Presidents/ Vice-Presidents
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Boone & Cherokee Rooms
Frank Kinsey
Learn what is required of these officers and ways to make 2020 an exciting year!

In the Know-Club Secretary
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Holston & Watauga Rooms
James Mills
Minutes are important to the club!
Will teach you “what to do,” “when to do,” and “how to do.”

In the Know-Club Treasurer
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Hawkins Room
David Thompson
Learn how to survive and thrive with club monies.
Frightened of Technology-MMS Beginners Class
3 - 3:50 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom B
Chris Pugh
Session will focus on the basics of MMS.

Get on Board as Future Candidates
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Sullivan Room
Cassandra Flanagan
Getting on the train with what is expected of an individual running for Ruritan National Office.

Growth is the Key (Session One)
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Crockett Amphitheater
Calvin Shelton
Come and learn key ideas on growing your club.
Growth is the Key  
(Continuation of Session One)  
4 - 4:50 p.m.  
Crockett Amphitheater  
Calvin Shelton  
Come and learn key ideas on growing your club.

Continuous Selling Your Club through Club Marketing  
4 - 4:50 p.m.  
Holston & Watauga  
Bill Robbins  
Use club marketing to power your club to success!

Getting a Handle on Ruritan Finances  
4 - 4:50 p.m.  
MeadowView Ballroom A  
Mike Chrisley  
Executive Director Mike Chrisley will elaborate on 2019 financial picture.

The ABC’s and 1,2,3’s of Youth  
4 - 4:50 p.m.  
Hawkins Room  
Janet Kinsey, Ed Hicks, and Mike Wright  
Come and learn the basics needed for a successful youth program.

In the Know-Zone Governors  
4 - 4:50 p.m.  
Sullivan Room  
Jayson Duncan  
Come learn to be a critical link between local clubs and your district as well as the national organization.
Adoption Awareness Program
4 - 4:50 p.m.
Boone & Cherokee Rooms
Shannon Sheppard, DePaul Community Resources
A personal experience about adoption opportunities.

Growth Experience
4 - 4:50 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom B
Charlie Bowman
Successful growth experiences through personal eyes!

Chair Meeting with Saturday Participants
4 - 5 p.m.
Bays Mountain Boardroom

Foundation Live Auction
6:30 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Ruritan Square/Giant Tail Gate Party
(Food, Fellowship, and Fun)
8 - 10 p.m.
Cattails Ballrooms
SATURDAY

Registration and Credentials
8 - 10 a.m.
Convention Center Foyer

Ruritan Information Booth
8. - 10 a.m.
Convention Center Foyer

Youth Room
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Scott Room

NOTES:
First Lady’s Breakfast  
Convention Center A  
7 a.m.  
Presiding: 2013/2014 National President  
Elliott and First Lady Sandra Hogge  

Welcome  
President Elliott and First Lady Sandra Hogge  

Presentation of First Lady (stand)  
Sandra and Elliott  

**The First Lady’s escorts are Laura Atkinson (daughter) and Emily Mass (daughter).**  

Recognition of Former First Spouses  
Linda Burton, 2015 First Lady  

Invocation  
Lori Hays, Pastor at Lexington Park Methodist Church  

Meal  

Recognition of the Head Table  
Sandra and Elliott  

Introduction of First Lady Nelda Cassell  
Laura Atkinson and Emily Mass  

Remarks  
Nelda Cassell  

Introduction of Guest Speaker  
Sandra and Elliott  

Guest Speaker  
Shannon Shepherd  

Introduction of Entertainment  
Larry Cassell, 2019 National President  

Entertainment  
Jamie Fox  

Announcements  
James Mills, National Secretary  

Pledge of Allegiance  
AJ and Zak Atkinson, Brooks and Bodie Mass
Saturday Business Meeting
Convention Center B
9:30 a.m.
Presiding: Larry Cassell
2019 National President

Welcome
Larry Cassell, 2019 National President

Credentials Committee Second Report
Carroll Lowe, Chair

Introduction of the National Board
Larry Cassell

Recognition: Members with over 50 years
Recognition: Ruritan Forever Participants
Recognition: Golden Key Recipients
Recognition: Outgoing Board and Committees

Membership Awards
District Growth Awards
Communication Awards
Other Awards
Recognition: Gold Community Service Clubs

Ruritan National Foundation
Corky Camin, Foundation President and
Brent Wheeler, Foundation Vice President

Treasurer’s Report
David Thompson, National Treasurer

Secretary’s Report
James Mills, National Secretary

Executive Director’s Report
Michael Chrisley, Executive Director

Resolutions Committee
Chuck Harp, Chair

Bylaws Committee Report
Jonathan Lafollette, Chair

Wanted Contest Drawing
Growth, Development, and Member Retention
a) 1 free registration and 2 nights stay for Covington, KY, 2021
b) 1 free registration

c) 1 free flat screen TV

**Youth Committee Raffle**
Janet Kinsey, Ed Hicks, and Mike Wright

**Teller’s Report and Election Results**
Carroll Lowe, Chair

**Declaration of Elected Officials**
Larry Cassell

**New Business**
Announcements/Convention Overview
James Mills/Phyllis Lewter

**Pledge**
2019 Ruritan of the Year

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**Workshops**

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Boone & Cherokee Rooms
Frank Kinsey
Learn what is required of these officers and ways to make 2020 an exciting year!

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Holston & Watauga Rooms
James Mills
Minutes are important to the club! Will teach you “what to do,” “when to do,” and “how to do.”
In the Know-Club Treasurer
2 - 2:50 p.m.
Hawkins Room
David Thompson
Learn how to survive and thrive with club monies.

Spread the Word about Ruritan!
2 - 2:50 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom A
Cassandra Flanagan and Ken Paugh
Focus on the core principles with ideas of how to publicize the Ruritan mission!

Add Spice to Your Ruritan Meetings and Events
2 - 2:50 p.m.
Crockett Amphitheater
Larry Bowman
Do you look forward to Ruritan meetings and events with excitement or only due to sense of duty? No bylaw says our meetings and events need to be boring!! Join us at this workshop and let’s share ideas on how we can make Ruritan fun and exciting for all.

Maximizing the MMS at the Highest Level!
2 - 2:50 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom B
Carroll Lowe
Session will focus on the advanced features of MMS. You must know how to navigate the MMS system. Please bring your own laptop for this session.
**Ruritan Awards**
2 - 2:50 p.m.
Sullivan Room
Danny Phillips, Tim Spitler, and Roy Wallen
Come and learn the **awards** Ruritan offers to your club and to the district.

**Member Responsibility**
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Boone & Cherokee Rooms
George Brothers
You make an **important difference** in your club! Come and learn strategies for doing this.

**Staying Alive with Healthy Living**
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Holston & Watauga Rooms
Anne Wrenn
Healthy living by staying active! Come and learn the methods of **staying active**.

**Exciting Ruritan National Foundation Programs**
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Hawkins
Foundation Trustees
**Learn** about your foundation and the many ways you can participate!

**Creative Ways of Identifying Community Needs**
3 - 3:50 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom B
Stan Turner
A **basic look** at your community to **help** identify the needs of that community.
Motivational Workshop
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Crockett Amphitheater
Wayne Bettis
1993 National President Wayne Bettis will present motivational strategies.

Celebrating Memorial Day
3 - 3:50 p.m.
Sullivan Room
Ken Paugh
Patriotic ways to celebrate this important event!

Revisiting the Organization of Ruritan National
3 - 3:50 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom A
President Larry Cassell and Executive Director Mike Chrisley
Attend this roundtable discussion to share ideas on the future of Ruritan National. Your National Board has begun the process of rethinking how Ruritan will look in the future, but we need your knowledge and expertise as well!
Installation Banquet
Convention Center A
6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
Presiding: Jayson Duncan, 2010 National President and 2018 Foundation President

Welcome
Jayson Duncan

Invocation
Pasty Shelton, National Director

Meal

Presentation of Head Table
Jayson Duncan

Outgoing President Remarks
Larry Cassell

Installation of 2020 Officers
Millard Thacker, 2002 National President

Ruritan National Foundation Remarks
Brent Wheeler, 2020 Foundation President

Installation of 2020 National President
Millard Thacker

2020 National President Address
Linward Hedgspeth

Announcements
James Mills, National Secretary

Pledge to the Flag
Juan Stull, Jefferson MD Ruritan Club

Introduction of Entertainment
Jayson Duncan

Entertainment
Kathy and the Hot Rods
SUNDAY

Ruritan Worship Service
Grand Ballrooms
7:30 a.m.
Doors open at 7:15 a.m.

Prelude Music
Welcome
Hymn (all stand)
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Invocation
Special Music
Meditation
“If Not Us, Who?”
Lesson Scripture
Luke 10:3

Special Music
Hymn (all stand)
“Amazing Grace”
Closing Prayer

Worship Leader
Charles Summers
Pianist
Evelyn Summers
Song Leader
Evelyn Summers
Head Usher
Robert Wrenn, 1978 National President
Responsibilities of a Delegate

As a club delegate, you have the responsibility of representing your club in matters that affect the entire Ruritan organization. Your duties as a delegate include:

1. Declaring your delegate status by registering with the Credentials Committee.

2. Have the duty to attend business meetings.

3. Should become familiar with the National Convention Standing Rules which are published in this program booklet.

4. Vote as you see fit on questions at the convention except as your club may have instructed you with regards to particular matters scheduled for consideration.

5. Upon returning from the convention, present a report to your club concerning what transpired at the convention.

**The Ruritan National business meeting will take place on Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11, 2020. Please see the official business portion of this program booklet. National Officers, National Directors, and a Foundation Trustee will be elected.**
OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

The next 7 pages contain the official agenda of the 2020 Ruritan National Business Meeting and the Standing Rules of the National Convention. Ruritan delegates will approve this portion of the agenda as the first item of business when they convene Friday.

89th ANNUAL CONVENTION
RURITAN NATIONAL
January 10, 2020
Friday Business Meeting
Convention Center B
9:00 a.m.
Presiding: Larry Cassell
2019 National President

Welcome
Phyllis Lewter, 2012 National President/2020 Convention Chair

America
Donna Poulton, National Director

Invocation
Patsy Shelton, National Director

Introduction of the National President
(stand)
Phyllis Lewter

Adoption of Convention Program
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Credentials Committee First Report
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Introduction of Local Dignitary
Larry Cassell

Dignitary Remarks
Honorable Mayor Patrick Shull

Nominating Committee Report
Perry Marshman, Chair/Past National Director
Short Speech By Candidates
Ruritan National Foundation
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Bylaws Concerns
Bylaws Committee

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James Mills/Phyllis Lewter

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Larry Cassell
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Convention Center B
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Larry Cassell

New Business

Announcements/Convention Overview
James Mills/Phyllis Lewter

Pledge
2019 Ruritan of the Year
Rule 1. Delegate Certification:

a) The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the first business meeting, shall report the number of delegates and alternates registered as present with the proper credentials, and shall make a supplementary report after opening exercises at the beginning of each day that business continues.

b) A member registered as an alternate may, upon proper clearance by the Credentials Committee, be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the continuance of business meetings.

Rule 2. Admission to the Floor:

For admission to the assembly hall, members, delegates, and alternates shall be required to wear the appropriate badge issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration in order to facilitate identification and seating.

Rule 3. Debate:

a) Any delegate addressing the chair must identify himself or herself by name, club affiliation, or office held if a Delegate-at-Large.

b) No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, or longer than two minutes, without permission of the convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

Rule 4. Certification:

Each Convention delegate shall be certified only one time. Each certified delegate will be allowed only one (1) vote on all matters before the National Convention.
Rule 5. Conduct of Delegates:
During the business meetings, delegates should, to the extent possible, be seated and keep the aisles clear. All cell phones and/or other types of electronic devices shall either be turned off or placed in a silent mode.

Rule 6. Nominations for Office:
Nominations for each office to be filled by the convention shall be limited to one nomination speech of two minutes each.

Rule 7. Voting:
All voting shall be held in accordance with the Bylaws of Ruritan National. The total number of votes for any office will be the number of votes recorded by the vote counting machine.

Rule 8. National Bylaws Amendments:
\(a\) All proposed amendments to the Ruritan National Bylaws shall be referred to the Convention Bylaws Committee.

\(b\) Any active Ruritan member may present proposed changes to the Bylaws of Ruritan National to the Convention Bylaws Committee. The member shall provide the committee with six (6) copies of each proposed change.

\(c\) At a business session before the official vote, time shall be allowed for discussion of proposed Bylaws changes identified on the ballot.

Rule 9. Convention Resolutions:
\(a\) All proposed Convention Resolutions shall be referred to the Convention Resolutions Committee.

\(b\) Any active Ruritan member may present proposed Convention Resolutions to the Convention Resolutions Committee. The
member shall provide the committee with six (6) copies of each proposed resolution.

c) The Convention Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention, with the Committee’s own recommendation as to appropriate action, these

and all other resolutions referred to the Committee, except questions which by a vote of two-thirds of its members may decide not to report.

d) Courtesy Resolutions need only be summarized and not read in their entirety.

e) The convention delegates, by a majority vote, may suspend this Rule and immediately consider a question, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a question at a certain time, even if the Committee has voted not to report it.

Rule 10. Reports:
All reports and other material for the permanent record shall be in writing, (preferably typed) and, immediately upon presentation, shall be sent to the Secretary.

Rule 11. Announcements:
Notices for announcements to the convention shall be in writing, signed by the person (or proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued and shall be sent to the Secretary.

Rule 12. Solicitations:
There will be no solicitations at the National Convention unless previously approved by the National Board of Directors. Members will not be assessed for any purpose.
Rule 13. Campaigning:
Campaigning by future candidates for Ruritan National Offices (i.e., handing out literature/brochures) will not occur until after election results are announced.

Rule 14. Parliamentary Authority
The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the convention in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of Ruritan National and these standing rules.

END OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING
AGENDA AND STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
General Information

2019 National Convention Official Minutes
The official minutes are included in the 2020 Annual Report. The attachments are available for review at the Ruritan Information Booth at this convention and the Ruritan National Office in Dublin, VA.

**NOTE: All meetings and events will be held in the MeadowView Convention Center unless otherwise specified.**

Ruritan Information Booth
Grand Ballroom
Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed from 12 - 2 p.m.

Credentials and Registration
Grand Ballroom
Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed from 12 - 2 p.m.

Delegate Certification ends at noon on Friday
Voting Friday: 1 - 4 p.m.
MeadowView Ballroom C

Exhibits
Grand Ballroom
Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed from 12 - 2 p.m.
Candidate Tables
Grand Ballroom
Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
All tables must be cleared off by 1 p.m.

Silent Auction
Grand Ballroom
Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Winning bids can be picked up between 2 - 5 p.m. on Friday.

Ruritan Supply
Grand Ballroom
Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed from 12 - 2 p.m.

Reception and Fellowship
Members of the Reception and Fellowship Committee from the Tennessean District will be in the lobby of the MeadowView Marriott on Thursday and Friday to greet and offer assistance to Ruritans as they arrive.

Security
*In the interest of safety and your security, all activities at this convention will be controlled. Access will be limited to registered convention attendees. Attendees will be required to show their official convention registration name badge at all times. This includes business meetings, exhibits, workshops, and meals. Our convention Sgt-at-Arms/Ambassadors have been instructed to enforce this policy. Please cooperate with them. They are working in your best interest and for your personal safety.*
2020 Convention Memories
Order your zip drive of 2020 Convention candid photos— including award presentation pictures – from the Registration Booth for $16 (includes postage) or contact Ruritan National (toll-free at 877-787-8727) after the convention. Zip drive’s will be shipped in 4-6 weeks.

Cell Phones and Other Devices
Please be courteous to presenters and fellow attendees. Turn off or silence your cell phone and other electronic devices while in educational and plenary sessions.

Announcements
If you need an announcement to be made from the podium during a meeting or meal, please complete the Announcement Form available at the Ruritan Information Booth.

Welcome First Time Convention Attendees
First time attendees at our National Convention will have a GREEN RIBBON printed on their name badge. Please make them feel welcome.

Recognize our Military Veterans
Ruritan military veterans attending this convention will have printed ribbons on their name badges designating their branch of service. Take a minute to thank them for the freedoms we enjoy today. If you are a veteran and you don’t have a ribbon printed on your name badge, you may get one at Registration.

Ruritans with 50 Years or More Service
Ruritans with membership of 50 years or more will have special printed ribbons on their name badge will be recognized at the
Saturday morning business meeting and take their seats in a specially designated section. See a Sgt-at-Arms/ Ambassador for details. If the ribbon was not printed on your name badge, go to registration for a new one.
Other Displays – Don’t Miss These!
Throughout the public areas of the MeadowView Convention Center you will find Communication Award winners, Ruritan History Boards, and Candidate Tables. Be sure and visit all of these important displays.

Smoking Policy
MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center are non-smoking facilities; smoking is not permitted inside of the hotel or convention center and smoking is not permitted within twenty feet of the entrances and exits of the hotel. If someone smokes inside of a guest room, there is a minimum of a $250 cleaning fee.

2020 Workshops
Educational workshops will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons.

NOTES:
2019 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee
2019 Ruritan President
Larry Cassell – Jefferson, MD

President Elect
Linward Hedgspeth – Rougemont, NC

National Secretary
James M. Mills, Jr. – Kennesaw, GA

National Treasurer
David Thompson – Dinwiddie, VA

2018 Ruritan President
Clinton Guy Cox – Kingwood, WV

Executive Director, Advisor
Michael Chrisley – Dublin, VA

Third Year Directors
George Brothers – Durham, NC
Robin Davenport – Virginia Beach, VA
Janet Kinsey – St. Clairsville, OH
Jonathan Lafollette – Jonesborough, TN
Danny Phillips – Spartanburg, SC
Marty Sewell – Richmond, KY
Stanley Turner – Windsor, VA

Second Year Directors
Dennis Bagnell – Clear Brook, VA
Larry Bowman – Lewisburg, WV
Lynn Fillers – Newport, TN
Cassandra Flanagan – Delray, WV
Ed Hicks – Lovingston, VA
Donna Poulton – Belton, SC
Timothy Spitler – Hertford, NC
First Year Directors
David Hartgrove – Gate City, VA
Carroll Lowe – Millers Creek, NC
Ken Paugh – Keyser, WV
Patsy Shelton – Greeneville, TN
Roy Wallen – Lenoir City, TN
Cleve Wright – Williamsburg, VA
Mike Wright – Robertsville, OH

2019 FOUNDATION TRUSTEES
Corky Camin, President
Brent Wheeler, Vice President
Graham Bryant, Secretary
O.H. Bobbitt, III, Treasurer
Phillip Bradshaw, Promotion Chair

2020 CONVENTION COMMITTEES
Convention Program Committee
Phyllis Lewter - 2012 National President - Chair
Jerome Rodes - 2010 National President - Co-Chair
Larry Cassell – 2019 National President
Glen Davis – President’s Aide
Michael Chrisley – Executive Director

Registration and Credentials
Carroll Lowe, National Director/Chair
Sandra Lowe, Co-Chair
George and Tina Brothers
Robin Davenport
Janet and Frank Kinsey
Jonathan Lafollette
Danny and Marcia Phillips
Marty Sewell
Stan and Robin Turner
Flag Ceremony
Frank Guthrie, 1995 National President/Chair
Wally Hudson, Past National Director
Chris Pugh, Past New River District Secretary

Presidential Appointments
Carrying the Maryland Flag
Sue Germeny, 2019 Keedysville Club President
Carrying the American Flag
Linward Hedgspeth, 2019 National President Elect
Carrying the Ruritan Flag
Donald Worrell, 2009 National President
Torch Bearer
Perry Marshman, Past National Director

Sergeant-at-Arms/Ambassadors
Cleve Wright, National Director/Chair
Mike Kirsch, Past National Director/Co-Chair
2019 District Governors
2020 District Governors

President’s Escorts
Opening Ceremony:
Jefferson MD Ruritan Club

Reception and Fellowship
Tom Page, Past District Governor/Chair
Tennessean District

Nomination Committee
Perry Marshman, Past National Director/Chair
Calvin Shelton, 2016 National President
John Lovell, Past Potomac Governor
**Convention Workshop**
Robin Davenport, National Director/Chair  
Larry Bowman, National Director  
Sarah Kelly, Past National Director  
Linward Hedgspeth, 2019 President Elect/Ex-Officio

**Resolutions**
Chuck Harp, Past Jefferson MD Club Treasurer/Chair  
Mary Lou Shepherd, 2019 Abingdon Club President  
James Zehr, Past National Director

**Bylaws**
Jonathan Lafollette, National Director/Chair  
Dennis Bagnell, National Director  
Carroll Lowe, National Director  
Linward Hedgspeth 2019 President Elect/Ex-Officio

**Parliamentarian**
TBD

**Organist/Pianist**
Alton Free

**Publicity and Public Relations**
George Brothers, National Director/Chair  
Cassandra Flanagan, National Director  
Ken Paugh, National Director  
Linward Hedgspeth, 2019 President Elect/Ex-Officio

**Advancement Committee Awards**
Danny Phillips, National Director/Chair  
Timothy Spitler, National Director  
Roy Wallen, National Director  
Linward Hedgspeth, 2019 President Elect/Ex-Officio
Special Events Committee
Chuck and Linda Bullock
Bill Lewter
Danny and Marcia Phillips
Pete and Mary Lou Shepherd
Robin and Stan Turner

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Candidates for 2020

National President Elect
Glen Broadwater
10336 Nicklesville Hwy
Nicklesville, VA 24271
Phone: (276) 479-2648
Email: hgbh2o@hotmail.com


DISTRICT: Southwest Virginia Zone 1 Governor (2017-2018); Southwest Virginia District Lt. Governor (2013-2014); Southwest Virginia District Governor (2015).

NATIONAL: National Director (2016-2019); Outstanding Ruritan National Director 2018; Ruritan Forever; Tom Downing recipient; President’s Gold Key recipient; National Convention Flag Ceremony and Sergeant-at-Arms.

EDUCATION: Twin Springs High School, Nicklesville VA; UVA at Wise (formerly Clinch Valley College), major in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, minor in Psychology.

OCCUPATION: Currently farm about 400 acres; Royal Oil Company, Regional Sales Manager; Primerica Financial Services, Vice President; Clinchfield Coal Company, Maintenance Foreman.

OTHER: SW Virginia Community Foundation Co-Chairman; Scott County VA Planning Commission; Abingdon Feeder Cattle Association, DOC Board Director; Scottish Rite 32nd Degree, Blue Lodge Master Mason – Fidelity 173; married to Linda (41 yrs.).
National President Elect
Robin Davenport
6273 Blackwater Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23457
Phone: (757) 374-7961
Email: rdduke@cox.net

CLUB: Member Creeds Ruritan Club (VA) since 1980; Club Vice President (2002-03); Club President (2004-05); also served as Club Secretary and Club Treasurer; all standing committee chairs and scholarship committee member.

DISTRICT: Zone 4 Lt. Governor (1989); Zone Governor (1990); Lt. District Governor (1991); District Governor (1992); District Foundation Chair; Association of Virginia Ruritans Secretary (1993); AVR Vice President (2015-2017); AVR President (2017-2019).

NATIONAL: Ruritan National Director (2018-2020); Non-Board Member Publications Committee (2016-2018); Non-Board Member Constitution and Bylaws Committee; Non-Board Member Nominating Committee (2017); Welcome Committee Chair 2019; Leadership Committee (2018-2019); Flag Ceremony (1993); Sergeant-at-Arms (1992); Ruritan National Foundation Trustee (1995-1998); Foundation President (1999); Attended 25+ National Conventions as a Delegate

EDUCATION: Kellam High School; Virginia Wesleyan University, Elementary Education (K-7) (1974); Old Dominion University, Master of Education with endorsement in School Administration (1978)

OCCUPATION: Forty-two years in Education (20 years as 3rd & 4th Grade Teacher, Woodstock Elementary; 22 years as School Administrator, Bettie F. Williams and Creeds Elementary; Retired 2015; manage Her-Bess Farms Permanent Scholarship and Davenport Family Endowed Scholarship at Virginia Wesleyan University.

OTHER: Member, Cava Christian Church; Past Board Member,

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2020 Commemorative Program
International Alliance for Invitational Education (5 years); Sentara Princess Anne Family and Patient Advisory Board; Board Member of Pungo Strawerry Festival; 1992 Spokesman for Virginia Farm Bureau; Virginia Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom Teaching Award; 1993 Recipient of Burger King’s Teacher Award; 1993 Mary McLeod Bethune Award; 1993 B.J.’s Teaching Award; Woodstock Elementary Teacher of the Year 1985, 1993; 1984 Woodstock’s PTA Distinguished Service Award; 1978 Parents and Teachers Association Lifetime Membership Award; Owner, Her Bess Farms.
National Director
George Brothers
6 Lakemont Circle
Durham, NC  27703
Phone: (919) 596-7860
Email: gbroth4117@aol.com

CLUB: Member, Bethesda (NC) Ruritan Club since 2011;
Served as President 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013; Vice President 2005, 2008, 2010; Secretary 2007, 2015, 2016; 2nd Secretary 2019; Served as Committee Chair for Citizenship and Patriotism; Public Service Committee; Youth Committee Chair; ANCR Representative; Scouts Unit Charter Representative.


EDUCATION: Graduate of Bishop Heelan Catholic High School, Sioux City, Iowa

OCCUPATION: US Navy Chief Fire Controlman, Surface Warfare (22 yrs./retired); currently employed by GRT Electronic Manufacturing, Raleigh, NC, Electronic Technician and Pick & Place assembly line supervisor (retired).

OTHER: Ruritan Forever and Tom Downing Fellow; Eagle Scout; Assistant Scoutmaster; Charter Organization Representative, BSA Troup 402, chartered by Bethesda Ruritan Club. Married to Tina; Son Jason (also a member of Bethesda Ruritan Club); daughter Sarah & son-in-law Kevin; grandsons Wyatt and Shaun..

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2020 Commemorative Program
National Director
Melody D. Davis
1241 Phillips Trail
Virgilina VA 24598
Phone: (434) 222-4026
Email: dmelodyd@hotmail.com

CLUB: Member Aaron’s Creek ruritan Club since 2008; served as Treasurer 2008-present; Ruritan of the Year 2016.

DISTRICT: Dan River District Zone Governor 2016-2017; Youth coordinator 2017-2018; Lt. District Governor 2018; District Governor 2019; Association of VA Ruritans (AVR) Director 2017-present.

NATIONAL: Youth Leadership Conference Chaperone 2016-present; Summer Leadership Conference attendee 2016-present; National Convention attendee 2015-2016; Delegate 2017-present; Sergeant-at-Arms 2017-present; Tom Downing Fellow 2017; Flag Ceremony 2019.

EDUCATION: Longwood college, BA – Computer Science

OCCUPATION: J.E. Burton Construction Co., Inc. – Bookkeeper 2007-present

OTHER: Member of Aaron’s Creek Baptist Church since 1996; Choir member, Sunday School teacher, VBS Director, Ola- Frances WOM Leader, Christmas Play Director, softball player & coach; Dan River Baptist Association Missions & Evangelism Committee 2012-2018, Chairperson 2017-2018; Virgilina Fire Department Auxiliary-Event Volunteer 2013-present; Mission trips 1999-2009 – Henderson Settlement & Red Bird, KY – Franklin, VA – Zimbabwe Africa – New York, NY – Jacksonville, FL – Interlaken, Switzerland – Standing Rock Indian Reservation, ND.

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2020 Commemorative Program
National Director
Steve Kidwell
1500 Rohrersville Road
Knoxville, MD 21758
Phone: (240) 344-0585
Email: eskidwell100@yahoo.com

CLUB: Member of Pleasant Valley Ruritan Club since 2011; served as Club Director (2012-13; 2016-19); Club Vice President (2014); and Club President (2015).

DISTRICT: Potomac District Zone 2 Governor (2014-16); District Lt. Governor (2017); District Governor (2018).

NATIONAL: NA

EDUCATION: High school graduate; one year of college.

OCCUPATION: Member Executive Board of BAC Union Local 18 Kansas; includes pension trustee, health and welfare trustee and contract negotiating committee.

OTHER: Board member of St. Lukes Episcopal Church and delegate to the Maryland Diocese (3 yrs.); President of the Episcopal Western Maryland Region; acolyte.

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National Director
Rebecca Lane
5221 Trevino Drive
McGaheysville VA 22840
Phone: (540) 746-2326
Email: bucateqimax@gmail.com

CLUB: Member of McGaheysville (VA) club since 2014; served as Director, Business and Professions Committee Chair, Trustee, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President; Advisor, Elkton Middle School Ruri-Teen Club; Awarded Distinguished Ruritan Member; Club Ruritan of the Year 2017; Outstanding & Meritorious Service 2018; Outstanding Club Secretary.


NATIONAL: Sergeant-at-Arms 2018; attended two National Conventions; attended Summer Leadership Conference twice.

EDUCATION: Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School; Blue Ridge Community College, Veterinary Technology Associate of Applied Science.

OCCUPATION: Secretary, Ashcraft & Gerel; Secretary/Paralegal/Office Manager, A. Thomas Lane, Jr. PC; Customer Service Associate, Patchwork Plus; Awarded Community Service Award by The Shenandoah Valley Hit 2019.

OTHER: Member of Mountain View Fellowship Church of the Brethren, Outreach Team Chair, Trustee, produce monthly newsletter, organize bi-weekly ladies lunch, member of Worship Team, Hospitality Team and Leadership Team, assist coordinator of Children’s Ministry and Nursery volunteer; Board Member, The Mosby Foundation, newsletter editor, secretary; Volunteer, Brethren Disaster Auction; hobbies include quilting; mother to three wonderful dogs..
National Director
Marty Sewell
2845 Doylesville Road
Richmond KY 40475
Phone: (859) 582-4639
Email: mlsowell1@icloud.com

CLUB: Member of Union City (KY) club since 1988; served as Club President 2005-2006, 2014-2015; Club Vice President 2013.


NATIONAL: National Director 2017-present; Publications Committee Chair 2019.

EDUCATION: Madison Central High School, Richmond KY.

OCCUPATION: Self-employed.

OTHER: Member of the Union City Volunteer Fire Department; Member of the Madison County Relay for Life Committee; Co-President Madison Central Project Graduation; member of the Union City Baptist Church.

Foundation Trustee
None

Biographies were printed as submitted by candidates
National President Elect
Glen Broadwater (VA)  
Robin Davenport (VA)  
Floor Nomination:  
Floor Nomination:  
Write In:  

National Director
George Brothers (NC)  
Melody Davis (VA)  
Steve Kidwell (MD)  
Rebecca Lane (VA)  
Marty Sewell (KY)  
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Foundation Trustee
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Number of Votes Received
### National Convention Statistics

#### Business Session Report

- **Pre-Registered:** _____________
- **Walk-Ins:** _____________
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At Friday's DRM/Fellowship Luncheon, we are in for a treat. Sam Venable, a comedic entertainer, humor columnist, and author will be our speaker. You will enjoy his interactive, humorous style of entertainment!

At the Saturday breakfast honoring First Lady Nelda, a Nashville entertainer will be performing. Jaime Fox, a former Miss Maryland and now a Nashville recording artist, will be performing.

Saturday night's Installation Banquet entertainment will be Kathie Martin and the Hot Rods from the great state of Delaware. Kathie is a dynamic singer/sax player, who with her band will take us on a journey through rock and roll and soul music.