



You are my hero. If you are a Ruritan member and you are working through your club to support the needs in your community, you are my hero. You always have been. During the coronavirus crisis I have seen example after example of how our clubs are rising to the challenge. I am impressed, but not surprised. I have been watching you for over 40 years. You always step up. This crisis. The last crisis. The next crisis. It's what we do. It's who we are.

This magazine is full of examples of your generosity, your care and your love and commitment to the people you serve. It is full of hope.

We have seen clubs host blood drives, support police departments, rescue squads, fire departments and every type of first responder.

We know that you are supporting nurses who risk their life and health every day to make sure that when you and I are sick, we are cared for. You didn't start now, but you ramped up donations to feeding programs that care for people who don't have enough to eat during normal circumstances, during this time that is anything but normal.

You've taken time to care about the environment, build handicap ramps, support our veterans, make and distribute face masks, and give scholarships to young people who have been denied the privilege of graduating together with

their classmates. Students who may not get to physically enter a college classroom in the fall.

You've donated generously to St. Jude in support of children who are in the fight for their lives, and supported First Lady Anne at the same time.

You are finding ways to make sure that those who are confined to nursing homes feel loved and cared for. Several clubs have participated in parades at nursing homes. I recently participated in such an event and it was heartwarming and heartbreaking at the same time.

You are finding creative ways to meet without meeting using zoom, teams, phones and many other methods. You meet because you want to continue to find ways to serve in an environment that doesn't lend itself to getting out into the community with the people that you serve.

I am so proud of you. I am so proud of us. You quietly continue, no matter what our circumstances, to do the best and most you can to help people who need us. Keep doing what you do.

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Meet Your National Office Staff



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Mike is the chief operating officer of Ruritan National and Ruritan National Foundation. He serves as advising member of all national standing committees and has management and program

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As the Deputy Director of Ruritan National, Sarah works with Executive Director Michael Chrisley on all aspects of Ruritan Staff operations including strategic planning, financial management, budgeting and invest-

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*Coming Together
is the Beginning -*

Meet Your National Office Staff



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All questions and concerns are initially handled through Diane, who is responsible for answering member and leader questions that come in from the Ruritan website or by phone. She distributes general information and answers questions about using the Member Management System. Diane enters new club information, new member information and makes changes to membership records. Diane prepares new club charter kits and new member kits. She is responsible for Blue Ribbon, Outstanding Club President and Outstanding Club Secretary research. She is also responsible for preparing Community Service awards and club anniversary certificates. Diane helps with processing incoming mail, payments, and donations and assists with accounts receivable posting. She processes quarterly reports, district officer reports, national officer reports, President's Golden Key, WANTED contest entries, and maintains the central filing system and current National candidate lists.



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Chris has retired after 20 years on the Ruritan staff but continues part-time. She works with clubs on questions concerning the IRS 990 forms and insurance. She can provide support to leaders in the areas of growth and development – including community assessment and research. Chris also works with a variety of existing and developing Access databases for both Ruritan and the Foundation – coordinating data with the member data included in the MMS. She also works developing Ruritan graphic design. She maintains the Ruritan National website, designs publications for web publication through Constant Contact and social media contributions. Email her at service@ruritan.org anytime or call the office and leave a message for her.



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Crystal is responsible for the production of the Ruritan magazine, club and district officer handbooks, community service guides, brochures, Annual Report, and all other publications. She works with graphic design, typesetting, layout, and production. Crystal takes a lead staff role working with registration and credentials at the Ruritan National Convention each year, as well as the computerized ballot and voting procedures. She coordinates the Summer Leadership Conference. She is responsible for planning, assembling, and distributing club kit material. Contact Crystal for all of your Ruritan Supply needs. She picks, purchases, and designs all inventory and oversees the Ruritan Supply website.

Craig prepares board meetings and the Summer Youth Conference.

*Staying Together is Progress-
Working Together is Success!*