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**Are you ready to go to the beach?  
Sign up TODAY!**

## 2021 National President Linward Hedgspeth

### After the Storm



The Ruritan National Organization is excited about the rebirth of the nation after the pandemic storm. Club members are energized, and new members are joining or rejoining the organization from across the nation.

Every day in Ruritans lives, we attempt to create a tomorrow that is better than today. By doing so, it creates a sense of motivation for the present and future generations.

We have made progress as we drew from our 93 years of experience in community service, to preserve and make a difference in our local communities. This is because we are committed to the mission created by our Ruritan forefathers, which has been a phenomenal success.

In the year 2020 although the entire nation was forced to change, we are still committed to the mission of our forefathers. But we must adapt wisely and take advantage of the changes that are before us. We have a responsibility as Ruritans to ensure the best possible future for new generations.

#### Summer Leadership Conference

On August 14, 2021, in Roanoke, VA. the National Leadership and Development Committee put together a fantastic Summer Leadership Conference. The program was exciting, well attended, and consisted of great training information for future Ruritan leaders.

#### National Board of Directors

The Board assembled on August 13th to address changes needed in our policies and bylaws that were influenced by the consequences of the 2020 pandemic.

The National Board also selected Deputy Director Sarah Kelly to replace Michael Chrisley as the new Ruritan National Executive Director. Sarah comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and a genuine deep love for Ruritan.

#### Retirement Celebration for Michael Chrisley

Michael Chrisley will be retiring from this post in March 2022. Michael has served as National Executive Director with integrity and accountability for nearly 16 years and has been employed with Ruritan National for over 40 years. His loyal and faithful contributions to Ruritan National will be greatly missed. Michael will continue to serve Ruritan in his local Ruritan club. National Treasurer David Thompson and I will be hosting a RETIREMENT CELEBRATION at the National Convention. I have asked David to head it up and he has assembled a committee to assist with the planning of the event.

Please plan to join me after the opening ceremonies on Thursday evening to celebrate Mike! You can drop by for refreshments and light hor d'oeuvres and help us THANK Mike for his selfless service to Ruritan.

Monetary donations from districts, clubs, or individuals, are welcome to offset the cost of the celebration and are greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent through VENMO, PAYPAL, or CHECK at the following:

VENMO - @Davidgis (Please put RETIREMENT in the Notes)

PAYPAL - dsthoms99@hotmail.com

CHECK - Payable to David Thompson 18607 Stonewall Drive, Dinwiddie, VA. 23841.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact David at 804.704.4026.

If you can't make it to the National Convention - cards and gifts can be sent to: Ruritan National, ATTN: RETIREMENT

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## 2021 National President Linward Hedgspeth

Mike, we truly appreciate your dedication and your commitment to this organization for nearly a half century and for all you have done for Ruritan!!!

Ruritans are needed in this nation to fill in the gaps for those who are in need in our communities. If we are going to invest, let's invest in our communities. It's our mission, it's who we are.

Reach out to those that are not yet a member of the Ruritan Organization and are community-minded. Invite them to visit your club or Ruritan event. Everyone in our local communities should have the opportunity to serve.

We can do anything if we don't have to do it alone.

New members can energize Ruritan club members. A new member brings new ideas and excitement. It is important to take advantage of the new energy right away. New members should be mentored, listened to, and allowed to express their ideas. You may find your own passion is rekindled; everybody wins when Working Together.

### **There are Ruritans among us that are sick.**

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatsoever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. For those that have lost loved ones. John 14:26 the Holy Spirit also comforts us. Interceding - praying for us when we don't know what to say. Let us continue to intercede for one another.

First Lady Anne and I have had a unique experience along with all of you. After the shutdown of the nation in 2020, there were no clear directions, no one had experienced such a devastating setback which continued into 2021.

We witnessed first-hand the resolve of the greatest community service organization in the nation, Ruritan. We discovered new means of communicating, by managing the business and getting the word out to members. Club members were creative in finding ways to serve their communities, helping the sick and lonely, and supporting first responders. Clubs developed new ways of holding fundraisers and doing it in a safe environment.

Anne and I so appreciate the opportunity to serve as your President and First Lady for 2020 and 2021. Although travel has been limited, we cherish the opportunity to meet and fellowship with wonderful new people and acquaint with old friends as we traveled.



Our lives have changed enormously, having had an opportunity to work and grow with each of you.

*Let's continue to focus our energy  
not on fighting the old, but on  
building the new, and  
**SOARING LIKE AN EAGLE.***

*Linward Hedgspeth  
2020-2021 Ruritan National President*

## Executive Director Mike Chrisley



### I am Encouraged by the Renewed Energy in Ruritan.

The last 18 months have been difficult. Now I am starting to see new life. Our clubs are busy serving communities, holding fundraisers and meeting on a regular basis. It is so nice to see life coming back to something that resembles normal. I am hoping and praying for a mild flu season and that there is not a resurgence of the pandemic this fall.

We were able to hold an in-person board meeting in August as well as an exciting Summer Leadership Conference. We had to delay holding the summer conference until August because there were no venues available earlier due to the pandemic. The schedule for almost everything else has been pushed forward. For that reason, we have combined the fall issue of Ruritan magazine with the winter issue. This magazine has information about the convention and dozens of additional pages of club news and information. We hope you enjoy it.

On a personal note, I just lost a great friend to the COVID-19 pandemic. So did Ruritan. Carroll Lowe passed away at the end of September. Carroll was a sitting board member. He had served on the board for three separate terms and was in his tenth year of service at the national level. During his tenure he made significant contribution to setting policy that will serve Ruritan members well into the future. In addition to his board service, he designed and implemented the Member Management System that the entire organization uses. He also is responsible for designing and installing the server system and network at the national office. He spent countless hours managing our network, servers, and camera system at the office. He was responsible for the maintenance of our PCs, automated and worked to make sure our elections at National Conventions were smooth and had integrity. We would have spent tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of dollars paying for the services that Carroll has provided for free over the last 15 years. He deserves our gratitude. He will be sorely missed not just for what he did, but for the kind, caring person that he was. Thank you, Carroll.

Planning for the convention is underway and we believe we have a great show in store for you. As always, we will be conducting the business of Ruritan. There are several bylaws changes that are outlined on pages 22-25. Candidates are on pages 16-21. Please come to convention and help us set the stage for the future of Ruritan.

We have top notch entertainment and speakers, a great facility and good food and fellowship waiting for you in Myrtle Beach. It's been a while. Come celebrate what we have accomplished in 2020 and 2021 and get excited for what we will accomplish in 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Mike Chrisley.



To date Ruritans have raised over **\$30,000** for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!

**Give thanks.**  
Give to help them live.



Give thanks for the healthy kids in your life, and give to those who are not.

*"Let's Celebrate at the  
NO MORE CANCER RALLY  
in Myrtle Beach!"  
-Anne Hedgspeth*



*"Someday, God willing, we are going to beat all the odds and make childhood cancer a thing of the past." – Danny Thomas, Founder St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*

Lodi Club in the Ohio District presented First Lady Anne with a \$1,500 check for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Please visit <http://events.stjude.org/ruritannational>

# Join us at the National Convention for a **NO MORE CANCER RALLY!** January 8, 2022, 2pm Windsor Ballrooms



At St. Jude Children's Research Hospital – when a patient finishes chemo treatment, they celebrate with a No More Chemo Party (complete with confetti!).

In order to give more children who are battling cancer – a No More Chemo Party – we will hold a **No More Cancer Rally!**

During this Rally - You will learn more about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

You will complete fundraising challenges - **FOR PRIZES!**



# **CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!**

# Medieval Times

DINNER & TOURNAMENT

## Your Royal Invitation!

JOIN FIRST LADY ANNE ON FRIDAY  
JANUARY 7, 2022, 5PM FOR THE FIRST  
LADY DINNER AND SHOW!  
GET YOUR TICKET NOW!

First Lady Anne Hedgspeth is excited to announce that her event will be held at the Medieval Times in Myrtle Beach.

Cost is \$55 per person. This includes your First Lady Event Program, dinner, show, personal flag, and special seating.

“Join me for food, fun, and fellowship! Let’s have some fun in Myrtle Beach!”



# Ruritan National Convention – Myrtle Beach, SC January 6-9, 2022

Register up to two people on this form. Use more forms for additional people. One of the people below must be a Ruritan member. Confirmation will be emailed to the Ruritan attendee for his/her party. There are four options or packages for registration on the back, where you may also purchase single meals for non-registered guests. You may also register on the MMS (Member Management System) under events.

Please print or type

1st Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Non-Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check items below that apply:

I have these food restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

I have 50 years or more perfect attendance.

This is my first convention.

**I expect to be a voting delegate for the**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ruritan Club.

2nd Attendee: \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Non-Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check items below that apply:

I have these food restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please note:** Voting will be Friday only starting at 1 p.m. Delegate certification will close at 12 p.m. on Friday for walk-ins. You must pick one of the packages, 1 – 4, in order to vote. Even if you pre-register for Saturday only package you must vote on Friday. Staff will send remote voting instructions prior to the Convention.

We will be honoring Ruritan military veterans during the Convention. Please let us know your branch and era of service for special recognitions.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one in each column)

U.S. Army

WWII

U.S. Air Force

Korean

U. S. Marines

Vietnam

U.S. Navy

Desert Storm

U.S. Coast Guard

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Other (explain)

Other (explain)

**For Office Use Only:**

GRP# \_\_\_\_\_

## MEALS IN Myrtle Beach

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Embassy Suites caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Myrtle Beach (as a walk-in) for the events will not be guaranteed meals. However, we will be able to register you for non-meal events at the base rate of \$175. Send in your registration before the Dec. 6, 2021, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals. Kid's meals are available upon request.

**\*\* Please provide your guest's name on this form so that we may have a name badge made.**

# Ruritan National Convention – Myrtle Beach, SC January 6-9, 2022

Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FOUR package options for the 2022 Convention.

Choose one of these four registration packages. **ALL Packages** include opening ceremony, access to exhibits, access to the business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting, and all other convention activities.

## Meal Package Options

*Packages 1 - 4 already include the base fee of \$175*

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday Fellowship Luncheon, and Saturday Installation Banquet	Package 1 <b>BEST DEAL</b>	\$300	
Friday only package includes base fee and Friday Fellowship Luncheon	Package 2	\$230	
Saturday only package includes base fee and Saturday Installation Banquet	Package 3	\$255	
No Meals - base registration only	Package 4	\$175	

## Extra Meal Tickets and Items

*Must purchase any package above to purchase additional meal tickets*

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Friday Medieval Times Dinner & Show	First Lady Anne's Outing	\$55	
Friday Fellowship Luncheon	Fellowship	\$60	
Saturday Installation Banquet	Banquet	\$85	
Rudy Bears - Added as a gift to Myrtle Beach charities	Rudy Bears	\$8.50	
Donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital	Donation	\$	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL \$</b>		

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Check payment type below:

**NOTE: Aside from some limited special seating, everyone will be seated for meals on a "first come, first served" basis. If you want to be seated with specific attendees, you should send your registration forms in together.**

\_\_\_\_ Payment made by check    Check# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date # \_\_\_\_\_

3 or 4 digit code on back \_\_\_\_\_

Check one option below

\_\_\_\_ Bill my credit card now

\_\_\_\_ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2021



# CALEB'S DRAGONFLY DREAMS

**Ruritan National will  
be collecting Rudy  
Bears at the Rudy  
Bear Drop in Myrtle  
Beach for Caleb's  
Dragonfly DREAMS.**

**Let's bring SMILES to  
children in  
Myrtle Beach.**



*Caleb's dragonfly DREAMS is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization that provides positive events and activities to abandoned, abused and neglected children that reside in shelters and group homes. Caleb's Dragonfly Dreams provides lots of activities to these wonderful children, too many to list but some examples are tie dye shirts, trips to the water park in the summer, jewelry making, pizza & movie night, Birthday presents, and when they have the budget an awesome winter trip to go snow tubing in North Carolina and hiking to water falls. These activities are just a mere stepping stone to get to know the children and form a bond that last long after they are displaced from the group home.*

*The residential facilities (not allowed to say orphanages anymore) have limited funding by the government. The funding barely covers clothing, food, and staffing. So extra activities are out of the question. This organization helps bridge the gap and make certain that these children have the opportunity to just be a normal kid.*

*This organization understands that these activities cannot take away the hurt these children have endured, but they feel that exposure to new experiences can positively affect a child's self-esteem and development. By just going to a football game and cheering them on from the sidelines or just giving a little girl a balloon for her birthday - YOU CAN HELP SHAPE A LIFE.*

# 2022 National Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC

Come soar with National President Linward and First Lady Anne Hedgspeth in Myrtle Beach, SC, for another great convention!



**January 6-9, 2022**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach  
Oceanfront Resort  
9800 Queensway Blvd.  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572**



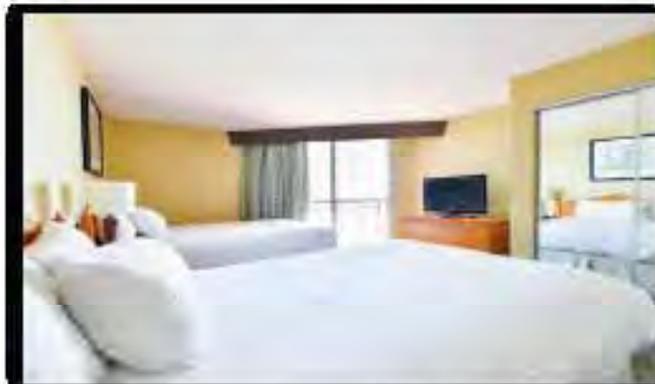
**For reservations please see the link:**

<https://book.passkey.com/go/RURITANNATIONAL>

**District Governors, please use this link to book your room:**

<https://book.passkey.com/go/RURITANGOVERNOR>

**Room rates for the Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort are \$105 (does not include Resort Fee of \$15 per day)**



You may also find the link at [www.ruritan.org](http://www.ruritan.org)

For other information please contact National Office - (877) 787-8727 Ext. 312 or [convention@ruritan.org](mailto:convention@ruritan.org)

# Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. Joins us in Myrtle Beach!

After being forced off the road by the pandemic, Murphy put his suddenly available downtime to good use, going back to school virtually to earn his high school equivalency diploma. It was a moment of particular pride for Murphy, who holds an honorary Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Charleston but had dropped out of high school almost three decades prior. "I needed to set a good example for my youngest son Logan, and for everybody, that your education is really important and to never give up."

To stay in touch with his fans and friends, Landau performed a series of virtual concerts for fans around the world, capping off the year with his 10th annual "Home For The Holidays Tour", a 10 night run of Christmas concerts broadcast live from the Alban Theater to fans worldwide. Landau also helped kids across his home state of West Virginia get a little extra Christmas cheer with his first-ever "Landau's Kids Joy Toy Drive." Landau's

fans ordered toys and books online, and Landau personally delivered the toys to needy kids across the Mountain State just before Christmas.

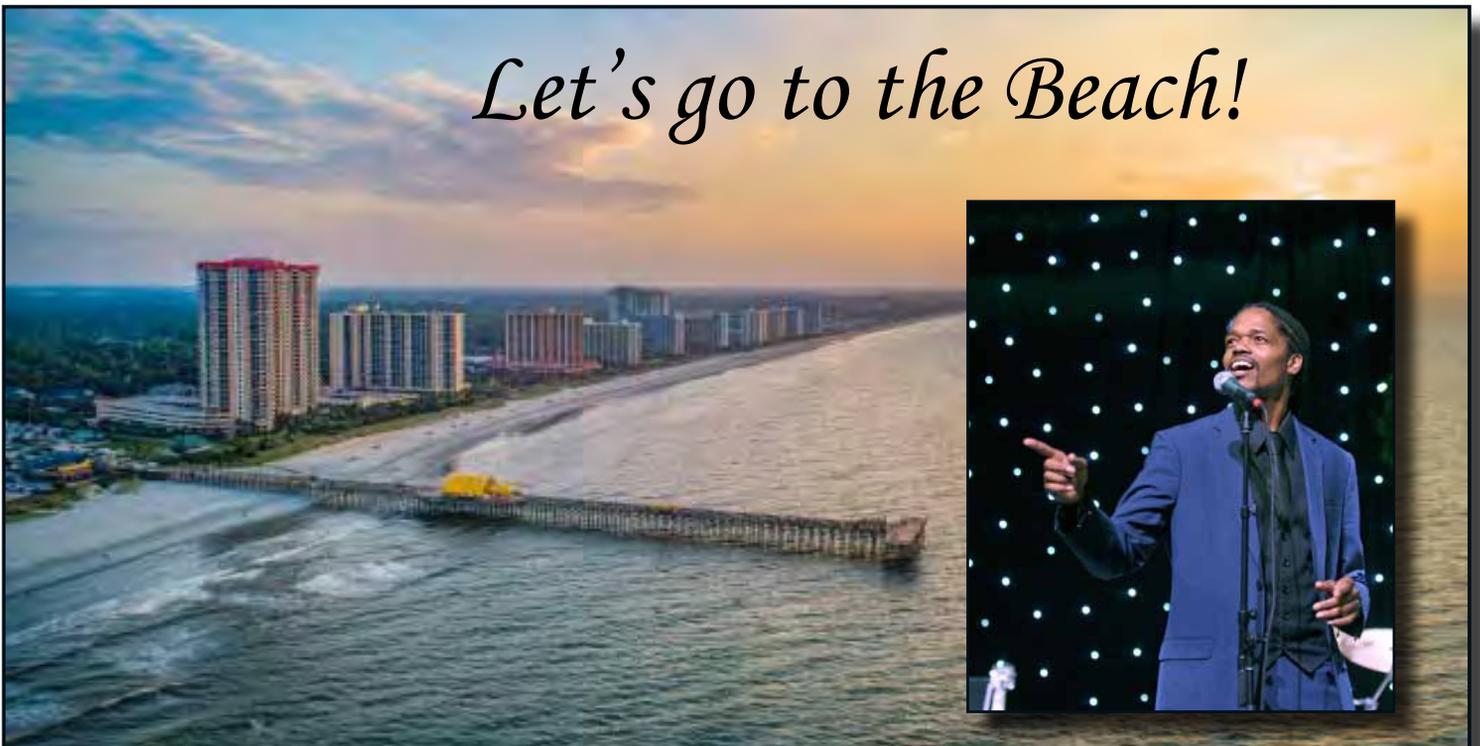


Keeping busy while not able to tour, Landau also completed remix sessions for his upcoming "Landau-Live In Las Vegas at Caesar's Palace" album. The set, recorded pre-pandemic on the famous Las Vegas strip, was due for release in 2020, but like most movie and album releases, has been pushed back to 2021.

Landau, a frequent entertainer at casino resorts in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and across the U.S.A., was asked to be a presenter at the Casino Entertainment Awards virtual telecast. Landau appeared alongside his fellow Vegas headliners Celine Dion, Wayne Newton, Tony Orlando, and Casino Legends Award winner Lee Greenwood on the Livestream event.

Landau says he's really looking forward to performing for his Ruritan friends in Myrtle Beach in 2022, and hopes it will be safe to visit with folks after the show, take pictures, and give hugs. "I love to meet people who stick around to talk with me. Ruritans are down-to-earth, salt-of-the-earth folks who work hard, take care of their families, and give back to their communities. They're what the best of America is all about, and I am honored to perform for them again."

*Let's go to the Beach!*



# Convention Workshops

## Thursday

### **Zone Governors – Ruritan’s First Responders!!!**

Zone Governors, like paramedics or health care workers, have a responsibility to closely monitor the health and vital signs of those clubs under their care. They need to be alert to any signs and symptoms of declining club health. Their quick response can make the difference between life and death of struggling clubs.

### **Ruritan Finances**

A conversation about the 2021 Financial picture as outlined in the Annual Report.

### **Growing Ruritan’s Future**

Discuss the three programs that was passed at the August Board Meeting as well as the membership brochures that are available.

### **Future Candidates**

Learn what is expected of an individual running for Ruritan National Office.

### **President/Vice President Leadership Training**

Now that I am the club leader (President), what am I going to do next? What do I need to know to be successful? The VP just sits in when the President is gone- right? Wrong, learn what the full responsibility of the VP is. It may surprise you!

### **Risk Management**

Protecting the things that we hold important by identifying and then managing threats that could severely impact our organization and our reputation.

### **In The Know-Club Secretary Toolkit**

The essential tools that each Club Secretary needs.

### **Treasurer Training**

Treasurers hold more than just the keys to a club’s finances. They are looked and counted upon for their honesty and integrity. How you discharge your responsibilities can make you one of your club’s most respected and treasured leaders. Review the duties and responsibilities of your office and hear important and useful insights and personal experiences by a proven and successful treasurer.

## Saturday

### **How to Have a Dynamic District Convention!**

Need help planning your district convention?? Don’t know where to start?? Need new and different ideas to help keep the excitement?? Well, you’ve come to the right place. Sit back and relax and hear all about it.

Join in the discussion and share your stories with the group.

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# Saturday

## **Ruritan's Future Organization**

Where will Ruritan be in 5, 10, or 20 years? The answer lies in the past and in the future. During this breakout session participants will explore the history of Ruritan's growth, development, and member retention results and be asked; Is the current national organization model still required given the modern communication methods we employ today? Does the current club and member count support the size of the national organization? By posing these questions and examining the facts, it may be easier to imagine what a new direction for Ruritan might look like.

## **In The Know-Club Secretary Toolkit**

The essential tools that each Club Secretary needs.

## **How to Become an MMS Navigator—Basics for Beginners**

Can using a computerized member management system be low stress and maybe even fun? Find out in this workshop designed to help MMS newbies master the fundamental skills for getting started and learning to navigate through finding and using the most frequently used features. If possible, bring a personal device for getting online, but devices are not required.

## **Treasurer Training**

Treasurers hold more than just the keys to a club's finances. They are looked and counted upon for their honesty and integrity. How you discharge your responsibilities can make you one of your club's most respected and treasured leaders. Review the duties and responsibilities of your office and hear important and useful insights and personal experiences by a proven and successful treasurer.

## **Ruritan Foundation**

Testimonials and stories of how Rudy Bears have touched the lives of children and patients across the nation.

## **"A Growth Town Hall"**

An open discussion with clubs that have grown and see what ideas they can give other clubs

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## **The Value of Rudy Bear**

Testimonials and stories of how Rudy Bears have touched the lives of children and patients across the nation.

## **Advanced MMS Training—Myrtle Beach Style**

Hit the indoor beach for a total internet surfing adventure through MMS. Waves of pages provide tools and features for managing all things Ruritan online. Plan to explore them all. Bring your own personal internet surfing device for a hands-on experience or just plan to sit back and enjoy the relaxing surfer exhibition.

## **Identifying Community Needs**

Have you taken a look at your neighborhood lately and see what you could have in the future? Do you see those that you could help? What would you like to see changed in the future of your community? Let's talk about it.

## Candidates for National Office



### National President Elect

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### National President Elect

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**CLUB:** Member of Lovington-Rockfish Ruritan Club since 1987; served as President, Vice President and Treasurer, President's Gold Key, 30 member bar.

**DISTRICT:** Zone Governor (2009, 2014-15); District Lt. Governor 2016; District Governor 2017; Website Coordinator; Growth & Development Chair 2018-19; Leadership Development Coordinator 2020; Association of Virginia Ruritans, Past Director.

**NATIONAL:** National Director 2018-2020; Delegate, National Conventions; Sgt at Arms, Flag Ceremony; served on National Youth Committee and Youth Camp; National Workshop Presenter; Leadership Conference; Tom Downing Fellow.

**EDUCATION:** Lakeland High School; Lee University; Northwestern University.

**OCCUPATION:** Prosthetics and Orthotics; Certified Orthotist, Certified Pedorthist, University of Virginia (retired)

**OTHER:** Adventure Camp, Inc. Board/Staff Member; Lovington Village Association Board Member; Nelson County Parade Association Treasurer; AOPA member, ABC Committee member; US Department of Labor (O\*Net) Data Collection Program; University of Virginia Community Service Award; member Monroe Church of God, Teacher, Choir member, Soloist, Church and Pastors Council; married to Camille; 7 children, 23 grandchildren.

**CLUB:** Member King William (VA) Ruritan Club; served as Club Vice President (2003); Club President (2004, 2008, 2016, 2020); Member Eastern Henrico (VA) Ruritan Club; served as Club Vice President (2015); Club President (2016). Tom Downing recipient and Ruritan Forever.

**DISTRICT:** Zone Governor 2010; District Lt. Governor 2011; District Governor 2012; District Director 2013-15; District Youth Coordinator 2014-2020.

**NATIONAL:** National Director 2014-2017 (1 year reappointment by National President); member National Youth Committee; Sergeant at Arms Co-Chair 2012, 2014; Sergeant at Arms Chair 2015-2017; National Youth Camp.

**EDUCATION:** King William High School; Richmond Technical Center, Electrical and HVAC/R

**OCCUPATION:** Worked in electrical field for 8 years; employed at Commonwealth of Virginia for 26 years.

**OTHER:** Enjoy assisting in fundraising activities for church, scouts and youth sports; enjoy the outdoors and my dog, Patty.

*Bios were printed as submitted by candidates.*

# Candidates for National Office



## National Secretary

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## National Treasurer

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**CLUB:** Member of Hiram Ruritan Club, Hiram GA from 1992-2002; Charter member of the Paulding Ruritan Club in 2002 and Charter member of the County Line Ruritan Club in 2003. Over these 30 years, I have served in every office at the club level.

**DISTRICT:** Served as Zone Governor for a total of 15 years, between 1996 and the present, in my home Zone (1) of the GA / North AL District (24); Served the Georgia / North Alabama District (24) as Leadership Development Coordinator 10 years; District Secretary 3 years; District Lt. Governor in 1998 and District Governor in 1999; District Ruritan of the Year in 2007.

**NATIONAL:** Attended 26 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:** Procurement Department Manager for the Marine Business Unit at Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA. I have been with Yamaha since 1988, in several other positions including Regional Technical Advisor, District Service Representative, National Service Manager and Information Systems Analyst.

**OTHER:** I am married to Vicky for 41 years and we have two sons, James III (wife, Jamie and grandsons, Jasper and Hudson), and Richard. We enjoy boating, fishing and camping. From 2006 - 2016, I served as the CFO for our church, Cross Walk Chapel (a non-denominational Christian Church) in Hiram, GA.

**CLUB:** Joined Dinwiddie (VA) Club in 2002; Fundraising Chair; Membership Committee; Nominations Committee; Audit Committee; Dinwiddie Steak Festival Chair (2004-Present); Board of Directors (2003-2005); Vice President 2 years (2005 & 2010) & President 2 years (2006 & 2011). Zone 1 Ruritan of the Year (2013); Other Club Memberships: Red Oak (VA) 2015-present; Brookneal-21st Century (VA), Charter Member (2017-present); La-Crosse-Bracey (VA) (2012-2016) Secretary/Treasurer.

**DISTRICT:** Appomattox District Zone 1 Governor (2007-2010); Zone 1 Lt. Governor (2011-2012); District Lt. Governor (2012); District Governor (2013-2014); District Governor Training (2013-2014); Chair-Publicity/Newsletter (2007-Present); 1st Place, District Newsletter Media Award (2013); District Convention Committee; Audit Committee; Spring Rally Committee and Leadership Conference (2012-2014).

**NATIONAL:** National Treasurer (2018-Present), serving on Executive Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; National Director (2015-2017), assigned to Bylaws Committee; Club Treasurer Workshop (2020); Bylaws Workshop (2015-2017); National Convention Resolutions Committee (2015); District Governor Training (2013-2014); Sgt. at Arms-National Convention (2013-2014); Bylaws presentations and workshops, Leadership Conference (2015-2016); Tom Downing Fellow.

**EDUCATION:** Dinwiddie High School (Advanced Diploma); Richard Bland College (A.S); Kansas State University (B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies) and Mountain Empire College (Geographic Information Systems, GIS Certification).

**OCCUPATION:** Employed with the City of Hopewell (VA) as the Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager; Former Law Enforcement Officer (14 years) and Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator (7 years) with 25+ years' experience in Local Government.

**OTHER:** Member of Crawford United Methodist Church, (Finance Committee & Audit Committee); Petersburg/ Dinwiddie Crime Solvers Board Member (2004-Present); Dinwiddie Volunteer Rescue Squad, EMT-ST (1983-1990); Wife, Jody, and I have two wonderful children (Kelly, age 31, and proud graduate of William and Mary; and Scott, age 26, and proud graduate of Bridgewater College).

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**CLUB:** Member of Central Chesterfield club; Club Secretary 2013; Club Vice President 2015, Club President 2016-17.

**DISTRICT:** Lt. Zone Governor 2018; Zone Governor 2019; District Lt. Governor 2020-21.

**NATIONAL:** Motivational speaker at 2020 Leadership Conference.

**EDUCATION:** Graduated Grundy Senior High School, Grundy VA; Clinch Valley College (now UVA-Wise) Wise VA, BA in Modern Foreign Language (French); Toastmasters International – Competent Toastmaster (CTM) Area Governor; Graduate Dale Carnegie Human Relations Course; Defense Language Institute, East Coast.

**OCCUPATION:** Snap-On Tools Dealer/Field Manager; Mac Tools Distributor/District Manager; Commercial Real Estate Broker.

**OTHER:** Enjoy travel, reading, languages, ventriloquism; member Life Long Learning Institute.

**CLUB:** Member, Parrottsville (TN) Ruritan Club; served as Club President (2 terms), Club Vice President (3 terms); awarded Outstanding Club President; Club Ruritan of the Year, Perfect Attendance (17 yrs.); President's Gold Key Award.

**DISTRICT:** Served as Zone Governor (5 terms); Youth Coordinator (3 terms); Lt. Governor (2006, 2016, 2020); District Governor (2007, 2017); Tennessee Rally Commissioner.

**NATIONAL:** Delegate to National Convention (11 times); Governors Leadership Conference (2006, 2017); Flag Ceremony (2006, 2016); National Board of Directors (2018-2020).

**EDUCATION:** B.S. Degree in Agricultural Science, Tennessee Tech University

**OCCUPATION:** Shipping Coordinator, Lisega Inc.

**OTHER:** Member, Salem Lutheran Church; two children, Olivia and Ken; married to Della Sue Belt.

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## Candidates for National Office



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**CLUB:** Member Linville-Edom (VA) club 1980-81; Member East Orange (VA) club 1981-present; served as Club President (5 yrs), Club Vice President (5 yrs), Club Secretary (6 yrs) and Club Treasurer (6 yrs); committee member and/or chair.

**DISTRICT:** District Governor (2001, 2010 and 2018); District Lt. Governor (2000, 2009, 2017 and 2020); Leadership Development Coordinator 2007-09); Zone Governor (1988, 1998 and 1999); Certified Club Trainer; AVR Registrar 2011; AVR Vice President 2019.

**NATIONAL:** Attended 22 National Conventions and 14 Summer Leadership Workshops; Speaker and/or presenter at National Conventions and Summer Leadership Workshops; National Director 2010-2012; Member National Leadership Committee; Ruritan Forever 2014; Tom Downing 2016; Chairman, National Nominating Committee 2018; National Board Song Leader 2011 and 2012.

**EDUCATION:** Montevideo High School; U.S. Arm Engineer School, Fort Belvoir; ICS Graduate; additional education at BRCC, Germanna Community College and Madison College  
**OCCUPATION:** Engineer, Dominion Virginia Power (41 yrs., retired); U.S. Army Veteran 1963-1966

**OTHER:** Presently and/or formerly Chairman of the Board, PPR, Lay Reder, Sunday School Teacher, Finance Chairman, Treasurer, Choir Member and Soloist, Bethlehem UMC; Past County Rep for Youth Commission; Past Chairman, County March of Dimes; Current Board Member Local Food Bank; Forman, Habitat for Humanity; Married 50 wonderful years to wife, Joyce (passed 2018); sons Michael and David, six grandchildren.

**CLUB:** Member East Roane County (TN) Ruritan Club for 17 years; served as Director, Vice President, President (4 times); awarded Outstanding Club President 2016, 2017, 2018; Ruritan of the Year 2017.

**DISTRICT:** Zone Governor (2017); Lt. Zone Governor (2018); Publicity Chair (2017-19); Lt. Governor (2019); District Governor (2020; District Ruritan of the Year (2017).

**NATIONAL:** Youth Leadership Conference Chaperone (2016-19); Summer Leadership Conference (2019); National Convention Delegate (2005, 2017-20); Sergeant at Arms (2020); Youth Room Co-Coordinator at National Convention (2018-20).

**EDUCATION:** Tusculum University, BA in Physical Education K-12; Tusculum University MA in Curriculum & Instruction.

**OCCUPATION:** Loudon County Schools, Health Educator 2018-present; North Panthers Football Coach 2017-present.

**OTHER:** Bradbury United Methodist Church (attended 29 yrs, member since 2009); Lay Leader, Trustee, VBS Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, Nursery Volunteer, Young Adult Coordinator; mission trips to Alaska, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

## Candidates for National Office



### National Director

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**CLUB:** Member, Augusta Road (SC) Ruritan Club; Current Treasurer, Past President, Treasurer, Board Member Chair- Environmental Committee, Chair- South Greenville Farmer's Market, Member of Scholarship Committee, Song Leader and Program Chair

**DISTRICT:** Current Lt Governor of Spartan District- past Governor and Lt Governor- served on nominating committee, youth committee

**NATIONAL:** Completing last year as National Director having served the Columbia and Georgia-North Alabama Districts; Current Chair of the Publications Committee; Served as Song Leader for the 2020 National Convention

**EDUCATION:** Oakwood Christian School (HS); Clemson University, B.A. Elementary Education; Liberty University, Business Administration Certificate

**OCCUPATION:** Procurement Specialist, Vulcan Materials Company; Employed 34 years- started career as a truck driver in the quarry and worked my way up to my current position.

**OTHER:** Member Big Creek Baptist Church; Member South Carolina Aggregates Association-Education Committee; Former Youth Director; Sunday School Teacher, VBS Teacher, Church Council Member and Choir Director at Cedar Shoals Baptist Church- Belton, SC; Married to Danny (34 years); two sons, Dale (wife-Susan) and JD; two grandsons, Justin and Hunter; Fur child, Brutus; and Fur-Grands Chopper, Rebel, and Levi.

**CLUB:** Member Round Hill Ruritan Club since 2013; served as Director 2014-present; Chair, Social Development Committee 2015-present; Advisor, Roaring Round Hill Ruri-Teen Club.

**DISTRICT:** District Governor 2020; Lt. District Governor 2019; Zone 1 & 2 Governor 2016-18.

**NATIONAL:** Sargent-at-Arms, National Convention

**EDUCATION:** Herndon High School

**OCCUPATION:** Foreman 2, Amtrak Railroad; Mechanical Supervisor (27 yrs.); Carman apprenticeship (3 yrs.)

**OTHER:** Co-founder Bikers-4-Bikes; Charter member STAR Touring & Riding; President, Chapter 200 STAR Touring & Riding; Salvation Army Advisory Board; Frederick County Fair Director-at-Large; married to Pearl Underwood.

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## Candidates for National Office



### National Director

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### Voting Times Changed

Voting will start at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022. If you want to vote in person, the room will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This will allow everyone to be able to join First Lady Anne at Medieval Times.

**CLUB:** Member of Mountain View NC club (2004-10), served as Club Secretary, Vice President and Director; member of Meadow Creek since 2010, have served as Club President (2013), Club Secretary (2014-present) and Club Reporter.

**DISTRICT:** Served as Zone Governor (2 terms), District Lt. Governor, District Governor, District Secretary, District Directory Chair, Fundraising Chair, Convention Chair, Publications Chair.

**NATIONAL:** Flag Ceremony participant

**EDUCATION:** University of Maryland, Business Administration; Community College of the Air Force, AAS Paralegal; Alamance Community College, AAS Criminal Justice Technology; Blackstone School of Law, Paralegal/Legal Assistant.

**OCCUPATION:** United States Air Force (retired), Senior Master Sergeant, Command Paralegal Manager; North Carolina Department of Justice, Attorney Generals Office (retired), Senior Paralegal.

**OTHER:** Ruritan Forever; Master Mason 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Bula Lodge 409, Burlington NC; Shriner, Amran Temple, Burlington Shrine Club; North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star, Past Worth Patron, Past District Deputy Grand Worthy Patron, Past Grand Representative to Australia; North Carolina Order of the Amaranth, Royal Patron, Grand Representative to the State of Washington; Member Belmont United Methodist Church.

### *We Need You!!!*

***Please consider running for National Office. To fill our slate, we need another candidate for National Director, a candidate for the Foundation Trustee, and a candidate to fill a one year unexpired term. Please contact Michael Chrisley if you are interested.***

# Ballot Issues to be Voted on in Myrtle Beach

**1. Ballot Issue from Approved National Board Motion 2020-08-10** – Proposes a change to the calculation used to determine the number of delegates per club to the National Convention.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article VII, Meetings, Section 1, Conventions, Paragraph B, Voting Body, Item 6a, Club Delegates.

Current: 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.

Proposed:

Each adult member club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each 5 members or major fraction thereof, provided that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any Ruritan National Convention.

**2. Ballot Issue from Approved National Board Motion 2020-08-05** – Proposes to eliminate the New Member Initiation Fee.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article III, Membership/Members, Section 4. Paragraph G. Fees – Membership.

Current:

F. Membership Year. The membership year shall be January 1 through December 31.

G. Fees – Membership. Each new member, through his/her respective club, shall pay to the Treasurer of Ruritan National an initiation fee of \$3.00.

H G. Affiliate Member Dues. Affiliate member annual national dues shall be equal to those determined by the BOD for Active Adult members.

Proposed: Delete Item G in Section 4, Fees – Membership, entirely

("Item H" becomes the new "Item G").

## Ballot Issues to be Voted on in Myrtle Beach

### 3. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion 2020-08-04 – Proposes a membership Dues Adjustment.

Ruritan National Bylaws, Article III, Membership/Members, Section 4, Dues and Fees, Paragraphs A and B state. (There are no proposed changes to this bylaw, it is just stated here for clarity)

A. Annual Dues. The amount of annual national dues per member of each club shall be determined by the BOD provided requirements set forth below are met.

B. Dues Adjustment. Any increase in dues shall not become effective until approved by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the next Ruritan National Convention. Notice of such proposed dues increase shall be communicated to all members by any appropriate means at least 30 days prior to the Ruritan National Convention.

Current: Membership Dues are \$44.00 per year for all adult membership types.

Proposed: Move to approve a \$4.00 per year increase in the dues for all adult membership types (increase from \$44.00 to \$48.00 per year), to become effective in April 2022.

### 4. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion 2020-08-09 – Proposes an adjustment to the billing and due dates for membership dues and includes a change to the disciplinary action for non-payment of dues, shifting focus to the club instead of the member.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article III, Membership/Members, Section 4, Dues and Fees, Paragraph E, Dues Payment Dates.

Current: Membership dues shall be due and payable quarterly to Ruritan National at the close of club business in January, April, July, and October. Any member who fails to pay his/her financial obligations to this organization in accordance with these bylaws may be suspended and/or forfeit his/her membership.

Proposed: Membership dues shall be billed on the 1st day of each quarter and payable to Ruritan National no later than the last day of January, April, July, and October. Any club which fails to pay its financial obligations to this organization, in accordance with these bylaws, may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension of its charter.

## Ballot Issues to be Voted on in Myrtle Beach

**5. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion 2021-01-12** – Proposes changes to allow officers and directors to continue in office when no election is possible. (As with recent pandemic conditions)

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article V, Officers, Section 3, Term of Office.

Current:

- A. President. The President–Elect after completing their term, shall be installed as President for a term of one (1) year unless otherwise prescribed in these bylaws.
- B. President-Elect. Shall be elected annually in a manner prescribed in these bylaws and hold office for one (1) year or until a successor is elected and installed.
- C. Secretary. Shall be elected for a three (3) year term.
- D. Treasurer. Shall be elected for a three (3) year term.
- 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.

Proposed:

- A. President. The President–Elect after completing their term, shall be installed as President for a term of one (1) year.
- B. President-Elect. Shall be elected annually in a manner prescribed in these bylaws and hold office for one (1) year.
- C. Secretary. Shall be elected for a three (3) year term.
- D. Treasurer. Shall be elected for a three (3) year term.
- 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.
- F. In the event an election cannot be held, all officers shall remain in place regardless of term limits until a successor to the office has been elected and installed.

**6. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion 2021-04-02** – Proposes to eliminate all references to club attendance from the National Bylaws document. This is a housekeeping change to remove items which are no longer applicable due to changes to the club bylaws approved by the Board of Directors.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article III, Membership/Members, Section 3, Classifications, deleting references to attendance in paragraphs B and C.

B. Associate. Associate membership may be bestowed upon an individual or a business desiring affiliation with Ruritan. An individual associate member is one who is unable to attend the minimum four (4) meetings per year. An individual and/or business will represent one membership for each annual dues paid to Ruritan National. An individual associate member may not vote, hold office, or participate in club business activities or be a delegate to district or national conventions. An individual associate member will receive a lapel pin, and a business will receive a plaque or window static. Associate members (individual or business) will receive the Ruritan National Magazine.

C. Honorary. Honorary membership may be conferred upon a club member who, in the opinion of the club board of directors and membership, has rendered extraordinary Ruritan service. An honorary member is not expected, nor required, to maintain club attendance and is not considered in any club awards programs. An honorary member will be exempt from the payment of club dues, but shall pay national and district dues, if applicable. Except as stated above, an honorary member shall have all rights, privileges, and benefits of Ruritan membership.

## Ballot Issues to be Voted on in Myrtle Beach

**7. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion 2021-04-010** – Proposes to remove the district structure from the National Bylaws, to eliminate duplication of the structure details which are already in the District Bylaws.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article IV, Divisions, Section 2, Districts, Paragraph C, District Cabinet.

Current: Each district shall be governed by a district cabinet of which the district governor shall be the chair. The cabinet shall be composed of the following voting members, all who shall be an active member of a Ruritan club:

1. District Governor
2. Lt. Governor
3. Assigned National Representative
4. District Secretary
5. District Treasurer
6. District Secretary/Treasurer (In the event one person serves in both positions.)
7. All Zone Governors
8. All Lt. Zone Governors
9. The three (3) Immediate Past District Governors
10. District Leadership Development Coordinator
11. Growth, Development, and Retention Chair
12. Foundation Promotion Chair
13. Publicity and Public Relations Chair
14. Fund Raising Chair
15. Chaplain
16. Youth Coordinator

Proposed: Each district shall be governed by a district cabinet of which the district governor shall be the chair. The cabinet structure shall be composed of voting members as stated in the District Bylaws.

# Ruritan Forever A Perpetual Life Plan



*Ruritan members who participate in the Ruritan Forever program, either by making the purchase themselves or having been given the Ruritan Forever distinction, are planting trees under whose shade they will not sit. They are guaranteeing the continuation of their beloved Ruritan organization.*

*With every Ruritan Forever membership, the organization is assured an annual endowment equal to a year of national dues after the member passes on.*

*In 2021 Ruritan will be focusing on the Ruritan Forever program under the guidance of President Elect Glen Broadwater and “Second Lady” Linda Broadwater. Furthermore, action by the Ruritan National Board at their January 2021 meeting now offers an incentive for the program. Effective through the end of the 2022 National Convention in Myrtle Beach. (January 9, 2022.)*

*\*\*Anyone purchasing a Ruritan Forever for themselves or another member will receive a \$25 gift certificate to be used toward Ruritan Supplies. Orders must be made by calling the Ruritan National Office.\*\**

*Download a Ruritan Forever application from the Ruritan Website or fill out the application in this magazine to participate in the program or honor a fellow Ruritan with this very special gift.*



# New Ruritan Forever Recipients



This spring 1995 National President Frank Guthrie realized that long-time Ruritan and 1993 Holland Governor R.M. "Bob" Felts, Jr. had not yet been made a Ruritan Forever. Guthrie reached out to a few fellow Holland Ruritans and in no time the \$600 was raised.

Along the way, Guthrie found out that two of the six folks contributing to Felts' gift were not yet Ruritans Forever themselves: 2006 Holland Governor Vernon Teall and 1999 Foundation President and National Director Robin Davenport. A few more phone calls and by mid-summer these last two in the circle of dear Ruritan friends were given the recognition of Ruritan Forever as well. Special thanks

also goes to the **Creeds** Ruritan Club for their financial assistance. Pictured around Felts (center) are the six other Ruritans Forever in this group: (clockwise from top) Past National Director Stan Turner, 2001 Holland Governor Woody Dunn, Teall, Past National Director Chuck Myers, Davenport, and Guthrie. Also pictured are Felts' plaque and a proclamation presented to him by the group.

**Great Bridge** Club honored three members with Ruritan Forever's. Pictured (l-r) are recipient Joe Fitzpatrick, Club President Charlie Young, and recipient Alton Brinkley. Not pictured is recipient Rick Stevens.



## Ruritan Forever



**Belmont Community** Club presented Ruritan Forever's to Gary Simmons, Virgil "Rick" Keyton, and Vera Moore. National Director Becky Lane was in attendance and helped make the presentations.

## Ruritan Forever

# New Ruritan Forever Recipients



The **Max Meadows** Club (left) was pleased to recognize a most devoted member recently. Several members of the club traveled to the home of Joe and Patsy Hale to present Joe with a Ruritan Forever. According to club members, Joe has volunteered tirelessly for many years and is always available for any project that involves making his community better. Pictured (l-r) are Johnny Manual, Guy Marshall, Patsy Hale, Sharon Manual, Joe Hale (seated) and David Marshall.

*Ruritan Forever*



2008 Ruritan National President Wayne Outlaw is shown at the **West Mount** Club's April 15, 2021 regular monthly meeting recognizing Robert E. "Bob" Alford as a Ruritan Forever. Shown with Bob is his wife of 66 years, Joyce. Regretfully, Bob passed on June 17, 2021. Bob was a long-time member of the club with 44 years consecutive perfect attendance, serving as West Mount Club Secretary for many years.

*Ruritan Forever*



**Ruritan Road** Club presents a Ruritan Forever to each outgoing club president. Pictured is Ruritan Road Club member Sarah Kelly (right) presenting Past Club President Diane Lawson with her Ruritan Forever Pin. "It's such an honor to become a Ruritan Forever with this great organization," said Lawson.

*Ruritan Forever*

# New Ruritan Forever Recipients



Lynn's Crossroads presented three Ruritan Forever's. Recipients were Marshall Ross, Thomas Ross, and Matthew Ross. National President Linward Hedgspeth and First Lady Anne, National Director George Brothers and wife Tina, and Jeannette Edwards were in attendance.

*Ruritan Forever*



**Nickelsville** Club presented a Ruritan Forever to John Flanary. Pictured (l-r) are Judy Flanary, John Flanary, National President Elect Glen Broadwater, and National Director David Hartgrove. In the back is Nickelsville Club President Ed Seiber.

*Ruritan Forever*



**Lincolnland** District Governor Beverly Tanner presented Past National Director Grover Burkett with a Ruritan Forever. Burkett has been a member of the Dundas, IL Club since 1987.

*Ruritan Forever*

# What is a Ruritan Forever?

“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.



## Ruritan Forever *A Perpetual Life Plan*

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  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 CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## Message From 2021 Foundation President Brent Wheeler



### Continue to Support Your Foundation

As our Ruritan year quickly is being written into history, we, the Trustees of your Foundation, continue to work to make the Foundation as efficient as possible and at the same time protect the assets that you have placed in our keeping.

Over the past two years we have seen ups and downs in the stock market and the Trustees made very wise decisions and we are exceptionally pleased at the attention Scott Carr and Associates paid to our investments. At this writing we are doing well. Even with the uncertainty of the market, we were prepared and still had a payout of an additional \$300 to all who took part in our Build Your Dollar program. Thank you to the clubs who took part and to those we have already taken part for the next year's payout. This is a great program of the Foundation and I wish all clubs would take part.

### Ruritan National Foundation

#### 2021 Board of Trustees

**President:** Brent Wheeler  
**Vice President:** O.H. Bobbitt III  
**Secretary:** Graham Bryant  
**Treasurer:** Phillip Bradshaw  
**Promotion Chair:** Guy Cox



As the convention draws near, the Foundation will once again change hands. I do so appreciate the trust each of you had in me over these last years. It has been a wonderful experience for me and was an opportunity to work with a series of fantastic Ruritan Trustees. I ask that you continue to support each Trustee as you have given your support to me. These are some of the most fantastic people I have ever known. Each has the Foundation as a priority and has dedicated more time than you can imagine making sure it is the best Foundation ever.

Now as Bill and I ride off into the Ruritan sunset, we aren't going away....we are going to be celebrating Ruritan with each of you.

**God Bless America and God Bless Ruritan!**

## We Have Aprons!

**\$12.75**



Two large pockets and adjustable neck strap. Long ties for back or front closure. Size: 34" L x 23" W. Machine washable.

**\$8.50**



This apron has three divisional pockets, long ties for back or front closure, and bar tacking for extra reinforcement. Size: 11" L x 23" W. Machine washable.



**VOLUNTEERS**

## Possum Hollow Smokes Pork Butts

**Possum Hollow** Club sold smoked pork butts to raise money for scholarships and other community projects. Pictured are Jack Darden, Jack Eure, Todd Schaubach, Mike Gambacorta, Drex Bradshaw, and Jim Henderson.



## Carrollton Honors Members

**Carrollton** Club recently honored six members who have served the club for over 30 years. Swain Davis has 61 years of service, Bruce Spady has 56 years, Harry Cassell has 50 years, George Winslow has 38 years, Herb DeGroft has 36 years, and Roland Lewis has 31 years. Past National Director Stan Turner was also present for the celebration. Pictured (l-r) Club Vice President Georgette Phillips, Swain Davis, Harry Cassell, Herb DeGroft, and Stan Turner.



## Zuni Recognizes Members

**Zuni** Club recognized members for their years of service. Pictured (l-r) are Charles Powell - 41 years, Ed Phillips - 41 years, and Dusty Rhodes - 14 years. Garrett Owens received the club's scholarship. The club also celebrated its 73rd anniversary.



## Burrowsville Presents Scholarships

**Burrowsville** Club awarded \$11,000 to Prince George County graduates. Pictured (l-r) is Scholarship Chair Rod J. Mustanski, Corey Edwards, Lisa Marie Parker, Kaitlyn Barker, Club President Richard Harrison, Ethan Post, and Abigail Glazier.



## Driver Presents Shirts to Boy Scouts

**Driver** Club established an annual donation of embroidered shirts for crews from Boy Scout Troop 16 (which the club sponsors) attending the Philmont National Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Club members Marshal Miller and his wife Pam, who own the Embroidery and Print House in Suffolk VA, embroidered the shirts for the club. The presentation was made by Club President Bill Wulfkuhle and members Troop 16 Scoutmaster Jeff Ward, Assistant Scoutmaster Mo Etienne, and Marshall Miller to club member and Troop 16 Philmont Crew Leader David Willis. Each scout and leader received an embroidered shirt to wear on their trek to Philmont. Driver Ruritans will donate shirts annually to the troop's future Philmont crews. Pictured are Marshall Miller, Mo Etienne, Bill Wulfkuhle, and Jeff Ward presenting an embroidered shirt to David Willis.



## Surry County Holds Boston Butt Sale



**Surry County** Club has been busy raising money to help the community. The most recent events were the club's Famous Fish Fry and a new event, the Boston Butt Sale. For the fish fry, members met in the morning to make coleslaw, then met again in the afternoon to make baked beans, batter the cod, and fry hushpuppies and French fries. The meals were then delivered to the public by a drive-through system. Many of the members pitched in all day to make it a success. The club also came up with a creative way to tackle what used to be their BBQ sale. This year, the club took orders for smoked Boston Butts, which ended up being very successful.

Club members met at 5am to start the smokers so the butts would be ready by noon. Chelsea and Vickie Jones prepared lunch for the workers. These fundraisers helped to provide scholarships to students in the community and gifts for residents in the Accordius Nursing Home in Waverly.



**Grassfield** Club President Russell Gwynn presented the 2021 Grassfield Club Scholarship to Ysa Duenas. She is a Grassfield High School graduate who will attend John's Hopkins University to work toward a medical degree. Notably, she is in the first group of female Eagle Scouts nationally from troop 5800 in Chesapeake, VA.

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## James City Works on the “Chain Gang”



If you are ever at a Jamestown, Lafayette or Warhill high school football game in Virginia on a Friday night (or an occasional Saturday afternoon) don't be surprised to see members of the **James City Ruritan Club** working on the “Chain Gang”! There is a loyal group of volunteers working the sidelines to make sure the games move along smoothly and without interruption. These guys make up the Chain Crew (more fondly known as the “Chain Gang”) for the three local high school football teams.

They are coordinated by **James City Club** member and National Director Cleve Wright, who took over that role from Richard Swanenburg. Richard founded and managed the group for many years but had to give it up due to his late wife's declining health. Cleve did not want

to see the group dissolved and this community service effort end, so he agreed to take over and become the new coordinator. Richard still keeps tabs on the “Chain Gang” and occasionally provides his insight and advice. Cleve works closely with the athletic directors at each of the local high schools to coordinate and ensure that all home pre-season scrimmages, regular season, and playoff football games are covered. Cleve has a group of 12-15 volunteers including several past and present James City Ruritan club members. Cleve notes they are all extremely dedicated and take great pride in being as professional as possible with their responsibilities. “They share a common bond with their love for football and a passion for community service,” said Cleve. By providing this volunteer service to the local high schools, the “Chain Gang” saves the schools' athletic budgets a considerable expense at every game.

They have become a valuable support group for each school's athletic department and an integral part of gameday operations. Pictured (l-r) are “Chain Gang” members James Gilley, Rick Koehl, Cleve Wright, Paul Kerr, Steve Anderson, and Mike Abell (not pictured: Keith Williams, John Kuplinski, Bruce Burkett, Jason Prokup, J.T. Brown, Dave Beaver, Bo Bohannon, and Richard Swanenburg)





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## Short Pump Presents Awards

**Short Pump** Club presented special awards for service to Henrico County and scholarships to eight graduating high school seniors at the club's meeting June 22, 2021. Club President Gina Brooks and Club Secretary Bruce Brooks recognized three Henrico County first responders and a local business leader for their exemplary service to the citizens of the county.

Pictured (l-r) are Short Pump Ruritan's 2021 Sheriff's Deputy of the Year Langston Logan of the Henrico County Sheriff's Office, 2021 Firefighter of the Year Julian Day of the Henrico County Division of Fire, Club President Gina Brooks, 2021 Police Officer of the



Year John Nance of the Henrico County Division of Police, and 2021 Business Person of the Year Andrew Price, Sales Manager & Residential Loan Officer at Fulton Bank.

At the same dinner meeting, the following Henrico County graduating seniors were each presented with a \$1,000 scholarship by Scholarship Committee Chair Bill Miller: Shruti Bala, Abhay Dharnikota, Hridya Mainra, Daphne Pang, Michelle Quach, Nazifa Rahman, Colin Schmidt, and Emily Toler. Pictured are five of the eight scholarship recipients.



## Montpelier Retires Flags

Members of Boy Scout Troop 706 were guests of the **Montpelier** Club at their June 2021 meeting. After dinner, the Boy Scouts performed their annual flag retirement ceremony. Two local county sheriff's deputies were also in attendance. The club had collected two tubs filled with flags that needed to be retired. The Scouts read from a retirement script they had prepared and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joining in the retirement ceremony was Montpelier Club member and World War II veteran, Claude

Lowry, who placed several flags in the retirement pit. The pit was built in 2020 as an Eagle Scout project by one of the troop members and will be used for all future flag retirement ceremonies. Pictured are Joan and Dick Jones (standing), and Claude Lowry (sitting); members of Boy Scout Troop 706; World War II veteran and Montpelier club member Claude Lowry with Scoutmaster Harold Scills.



## Abingdon Club Receives Blue Ribbon Award

**Abingdon** Club received the Blue Ribbon Award for 2020 and Jimmy Leiffer received the 2020 Outstanding Club President Award. Chesapeake District Governor Johnny Moore was a guest at the club's June membership meeting and presented both awards to Past Club President Jimmy Leiffer (pictured).





## Bealeton - Remington Holds Beef Raffle

Joe Bailey (center) is congratulated by **Bealeton-Remington Club** President Scott Davis (left) for being the winner of the “Beef & Bacon” raffle. Joe received one quarter side grass - finished beef. Dr. Jerry Engh (right) and family donated the winning prize from their Lakota Ranch Farm Store located at 9272 Big Horn Road, Remington, Va. All proceeds go toward local community needs, programs, and student awards.

## South Warren, Stafford, and Lovettsville-Waterford Present Scholarships



**South Warren Club** presented their 2020 scholarship awards totaling \$4200, at their annual family picnic and awards meeting. Pictured are Kristal Nguyen, Elizabeth Roland, and Michael Davis. All three will be attending Lord Fairfax Community College at Middletown, VA.



**Stafford Club** has awarded 12 college scholarships for two students from each high school and two vocational scholarships awarded county-wide. This year's winners are Noah Shields and Staci Johnson from Brooke Point High School, Joyce Jiang and Danielle Piper from Mt. View High School, Andrea Espinoza and Mayfair Quaye from North Stafford High School, Arielle Williams and Noor Cheema from Stafford High School, and Aynsleigh Escher and Thomas Lane from Colonial Forge High School. The Vocational award winners are Elizabeth Long and Patrick O'Leary. The club has also awarded 16 community-based awards to organizations serving the greater Stafford County area.

**Lovettsville-Waterford Club** continued its long commitment to providing scholarships to outstanding high school seniors. On June 13, Club President Chuck Hedges awarded four \$2000 scholarships at a ceremony held at Woodgrove High School. The club's Scholarship Committee chose the recipients based on academic excellence and outstanding community service. The Irma and Roger Powell Memorial “Good Citizen Award” went to Carissa Vergers, the Mickey McDowell Memorial “Ambitions Spirit Award” to Sabrina Corynne Ritter, the Henry and Mary Dyker Memorial “Community Service Award” to Kristina Ayers, and the Barbara Carr Memorial “Humanitarian Award” to Stefanie Livelsberger.

## Sterling Club Receives Advocacy Award



**Sterling Club** was presented the 2021 National Council on Independent Living, Region 3 Advocacy Award in recognition of their support, during the pandemic. This award is presented to an individual or organization that has significantly supported and advanced, independent living and the rights of individuals with disabilities in Region 3, which includes the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Club donated the use of their building for several weeks, which enabled the Endependence Center of Northern Virginia (ECNV) to conduct vaccination clinics targeted at people with disabilities, and their caregivers. Many of these individuals had no transportation or way to arrange to receive the vaccine, had it not been for the assistance of the Ruritan members and the ECVN.

## News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

### Forest Hill Presents Scholarships

Friends and family were on hand when Amber Summy, Anna May Angus, Natalie Davis and Scuyler Kidd were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the **Forest Hill Club**. Amber was away at camp, so her mother accepted the scholarship on her behalf.



### Clifford Stays Active



**Clifford Club** has worked hard to continue with fundraisers and community activities this past year. These have included a carryout spaghetti dinner, an Easter egg sale, a carryout BBQ pork and chicken dinner, and just recently, a cruise-in and community yard sale. They also gave out four scholarships at their May meeting.

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**Amherst/ Monroe Club** President Ron Tomlin welcomed new member Lois Aron.



### Lynch Station

Club recently celebrated two of their long-standing members and recognized them for their service to the club and their community. James "Sonny" Hodges has been a member of the club for



60 years, and Richard Cox has been a member for 50 years. They were each presented with a certificate of appreciation.

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## News From Ruritan: Southwest Virginia District

### Atkins Members Receive Gold Key Award

Three members of the **Atkins Club** received the President's Gold Key Award. Pictured are Jimmy Sheets, Donna Bentley, and Rodney Surber. Jimmy received a "five-member" bar. The club also participated

in their local Memorial Day parade with a red, white, and blue Ruritan themed float.



## Sam Houston and Falling Spring Present Scholarships



**Sam Houston** Club held a picnic in July and introduced their scholarship recipients for 2020 and 2021. The 2021 recipients from Rockbridge County High School are Courtney Towle, the James Freed Scholarship; Jenna Entsminger, the Eugene Swisher Scholarship; and Wendell Tyson, the Rec-



tor "Buzzy" Engleman Scholarship. Courtney will be studying architecture at VA Tech, Jenna will attend Bridgewater College studying Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice, and Wendell will be attending Universal



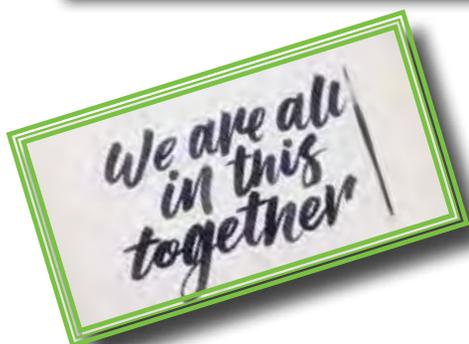
Technical Institute training with the Penske 2 NASCAR team. The club's 2020 scholarship recipients Ayden Henson, Tia Fridley, and Autumn Fridley were also introduced at the picnic due to cancellation of the 2020 picnic. The club's 2020 and 2021 auctions, which help to fund scholarships, were moved to an on-line platform. Auction Chairman Mickey Cochran worked tirelessly to make these auctions a success.



**Falling Spring** Club had a cookout on July 12th to celebrate their three scholarship winners. Each recipient received a \$1,000 scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are Cooper Rice, Ethyn Kimberlin, Alex Newman, and Club President Debbie Henderson. Bus drivers were also recognized. Bus drivers have a tremendous responsibility transporting children to and from school. Hats off to them



for their loyalty and dedication to the task. Pictured are Bill Biggs, Debbie Henderson, and Nathan Manspile (a club member). Recognized but not present were Steve Tremblay, Whitney Nida, Stan Sizemore, Roger Byer and Linda West.



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### Millboro Renovates Nature Trail

Ten years ago, **Millboro** Club members had the idea to make use of the wooded area around their facility and the local elementary school. A Nature Trail for the use of the public and the school was decided on. Over the years the trail has expanded to 3 miles of woodland. The club has constructed bridges, 2 outdoor classrooms, vernal pools and snags. Education is the number one benefit. Signs identify forty species of trees and shrubs. Large plaques contain a variety of information on the benefits of the 50-acre



woodlot such as: value of snags to cavity nesters, vernal pool to frogs, salamanders and fairy shrimp, and brush piles for cover for small mammals. Another section identifies invasive aliens and describes their negative effects. Exercise is an additional benefit. In these stressful times, the many benches on the trail give both students and locals a safe spot to unwind, contemplate and meditate on their



**Kerrs Creek Club** recently surprised Club President John Burleson and his wife Sarah with a cake. John and Sarah were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.



lives. Lastly, the numerous trail maps and color coding allow young students to learn spatial orientation and how to reach a desired destination. Club members regularly walk the trail to keep it clear of debris, dead leaves, and trash and to ensure the safety of the trail.



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## National Director Carroll Lowe Passes



Mr. Carroll Douglas Lowe, Jr., age 58 of Millers Creek, passed away Monday, September 20, 2021 at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Health in Winston Salem.

A public viewing was held at Reins-Sturdivant in North Wilkesboro on Saturday from 8:00a.m.until 5:00p.m. A graveside service was held Sunday starting 1:00 p.m. at Scenic Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Dr. Chris Hefner officiating.

Carroll was born May 10, 1963 in Hertford County, NC to Carroll Douglas Lowe, Sr. and Kaye White Lowe. He was National Director with Ruritan National and a member of the Brushy Mountain Ruritan Club for 23 year. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors for Wilkes Vocational Services. He was involved with many charities. He worked for Lowe's Home Improvement for 26 years. He was a volunteer on the Appalachian Ski Patrol S013 for 23 years. He is survived by his wife of the home, Sandra Curry Lowe; his parents, Carroll Douglas Lowe, Sr. and Kaye White Lowe of Ahoskie, NC; one sister, Lisa Lowe Brown and husband, Randy of Boone; one niece, Brittany Story and husband, Austin of Vilas; one nephew, Derek Brown and wife, Leslie of Lenoir; one great niece, Hadley and one great nephew, Ryland; his mother in-law, Dorothy Curry of Winston Salem; and five brothers in-law; and three sisters in-law; and several cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ruritan National PO Box 487 Dublin, VA 24084.

## Churchville Works Together



As a recent club project **Churchville** Club members cleaned up trash on a portion of US 250. They picked up 11 bags of trash and two large items. The club continued their community service efforts by painting and repairing the Churchville Community Center. Club members



also took part in Memorial Day celebrations by placing flags on the graves of veterans buried at the Greenhill Cemetery in Churchville.



At a recent club meeting the **Sangerville-Towers** Club auctioned off home-made pies and cakes. Club member Ray Wine served as auctioneer.

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## Bridgewater Makes a Difference

After helping the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department with the bingo booth at the annual community lawn party, members of the **Bridgewater** Club rang the bells for the Salvation Army. Pictured is Dennis Rawley in front of Bridgewater Foods.



The club's Spring 2021 onion sale was a major success. The club sold 500 bags of Vidalia onions thanks to generous support from the community.

## McGaheysville Honors Veterans Graves

On Saturday May 29th members of the **McGaheysville Club** assisted the Mount Olivet Cemetery Committee with placing U.S. Flags on the grave sites of local veterans and heroes. This has been a long-time club project for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day celebrations.



## Fulks Run Welcomes New Members



**Fulks Run Club** awarded scholarships to outstanding seniors Isadeliz Buckwalter, Jessica Estep, and Grace Fravel. They were recognized at an award ceremony at Broadway High School. The club recently received a certificate and an American flag that was flown over the Capitol building at the request of the Honorable Ben Cline, "in honor of the Fulks Run Ruritan Club and their dedication to community service." The flag was displayed at the club's 4th of July yard sale.

The club held its annual lawn party July 22-24. Each night featured a new local band and activities included a dime pitch, Bingo, cake wheel, and inflatables. Fulks Run also welcomed two new members at their July meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Lt. Zone Governor Rose Harper with Jake and Jessica Delano.



The **Luray Club** gathered for its annual picnic at Lake Arrowhead. They were joined by National President Linwood Hedgspeth and First Lady Anne, along with district and zone governors.



**Rockingham Luncheon Club** collected items and assembled 50 bags of goodies and supplies that were donated to the Open Door homeless shelter in Harrisonburg.



**Belmont Community** presented the club's Build Your Dollar Scholarship to Hannah Losh. Hannah is a senior at Bridgewater College. Picture (l-r) are Club President Rick Keyton, Hannah Losh, and National Director Rebecca Lane.

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## News From Ruritan: Rockingham District



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Jonathan Moore, 12, of Quicksburg, dices Vidalia onions outside the West Shenandoah Ruritan Club's food stand at the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds in Woodstock on Friday. Jonathan was using a wall mounted French fry cutter to assist in the task. The club sells Vidalia onions as a fundraiser during the year and puts the unsold onions in cold storage. The surplus onions are served raw or fried with a variety of sandwiches during the Shenandoah County Fair.



**Bridgewater Club** recognized Pidge Rhodes as the 2021 Citizens of the Year. Rhodes has been active in several local organizations and projects, most notably the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Company. He was honored for a lifetime of service to the Bridgewater community. Pictured with Rhodes (l) is Citizen and Patriotism Committee Chair Frank Will.



## ***This Magazine is a Special Double Issue!***

National has responded to the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic in the last 18 months by adjusting schedules, postponing some events, and rescheduling others. One of the adjustments has been to plan this Fall/Winter 2021 magazine - a double issue with twice the great Ruritan coverage. In this issue you will find double the great club news, and lots of information on the upcoming 2022 Ruritan National Convention-including ballot issues that will be decided by the delegates.

## Mt. Pleasant Dedicates Bridge



**Mt. Pleasant** Club's Citizenship and Patriotism committee arranged to dedicate Israels Creek Bridge to a local fallen Vietnam veteran April 30th, 53 years after the soldier's death. The club unveiled the sign while family and friends of the soldier looked on. Pictured is the soldier's best friend, Jim Puhl, reflecting on the honor given to his fallen comrade. After the roadside unveiling, the club held a bridge dedication ceremony for Private Larry F. Brashears' family and friends, complete with presentation of the colors, a Fallen Soldier's table, and a post ceremony reception with light fare. 2019 National President Larry Cassell presented memorial plaques to the family.

The club awarded five scholarships at their May general membership meeting. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Zachary Crum, Devon Brunner, Carolina Heister, and Hailey Carr. Zachary is a student at Frederick Community College. He is majoring in Health and Exercise Science. He plans to transfer to a four-year college next year and continue his education toward a health-related career, such as an orthopedic physician assistant. Devon has been accepted at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA where he plans to major in Ocean Engineering while being part of the NROTC program. Upon graduation, Devon plans to commission to the U.S. Navy and become a naval aviator. Carolina will enter Kent State University in Ohio in the Fall. Her area of study is Fashion Merchandising. Hailey has been accepted at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA where she will pursue a degree in Exercise Science and Pre-Physical Therapy. Rachel Eaves (not pictured) is currently in her second year at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA majoring in social work with a minor in youth ministry.



## Maugansville and Johnsville Present Scholarships

**Maugansville** Club awarded two \$1000 scholarships to local high school seniors at the May meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Ray Wills, Eric Meredith, Clear Spring High School recipient Janelle Armstrong, North High School recipient Lacy Fornwalt, and Carl Galligan. The young ladies spoke to the club about their plans for the future.



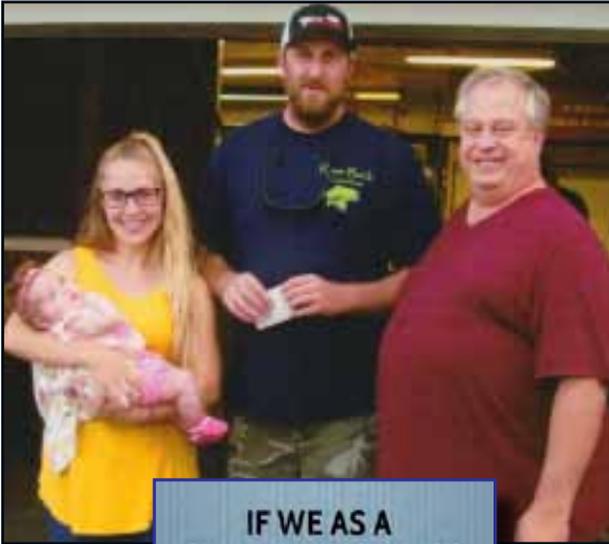
At its May 2021 meeting the **Johnsville** Club presented two \$1000 scholarship awards. Recipients Hailey Carr and Zachary Spurrier were presented the awards by Robin Ibex of the Scholarship Committee. On June 1, 2021 the club celebrated its 60th anniversary. The club was chartered on June 13, 1960. Pictured (l-r) are charter members Paul Spurrier and Richard Grossnickle, current President Paul Dotterer and 2000 Potomac District Governor Randy Huffer, of the **Burkittsville** Club.



**Lewistown** Club held their famous chicken barbeque on June 6, with many members helping to prepare the chicken and handling the sales. Members commented that it was so good to be able to continue this long-standing tradition that nobody complained about the smoke from the grills, the tremendous amount of work involved, or being on the cleanup crew afterwards. As usual, all the barbequed chicken was completely sold out by closing time!



## Burkittsville Donates \$7,777 to Local Family



**Burkittsville** Club donated \$7,777 to a local family whose daughter was treated for a rare medical condition. Funds were raised from food sales and individual donations during the Brunswick Community Festival held at the Burkittsville Club Building. Pictured (l-r) are Brittany Smith holding baby Lois, Jacob Smith, and Burkittsville Club President Kenneth Basler.

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## Jefferson Holds Record-Breaking Carnival



The Jefferson Club's Community Carnival came back strong after a year off due to COVID restrictions. It turned out to be a record-breaking year. Large crowds came out each evening to enjoy great food, live entertainment, rides for the young at heart, and games of chance. The best part was seeing all out and about enjoying a true community event. Local non-profits were provided spaces to raise funds with no compensation required to Ruritan. 2019 Ruritan National President Larry Cassell, a member of the club, noted that this community event brings together those who have resided in the area for many years with many new residents, making this carnival the best place to appreciate the diversity of the Jefferson area population.

# Associate Member Rebate

Are you aware that your club will receive a 10% dues rebate credit for each Associate Member? Please check your club's November 2021 invoice to view your Associate Member rebate.

## News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

### Durants Neck and Hall Present Scholarships



**Durants Neck Club** awarded four scholarships in the amount of \$1500 each. Recipients were Madison Jennings, Atavia Mallory, Katelyn Sharber, and Clayton White. The scholarships were presented by Club President Joyce Gurganus. Madison completed her freshman year at Elizabeth State University and plans to continue her studies at UNC Asheville where she will complete the prerequisite courses before pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. Atavia completed her freshman year at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and

will return this fall to continue her studies. Upon completion she plans to pursue a doctorate in occupational therapy. Katelyn completed her freshman year at East Carolina University where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She joined several club members who recently volunteered their time to help with the vaccination clinic at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. Clayton finished his freshman year at North Carolina State University where he is pursuing a degree in Agriculture Engineering. When he is not working on the family farm, Clayton volunteers with the local fire department. He plans to return to the area and work in the field of agriculture. To help fund the scholarships, the club hosted a chicken and barbeque fundraiser in May and held its annual auction in July with over 250 items auctioned off. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Joyce Gurganus, Madison Jennings, Atavia Mallory, Katelyn Sharber, and Clayton White.



**Hall Club** presents scholarships. Pictured are Club President Billy Felton, Social Development Chair Diane Prince, Heather Moore, and Sydney Eure. Not pictured: Serenity Edwards.

## News From Ruritan: Roanoke District

### Robersonville Builds Ramps



**Robersonville Club** built three ramps for individuals in their local community. Pictured are club members and friends from the construction crews.

The club presented its Build Your Dollar Scholarship to local student Hannah Bryant. Hannah plans to attend East Carolina University in the fall. Pictured are Hannah and Club President Doug Killingsworth.



In honor of Memorial Day, **Gold Point Club** placed flags on veterans' graves in Oak City and Robersonville cemeteries.



## West Edgecombe Honors First Responders



The **West Edgecombe** Club held its First Responder Appreciation Dinner at their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Edgecombe Sheriff Cleveland Atkinson, Jr was the guest speaker. Chief Robert Hassell was introduced as the newly hired Chief of the Rocky Mount Police Department. Several members of local law enforcement, fire, EMS agencies, and Civil Air Patrol were in attendance. Public service awards were given to the heads of each agency. Pictured (l-r) is Edgecombe Sheriff Atkinson, West Edgecombe Club President Bruce Lancaster, and RMPD Chief Robert Hassell.

## Bahama Recycles Paint



On July 3, **Bahama** Club held their annual paint recycle. Community residents brought in 360 gallons of old paint, 36 large tubs, and numerous quarts and pints. The collection was then taken to the hazardous waste facility for proper disposal. North Carolina Central University's drama department selected 30 cans for use in scenery painting. Pictured are Russell Pratt, Bob Simmons, John Heller, and Tony DeVuono relaxing during a lull in the collection process.



**Needmore** Club recently hosted members and guests for their annual picnic at Bass Lake Park, Holly Springs, NC.

## Bethesda Presents Scholarships



**Bethesda** Club's Scholarship Committee hosted their annual scholarship awards recognition and dinner on June 24. This year marks the 31st year of recognizing outstanding students in the community. To date, over \$460,000 has been awarded in educational financial assistance. After dinner, the club heard from past scholarship recipients who provided an update on their academic and personal progress during the past year. Committee Chair

Jim Caddell recognized the scholarship recipients for 2021 and wished them much success in their studies. The recipients are Casey Thompson, W.E. Rice Scholarship (four-year tuition) North Carolina State University; Madison Morris, \$1500, Southeastern Freewill Baptist College; Collin Johnson, \$1500, Campbell University; and Sarah Elliott, \$600 Build Your Dollar scholarship, Wake Technical Community College. Pictured (l-r) are Sarah Elliott, Casey Thompson, Collin Johnson, and Madison Morris.



## Rocky Mt. District Clubs Present Scholarships



Northern High School graduate Ashlyn Stone is the recipient of **Rougemont** Club's 2021 scholarship. Ashlyn plans to attend the University of Mount Olive, NC in the fall. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Marty Thacker, Scholarship Committee Chair Lawrence Daye, and Ashlyn Stone.



The club held its annual Community Ice Cream social. This social honors the VFD, EMT, and Veterans in the area. In attendance were National President Linward and First Lady Anne (this is their home club) National Directors George Brothers, and Melody Davis.



**Efland** Club Scholarship Committee Chair Tim Sukow presented scholarships to Natalie Ray (Orange High School), Nicol Anderson (Cedar Ridge High School), and Ryan Krootheop (Eno River Academy).

On July 22 **Meadow Creek** Club hosted a dinner to recognize and honor the recipients of the club's scholarships. Christian Grant Thompson was selected as the winner of the club's "Excellence in Academics" scholarship, and Gracie Ann Hunt was selected as the recipient of the Build your Dollar scholarship. Each recipient was presented with a scholarship award of \$1,000 along with a Rudy Bear. Grant will be attending Greensboro College where he plans to pursue a degree in physical education and will play on the school's basketball team. Gracie will be attending



Alamance Community College to pursue her goal of becoming a nurse. Pictured (l-r) are Club Secretary Ron Reid, Christian Grant Thompson, Gracie Ann Hunt, and Club President Cletus Dodson.



Caitlin Proctor was the recipient of the **Coopers** Club scholarship for 2021. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Danny Tyson, Wanda Powell, and Caitlin Proctor. Caitlin will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall.



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## Silk Hope and Needmore Present Scholarships



**Silk Hope Club** awarded over \$5,000 to six graduating high school seniors. The return to regular bingo games helped fund these scholarships despite its absence in 2020. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee Chair Michael Rogers, Hannah Jourdan, Aiden Campbell, Carson Rickman, Graham Stafford, Rilee Rains, and Club President Daniel Rickard.

The club held its first annual Summer Spectacular event. Over

25 vendors, a car show, games, food, and most prominently a fireworks display - courtesy of Piedmont Landscaping Supply. The Secretary Paula "Missy" Thompson put in many long hours along with Assistant Secretary Mike Angeli worked tirelessly to secure an ever elusive noise permit.



**Needmore Club** held a barbeque fundraiser. Club members are shown cutting and stacking wood to get ready for the busy day. A scholarship was presented to a high school graduate. Pictured (l-r) are Needmore Club Treasurer Maurice Weaver, scholarship recipient, and Club President David Griffith.



**Lynns Crossroad Club** has been busy over the last few months. Presented seven scholarships, started bingo, sponsored NC Dominators (a traveling softball team), built a ramp, held fall barbeque, and welcomed two new members.



**Carpenter Club** donated the materials to build a shelter at Good Hope Baptist Church in the Carpenter community. Pictured (l-r) are Mitch Petway, Jerry Hamm, Wiley Nance, Brian Phillips, Norman Stallings, and Jeff Neese.

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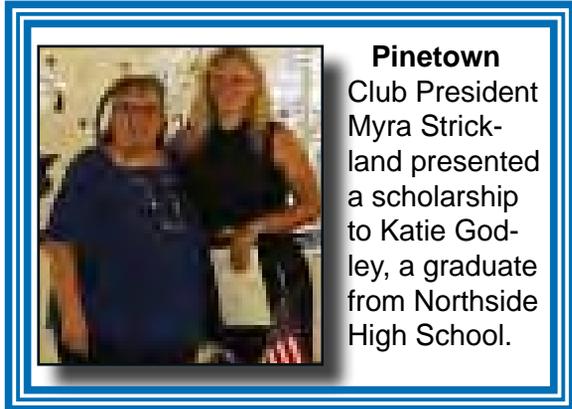
## News From Ruritan: Greenville Goldsboro District



### New Hope and Pinetown Present Scholarships

At their June 6th meeting, the **New Hope** Club presented awards and scholarships to students. Pictured are (l-r) front row: Outstanding FFA Student (plaque and \$100) recipient Matthew Parks, D.W. Kneeshaw Scholarship (\$600) recipient Macy Sauls, Ruritan Foundation Build Your Dollar Scholarship (\$600) recipient

Holly Crocker; back: Gary Smith Scholarship (\$500) recipient Cairns Edmundson, the Woody Anderson Scholarship (\$500) recipient Kylie Warrick, The Albert Radford Scholarship (\$500) recipient Amber Trivette, and Club President, Nancy Dawson. Not pictured but receiving virtually during the presentations: Winston Best Scholarship (\$500) recipient Cooper Edmundson. The club also donated \$300 to the Wayne County Relay for Life on June 11th at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.



**Pinetown** Club President Myra Strickland presented a scholarship to Katie Godley, a graduate from Northside High School.

## News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District



### Grays Creek Celebrates 75th Anniversary

**Gray's Creek** Club recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. Several descendants of the charter members were able to attend. District Governor Roger Petersen presented Club President Alan Banks with a 75th anniversary certificate. Frank Roberts shared remarks about the last 30-years of the club.

Elsie Marsh Dew and Christine Marsh Cashwell shared some history of the Gray's Creek community and noted how the club had always been important and appreciated. As a gesture of thanks for their sponsorship and help when the club was struggling, Club President Alan Banks presented a \$500 donation to the Seventy-First Ruritan Club.



### Anderson Creek Plays Golf

Pictured are **Anderson Creek** Club members who participated in the 39th Annual Ruritan Golf Tournament in May at Carolina Lakes Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament provided scholarships for 4 students. Members are: back row, Johnny Reaves, David Matthews, Chris Puckett. Middle row: Marie Taylor, Yvonne Driver, Donna Rigby. Seated: Jimmy Raynor, Steve Rigby, Johnny Taylor. Not pictured: Holt Felment



The **Back Swamp** Club donated 24 Rudy Bears, received from the former Richlands Ruritan Club, to the Back Swamp Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Linda Hunter and Deputy Fire Chief Adam Ketchum.



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## News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

### Johnsonville Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



In May the **Johnsonville** Club celebrated their 60th anniversary at a dinner attended by special guests National President Linward Hedgspeth and First Lady Anne Hedgspeth. Other local and national dignitaries included Harnett County Commissioner Matt Nicol, National Director David Hogan, Cape Fear District Governor Roger Peterson and wife Juanita, Zone 5 Governor and Past District Governor Polly Bouldin, and District Growth and Development Chairs Neil and Laurie Guin. Past National Directors Tom and Carole Davis were present along with current District Lt.

Governor Rodger Nicely, Zone 3 Governor Larry Taylor, District Treasurer Karen Cox, and District Secretary Cecilia Del Prado. Pictured (l-r) are National President Linward Hedgspeth, Club President Cecilia Del Prado, National Director David Hogan, and Cape Fear District Governor Roger Peterson.

Also in May, the club participated in the ribbon cutting at Patriot Park, a county project consisting of a playground covered by a canopy, a small picnic shelter with three tables, two multi-use ball fields with backstops surrounded by a gravel track, and a natural half-mile circular unpaved walking trail through the woods. Over 20 years ago, Ruritan members Carole and Tom Davis started working toward getting a park built in our area and their dedication and persistence helped to make it happen. Pictured are Tom and Carole, former Ruritan Penny Christman, Harnett County Commissioner Matt Nicol and county staff.



For National Teacher Appreciation Day, Johnsonville club celebrated the teachers at Johnsonville Elementary School. Club members Karen Cox, Candace Edwards, Dianne Christensen, Lori Owen, and Club President Cecilia Del Prado brought food and snacks, individual hand sanitizers, colorful face masks, hand knitted dish cloths, scrubbies, and sombrero hot pads. Pictured are Karen Cox and Lori Owen.



This year's local scholarship recipients will share \$2100 towards their college tuition. Pictured from left, Michael Gozy, Union Pines High School, who has been



accepted at Georgia State University; from Western Harnett High School, Logan Holmes who will be attending North Carolina State University; and Codie Wigglesworth, Western Harnett High, who will be attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Also pictured are Club Vice President Candace Edwards, Scholarship Advisor Larry Taylor, and Scholarship Committee Member Louise Jensen. Not pictured is Luke Matthews, also from Western Harnett High, who will attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

## News From Ruritan: Spartan District

### Augusta Road Receives Blue Ribbon Award

**Augusta Road** Club was recognized for community service at a recent meeting. The Blue Ribbon Award was presented to the club by District Governor Danny Phillips. It is the first time in their 68 year history that they have received this award.



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## Starr Birx Receives National Ruritan of the Year

**Augusta Road Club** President Starr Lynn Birx was honored as the 2020 Ruritan National Ruritan of the Year. During 2020, Starr had 100 percent attendance at all local club meetings, participated in 29 different service projects and logged over 2300 community service hours. National President Linward Hedgspeth and National Director Patsy Shelton were on hand to present the award at the South Carolina Ruritan Fellowship Picnic held on Saturday, June 19 at the Augusta Road Club. Pictured are National President Linward Hedgspeth, Starr Lynn Birx, and National Director Patsy Shelton.

## Sandy Run Celebrates Christmas in July



**Sandy Run Club** recently celebrated "Christmas in July" by making bags of canned food, candy, homemade crocheted sunflower coasters, crackers, fresh produce, and other goodies for 20 home-bound neighbors. Club members donated the items throughout the year. They also use these products for Thanksgiving and Christmas donations for the needy. Pictured (l-r) are Jill Crim, Teresa Helms, Kelley Roche-Sanders, John Nelson, Betty Geiger, Herbert Geiger, Ginger Hardee, Lena Stabler, Sandra Pees, Howard Pees, Peg Nelson, and Kay James.

## Pelion Honors Veterans

Over 300 people gathered under perfect weather conditions on Memorial Day to honor the nation's fallen service members at the **Pelion Club's** Veterans Memorial Service. The SC Patriot Guard Riders stood with the USA flags along the curved walkway leading from the walking trail to the memorial. The service began with the ringing of the hour by Justin Craig, director of the Pelion High School Band. The Pelion JROTC presented the colors with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Soldiers of Faith southern gospel quartet sang the National Anthem, followed by the invocation. Special guest speaker was Col. J. D. Evans

from Fort Jackson. Ed Wilkes played the bagpipes during the flag ceremony as the old flag was lowered and the new flag raised. The Lexington Sheriff's Honor Guard gave the 21-gun salute, followed by TAPS played by Justin Craig.

An unexpected highlight of the event was when a bald eagle flew over the monument, a beautiful representation of the USA seen against clear blue skies. This memorial continues to be a proud monument that brings the community together. There are now 356 names inside the memorial that represent all branches of the military. This number includes 28 men killed in action whose names appear on the granite band. Pictured are the SC Patriot Guard Riders standing around the walk to the memorial.



**Duncan Club** Treasurer James Alford presented a washing machine and \$200 to Breaking Bread for Jesus Director Gail Eanes on behalf of the club.

Rudy Bears were donated to the Wellford Police Department. Wellford Mayor Patricia Watson accepted the bears on behalf of the Wellford Police Department.

## News From Ruritan: Spartan District

### Gilbert and Pomaria Present Scholarships



**Gilbert** Club awarded three student scholarships at their June meeting. Alli Brophy received the Gilbert Ruritan Central Carolina Community Foundation Scholarship of \$1,500 and will attend Winthrop University. Ashtyn Goff received the Gilbert Ruritan Build Your Dollars Scholarship of \$750 and will attend Clemson

University. Katelyn Barefoot received the Gilbert Ruritan Community Service Scholarship of \$500 and will attend Columbia College. Club Treasurer Lisa Keisler presented the scholarships. Pictured (l-r) are Lisa Keisler, Alli Brophy, Ashtyn Goff and Katelyn Barefoot.

Jeremy Christian Hollowell was the recipient of the 2021 Pomaria club scholarship. Jeremy will be heading to Clemson University in the fall.



## News From Ruritan: Upper West Virginia District

### Fellowsville Purchases New Sign



**Fellowsville** Club purchased a new Ruritan sign to display at the Fellowsville Park that they maintain. These signs are available for purchase in Ruritan Supply. If you need help ordering please call the office at 877-787-8727 or go to the website [www.shumsky-ideas.com/ruritan](http://www.shumsky-ideas.com/ruritan). Pictured is 2018 National President Clinton Guy Cox.



A flag dedication was held in the park. The club purchased flags representing each branch of the military. "The community has been very supportive of the flags and travelers have stopped to take pictures of the lovely display," said Linda Cox.

The **club** hosted Lea Jennings and her family. Lea was the recipient of the Fellowsville Club scholarship and will be attending Concord College in the fall. The club was able to double the amount of this year's scholarship. Pictured are Lea and Fellowsville Club President John Goodwin.



### Capon Valley Backwoods Ruri-Teen and North River Present Scholarships



**Capon Valley Backwoods Ruri-Teen** Club awarded a scholarship at a joint meeting with the Capon Valley club. Ruri-Teen Club President Catelynn Flanagan and Ruri-Teen Club Treasurer Jasmine Post presented the \$600 scholarship to John Mayfield for his continued studies at West Virginia University.

**North River** Club awarded two scholarships at their July meeting. Club President Bryan Flanagan presented the scholarships to Alexis Cooper and Adrianna Haines. Both will be attending WVU Potomac State College.





## Brandon Carpenter Receives Golden Scoop Award

Each year after the State Fair of WV, the **Maxwelton** Club honors a member who did an outstanding job volunteering at the ice cream concession stand. This year's Golden Scoop Award was presented to Brandon Carpenter by Club President Gary Wallace. Brandon went over and above what he signed up for and gave 150% to make sure that the club had a successful year.



Rudy Ruritan recently joined the **Lashmeet** Club for their community appreciation day. The club also celebrated its 55th anniversary.



Lower West Virginia District Governor Blaine Cecil and his wife Deb-bie set up a booth to promote Ruritan at the **Pipestem** Club's Pro Wrestling event. The club sold hot dogs and barbeque.



## Margaret Crookshanks Receives Presidents Gold Key Award

**Williamsburg** Club member Margaret Crookshanks earned a President's Gold Key award for recruiting two or more new members. The club held a quarterly drawing and Margaret was also the winner of the \$100 prize. Pictured is club President Jack Goodman presenting the awards to Margaret.

Williamsburg Club announced their scholarship awards for 2021. Pictured (l-r) are recipients Augusta Judy, Lauren Quick, and Caleb Thomas with Club President Jack Goodman. Augusta will be attending Concord College, Lauren will be attending WVU, and Caleb will be attending Bluefield State. The three have also become new Ruritan members and will have the first year of dues paid by the club.



On Thursday, August 5th, David Ramsey, **Renick** Ruritan President presented two \$1,000 scholarships at the club's annual family picnic. The 2021 Matthew Gabbert scholarship recipients are Ozell Brown, daughter of John and Danielle Brown of Auto and Kendra Bostic, daughter of Archie and Natasha Bostic of Renick. Ozell will be attending New River Community & Technical College in Lewisburg this fall, while Kendra will be attending West Virginia University in Morgantown. Pictured is

Ramsey presenting \$1000 Matthew Gabbert Scholarship to Ozell Brown. Pictured is David Ramsey, president of Renick Ruritan Club, presenting \$1000.00 Matthew Gabbert Scholarship to Kendra Bostic.

## News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District



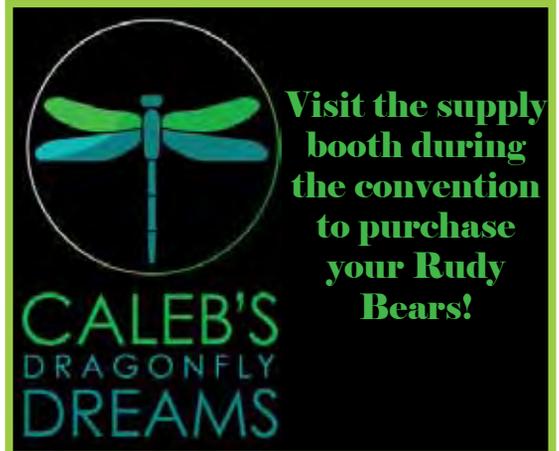
### Choateville Presents Scholarships

**Choateville** Club awarded the 2021 Build Your Dollar Scholarship to Mallory Wetherby. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Chester Hillard, Mallory and Club Treasurer Ruth Henry. The club also honored Bunny Smith, pictured with Club President Hillard, as the 2020 Choateville Ruritan of the

## News From Ruritan: Tennessee District



**Bloomingdale** Club members continue to clean up the roads in their community.



## News From Ruritan: Ohio District

### Ohio Clubs Celebrate Anniversaries

**Little Sandy Creek** Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. Richard Lotz was honored for serving 50 years as Little Sandy Creek Club Treasurer. Pictured (l-r) holding the anniversary certificate is Lotz, Little Sandy Creek Club President Walt Phillips, and National Director Mike Wright.



**St. Clairsville** Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. Pictured right are club members who attended the celebration.



**Winona** Club celebrated its 65th anniversary. Pictured left are Winona Past Club Presidents Homer Hu-prich, Tom Sanor, Bruce Marhefka, Rob Doyle Jr., John Stamp, Chris Stamp, Ron Berger, Homer Althouse, and National Director Mike Wright.



National President Linward Hedgspeth presented **Lodi** Club President Jeff Martin with a 60th anniversary certificate during the anniversary celebration.

*Happy Anniversary!*



### Smithville Celebrates Memorial Day

**Smithville** Club entered its Ruritan float (pictured) in the local Memorial Day Parade. Veterans were invited to ride the float and several club members handed out small flags to children along the parade route. The club hosted a Memorial Day Essay Contest for eighth grade students from Smithville Elementary School and \$25 prizes were

awarded to the four best essays. Three of the students read their essay at the Veterans Memorial Celebration. The club also sponsored a "Patriotic Bicycle Bridgade" for the younger students and awarded prizes to the top three decorated bikes.

### Northwestern Presents Scholarships



In May, **Northwestern** Club hosted members and guests at Northwestern High School for a dinner and program to recognize the club's scholarship recipients. Special guests included Wayne County Commissioners Ron Amstutz, Becky Foster, and Sue Smail, Congress Township Trustee Bill Cletzer, Perry Township Trustee Kent McGovern, and NWHS Principal Randall Hafner. The scholarships, totaling \$6500, were presented by Principal Hafner. Recipients were Samantha Barnette, Colston Cutter, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Morgan McCoy, Dakota Rainsberger, Desiree Smith, Tamar Walton,

Craig Wellert, and Emma Zemancik. Recipients were also presented certificates by club member/school superintendent Dr. Jeff Layton and Club President Kim Wellert.



Dr. Layton also announced the three Northwestern Ruritan Outstanding Businesses chosen this year. They were the Wayne County Commissioners, Ron Amstutz, Becky Foster, and Sue Smail, for ongoing funding of Title XX student counseling and support and school resource officer partnership; Congress Township Trustees (represented by Bill Cletzer) for their \$40,000 contribution (approximately) to Northwestern schools for COVID-related needs; and Perry Township (Ashland County) Trustees

(represented by Kent McGovern) for their \$20,000 contribution (approximately) to Northwestern schools for COVID-related needs. The Commissioners and Trustees were presented with plaques in appreciation of their contributions. Pictured (l-r) are Wayne County Commissioners Becky Foster, Sue Smail, and Ron Amstutz, Perry Township Trustee Kent McGovern, and Congress Township Trustee Bill Cletzer. Pictured are (l-r) front row: Tamar Walton, Morgan McCoy, Valerie Imhoff, Samantha Barnette, Elizabeth Howman, Emma Zemancik; back row: Desiree Smith, Dakota Rainsberger, Craig Wellert, and Colston Cutter.



**West Township Club's** scholarship recipient.



**Guilford Lake Club's** BY\$ scholarship recipient.



**Guilford Lake Club's** regular scholarship recipient.

## Charles Duckworth Recognized



Charles Duckworth (left) was recognized with a "50+ Years of Service" Award at **Chesterfield NC** Ruritan's June Meeting by Club President Shandy Gossett. Charles joined the National Ruritan organization on February 1, 1970, is currently the Club Treasurer and has had Perfect Attendance since he joined.



Western North Carolina District Governor Gary Barger presented the 2020 Outstanding Club President Award to Chesterfield NC Club President Shandy Gossett at the club's May meeting.



The club picked up over 20 bags of debris during their roadside clean-up on May 15. Pictured (l-r) are club members JR Gossett, Shandy Gossett, David Denton, Matthew Denton, Mike Casey, Katie Ross, Johnny Puett and Brian Ross.



Lexie Duckworth was the recipient of the club's 2021 scholarship. Lexie will be attending Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC. The scholarship was presented by Club President Shandy Gossett and Club Treasurer Charles Duckworth. Also pictured with Lexie are her brother, Grant, and her parents, Cassie and Robert Duckworth.

## Deep Gap and Oak Hill Present Scholarships



**Deep Gap** Club presented scholarships to Watauga High School graduates. Spencer Cathey who will be attending NC State University this fall pursuing a degree in biology, received \$2,500 from the Charles Rogers Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bailey Grace Cook was the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Ruritan National Foundations Build Your Dollars Scholarship. She will be attending Appalachian State University with plans to pursue a degree in elementary education. Macie Keller was awarded the \$1,000 Harold Eller Memorial Scholarship

and will be working toward her nursing degree at Caldwell Community College. Jake Gragg received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Ruritan Club and will attend Appalachian State University this fall, focusing on a Bachelor of Science Degree in CTE Workforce Leadership with a combination of business, construction and horticulture. Pictured (l-r) are Spencer Cathey, Bailey Grace Cook, Macie Keller, and Jake Gragg.

**Oak Hill** Club President Allen Penley and Secretary Libby Long presented the Jack and Granny Scholarship of \$1,000 to Ian Anderson. Anderson plans to attend Western Carolina University.



**Gamewell** Club presented Lenoir, NC Food Lion Manager John Caldwell with a plaque for Businessman of the Year. Club member Gerald Sprinkle presented the plaque to John at the club's monthly meeting.



## Rockawalkin Erects Free Library

**Rockawalkin** Club has established a Little Free Library outside their local community hall. Little Free Library is a national reading re-connection initiative. The library is already experiencing steady use. The club hopes to use it not only to promote reading, but to promote Ruritan in their community. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Tom Field, and project leaders Carson Jenkins (cutting ribbon), and Tammy Jenkins.

## Pungoteague and Tri County Present Scholarships



**Pungoteague** Club presented \$1,000 scholarships to five local students. The scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and community service. Recipients were Jimmy Shockley, Caleb Pruitt, and Bailey Taylor, all who will be attending Old Dominion University; Makita Patel, who will be attending the University of Virginia; and Victoria Grace Spence, who will be attending Liberty University. The club hosted a dinner for the



students and their families, where they were invited to share their plans for the future. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Committee Chair Bill Mapp, Ted Shockley, Jimmy Shockley, Amy Shockley, Caleb Pruitt, Ann Pruitt, Jackie Pruitt, Neha Patel, Aarav Patel, Parimal Patel, Makita Patel, Bobby Taylor, Bailey Taylor, Talia Taylor, Dr. Terry Spence, Linda Spence, and Victoria Grace Spence.

**Tri County** Club presented \$2600 in scholarship awards at its April monthly meeting. According to Dr. Dent (center) it's good to be back meeting in person after 14 months, and recognizing local students going on to college or trade schools.



Aiden Russell from Harrington DE, raced the **Idlewild** Ruritan Soapbox Derby car in the local derby race in Federalsburg, MD. He won first place and qualified to race in the World Championship in Akron, Ohio.

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## Germanton and Pine Hall Donate Dictionaries



**Germanton** Club built and donated a picnic table to the Walnut Cove public library. The table was donated in honor of Germanton member John Woodard, who passed away several months ago. John had worked several years at the Wake Forest University library.

The club provided lunch and presented dictionaries to third graders at Germanton Elementary School.



**Pine Hall** Club presented dictionaries to Pine Hall Elementary School third graders and a monetary donation to help fund Fall Festival events. Pictured is 2011 National President Jayson Duncan presenting the check.

**Sandy Ridge** Club along with the Northeast Stokes Fire/Rescue Department held a benefit fundraiser for a local youth who recently received a kidney transplant. Local businesses and far-reaching businesses helped by providing food items for concessions, monetary donations, and silent auction items. Many local artisans' and craftsmen donated items. The youth of the community assisted with obtaining donations and working the day of the event including our local Girl Scouts. Many musical groups provided entertainment along with numerous car owners during the cruise in.



**Brushy Mountain** Club participated in the Wilkesboro, NC Peach and Heritage Festival selling 1,500 fried peach pies.

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## Piedmont District Clubs Present Scholarships



**Cool Spring Club** awarded five scholarships to local college-bound students. Recipients were Jana Wicker, Jacsyn Beane, Samuel Hedrick, Sidney Olivia Leonard, and Marytza Mena Salgado. Jana and Marytza will be attending Appalachian State, Jacsyn is headed to NC State University, Samuel will be attending UNC Charlotte, and Sidney will be at Catawba Valley Community College. Piedmont District Governor Jayson Duncan spoke to the students and encouraged them to embrace the opportunities for education and fellowship, and to use what they learn in college to help their communities.

The club has also provided thermometers to staff at Cool Spring Elementary School and is completing a project to restore the old school bell which will hang outside the campus. Pictured are Governor Duncan (left), Marytza Mena Salgado, Jacsyn Beane, Jana Wicker (center), and Cool Spring club members.



**Farmington Club** held its annual picnic to honor scholarship recipient Moriah Little. The group celebrated with hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixins. Homemade ice cream was served for dessert.

**Francisco Club** recently honored three high school seniors and presented each with \$1,000 and a Bible during a community-wide cookout. The club's desire is that these Bibles will always be a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path. Pictured (l-r) are Hailey Goins, Savannah



Hailey Goins, Savannah



**V-Point Club** member Priscilla Holmes presented the to Elijah Hurt.



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## Copeland Holds Parade

On July 3rd, the **Copeland Club** held an Independence Day parade and "At The Square" celebration. In addition to the large parade, the community enjoyed games, live music, and hot dogs.



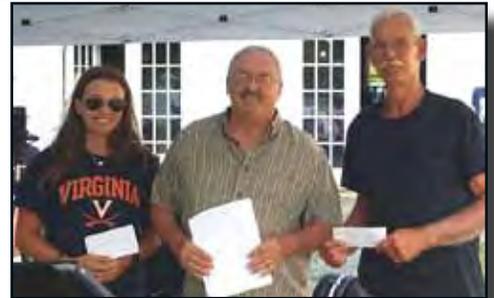
## Ararat Holds Appreciation Day



Ararat Club held an appreciation day for local law enforcement and fire and rescue squads. Rudy Bear made an appearance and each group was given a bag of Rudy Bears to distribute to children as needed during a crisis.

## Mt. Laurel Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Mt. Laurel Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary and awarded two scholarships at its annual fish fry. Attendees enjoyed fresh caught catfish, homemade side dishes, and a celebratory cake with ice cream for dessert. They were also entertained with bluegrass music under the shade trees. Pictured (l-r) are National Director Melody Davis, Mt. Laurel charter members Larry Francisco, Taylor Conner, Cecil Tharpe, Jimmy Anderson, Edwin Conner, George Anderson, Gilbert Conner, Johnny Lewis, and Michael Lindsey, James Bunn, Aubrey Roller, Jr. Pictured (l-r) scholarship recipient Kassidy Irby, Club President Pete Lacks, and Jimmy Anderson accepting on behalf of his granddaughter, Alexandra Anderson.



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## Aaron's Creek Staying Active

Aaron's Creek Club presented five seniors with scholarships at their August 5th meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Haleigh Ellixson, Bailey Bowen, Jaxton Hart, John Taylor IV, and Thomas Overton.

The club hosted a paint party. Pictured are the attendees with their completed projects.



The club sold out of its fall stew. Club members decided to add another stew pot next time so they can fill more orders.

**If We Work Together as One Team, We will Make a Difference in Our Organization!**



## Becky Paris and Wilbur Walker Receive Tom Downing Fellows

Mt. Olivet Club honored Club Secretary Becky Paris with a Tom Downing Fellow. She has been a member of the club since 1993 and has served in a club leadership role every year since 1998. Pictured is Becky being presented a bouquet of flowers by Club President Joe Bryant.



Dan River District Governor Charlie Bowman is shown presenting Wilbur Walker of the Patrick Springs Club with a Tom Downing



## Dry Fork Honors Sue Willis

Dry Fork Club had the privilege of honoring a community member for outstanding volunteerism at a dinner meeting. Sue Willis has been a resident of the Dry Fork community for some 46 years. Her journey of sacrificial volunteerism began before that, in the U.S. Army where she honorably served our great nation.

She raised six children, and as they grew older, her volunteer service increased to include membership with the Chatham Rescue Squad, as a charter member and eventually a leader in the Dry Fork Volunteer Fire Department and its auxiliary. Pictured are Dry Fork Secretary Carla Kearin (right) presenting Willis the award.



## Rangeley Presents Scholarships

Nicholas Shelton and Scott Harmon were each presented a scholarship by Rangeley club Vice President Phillip Earles.



Bassett Club members cleaned, sliced, and ground apples for apple butter. Apple Butter is a staple in the community and one of the club's main projects for the year. They sold out making it a successful fundraising event.



## Lincolnland District Clubs Receive Blue Ribbon Award



District Governor Beverly Tanner presented **Dubois Club** with a Blue Ribbon award. She also presented the Outstanding Club President award to Denise Friedman and Outstanding Club Secretary award to Erin Kalb.



Tanner presented **Dundas Club** (right) with a Blue Ribbon award. She also presented Outstanding Club President to Aaron Speith, and Outstanding Club Secretary to Pauline Volk.



Zone 5 Governor Amanda White presented **Geff Community Club** with a Blue Ribbon award. Amanda also presented the Outstanding Club President award to Sherry Jungwirth and the Outstanding Club Secretary award to Beverly Tanner.



Tanner presented **Mt. Erie Club** with a Blue Ribbon award. Accepting on their behalf was Club Vice President Norman McKinney.

**Bluford Community Club** awarded scholarships of \$500.00 each to Katelyn Langa and Summer Douglas of Webber Twp High School, Bluford, IL. The scholarships were presented by Club President Earl Robertson on May 10, 2021, at the Webber H.S. awards ceremony. Katelyn plans to use the funds for college general studies, and Summer plans to use the funds for nursing studies. The club served dinner to the award winners and their parents at the monthly meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Katelyn Langa, Earl Robertson, and Summer Douglas.



## Riley Allen Receives Scholarship

**Allendale Club** member Charles Stoltz presented Riley Allen with the club's Build Your Dollar Scholarship.



The **Allendale Club** prepared a meal for Imogen Kight's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.



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## News From Ruritan: New River District

### Ruritan Road Hosts Golf Challenge

The **Ruritan Road** Club hosted its Fireball Charity Golf Challenge in May. The tournament has become an annual event to help support the eight volunteer fire departments of Pulaski County. The weather was beautiful and there was a great turnout! Pictured (l-r) is Ruritan Road Vice President Johnny Edwards, Cain Hurst, Eddie Arnold, and Max Orren. The club was happy to be able to resume hosting monthly "Senior Bingo" in May. They were provided a hot lunch, prepared by the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary 1184.



## News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

### Camp Creek Honors Tim Smithson

At its April meeting the **Camp Creek** Club surprised Club President Tim Smithson with a cake to honor his 40 years as a Camp Creek member. He was also presented with a picture of him being sworn in as club president in 1984. Tim grew up in the Camp Creek Club and members say he is always ready to lend a hand. His dad,



Romaine Smithson, was a charter member. Tim is known to have a wealth of knowledge about the history of the club and Ruritan. Members say they appreciate having him as president. Pictured (l-r) are Reta Phillips, Betty McCue, George Lewis, Tim Smithson, Alan Brown, Bob Johnson, and Tami Collins.

On April 27th, the Camp Creek club held a 10th anniversary memorial service to remember those that lost their lives in the devastating tornadoes that struck Greene County on April 27 and 28, 2011. In attendance were members of the community, sheriff's office, fire, rescue and other first responders, Greeneville Light and Power, as well as local news agencies.

Held at the site of the memorial in honor of the victims, a wreath with eight white roses representing those lost was placed by Camp Creek's youngest member, William Stokes. Club President Tim Smithson opened the ceremony and club member Ken Smith led the invocation. Club member and 1993 National President Wayne Bettis spoke on Aid Network and Ruritan's Operation We Care, groups that were instrumental in helping the community recover after the disaster. The keynote speaker was Greene County Mayor Kevin Morrison, who spoke of recovery and remembrance, family, and community.



## Parrottsville Celebrates 70th Anniversary



Parrottsville Club recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary. National President Linward Hedgspeth and National Director Lynn Fillers participated in the celebration.



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**"Staying Together is Progress."**

**"Working Together is Success."**

## Highland Park Receives Blue Ribbon Award



Highland Park Club was a recipient of the 2020 Blue Ribbon Award. Additionally, Jay Nation was recognized as an Outstanding Club President and Judy Fleming as Outstanding Club Secretary. National Director Lynn Fillers was on hand to present the awards.

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Ruritan partners with Gallagher Affinity so that businesses such as Office Depot, Lifeline Screening, Choice Hotels, and Hertz may offer special benefits to Ruritan members as an extra "thank you" for what Ruritan members are doing in their communities. The mailings come from Gallagher; the Ruritan mailing list is never given directly to these businesses.

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\*Note that there is a lead time on mailings and it could take 30 - 60 days to update mailing lists.

## News From Ruritan: Smoky Mountain District



### Gibbs Recognize Long-Time Members

The **Gibbs** Club recently recognized several members for lengthy terms of service to the club. Recipients were: 60 yrs. - David "Red" Clapp (honored posthumously); 50 yrs. - Clayton Sharp, Billy Evans; 45 yrs. - Kenneth Koontz; 35 yrs. - Dennis Webster, Don Ruth (honored posthumously); 30 yrs. - Richard Wright, Frank Wormsley (honored posthumously); 20 yrs. - Randy Wallen, Eddie Jones, Donald Hickman (honored posthumously); 15 yrs. - Larry Dougherty, Dave Wright, Steve Hunley; 10 yrs. - Les Spitzer, Jane Wright, Becky McGhee, Rachael Bowers, Lynn Hill, Carolyn Merritt, Vickie Webster. Ruritan National Director Lynn Fillers presented the service pins during a ceremony in early May. Pictured top left (l-r) are Lynn Fillers, Clayton Sharp, and Billy Evans. Pictured right are Lynn Fillers and Kenneth Koontz. Pictured left (l-r) are Becky McGhee and Rachael Bowers (accepting for their father David "Red" Clapp), Lynn Fillers.



## News From Ruritan: Rapidan District



### Jefferson Holds Cornhole Tournament

**Jefferson** Club sponsored monthly cornhole tournaments on the third Saturday of each month beginning in June. The tournaments will run through November, when the winners of each of the monthly tournaments face off for the title of grand champion.

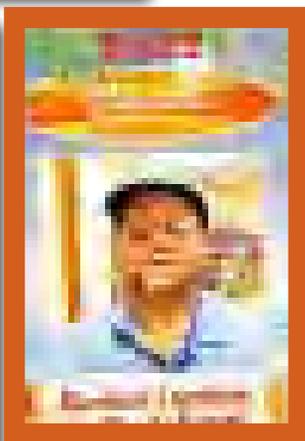
All proceeds from the tournament are split between the local Little Fork Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company and the Culpeper Thrive Woman's Clinic (formerly Culpeper Pregnancy Center). Pictured are a couple of participants in the tournament.



### Belmont Holds Golf Tournament

**Belmont** Club held its annual "Captain's Choice" golf tournament on May 14th at Meadows Farms Golf Course. First place went to the team of Billy Harrington, Al Diehl, Pete Barry, and Danny Loving. Second place team was Brady Noland, Nathaniel Rosado, and Rick Yezzi. Over \$6,000 was raised, which will be used to provide educational grants to deserving high school graduates of Spotsylvania, Orange and Louisa Counties.

The club sold and delivered 310 yards of mulch and 95 yards of compost to neighbors in the Lake Anna Virginia area. The club raised \$4,300. All proceeds will be used to provide educational grants to deserving high school graduates of Spotsylvania, Orange, and Louisa Counties.



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## News From Ruritan: Tall Corn District



### 2019 National President Larry Cassell Visits Tall Corn District

**Brooklyn** Club hosted 2019 Ruritan National President Larry Cassell and 2019 First Lady Nelda at their June meeting. Larry and Nelda were returning from a western road trip, stopping off to visit Ruritans in Iowa. Larry is assigned to the Tall Corn District as their Ruritan National Representative. Members of the **Pekin** and **Mahaska** Clubs were also present along with Brooklyn Ruritan's rising seniors.

## News From Ruritan: Great Plains Area

### Sutherland Community Remembers Ron Wittrock



**Sutherland Community** Club celebrated former member Ron Wittrock, along with his family, at the annual Sutherland Labor Day Celebration. A memorial bench with pictures of running children sits at the finish line for children's races held in the park. The children's races are a highlight of the Labor Day celebration on the last day of the 3-day celebration. It was Ron's favorite club sponsored event. Ron served in the club for 44 years until his passing last year. Pictured are club members and the Wittrock family with the memorial bench.



The club entered a Ruritan-themed float in the annual Labor Day celebration for the City of Sutherland. The float was pulled by a pair of horses, Billy and Buster, led by owner and club member Troy Campbell. Pictured on the float are Troy and club members Justin Burke, Heath Mews, and Chase Cox, along with friends of the club Trace and Penny Campbell.

## News From Ruritan: New York Area



**Tioughnioga** Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a float in the DeRuyter, NY Firemen's Parade in August and an open house in September. At the open house, National Director Steve Kidwell and National President Elect Glen Broadwater joined Club President Jim Hopkins in honoring active charter members Calvin Wood and Sam Fuller.

# Using the Ruritan MMS (Member Management System)

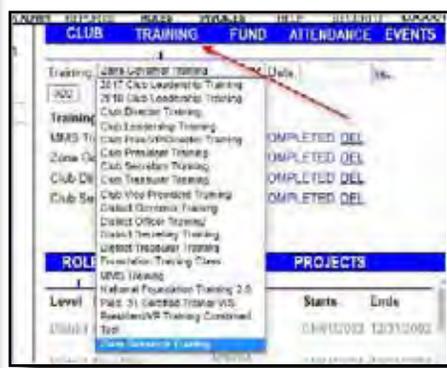
## Ruritan Has Many Avenues for Virtual Training

Ruritan has had an on-line training presence for many years with the computer-based modules on the MMS\* for various club and district offices.

However, during the COVID-19 pandemic a series of YouTube videos have been added that allow members to review topics from risk management to mentoring to filing the IRS 990 form. To access the self-paced computer modules on the MMS, make sure you are on your own information page (where your name, address, phone number etc. are listed on the left side of the page). Then choose “training” on the blue bar at the right.

A drop-down menu will provide a list of options for the courses. Once a course slides end, you can take a test on the material. A passing grade on the test automatically shows as a completed training. (If you don't get a passing grade the first time through – take the test again. No one will see your results until you pass the test.)

Also showing under the training tab on the MMS are any courses you have completed



on the system. Training completed can also be entered manually for any face-to-face training completed

## Register for Events on MMS

Registration for Ruritan events – from the National Convention to various leadership conferences and programs – can be accomplished using the MMS\* (Member Management System). Log on and go to your personal page. Under the blue events tab at the far right top you will find the events you can register for as well as a list of past events you have attended.

Right now the top option is the 2022 convention registration for Myrtle Beach, SC at the beautiful Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Resort.

\*If you haven't used the MMS before we can get you set up. All Ruritan members are entitled to view and edit their own data in the system and officers can make other changes and updates. Just email [service@ruritan.org](mailto:service@ruritan.org) and staff will help you access the system.



including those at district and national conventions.

The Ruritan YouTube training videos are listed on the [ruritan.org](http://ruritan.org) website – see the screen shot showing the link on the drop-down member resources tab.

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# Past National Director Maxine Duke Passes



Maxine C Duke passed into her heavenly home on August 30, 2021. She was 91 years old. She was born November 13, 1929 in Gibsonville, NC. She was a daughter of the late William Arthur Christopher and Janie Ivey Christopher. She was a member of the Baptist faith and dedicated to serving at her home church until her health declined. She was a member of the Del Rio Ruritan Club serving on many committees and in officer positions, which included 2005 Smoky Mountain District Governor, along with her husband. Her final office was as National Director of Ruritan, an honor that she was very proud of until her death.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Roy L Duke and her sister Ellen Christopher Livengood. She is survived by her children Gloria Duke, Cyndi Sims (Dewayne), Roy C Duke (Sue) and Billy Duke (Yvonne); grandchildren Lynn Thorsen, Denise Smith, Danny Duke, Loni Hodges (Johnny), and Chris Duke and 11 great grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Maxine will always be remembered for her service to her community and dedication to her Lord and Savior.

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Sarah Kelly, Deputy Executive Director      9/30/2021





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The Ruritan Paver Patio is a beautiful place to remember loved ones and honor special Ruritans. The funds raised with this program will be used for capital reserves and to make improvements to the building. Complete this form and send in with your payment to Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin VA 24084

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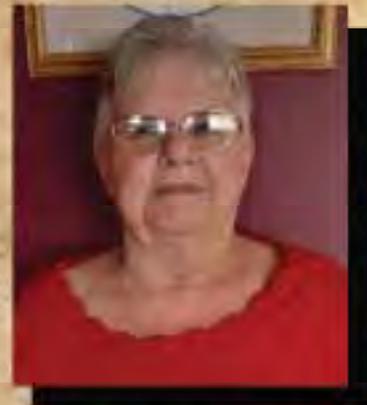
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