

2022 National President Glen Broadwater



My Ruritan family, it is unreal how fast time goes. It seems only a few days ago that we were in Myrtle Beach and here is November. As I have visited and talked with many of you, I am reassured that Ruritan clubs are functioning and serving our communities as needs arise. Our organization is unique in that the club can do what is needed in the community without national micromanaging.

Linda and I recently had the privilege of being present for the chartering of the Skillet Fork Club in Mill Shoals, Illinois. The excitement and enthusiasm were off the charts. All officers were installed. Immediately after the club dismissed, the directors met to set the agenda for their November meeting. It is so exciting to see this type of growth. We each need to do our part to expand our Ruritan footprint to help all communities across America thrive.

As our year winds down and with holidays approaching, let's not take our eyes off our future of making Ruritan the biggest and best. The larger we become the more we can serve. We must continue to charter new clubs and build up our own with new members. Empower new members to be involved and become leaders. When we believe we can, we will succeed.

Finally, while clubs are tasked with surveying and fulfilling the needs of the community, as an organization, the National Board of Directors is tasked with making important decisions that move us forward. We elect the Board to oversee the organization and trust them to make those decisions. While we may not always agree with those decisions, understand that they are made to ensure a healthy and stable future. As US Navy Rear Admiral Grace Hopper stated, **"The Most Damaging Phrase in the English Language is, 'It's Always Been Done That Way.'"**

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