

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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