

Suggested Events:

**Open House
Community Picnic
Community Halloween Party
Chicken BBQ's
Dinners – indoor or drive-thru
Bingo
Community Dance
Onion/Ramp Sales
Auctions – live or online
Blood Drive
Shredding Event
Bake Sales
Antique Car/Truck Shows
Fireworks on July 4th
Ice Cream Social
Brunswick Stew
Horse Show
Gun Raffle
Lawn Mower Giveaway
Arts and Crafts Show
Vender Event
Movie Night
Offer a Class
Lawn Party
Cake Walk
Yard Sale
Dog Show/Rabies Clinic
Book Signing
Talent Show
Be creative—Ideas are endless**

Invite Community Members including:

**Teachers and Principals
Cleaning Crews
Fire and Rescue persons
Police Officers
Town Council
Realtors
Postal Workers
Restaurant Owners/Staff
Doctors/Nurses
Farmers
Bankers
Pastors
Other Volunteers
Store Managers/Owners
Insurance Agents
Co-Workers
Church Members
Friends, Old and New
Next Door Neighbors
Back Door Neighbors
Down the Street Neighbors
Across Town Neighbors
New Neighbors
Parents
Siblings
Children
Aunts and Uncles
Nieces and Nephews
Grandchildren**

GROWING RURITAN



GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

When Planning an event remember to:

1. **Decide on a date.**
2. **Start making plans for the event. (i.e. location, advertising, refreshments, activities, information to be handed to visitors).**
 - a. **Fliers should be printed with information about your event: date, beginning and ending times, something catchy to make them want to check it out. Go house to house with fliers the week before your event.**
 - b. **Advertise in newspaper, radio, and social media.**
 - c. **Refreshments should be simple: punch and cookies, for example.**
 - d. **Something should be planned to keep them busy.**

- e. **Plan on handouts about your club. Have scrapbooks that show what you do. Make poster boards with pictures of events. Have a sheet where people can make suggestions about what they think the community needs. Have members talk to people one-on-one and share stories about their accomplishments. Make sure to have the Ruritan cards that tell what “Ruritan” is about.**
3. **A week before the event put up signs. Make sure to take them down immediately after the event.**
4. **When your guests are at the event, do NOT ask them to join. Have fun, enjoy good fellowship and show them that your club is welcoming.**

5. **On the day of the event, have a sign-in sheet. Request their names, addresses, phone numbers and emails, so that you can contact them later and thank them for coming. This is very important! Thank them for coming and invite them to an upcoming meeting as a guest.**
6. **Dress in Ruritan Shirts so visitors know you are a member and can ask you questions.**

Should your club/district need assistance with planning or help during an event, please contact your assigned National Director or a member of the Growth and Development Committee.



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