

# Ruritan

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# XRO: Experience Ruritan Opportunities

Have you seen the black and white oval car stickers with three or four letters? They started out in Europe with the three letter code of airports and cities but now they are everywhere. You see ones like **NOLA** (New Orleans, Louisiana) or **ATL** (Atlanta). They are particularly popular for beach towns. Around here we see **OBX** (Outer Banks Experience) and **KDH** (Kill Devil Hills). What if we had one that promoted the Ruritan experience? Like **XRO** (Experience Ruritan Opportunities)? Because isn't that what Ruritan offers – opportunities? We offer opportunities for the members and opportunities for those we help.



2011 Ruritan  
National President  
Jayson Duncan

I visited a newly chartered club and spoke about opportunity.

It is the opportunity to be a part of a nationally recognized organization which gives structure to your group. It is the opportunity to fellowship with people that believe in their fellow man. It is the opportunity to serve your community as an individual or a group. True joy comes from what you can do for other people. It is the opportunity to bring your community together. Your club can be the conduit between



churches, community events, schools, etc. It is the opportunity to im-

prove your community by being part of an economic investment. The money given by Ruritan is not government money but money raised by citizens through the giving of their time and talents. It is the opportunity to be part of something larger than yourself. And last but still very important, it is the opportunity for friendship and fellowship. As you share with others about

our organization, tell them of the opportunities you have had.

As your President, I have visited special events through Ruritanland with your First Lady Gail. Several this past month stand out for reasons I will try to explain.

I heard at a cabinet meeting that a club was going to install 10 new members in a couple of days. I asked if I could assist. The club is 58 years old. It has produced national presidents, district governors, and other officers outside the club level. They are very active in their zone and district with 30 plus members. It turns out that nine of the new members were the first female members in the club. I know most clubs have female members, but this seemed special to these folks. All nine ladies had male family members who had been in Ruritan and these women wanted to be Ruritans too! The joy and smiles on their faces let everyone know that this was what they wanted to do – keep the legacy alive. The granddads, fathers, and husbands still living had similar smiles. The tenth member was a male youth member. This club realizes that Ruritan is a family organization.

The next touching event happened at a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The club had informed me that I was to install a new member. The new member was the first youth member of the club. Now that club has new energy and new ideas, plus it has the opportunity to model service to this young person. I know the grandparents of this young man are proud that he is a fellow Ruritan family member.

The third experience happened while I was at a district picnic this spring, talking with a club past president. We were discussing how his club was like the Ruritan organization in that they add a few members and lose a few members. He then said of the losses, "if we keep the candle burning, there will always be the light of Ruritan." I encourage you and your club to keep that candle burning in your community and the communities around. This light will be seen by all.

I want to thank you for friendship and hospitality as Gail and I travel to your communities. I want to thank you for giving of your time and talents in the name of Ruritan, to make your communities and our America better places to raise our families.

## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

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2011 Ruritan National President Jayson Duncan and First Lady Gail Duncan spent the week of July fourth with the Ruritans in the Lincolnland and Bluegrass Districts.

**On The Cover:** Youth at the 2011 Ruritan Youth Conference dig in their heels for a tug-of-war between the adult volunteers and the youth team. The conference was held July 15-17. It was held at the W. E. Skelton 4-H Educational Center at Smith Mountain Lake in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Please start planning to send as many young people as possible to the next conference and save the weekend of July 13-15, 2012.

## Message from Executive Director Michael Chrisley

# Convention “Your Way” Join us in Raleigh

We hope you enjoyed a great summer full of fun with your family. We just completed our August Board of Directors meeting. In just a few short weeks schools will open and it will be football season. Already the air is a little cooler. Fall is just around the corner. This year, like every year it seems, is speeding by.

As of the first of August Ruritan has shown a loss of just over 600 members for the year. Now is the perfect time to focus on changing the way we end our year by recruiting new members into your club. We encourage you to go out and just ask. Most people join because someone asks them to join. It really is that simple.

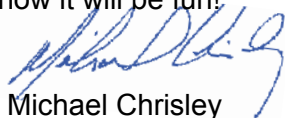
I saw a magazine cover of another major community service club recently that encouraged their members to see page 21 for their new recruiting campaign guidelines. When I turned to page 21 there was only the word “ASK” in all capital letters that took up the entire width of the page. Again, it really is that simple. Just ASK.

The worst thing that can happen is that the person you invite will say no. The best thing that can happen is that you will have a new member to share in serving your community. That person may become a future club, zone, district, or even national leader.



We are working hard to plan a great convention for you. Over a year ago we conducted a survey of more than 5000 Ruritans...some members who have come to multiple conventions, some who have never attended. The convention in Raleigh has a number of changes that you recommended. This year we are offering registration options that give you more choice than ever before. Please see page 16 for details. We are also offering, for the first time a full day of workshops, with over 40 scheduled. Again, there are many choices that you are entirely free to make. We want to give you

convention “your way”. We hope you will be pleased. Our convention Co-Chairs, Jimmy Bristow and Gary Taylor have committed to making the convention FUN! We will have a game room for the first time in Raleigh- a place where you can play the games we will provide or bring your own. Fun and fellowship, great learning opportunities, and the chance to make decisions about the future of Ruritan...this convention has it all. We hope you will join us in Raleigh...You know it will be fun!



Michael Chrisley  
Ruritan National Executive Director



## New Clubs for 2011

### New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors, & DRMS\*

(January 1, 2011 -- August 1, 2011)

<u>New Club</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>DRM</u>
Cedar Point Elementary Rudy Youth Ruri-Teen	Rappahannock	Nokesville	Ken Hinkle
Mountain View	Natural Bridge	Callaghan Area	Charlie Wiley, Sr.
Thoughtful Thunderbirds Ruri-Teen	Delmarva-NJ	Sudlersville	Robert Newton
Mt. Vernon Community	Western NC	Gilkey	Jack Conner
Three Way	Hermitage	Browns	
Franklinton	Gulf Area	Mt. Hermon	Beryl Schilling
Foscoe	Western NC	Mountaineer	Leslie Gentry
Dalton	Ohio	Smithville	Ralph Smucker
Mt. Hermon Ladies	Gulf Area	Mt. Hermon	Beryl Schilling

\*DRM stands for Distinguished Ruritan Member, who is the person most responsible for organizing the new club.

# Teamwork Makes the Dream Work



Foscoe (NC) Ruritan Club held its first meeting in June. National President Jayson Duncan had the privilege of swearing in the club officers and presenting them with the club charter. Duncan advised the group that the organization's number one priority is community service, and it can be a conduit between churches and the community where necessary. Pictured (l-r) are Club Directors Cindy Powers, Leroy Townsend, Club Secretary Peggy Ellis, Club Vice President Grant Powers, Club President Thad Taylor, National President Jayson Duncan, Leslie Gentry, Lorraine Reece, and National Director Bob Reece.

**Mt. Hermon Ladies** (LA) Ruritan Club was chartered in July. Pictured on the right are the charter members of the club.



**McCullers** (NC) Ruritan Club gained 10 new members in June. Nine of the new members were the first ladies ever added to the membership roster, and the tenth was a youth member. All the new members have ties to Ruritan either by



grandfather, father, or husband. National President Jayson Duncan said that he had never witnessed such joy in new members. Club President Russell Shaffer and Duncan are pictured with the new members.



## Liberty Springs (VA)

Ruritan Club gained two new members in July. Pictured right is Club Vice President Ronnie Matthews presenting Heath Bryant with a new member kit. Pictured left is Club President Emery Nichols presenting James Wendt with the same.



The clubs pictured below have found a good way to promote what they do for the community. Can your club do something like this? **Haysville** (IN) Ruritan Club's banner is pictured below left and **Toughnioga** (NY) Ruritan Club's sign is pictured below right.



# Ruritan Math: 1 + 1 Actually Equals 1105

If you attended the 2011 Summer Leadership Conference you probably already know this! If you didn't – talk to someone from your district who did. The Ruritan National Growth and Development Committee kicked off the program in small group meetings at that event.

If each of the 1105 clubs in Ruritan gains a net of ONE member in 2011 – we will grow as an organization by 1105 members. So ONE club plus ONE member does, indeed, equal 1105.



Someone in your district has pins showing the slogan (pictured) and there are enough for all the leaders in Ruritan. Find out who has it, get your pins, and start talking about the 1 + 1 program.

The eight-hour conference focused on the theme of **Fresh Ideas Start Here (FISH)**. Those participating were encouraged to think of new ways of looking at the challenges facing Ruritan today; in other words “thinking outside the bowl.”

Vice President Phyllis Lewter and National President Jayson Duncan welcomed the group and encouraged the participants to “go against the flow” and stir up the waters with new ideas. Retired Radford University professor and national consultant Dr. Mike Aamodt presented challenges facing community service organizations and shared research on characteristics of successful organizations. Executive Director Mike Chrisley shared challenges facing Ruritan National. Debbie Lineweaver from New River Community College provided strategies to overcome our challenges.

Informational sessions were conducted on various topics. Bruce Thompson reported on the National Ruritan Foundation; Jerome Rodes, financial issues; Mike Chrisley, legal issues; Craig Whitt, MMS; Don Yeargan and Chuck Myers, growth and development; Jayson Duncan, goals for 2011; and Phyllis Lewter, goal setting for 2012. Additionally, Convention Co-chairs Jimmy Bristow and Gary Taylor gave an update on the 2012 Raleigh National Ruritan Convention and Ruritan attire was modeled. Ruritan supplies were available for purchase.



Through out the conference, attendees from different districts and states enjoyed fellowship and shared projects and activities that worked well. Attendees were encouraged to post ideas on an “Idea Board.” Some of the ideas posted included the following:

- \*Celebrate personal and club success more often
- \*Have members share information about themselves as a way to know members
- \*Appoint a “membership recruiter” to patrol each Ruritan fundraiser to seek out possible new members
- Work closely with high school counselors for youth Ruritan members (they are very valuable to a club with a high majority of elderly)
- \*Use MMS for valuable information
- \*Fish new waters for members
- \*Remember to network
- \*Have a brief statement (elevator speech) to describe Ruritan and put this on a business card to distribute to future members



While governors and Lt. governors were attending the conference, spouses packed personal care items for disaster victims in the Pulaski area. April tornados that touched down in the area near the national office made everyone there aware of the need for emergency preparedness.

The **Ruritan Road** (VA) Ruritan Club partnered with Free to Talk Ministries to purchase materials for these personal care packets. They will be distributed by Free to Talk directors Heather and Thomas Harris. Both Heather and Thomas are members of the Ruritan Road Club and local ministers. Heather spoke with the spouses as they prepared the emergency kits.

# Candidates Announce For National Office



## National President

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**CLUB:** Member of **Great Bridge** (VA) Ruritan Club (14 years perfect attendance); Chairman of Scholarship, Program, and Membership Committees; Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President (two terms); Club Ruritan of the Year; Outstanding Club President (1999, 2000); President's Gold Key Award; Tom Downing Fellow

**DISTRICT:** Holland District Governor (2004), Lt. Governor (2003), Convention Chairman (2001), Yearbook Chairman (2002), Newsletter Editor (2005-2010), Founders' Day Chairman (2003), District Officer Trainer (2005-2010), Permanent Educational Fund Recipient (2004)

**NATIONAL:** National Vice President (2011), National Director (2006-2008), Chairman of Publications Committee (2008), Delegate to eleven Ruritan National Conventions, Summer Leadership Conference (2003-2008), Sgt.-at-Arms Committee (2004, 2005), Flag Ceremony (2005), National Conference Presenter (2005-2010), Chairman of Search Committee for Ruritan National Executive Director (2005), Opening Ceremony Presider (2008 Convention), Flag Ceremony Chairman (2009 Convention), Chairman of Reception and Fellowship Committee (2010 Convention)

**EDUCATION:** B. S. Degree, Longwood College; Master's, University of Virginia; Certificate of Advanced Studies, Old Dominion University

**OCCUPATION:** Personnel Administrator with Chesapeake Public Schools, Chesapeake, VA.

**OTHER:** Past Director, Women's Division - Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Chesapeake; President, Virginia Association of School Personnel Administrators (2002); Active Member, Messiah United Methodist Church (former Sunday School teacher and superintendent, staff parish relations committee, altar committee); married to Ruritan member Bill, mother of two, and grandmother of three



## National Vice President

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2004-11; Vice President 1997, 1998, 2002; President 1999, 2003; Outstanding President Award 1999, 2003; Board of Directors 1997-2006; Gold Key – with 60 member bar; Golden Jubilee Pin, first VIP (5 member) award 2005; FRAN pin 2007

**DISTRICT:** Zone II Governor 2004; District Lt. Governor 2005; District Governor 2006, District Trainer 2004-10; Growth and Development Chair 2007, 2010-11;

**NATIONAL:** Summer leadership Conference 2004-2011; Ruritan Players; Sgt.-At-Arms 2006; Flag Ceremony 2006; National Growth and Development Committee as non board member 2006; instructor for National Convention workshops 2006 – 2011; contributed growth articles to RURITAN magazine 2007; invocations at various National Convention events; Registration and Credentials 2007; National Director 2008-2010; Candidate Certification Committee 2009; started two clubs in 2009; Board Song Leader 2009-10; Chair Publicity and PR 2010; Tom

Downing Fellow 2010; Ruritan Forever (earned with 65 new members); Ruritan FFA Leader Service Award 2011

**EDUCATION:** Riverheads High School, extended agri-business classes Virginia Tech

**OCCUPATION:** Virginia Farm Bureau agent; field man and assistant milling director August Cooperative Farm Bureau; retired Augusta County substitute teacher and bus driver; beef cattle producer and farmer for 45 years

**OTHER:** Organizing President Riverheads Young Farmer Assoc.; President Augusta County Young Farmers Association; Reporter Northern VA Young Farmer Association; Served on USDA Area Stabilization-Conservation Board; Organizing Committee Member – Augusta Expo Fair; Catalog Chair, Co-Grounds Chair – Augusta Expo; Coach/Manager local softball; Former member Riverheads High School Band Boosters and Marching Band Pit Crew; various 4-H and FFA roles including supporting Market Animal Show and Sale, judging speaking and parliamentary procedure contests, member FFA Alumni Organization, state livestock judging, all FFA chapter offices, and received the American Farmer Degree. Active member Redeemer Lutheran Church – Sunday school teacher, superintendent, assistant superintendent, and secretary, church lay leader, served on church council 9 years, president of church congregation 4 years. Married to Betty Jo with daughter JoAnna, son-in-law Garrett Nichols and grandson Alex – all Ruritans.

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President, Secretary, Treasurer, and  
Director

**DISTRICT:** Zone Governor (5), Lt.

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Chair, Fundraising Chair, Certified Trainer - all offices

**NATIONAL:** Sgt-at- Arms (2006), National Director (2007-  
2009)

**EDUCATION:** Owego Free Academy (1970), North  
Carolina State University (2 yrs)

**OCCUPATION:** Data network architect - IBM (retired  
29yrs). Data network architect - AT&T (3 yrs)

**OTHER:** Member Our Savior Lutheran Church – Durham,  
Board of Directors - Northern Junior Athletic Association,  
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commission, 2 yrs. Married to Judy, 2 sons, Jason and  
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and Patriotism Chair 2004 – present;  
Club President 2005-07; Club VP  
2008; Director 2009-2010; current

Club Building Superintendent; Club e-contact 2009 –  
present; Ruri-Teen Advisor 2009-present; Club Secretary  
2011

**DISTRICT:** Zone 12 Governor 2008; District Fundraising  
Chair 2009; District Lt. Governor 2009; District Governor  
2010; District Growth & Development Chair 2011; Past  
District Governor 2011; Budget & Finance Committee  
Chair 2011; Constitution & Bylaws Chair 2011

**NATIONAL:** Summer Youth Leadership Conference 2009-  
2010; Leadership Conference 2009; present invocation at  
National Convention Opening Ceremonies 2011

**EDUCATION:** Caston High School, Fulton, IN; U.S. Army  
Administrative Specialist School; U. S. Army Military Police  
Academy; University of Phoenix; U.S. Army Hazardous  
Cargo Driving Instructor 1990; Hamburger University

**OCCUPATION:** Member of the U.S. Army 1985-1991;  
Virginia National Guard 1991-1993; landscaping and  
woodcrafting; self-employed since 2009

**OTHER:** Member of the Fulton Masonic Lodge since  
1988; member of the Yanceyville Masonic Lodge since  
2007; Bartlett Yancey High School volleyball booster since  
2008; President of the Union United Methodist Church  
(UUMC) Men since 2002; member of the UUMC Counsel  
since 2000; Choir Director of the UUMC Choir since 1999.

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perfect attendance; President (2  
years); Associate Member Magnolia

(VA) Club.

**DISTRICT:** District Governor 2009; Lt. Governor 2009;  
Founders' Day Banquet Chair 2008; Zone Governor  
(2005, 2006, 2007, 2010); Zone Lt. Governor 2004;  
Convention registration and certification chair 2010-11.

**NATIONAL:** Delegate to 4 National Conventions; Summer  
Leadership Conference 2009, Sgt-at-Arms 2008; Flag  
Ceremony 2009, 2010; Tom Downing Fellow 2009; Ruritan  
Scout Leader Award 2008

**EDUCATION:** Associate degree in police science from  
Paul D. Camp Community College

**OCCUPATION:** School resource officer – Isle of Wight  
County Sheriff's Office

**OTHER:** Member local FOP (Fraternal Order of Police)  
lodge; President FOP (2 years); Vice President FOP;  
current FOP Trustee. Boy Scouts Troop 37; Eagle Scout;  
Scout charter representative, past troop committee chair.  
Virgil Honor Award; Order of the Arrow; Carrsville Little  
League Baseball Commissioner (2 terms)



## From the Kitchens of Ruritan Cooks Jezebel Sauce

### Ingredients:

- 1 jar (16 to 18 oz) pineapple preserves or apricot  
preserves
- 1 jar (16 to 18 oz) apple jelly
- 1/2 cup horseradish
- 3 tablespoons dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper

### Preparation:

Combine all ingredients. Cover and chill. Good  
served on sandwiches. Or spoon some over a block  
of cream cheese and serve with crackers.  
Makes 4 cups.

*This recipe suggestion came from Joanne Thompson  
of the **Midlothian** (VA) Ruritan Club. Do you have a  
favorite Ruritan recipe to share? Send it to P.O. Box  
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# Candidates Announce For National Office



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**CLUB:** Member **Rileyville** (VA) for 40 years; held every office and chaired Social Development and Business and Professions committees

**DISTRICT:** Zone Governor; District Governor; Foundation Chair; cabinet (6 years); conducted officers training; 2010 District Ruritan of the Year

**NATIONAL:** Attended 19 National Conventions, Flag Ceremony, Garland Gray Award – first 2007, second 2008

**EDUCATION:** Graduate Luray High School. Advanced classes in bookkeeping, public speaking, and business law

**OCCUPATION:** Retired manager Emmart Oil, ARA, U.S. Army, certified lay speaker.

**OTHER:** Member Luray United Methodist Church, Sunday School teacher, superintendent, counter, chair of Board, Trustee, lay leader, delegate Virginia Annual Conference, President Harrisonburg District United Methodist Men, treasurer Methodist Men, Board Page One, Chamber of Commerce; Trustee Beahm's Chapel Cemetery; Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging; Meals on Wheels Volunteer of the Year. Married to Nancy for 53 years; children Livia Mackison (Robert), Laura Yates (Charles), Brent Gordon, Clay Gordon (April); grandchildren Megan Smith, Gordon Mackison, Eric Mackison, Natalee Yates, and Lillie Gordon



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of St. Clair twice, Treasurer of St. Clair Club (18) years. President of Colerain 4 times

**DISTRICT:** Ohio District Governor twice; Lt. Governor twice; District Treasurer twice; Zone Governor (9) times; Assistant Zone Governor (3) times; District LDC (5) times; District convention chair; led District Officer Training (7) times; helped train Club Officers at District Convention

**NATIONAL:** National Director 2007-2009; Chair of Publications Committee 2009;

Chair of Information Technology committee 2008-2009; Attended many National Conventions; Attended Summer Governors Conference (5) times; Participated in National Convention flag ceremony twice; Tom Downing fellow and Ruritan Forever participant

**EDUCATION:** Union Local High School graduate; Belmont Technical College graduate (Associate degrees in Accounting and Computer Sciences); Attended West Virginia Northern Community College; Attended IBM DB2 Training

**OCCUPATION:** Employed by WesBanco Bank, Inc. (32) years in Information Technology; Currently a Sr. Computer Programmer Analyst/DB administrator; taught Computer Programming at Belmont Technical College

**OTHER:** Member of Barton United Methodist Church (Lay Minister); Chairman of PPR Committee; Chairman of Board of Trustees; Served (8) years on St. Clairsville City Council (elected twice); Served (25) years on County 4-H Council; Past member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Married to Janet



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(6 years), member or chair of all committees

**DISTRICT:** AVR Registrar 2011; District Governor 2001, 2010; Lt. Governor 2000, 2009; LDC 2007-09; Zone Governor 1988, 1998-99; Certified Club Officer Trainer

**NATIONAL:** Attended 11 National Conventions, Sgt-at-Arms 2008 and 2009

**EDUCATION:** Montevideo High School, ICS Graduate, additional work at Blue Ridge Community College, Germana Community College and James Madison University

**OCCUPATION:** Retired after 41 years as an engineer with Dominion Virginia Power; U.S. Army veteran 1963-1966

**OTHER:** Member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, past chair of Board and PPR, lay reader, Sunday School teacher and current Finance Chair and Trustees Chair; Past Little League coach (13 years); county representative on Youth Commission; past County Chair March of Dimes. Married to Joyce (Zone 2 Governor) for 44 years; sons Michael and David, six grandchildren.

## News From Ruritan: Gulf Area

### Arella Bacon Remembered

**Linwood Circle** (MS) Ruritan Club helped erect a plaque in memory of Arella Bacon at their local school in Natchez recently. In April the club served 300 Easter dinners at the Stew Pot food pantry and donated over 300 canned goods.

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Professions Service Committee; DRM for DeBusk Club. Ruritan Forever (brought in 65 new members)

**DISTRICT:** Davy Crockett Governor 2008; Lt. Governor 2007; Zone 4 Governor 2009; Zone 5 Governor 2006; Tennessee Rally Commissioner; District Awards Chair; District LDC

**NATIONAL:** Capital Replacement Committee 2008-11; Sgt-at-Arms at National Convention; Flag Ceremony at National Convention. Ruritan Forever (earned with 65 new members);

**EDUCATION:** Chuckey-Doak High School

**OCCUPATION:** Retired from Parker Hannifin Corp, over 30 years.

**OTHER:** First Church of God, Greenville, TN; Moose Lodge #692; baseball umpire for Little League.

Married to Patsy Million Shelton for 41 years, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren.



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**CLUB:** Member Baywood Club since 1988, served in all offices. Club Secretary (7 years), Treasurer (3 years), President (2 years). Organized first Baywood Fall Festival and wrote

book "Baywood". Club Publicity Chair

**DISTRICT:** Zone Governor (16 years); Foundation Chair (16 years); Ruritan Forever; Lt. District Governor 2011

**NATIONAL:** Attended several Foundation Fellowship Weekends; recruited several Tom Downing Fellows; served as delegate at National Conventions; Presidents Golden Key Award; member \$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$, performed as Rudy Bear at National Convention

**EDUCATION:** Galax High School; National Business College courses in medical secretary and accounting

**OCCUPATION:** Vaughan Furniture Company 1967-2008, 29 years assistant treasurer; 11 years in home health. Mt. Rogers Mental Health 2002 – present; Southwest Virginia Home Health 2008 – present. Owner of two restaurants, real estate and rental property; owner Longview 18-hole golf course.

**OTHER:** Member Longview United Methodist Church; Charter member Women of the Moose, senior regent (2 years); Ladies Auxiliary VFW; Vice President Grayson County Triad (secretary 2—7-2008; member Grayson County Women's Farm Bureau; one daughter Sharon, granddaughter Jessica, 2 step-granddaughters, 4 step-great-grandchildren.

## K.I.D.S. Tournament Set

The second annual Duke K.I.D.S. golf tournament, sponsored by West Mount (NC) Ruritan Club will be held October 1, 2011. Last year the tournament proceeds allowed the club to present a check for \$12,100 to Duke Children's Hospital. To sponsor a hole, play in the tournament, or just lend a hand – contact 2008 Ruritan National President Wayne Outlaw at [sdkoutlaw@aol.com](mailto:sdkoutlaw@aol.com)

## Items of Interest

### *Remembering National Director Carson Stanley*

Ruritan Past National Director Carson Baynard Stanley, of Montpelier, Va., died in February of 2011. Surviving Carson are his wife, Betty Lee; sons, Charles (Janie) and Howard; stepson, Chris Conklin (Jaime); grandchildren, Reisa Smith (Bryan), Erin Blunt (Michael) and Patrick; stepgrandchildren, Peyton and Landon; four great-grandchildren, Ava, Kadence, Myles and Max; stepmother, Thelma Stanley; stepsisters, Robin Carroll and Kathy Cowell.

Carson was retired from American Tobacco and Philip Morris. He loved sports, especially baseball, which he played for many years, and he also served as a Little League Coach. He was in the U.S. Marines, Special Forces. His true passion was community service. He belonged to four Ruritan Clubs, served as Chesapeake District Governor, and was elected to be on the Ruritan National Board for a term of three years. Carson was a member of the American Legion and a member of Concord Baptist Church. Burial was in the Concord Baptist Church cemetery.

## Hickory (NC) Charter Member Honored

George Whitfield was a charter member of the **Hickory** (NC) Ruritan Club, which was chartered on September 7, 1948. He departed this life on August 15, 1997.



Although he never served as an officer in the club, he was a very active member who maintained perfect attendance until his death. He had a particular interest in helping the needy in the community and for many years served as the chairman of the Welfare Committee, now known as the Social Development Committee.

His son, L. W. Whitfield, who was a long-time active member of the Hickory Club and is now an Associate member, was recently approached by Past National President Frank Guthrie about the possibility of honoring George's memory by making him a Ruritan Forever. L. W. agreed that this would be a terrific idea and very willingly provided the funds for that purpose.

George's widow, Elsie Whitfield, will soon turn 98. Arrangements were made through L. W., without her knowledge, for Past President Frank to go to her home on July 21 to present her with the plaque honoring George as a Ruritan Forever. L. W. and most of Elsie's family members were present. She was elated that in such a meaningful way L. W. saw fit posthumously to honor his father, a former Ruritan who had truly cared about his community. Pictured (left) are Past President Frank Guthrie, Elsie Whitfield, and L.W. Whitfield.

## Flint Springs Celebrates its 60th Anniversary

Imagine having over 600 guests to attend your anniversary. **Flint Springs** (TN) Ruritans experienced this on July 4 when they combined their 60th anniversary celebration with their annual Chicken-Q Fundraiser. Club President Clarkie Grant stated, "Our anniversary was scheduled for April, but when there was so much tornado damage, we just couldn't celebrate. We decided to combine the two events."

People from all over the Tennessee showed up for the dinner of chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, and birthday cake. Many took advantage of the take-out service, but those who ate in enjoyed the fellowship with neighbors and friends. Pictured (l-r) are Joyce Johnson, National Director Kay Pearson, Club President Clarkie Grant, National Vice President Phyllis Lewter, and Cherokee District Governor Linda Melton.



## Ruritan Recognized by Medal of Honor Adventure

Ruritan National was recognized in June for the support they have given with the Medal of Honor Grove at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. On hand was past National President Richard Weakley (left) and Freedoms Foundation staff member Russ Shultz.

The next Scouting event at the Medal Of Honor Adventure event is October 21-23 and the cost is \$200. This two day program emphasizes leadership, patriotism, and courage and traditionally gives the Scouts an opportunity to meet and talk with actual Medal of Honor recipients. There will also be a fall clean-up day at the Medal of Honor Grove on that same Saturday, October 22..



## Create Knitted Caps for Cancer Patients

Past National First Lady Martha Amick will be organizing the knitters in Ruritan to create chemo caps during the 2012 Ruritan National Convention in Raleigh. Come planning to sit and knit a spell in your free time – or use the pattern below to create some caps in advance to bring to Raleigh.

Use knitting needles size 8 and 10 (2 each)

Directions:

Cast on 80 stitches on size #8 needles

K1, P1 for 1 3/4 inches.

Change to size #10 knitting needles.

ROW 1: Purl.

ROW 2: Knit 1, Purl 1 across.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until cap measures 6 inches from beginning.

TOP SHAPING:

1st row: \*p2, p2tog\* across.

2nd and all even numbered rows:  
\*k1, p1\* across.

3rd row:  
\*p1, p2tog\* across.

5th row: repeat 1st row.  
7th row: repeat 3rd row.  
9th row: \*p2tog\* across.

Break off yarn leaving 18 inch tail. Draw yarn through remaining sts. Remove needle and pull tight. Fasten off on wrong side of cap. Sew seam.



## Items Needed for USO Include Grocery Cards

For the 2012 National Convention service project, Ruritan will be adopting the USO of North Carolina and the many service personnel and their families who benefit from the USO programs. In particular Ruritans will have the opportunity (on the registration form) to purchase \$7 **Smiles Over Miles** cards for soldiers. **Smiles Over Miles** is an easy-to-use, private video messaging platform that brings loved ones close together across any distance. For less than the price of a movie ticket, you'll be giving an entire family the opportunity to share those moments. The goal of the program is to give all active duty military service members the opportunity to have a free **Smiles Over Miles** account, compliments of corporate and individual sponsors. Each \$7 donation provides a service member and his/her family and friends with free service for a full year. In addition, attendees can make cash donations on their registration forms to be used for other important USO projects, such projects serve the many men and women of the military who call North Carolina home.

Ruritan clubs and districts are also being asked to donate gift cards to grocery chains in the North Carolina area so that the USO can purchase important perishable items for their welcome centers. At the August Ruritan National Board meeting, board spouses showered First Lady Gail Duncan with hundreds of dollars in grocery cards to be passed along to the North Carolina USO. She is pictured below with Bill Lewter, husband of Ruritan Vice President Phyllis Lewter.

In addition to the **Smiles Over Miles** program and grocery card collection, attendees may bring: energy bars and cereal bars, juice boxes that do not need to be refrigerated, Clorox wipes, paper napkins and Chinette bowls and plates, and tall white kitchen trash bags.



## ***Bessie & Beulah to Entertain at Breakfast!***

Ruritans attending Breakfast Honoring First Lady Gail on Saturday at the Ruritan National Convention in Raleigh, NC will be laughing, singing, standing, dancing and howling at the Bessie & Beulah Show.

Bessie and Beulah are delighting audiences all over for their cutting edge comedy shows. Appropriate for all audiences, their humor is designed to make you part of the act. Don't miss this unusual brand of stand-up, prop humor, and physical comedy

## ***Medal Of Honor Recipient Guest Speaker in Raleigh***

Ruritan will be honored with a very special Heroes Breakfast speaker in Raleigh, NC in January. Major General James Everett Livingston is a retired United States Marine Corps general who was awarded the United States' highest military decoration—the Medal of Honor—for heroic actions in 1968 during the Vietnam War. Major Gen Livingston served on active duty in the Marine Corps over 33 years before retiring on September 1, 1995. His last assignment was the Commanding General of Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On May 2, 1968, while serving as Commanding Officer, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, he distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty in action against enemy forces, and earned the Medal of Honor.



## ***Make Greeting Cards for U.S. Soldiers***

USO officials tell us that the soldiers visiting welcome centers in North Carolina – whether near military bases or at airports – all want to get cards they can send to their loved ones. They are looking for birthday cards, anniversary cards, sympathy cards and more. They especially love to get handmade greeting cards.

With that in mind, Ruritans at the 2012 National Convention will have an opportunity to make cards for these soldiers. From 1:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. on Friday the card making room will be open and will include all the raw materials to make these one-of-a-kind greeting cards. All that is needed is Ruritan talent!

Come by the card shop and spend a few minutes creating a special card to donate to the USO welcome center at the Raleigh airport!

## ***Find Lots of Fellowship in Ruritan Game Room***

Fellowship - it's what Ruritans love almost as much as they love serving in their communities! Get a few Ruritans together and they will be sharing stories and laughter in minutes. The 2012 Convention Committee is capitalizing on that aspect of Ruritan fellowship with a game room that will be open for Ruritan activities. The room will feature board games, dominoes, and playing cards as well as more physical activities like "ladder golf" and "corn hole".

At right, members of the Ruritan National Board and their guests practiced some of these games at the August meeting of the board in Dublin, Va.

Challenge your Ruritan friends to a game and check the official convention program for game room opening times for the BEST kind of fellowship!



## General Agenda for 2012 Ruritan National Convention - Raleigh, NC

Use these general times for travel planning - finalized times will be announced in the fall of 2011

Day/Date	General Time	Event Name
<b>Pre-Convention Activities</b>		
Thursday, Jan. 19	Morning	2012 District/Area Governors Breakfast followed by Training
Thursday, Jan. 19	Early Morning	Breakfast with the President (For outgoing 2011 Governors and retiring Board)
Thursday, Jan. 19	Mid Afternoon	First Time Convention Attendees Welcome Reception
<b>Convention Activities</b>		
Thursday, Jan. 19	Evening	Flag Ceremony/Memorial/Vesper Service
Friday, Jan. 20	Mid Morning	<b>Heroes Breakfast</b> (Honoring veterans, teachers, firefighters, and many more of the heroes among us! This meal is included in full registration or the Friday package. See registration form in this issue.)
Friday, Jan. 20	All Day	<b>Workshops</b> (There will be a wonderful variety of workshops all day. Truly a Ruritan Education Day! Several will begin EARLY - before breakfast, the rest will continue AFTER breakfast. See the list of topics below.)
Friday, Jan. 20	Evening	<b>Foundation Dinner &amp; Awards</b> (optional - pay separately for this)
Friday, Jan. 20	After Foundation Dinner	Foundation Live Auction (Immediately following meal)
Saturday, Jan. 21	Early Morning	<b>Breakfast Honoring First Lady Gail</b> (optional - pay separately for this)
Saturday, Jan. 21	After Breakfast with First Lady	<b>Saturday Business Session 1</b>
Saturday, Jan. 21	Late Morning through lunch	<b>Election (voting)</b>
Saturday, Jan. 21	After Lunch	<b>Saturday Business Session 2</b>
Saturday, Jan. 21	Evening	<b>Installation Banquet</b> (This meal is included in the full registration or the Saturday package. See registration form in this issue.)
Sunday, Jan. 22	Early Morning	<b>Worship Service</b>

## Variety of Workshops Offered on Education Day

In direct response to a convention survey distributed last year, the 2012 Raleigh Convention Program Committee and President Jayson Duncan have planned a full day of workshops for Friday, January 20. The survey responders noted that as convention attendees they wanted information and material that they could immediately take home and use in their local clubs and districts. With that in mind – the Leadership Development Committee, chaired by National Director Robert Newton, and the convention committee is planning the following topics for workshops.

Workshops will be held in seven 50 minute periods with between 5 and 9 workshop options during each hour. Two sessions will be held early - before the Heroes Breakfast, and the rest will continue through the afternoon.

The entire day is being dedicated to workshops -answering another frequent comment on evaluations. Often attendees report that to attend workshops they had to miss other events. This will not be the case on Education Day! While general areas like Ruritan supply, registration, silent auction, and exhibits will be open - no conflicting activities are being scheduled on Education Day.

**Workshop topics:** *2012 Bylaws Issues, Awards, Club Director's Training, Club Fundraising Ideas Roundtable, Club Parliamentary Procedure, Club President's Training, Club Secretary's Training, Club Treasurer's Training, Club Use of MMS, Club VP Training, Come by the Whistle Stop Cafe, Conflict Resolution, Creating Attractive Websites, Dancing Through Fire (Conflict Resolution), Designer Snowmen, District Cabinet Training, Foundation (General), Foundation (OWC), Future of Ruritan, Future of Ruritan, Grant Writing, Growth and Development - How One Member Does It, Identifying Potential Leaders, Insurance, Leadership Development Coordinators, Leaving a Legacy, Marketing Ruritan, Mentoring Club Members, Potential National Officers Training, PR Facts at a Glance, Putting the Fun in Meeting, Putting the Fun in Meeting, Red Cross Summer of Giving, Remembering the Ruritan Foundation, Ruritan History, Ruri-Teen Club Ideas For Adults, Service Partnership, Setting Up After School Tutoring Programs, Starting New Clubs, Understanding Sexual Harrassment, Understanding Your Dreams, Unleashed Potential, Upcoming Bylaws Issues, Using Social Media, Using Vendors for Fundraising, What Are Your True Colors, Working with Youth in Adult Clubs, Youth Protection Policy, and Zone Governor Training.*

# 2012 Ruritan National Convention - Raleigh, NC

## (January 19 - 21, 2012)

Please print or type

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

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

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

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Badge Name #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Badge Name #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**GUESTS: As a fully registered attendee you may bring non-registered guests to meal functions only. List names below and pay for their meals under 'Extra Tickets' on reverse. They will only be allowed in events they've paid for.**

**Check items below that apply:**

I need vegetarian meals for these in my party.

(list names below)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

This is my first Convention. \_\_\_\_\_

Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

I plan to be a delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be using a scooter and will need assistance with transportation at the hotel/convention center.

I have 50 years or more perfect attendance. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Details**

- Thursday evening Opening with Flag Ceremony, Memorial Service, and Entertainment
  - Friday Education Day with workshops all day long and kicked off with the Friday Heroes Breakfast for all fully registered and Friday package attendees
  - Saturday Elections and Business Sessions ending with the Installation Banquet and Entertainment for all Fully Registered and Saturday package attendees
  - Optional Friday evening Foundation Dinner and Saturday morning Breakfast Honoring First Lady Gail
- Appropriate registration package must be purchased in order to attend convention activities including workshops and business sessions. A registered convention attendee may purchase optional meals as well as extra meals for his/her non-registered guests (see reverse). After December 29, 2011, you may only register in person at the convention site.*

**OPTIONS - See Reverse:**

**Option 1:** Full package rate for the 2012 Ruritan National Convention including both the Heroes' Breakfast and the Installation Banquet: \$170

**Option 2:** Base registration fee for the 2012 Ruritan National Convention (no meals): \$95

**Option 3:** Friday day rate including Heroes' Breakfast and workshops all day: \$125

**Option 4:** Saturday day rate including voting and business sessions and ending with Installation Banquet: \$150

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

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

U.S. Army  WWII

U.S. Air Force  Korea

U. S. Marines  Vietnam

U.S. Navy  Desert Storm

U.S. Coast Guard  Operation Iraqi Freedom

Other (explain)  Peace Time Service

## What Events Will You Attend At The 2012 Convention?

**Option 1 - Full Package** # \_\_\_\_ @ \$170 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes: Thursday evening Opening Ceremonies, Friday morning Heroes Breakfast, all Friday workshops, Saturday business sessions, and Saturday Installation Banquet.

**Option 2 - Base Fee - no meals** # \_\_\_\_ @ \$95 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes: Thursday evening Opening Ceremonies, all Friday workshops, election, and Saturday business sessions.  
NO MEALS

**Option 3 - Friday Day Rate** # \_\_\_\_ @ \$125 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes: Thursday evening Opening Ceremonies, Friday morning Heroes Breakfast, all Friday workshops, Saturday business sessions, and election. NO SATURDAY MEALS

**Option 4 - Saturday Rate** # \_\_\_\_ @ \$150 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes: Thursday evening Opening Ceremonies, Friday Workshops, Saturday business sessions, and Saturday Installation Banquet. NO FRIDAY MEALS

**Sub Total Basic Registrations** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Tickets and Optional Events: For any fully registered attendee or the guests of a fully registered attendee. These tickets will secure entrance to these events ONLY.**

EXTRA Friday Heroes Breakfast # \_\_\_\_ @ \$35 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Foundation Awards Dinner # \_\_\_\_ @ \$40 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Breakfast Honoring First Lady Gail # \_\_\_\_ @ \$28 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA Saturday Installation Banquet # \_\_\_\_ @ \$60 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub Total Extra Tickets:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:**

Rudy Bears - Large # \_\_\_\_ @ \$8.25 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rudy Bears - Small # \_\_\_\_ @ \$4.95 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash donation for USO of North Carolina\* == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Smiles Over Miles** cards for soldiers\* # \_\_\_\_ @ \$7 == \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sub Total Other** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to making donations to the USO of North Carolina for supplies needed for their military welcome center in Raleigh, Ruritan is providing **Smiles Over Miles** internet cards. Each \$7 donation provides a service member and his/her family with free service to communicate over the internet for a full year. (See details in this issue.)

## How Will You Pay?

**Ruritan National, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084**

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

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

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

Check one option below

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

\_\_\_\_ Bill my credit card December 1, 2011



# Changes Made to the Build Your \$ Program

Let's pause for a moment and once again thank our Ruritan co-founders, Tom Downing and Jack Gwaltney, for their insight and determination to organize



Bruce W. Thompson  
2011 Foundation  
President

the first Ruritan Club with the idea of bringing country and urban folk together to work to make our communities a better place to live. Many communities across this great nation have benefited from Ruritan, unfortunately there

are those communities that have not continued to benefit from our organization and even some states are no longer in our numbers. We have communities beyond our imagination that are in need of Ruritan and are ripe for Ruritan expansion. Why not share our programs with these folks?

Our past leaders recognized the need to establish a foundation in order to assist our youth in securing a higher education. Over the years the Foundation has grown slowly through donations from a few of our members and friends, but to meet the demand for scholarships from our clubs, we continue to see the need to increase our earnings base and each year your Trustees struggled with this concern.

In 2009 your Trustee Board established a fund raising program that all Ruritans of every level could participate to help build our asset base. In September 2009 the Trustees announced our newest program known as "\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$" or "Brother/Sister Can You Spare Me a Dime?" This program has the potential of raising over one million dollars each year through participation by every Ruritan and Ruri-Teen by each saving ten cents per day. What a small amount each day to realize a large sum in just a one year time period. This program is set for an initial five year period which has a potential of raising between five and six million dollars.

Wouldn't our fore-fathers be pleased with these numbers and the ability of being able to assist many of our college bound students? Each and every Ruritan and Ruri-Teen are challenged to participate and encouraged to forward at least \$36.50 to the Foundation using the donation coupon on page 18. Your Foundation needs your help!

Your Trustee Board at a recent meeting made a couple of changes in the scholarship awards programs. In the "Build Your \$" program effective with the 2012/2013 program year the 45 day extension period beyond the April 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff date for receiving the student application package will no longer be available. Under the Regular Grants program and beginning with the 2011/2012 scholarship program, the Trustees will accept ACT/SAT grade transcripts for a minimum of six semesters (three years of grades).

Let's continue to remember our fellow Ruritans and their communities with our club and personal donations to the Operation We Care program.

Again, donations to either the Scholarship Program and/or the OWC program are tax deductible under our 501(c)3 designation by the Internal Revenue Service. Thanks for continued participation.

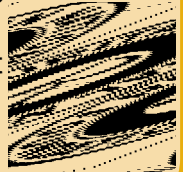
Serving the Foundation,

Bruce W. Thompson,  
2011 President, Ruritan Foundation

## Ruritan National FOUNDATION

### 2011 Board of Trustees

- President:** Bruce W. Thompson
- Vice President:** Robert "Cleve" Wright
- Secretary:** Norman O'Dell
- Treasurer:** Danny Privott
- Promotion Chair:** David Freshly



## MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Military personnel who are also Ruritans and who might be unable to attend regular meetings should not be counted as absent according to the Ruritan National Board of Directors.

If your club has a member currently serving in active duty, your club secretary should count him or her as "present" at meetings so that his or her absence doesn't penalize the member or cause the club to fall short on attendance percentages.

The Board cited the National Bylaws provision for using "four hours of community service" as the equivalent of a make-up meeting -- a substitution that members of the U.S. Military are surely qualified to use.

# Ruritan National Foundation Receives Participation



Members from the Woodrow Wilson and Rockingham Districts participated in a joint event to benefit the Ruritan National Foundation. The 18th annual "Cecil Wampler Memorial Ruritan Golf Tournament" was held on June 11th at the Heritage Oaks Golf Course in Harrisonburg. The tournament, named after one of Rockingham District's Past District Governors, donates all the profits to the Foundation. This year, \$2,120 was raised for educational scholarships. Pictured on the left (l-r) are Joel

Cochran, Keith Senderak, Jim Haltigan, and Ken Elkins.

**Pasquotank** (NC) Ruritan Club Treasurer John Denscombe drove to the National Office to deliver a check to Ruritan National Foundation in June. Club members donated \$1,015 in memory of deceased member Thomas Long. A Permanent Scholarship Fund was established in his name, and a plaque was presented to his wife at the club's July picnic. Pictured top right is John Denscombe presenting the check to Tina Lawson of the Ruritan National Foundation Department.



President of the **Bald Knob Eagle** (KY) Ruritan Club Delaina Morgan,



(pictured left) presented scholarship checks in the amount of \$535 to Destinee Tyson and Joshua Karsner. Tyson received the Marraccini/Fint Education Scholarship and will be attending Western Kentucky University. Karsner received the Ruritan National Foundation Build Your \$ Scholarship and will be attending Centre College.



Callie Hayes (pictured right) received the 2010 and 2011 Foundation scholarship from the **Pipestem** (WV) Ruritan Club. Callie is a second year student at Concord University.



Pictured left are the **Southern** (OH) Ruritan Club's scholarship recipients. Kaylyn Hardman received the Build Your \$ Scholarship while Nick Wise, Cody Gillespie, and Brandy Cochran received club scholarships.



Aubrie Dreschel (pictured above) received **Gloucester** (VA) Ruritan Clubs Build Your \$ Scholarship and will be attending Virginia Tech this Fall. Pictured are Club President Tom Swankler and Aubrie Dreschel.

## \$\$\$MILLION DOLLAR CLUB\$\$\$

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Fund to Credit \_\_\_\_\_  
 From \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by check or Credit Card (Visa/Master Charge)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Ruritan National Foundation, Inc. P. O. Box 487 Dublin, VA 24084-0487

## **Cartersville (VA) Club Awards Two Scholarships**

At the **Cartersville** (VA) Ruritan Club's meeting in June, Nathan Lewis (left) and Jessica Robinson (right) were presented \$1,000 scholarships each by the Scholarship Chair and Club Secretary Bruce Robinson (center). Nathan Lewis is an upcoming sophomore at James Madison University majoring in kinesiology. Jessica Robinson has just entered graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University. She has completed her bachelor's degree in biology and is presently working on her master's in science education. They are both student members of the club.



## **More Appomattox Clubs Serve Their Communities**

**Burkeville** (VA) Ruritan Club hosted the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Chicken Festival in conjunction with the Crewe Kiwanis Club in June. Approximately 1,300 attended the event. Over the past 38 years, the festival has raised over \$450,000. The proceeds from the event have made annual donations to fire departments, rescue squads, and scholarships possible.



**Powhatan** (VA) Ruritan Club club member Cassie Dodson organized their club's food drive.

**Huguenot** (VA) Ruritan Club joined in on the fun. Both clubs challenged their local church to bring in food. The clubs matched pound for pound and had a grand total of 3,300 pounds of food. Pictured are Huguenot and Powhatan club members with Cassie Dodson (third from the right).

## **National Vice President Visits Clarksville Thrift Store**

While traveling through the Appomattox District, National Vice President Phyllis Lewter heard about the **Clarksville** (VA) Ruritan Club Thrift Store and decided to visit the store. She reported, "What a delightful experience I had visiting with members of the club as they operated their store on a busy Saturday. The



store was full of shoppers searching through treasures including furniture, books, household items, and clothing." Items for the store are donated from the Clarksville community.

This attractive store is housed in a former super market and is open on Fridays and Saturdays only. Seventeen teams of club members work the store and many others help prepare the items for sale. There is also a management team. One of the manager, Eileen Schafer, shared that profits from the thrift store, bingo, and some other fundraisers helped the club contribute more the

\$200,000 to their community. She stated, "We gave \$51,000 in scholarship and donated \$100,000 for equipment to the YMCA. We also support our fire department and rescue squad."

If you happen to be in Clarksville on Friday, you can shop at the thrift store and stay to hear the band. Club members move the furniture to the side and the thrift store becomes a dance floor. Pictured operating the store are (back row, l-r) Eileen Schafer, Bobbie Jo Dunagan, Willie Dunagan, Jeannette Rodges, Frankie Talley, Benny Nash, (front row) Pauline Decker, and Nancy Talley.

**Sutherland** (VA) Ruritan Club held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Shrimp Festival. Over 500 shrimp dinners were sold. Proceeds from the event are used for educational scholarships, Dixie Youth League baseball, and other community activities.

A photograph showing two people sitting on chairs outdoors. They are positioned in front of a large, round, shallow cooking pot filled with a liquid mixture, likely for cooking shrimp. One person is holding a long-handled spoon or paddle.

# Piedmont District Makes the Dream Work



President of the **Brushy Mountain (NC) Ruritan Club** Gretchen Barelski, (left) presented Jerry Smithey (center) and Edwin Canter (right) with Ruritan Forever membership and plaques in May. Both gentlemen are charter members of the club that was chartered in 1978. Jerry Smithey is currently the



Piedmont District Zone 1 Governor.

The club also presented seven scholarships to deserving students. Brittany Coffey, Corey Higgins, and Brittney Tharpe each received a check for \$750. Devin Gambill received a \$450 check and will be attending WCC this fall. Cara Parker received the Ruritan National Foundation Build Your \$ Scholarship in the amount of \$550. Cara will be pursuing her master's in social services. Christina Davis received \$750 as she works toward becoming an RN. Sarah Swofford is the winner of the club's first Bob and Lynn Bogue Art \$750 scholarship. This scholarship was created to honor Bob and Lynn Bogue's numerous contributions to the community as

**South Westfield (NC) Ruritan Club** was featured in their local newspaper for inviting their whole community to a cookout. Rick Dellinger of Dellinger Music Ministries provided the evenings entertainment.

The highlight of the evening included the recognition of club member Blaine Hunter as the recipient of the club's Build Your \$ Scholarship.



Ruritan, and to honor Bob's artwork from the Apple Festival programs in past years. Since 2005, the club has awarded approximately \$57,000 in scholarships. Pictured top right (l-r) are Cara Parker, Christian Davis, Brittany Coffey, Sarah Swofford, Corey Higgins, Devin Gambill, and Brittney Tharpe.

**Central Caswell (NC) Ruritan Club** (pictured left) honored Billy Taylor by presenting him with a plaque and a certificate as well as making him an honorary member of the club. Billy is

the first in the history of the club to receive this award. He was chosen by the club board of directors and membership because he has rendered extraordinary Ruritan service. It was through his efforts that the Ruritan members were able to secure the land on which the club was constructed. He was instrumental in raising the money for the construction and the establishment of a building fund. Billy, his wife Nina, and daughter Vonda were present at the meeting for the presentation of the award.

**Mountain View (NC) Ruritan Club** (pictured right) was featured in their

**Wentworth (NC) Ruritan Club** received an invitation from Director of the Museum and Archives Historical Society to set up concession stands for three events. The club accepted the invitation and in return gained publicity through the Society's publications and radio spots.



local newspaper for honoring veterans. About 40 veterans met for dinner. Some veterans were asked to speak about their experiences and became emotional thanking God for taking care of them.

## Western Yell Donates to Main Street Mission



**Western Yell** (AR) Ruritan Club President Hoover Willard presented a check for \$535 to officials of Main Street Mission. Main Street Mission helps families in Yell and Pope Counties as well as other parts of the state with meals, boxed food, clothing, and household goods. This donation was made possible by the Western Yell County residents attending the 36th annual club sponsored Independence Day community worship service. Pictured (l-r) Main Street Mission representative Christine Sain, Hoover Willard, Assistant Director/Pastor Main Street Mission Raul Torres, Main

Street Mission representatives Dale Cohen, Deanna Aspel, and Suzie Jones.

## Greenville/Goldsboro District in Action



**Southwood** (NC) Ruritan Club helped the Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Center by donating, sheets, pillow cases, pillows, laundry detergent, towels, washcloths, and hygiene products for recent tornado victims. Pictured left (l-r) are Tyler Basden, Linda Hill, and Tammy Kelly.

Earlier this year, the club donated \$150 each to the Red Cross and the Ronald McDonald House.

Two clubs in the Greenville-Goldsboro District held training classes recently. **Old Ford**, and **Deep Run** (NC) Ruritan Clubs sponsored the training. District



Governor David Godwin wanted to make sure that all of the clubs in his district were up to date on information and to generate interest in community service reports. Pictured right (l-r): Deep Run Club President Harvey Tyndall, Greenville-Goldsboro District Governor David Godwin, and Past President of ANCR James Stroud.



**Old Ford** (NC) Ruritan Club (pictured right) presented seven scholarships at their June meeting. One Build Your \$ and six \$500 scholarships.

**New Hope** (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary recently by awarding scholarships. The scholarships were presented to students in the architecture, physics, and mortuary science fields. Pictured on the left on the back row (l-r) are Michael Hood, Alex Lloyd, Daniel Waller, and Daniel Harrell. Front row are Nancy Dawson, Katie Callis, and National Director Karen Pallette.



Frankie Black (pictured right) of the **Bunyan** (NC) Ruritan Club is shown cooking a total of 800 chicken halves for the club's annual fundraiser. The meal consisted of a ½ chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, and a roll.

## Broadway-Timberville (VA) Honors Veterans

A Memorial Day Observance, sponsored by the **Broadway-Timberville (VA) Ruritan Club**, was held at the Broadway High School auditorium. More than 250 were in attendance honoring current and former military personnel. The Broadway High School wind symphony played the Armed Forces Medley. Service veterans stood and received applause as the song was played.

Past President of Bridgewater College, Dr. Phil Stone, gave a moving message to honor those who have died in service.

The club placed about 80 large American flags on the main streets of Broadway and Timberville and 45 smaller flags along the walkway leading into Broadway High School to commemorate this day.

Pictured (l-r) are club member John Yeich, Dr. Phil Stone, and club member Lowell Barb.



The club also placed collection bags throughout their community for the Nourish Your Community Food Drive. The club received 443 bags back totaling 6,435 pounds of canned goods for Daily Bread Food Pantry in Broadway.

## Powhatan Club Celebrates Town's Birthday



**Powhatan (VA) Ruritan Club** helped celebrate the town of Strasburg's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. The town asked various organizations to pick a month and decorate the window with information on what the organization is all about. The club had the month of April and included their district banner, pictures from the National Convention,

Rudy Bears, and member pins in the window.

In May, the club participated in the town's parade and won first place for their float. Pictured (l-r) are Harry Propst, Lorraine Shelton, Kay Cornell, Eleanor Camarata, Jacques Billmyer, Everly Rinard, and Jeannette Doval.

**St. Luke-Fairview (VA) Ruritan Club** honored charter member Oliver Peer at a recent club meeting. Peer has been an active member for 55 years and served as club president and district governor.



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## Bahama and Rougemont Clubs Support Eagle Scout Project



The **Bahama (NC) Ruritan Club** and the **Rougemont (NC) Ruritan Club** sponsored Ryan Adams of Boy Scout Troop 439 on the restoration of local campground facilities for his Eagle Scout project. Adams project has resulted in rebuilding a total of five picnic tables and four of the free standing grills. Pictured are Bahama club member and Troop Scout Master, Irv Mancour, and Adams with one of the restored picnic tables.

**Bahama (NC) Ruritan Club** also embarked on a tick education project. Using the club's billboard, weekly Ruritan hints have been posted on dealing with ticks and tick-borne diseases. A program on ticks is planned for the club's family night to spread the word on this health danger.

## District Sponsors Woman-Less Pageant



Woodrow Wilson District sponsored an evening of entertainment including a supper, concert, and a Woman-less Beauty Pageant to help increase the district promotional fund. Master of Ceremonies was Rick Dellinger of the **Middlebrook** (VA) Ruritan Club. Rick performed an array of musical selections from country and oldies to an Elvis impersonation. The eight contestants wooed the judges with their beauty and talent. Area businesses graciously donated food and drinks for the supper and prizes for the contestants. Pictured (l-r) are Jim Fultz, Garrett

Nichols, Raymond Campbell, Frankie Hicklin, Ray Bowen, Charlie Bowman, Robert "Wes" Maupin, and Robert Straway.

## Massies Mill Remembers Hurricane Camille

Nelson County residents have vivid memories of August 19-20 1969. In a few hours over 30 inches of rainfall fell in "The Flood." Whole towns and communities were swept away, and an estimated 126 people died or were never found in the county. **Massies Mill** (VA) first club president Carl Raines was one that lost his life.

Club Treasurer David Hight researched documents and found an outpouring of support from other Ruritan Clubs in Virginia and neighboring states. Over 40 clubs donated \$6,000, along with \$550 from churches and individuals in 1969. (Adjusted for inflation, this would be something over \$40,000 today.)

Memories and appreciation of this support has prompted the club to make donations in a similar spirit to other clubs in devastated areas, including two clubs in tornado-hit communities in Virginia in April of this year.



**Beverly Manor** (VA) patriotism committee sponsored a "What is Citizenship?" essay writing contest among all fourth-grade students at Beverly Manor Elementary School. The three top essays were

written by, (l-r), Luke Gaines, Emily van Assendelft, and Rachel Plummer. The essay winners and their parents attended the club's meeting in May and were awarded certificates and \$30 checks.



**Beverly Manor** Middle School FFA presented the **Mint Spring** (VA) Ruritan Club with a

decorated mailbox in June to be used for the disposal of worn out American flags. The box is available to the public. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Elaine Barr, FFA students Carrie Cromer, Jennifer Callison, and FFA teacher Sally Shomo.

## Rockawalkin (MD) Donates to Food Bank



**Rockawalkin** (MD) Ruritan Club (left) presented a \$200 check to the Joseph House Ministries to aid in their food bank for the homeless and needy.

On Memorial Day a chicken barbeque fundraiser was held and 1,800 chicken halves were sold.

Club member Levin Evans (right) was honored on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday for having achieved 52 years of perfect attendance. Club Secretary Ernie Conner said that he has been a very active member of the club.



## Mt. Laurel Club Celebrates its 30th Anniversary



**Mt. Laurel** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently. National Vice President Phyllis Lewter presented the club with a 30 year certificate and presented John Wayne Irby with an Honorary Membership Certificate. Other festivities included special recognition of the charter members still active in the club, memorial service for the

11 deceased charter members, and culminated with a cake cutting ceremony. Pictured (l-r) are charter members, Edwin Conner, Taylor Conner, George Anderson, Nelson Crews, Gilbert Conner, Mike Lindsey, Aubrey Roller Sr., Johnny Lewis, David Conner, Bailey Crews, Herman Roller, and Aubrey Roller Jr.

## Irisburg (VA) Club Honors Local Veterans

**Irisburg** (VA) Ruritan Club honored Veterans in May. Club President Robert Young presented the veterans with a certificate of appreciation from the club for their service. Pictured (l-r) are National Director Roger Gammons, Korean Veteran Silas Keen, WWII Veteran John Hairston, Vietnam Veteran George Adams, and Club President Robert Young.



## Fontaine (VA) Club Raises Funds for Scholarships



**Fontaine** (VA) Ruritan Club had many fundraising activities over the past couple of months. Club members parked cars for the Martinsville Speedway race to raise money for scholarships, donated money to 4-H for camp t-shirts, and supported a local backpack program by giving an \$800 donation. Donations to a basketball camp and a donation to a club that was damaged in a storm were given. Two soccer teams were sponsored, Nancy Richardson received a four year pin, and Laura Elliott received the President's Golden Key for recruiting new members. Pictured right are the scholarship winners (front row) Club President Mike



Williams, Molly Mills, Jordan Brooks, Zachary Clifton, Michael Neuman, Nicole Arthur, (second row) George Terrell (accepting scholarship for Elena Terrell), and April Rivers. Pictured left is Club President Mike Williams presenting Laura Elliott with the President's Golden Key.

## Dan River District Cabinet Helps with Ruritan Youth Conference

Youth attending the Ruritan Youth Conference in July were served a hot dog dinner by members of the Dan River District Cabinet. They are shown on the right preparing to serve the hungry youth. District Governor Bill Maxwell said, "This is a special activity for our district. We look forward to contributing to the youth conference."





## News From Ruritan: Holland District

### Hickory Awards Scholarships and Savings Bonds

Hickory (VA) Ruritan Club presented \$9,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and college students at its annual awards night. Shown on the right are the recipients with Ruritan members Denise Ferrell and Sharon Kelly.



Elementary students from Hickory Elementary, Butts Road Intermediate, and Southeastern Elementary were honored by the club for being good citizens. They were nominated by their teachers for citizenship, kindness, and integrity. Each student received a \$100 savings bond. Pictured on the left are the students with Ruritan members Sharon Kelly and Carl Whitten.

### Smithfield Holds Successful Fundraising Events



Smithfield (VA) Ruritan Club sponsored a garage sale fundraiser with the Smithfield High School Band Boosters. From the event the club was able to present a \$1,500 check to the band boosters. Pictured on the left (l-r) are Denise Galante, Larry Odom, Cheryl Elliott, and Laura Fletcher.

The club also held a hot dog fundraiser at the Smithfield Olden Days. Proceeds benefited the Geneive Battered Women's Shelter.

#### Hodges Ferry (VA)

Ruritan Club held a car and bike show to raise money for the Portsmouth SPCA. First place winner in the import stock car category was **Deep Creek (VA)** Ruritan Club member Mike Kirsch's 1988 Nissan 300z. Pictured are National Vice President Phyllis Lewter and Mike Kirsch.



#### Magnolia (VA)

Ruritan Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July. The highlight of the evening was presenting Kyle Griffin with a Ruritan National Scholarship. Pictured (l-r) are National Vice President Phyllis Lewter, Kyle Griffin, and Billy Twine.



## News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District

### Three Clubs in Zone Two Appreciate Veterans



Zone two clubs of the Natural Bridge District gathered together at the Virginia Veteran's Care facility in Roanoke, VA to serve veterans a hearty lunch of prime rib sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, and watermelon in appreciation for the service to our nation. **Bonsack/Blue Ridge, Catawba Valley, and Eagle Rock (VA)** Ruritan Clubs each donated food items as well as money to make the endeavor possible. Each club was responsible for one aspect of the meal, allowing each club to fully participate. Nearly 200 veterans and 30 staff were fed that afternoon. Zone Governor Joseph Nieves said

that he was stunned at the turnout and the sincere enthusiasm of all the club members present. Nieves is a veteran and was honored that the community was so willing to take up this cause.

# Chesapeake District Clubs are Staying Busy

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, approximately 30 picnickers gathered on the banks of the Rappahannock River to celebrate the first annual **Port Royal** (VA) Ruritan Club picnic. The picnic was organized by the Membership Committee (Phyllis Sue Carpenter, Crystal Pannell, Sylvia Sellers, and chairman Helmut Linne von Berg) who also supplied the group with Cincinnati bratwurst. While canoeing and cat fishing from the Portobago Bay pier was available, most of the group was happy to chat leisurely and share memories with each other. All agreed that this first annual picnic was a success and a great precedent for future gatherings. **Hanover** (VA) Ruritan Club



celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. Club members and guests enjoyed a catered meal. The highlight of the evening was National President Jayson Duncan installing three new members. Other special guests included National Director Karen Pallette, District Governor Sewell Rowley, Lt. District Governor Mike Morrison, and Zone Governor Tom Foster. Pictured left (l-r) are Duncan, new members Marsha Kirby, Ray Heath, and Wendy Minter.

**Westmoreland County** (VA) and **Washington and Lee**

(VA) Ruri-Teen Clubs participated in Relay for Life. Through various fundraisers, Washington and Lee Ruri-Teen Club raised \$1,469. They sold black bands with the message "All for Ali-Beat Melanoma." Ali Jones is a member of the club and also a cancer survivor. She was the guest speaker for the opening ceremony. Pictured right (l-r) are Club President Molly Reed and Ali Jones walking the survivor lap.



Westmoreland County raised \$1,727. One of their fundraisers was selling embroidered water bottles that advertised the club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Pictured left is an American flag erected by the **Upper Lancaster** (VA) Ruritan Club for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. The club places flags throughout the community for all patriotic holidays.



**Abingdon** (VA) Ruritan Club is shown (right) preparing seafood for the club's annual Seafood Festival. **Warwick** (VA) Ruritan Club (bottom left) donated \$500 to a long-term transitional facility for homeless women and children called the Menchville House. The facility has 46 beds and offers shelter for women and children who are living alcohol and drug free, not involved in any criminal matters, and working toward improving their education.



**Atlee** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with guests from other clubs in the district. Pictured right (l-r) are National President Jayson Duncan, **Hanover** (VA) Club President Paul Hirsh, Atlee Club President Jim Harmon, and **Studley** (VA) Club President Mo Moretz.



## Stonewall District Places Flags on Headstones

Charter member Douglas Butler of the **Stonewall District** (VA) Ruritan Club (right) is shown assisting fourth grade student Lauren Patrick with placing an American flag at the headstone of one of the 5,550 burial sites in the Winchester National Cemetery. Club members escorted 300 children from Charlotte DeHart Virginia Avenue Elementary School and assisted them with their project during the Memorial Day holiday.



## Leeds (VA) Club Awards Scholarships



In June, **Leeds** (VA) Ruritan Club awarded scholarships of \$1000 each to four outstanding students to support their post-secondary school educational goals. They were selected based on their good character, community service, financial need, and academic promise. Pictured on the left from (l-r) are Club President Ron Harris, Brady Brooks, Matthew Nobile, and Christian Kopeck. The fourth recipient, Shawn Sumrall, was unable to attend.

**Sterling** (VA) Ruritan Club was featured in their local newspaper for having an awards banquet, presenting \$20,700 in scholarships, and giving students from various schools Outstanding Student Awards. A total of 24 students were honored at this event.

In addition, the club provided a free catered meal to approximately 100 people.



**Sumerduck** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently. Pictured is Rappahannock District Governor Martina King presenting a

Virginia General Assembly proclamation for 50 years of service to Club President Milo Christensen.

## Lemon Springs (NC) Club Supports Agriculture

**Lemon Springs** (NC) Ruritan Club was featured in their local newspaper for helping the local agriculture for six decades. The community has come to count on the club's two annual pancake suppers and \$1,000 raffle. Each year, members also cook a hearty breakfast for the Farm-City Banquet and award a \$600 scholarship to a high school student. The club has been instrumental in the National Night Out for the past three years and has contributed funds to numerous causes. Gilbert Matthews was quoted saying, "It's the goodwill we try to do in the community, and the fellowship."



Ed Cameron and Bob Horne, both 96 years young, were honored at the **Johnsonville** (NC) Ruritan Club meeting recently for being the oldest members of the club.

## National President Visits Two Districts in July

Now that it has become tradition, Ruritan National President Jayson Duncan and First Lady Gail toured Lincolnland District in July. The first couple participated



in parades and visited the Veteran's Memorial in Bluford. President Jayson had an interview at the local WFIW Radio Station.

While the couple was visiting the district, **Mill Shoals** and **Wayne City** (IL) Ruritan Clubs hosted meals. President Duncan thanked them for their hospitality and most importantly thanked them for helping their communities.



On his way back home from Lincolnland District, Duncan stopped and visited several clubs in the Bluegrass District. **Finchville** (KY) Ruritan Club asked him to participate in the club's auction by holding an item for auctioneer, Kack Newton, member of the **Bagdad** (KY) Ruritan Club, to auction off.



Past National Director and Past Bluegrass District Governor Carl Moore presented Duncan with a clock in the shape of the state of Kentucky during dinner at Claudia Sanders' restaurant.

Other activities included having dinner with the Bagdad Ruritan Club and attending an open house at the newly remodeled **Waddy** (KY) Ruritan Club. Pictured on the left (front row l-r) are Jayson Duncan, Gail Duncan, Barbara Franklin, Carl Moore, National

Director Anne Hillard, Past Bluegrass District Governor Roberta Moore, (back row l-r) Bryan Franklin, and Past National Director Chester Hillard.

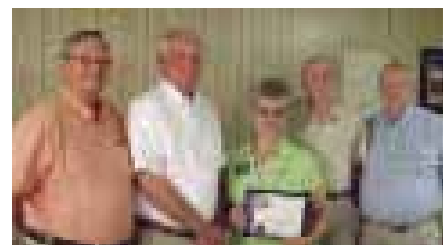
## Clubs in Bluegrass District Celebrate 40th Anniversary



**Union City** (KY) Ruritan Club celebrated their 40th anniversary during the annual Union City Days. National Director Beverly Tanner presented the club with a copy of their charter and an anniversary certificate. She complimented the club on community service accomplishments and encouraged them to participate in the Build Your \$

Scholarship program. Pictured (l-r): charter members Leo Conner, Walker Wall, Royce Murphy, Robert Murphy, Robert Eads, Club President Glen Allen, and Tanner.

**Cecilia Community** (KY) also celebrated its 40th anniversary in July. Tanner presented the charter members with a 40th anniversary certificate. Pictured (l-r) are Bob Owsley, Cordell Tabb, Tanner, Floyd Dodson, and Denver Woodring.



## National President Presents Bricks to New Members



In July, the **Forestburg** (NC) Ruritan Club welcomed National President Jayson Duncan, and his wife Gail. He spoke about “brick moments” when all at once you feel like you have been hit in the head with a brick with an understanding of a situation or an idea for a new adventure. He presented two new members with bricks. Duncan complimented the club for their involvement in placing flags in neighborhood yards, fixing book bags for homeless children, and cleaning up the roadways and community. He praised the youth members for their participation in the projects and

encouraged them to continue giving back to the community.

## Bethel (NC) Club Supports Hunter’s Safety

**Bethel** (NC) Ruritan Club supports the Perquimans County Schools Hunter Safety and Shoot Team. Club member Katelyn Stokely is also a member of the team and participated in the district tournament. Pictured are Safety and Shoot Team representatives Kine and Forbes presenting Club President G.C. Jennings with a plaque thanking the club for its support.



## Handcuffed for a Good Cause



**Albemarle District** Zone Governor Frances Long (pictured left) got a surprise recently when she was handcuffed and taken in for the Oxford Heights Community Watch “Jailathon” in Elizabeth City, NC. Even though she had to don the traditional orange jumpsuit, her time incarcerated was short. Frances’ bail of \$100 was quickly raised and she says she was proud to have helped with the fundraiser which goes to a survivors’ fund to help the children of fallen police officers.

## Durants Neck Awards Scholarships

**Durants Neck** (NC) Ruritan Club awarded four scholarships totaling more than \$5,000 to local students at a ceremony conducted at the June



club meeting. The scholarships were made possible due to the resounding success of the club’s annual chicken barbeque and auction fundraiser. In addition to the scholarships, the club makes monetary donations to Durant’s Neck Volunteer Fire Department, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs, food banks, Farm City awards, Adopt-a-Family at Christmas, and Toys for Tots. They also donate Rudy Bears. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Joyce Gurganus, Corrine Elizabeth Spivey, Brittany Sawyer, Crystal Seymour, and Kristopher B. Van Hise.

## News From Ruritan: Western NC District

**Hall** (NC) Ruritan Club honored senior citizens on Memorial Day weekend. Over 130 seniors attended and were served barbeque chicken with all the



trimmings. Elvis Presley impersonator Ronnie Lee provided the entertainment. The guest of honor was Willie Spivey who is 106 years old. She was accompanied by her daughter Eta Eason and son in-law Sherwood Eason.



**Chesterfield** (NC) Ruritan Club recently volunteered to chop wood for Nina Huffman who lost her husband last Fall. The firewood will definitely help with her fuel bills this coming winter. Pictured is Club President Michael Bandy in action.

## News From Ruritan: New River District

### Four VA Clubs Participate in Bland County Parade

**Ceres, Mechanicsburg, Rocky Gap, and White Gate** (VA) Ruritan Clubs help celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bland County Virginia, in May by participating in the county parade. Bland County is the only county in VA that was created during the Civil War. The clubs paraded two boats and the theme was Sail into the Future with Ruritan. They also held a food drive to deliver for the tornado victims in Washington County. Following the parade in downtown Bland, a street dance was held.



### Wolf Creek Celebrates its 50th Anniversary



**Wolf Creek** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by having a Music'n Mini Fair. Activities included pony rides, duck pond, rock wall climb, milk bottle throw, and a dunk tank. Booths from 20

various vendors were also set up, and 14 musical bands provided the entertainment.

Charter member James Shepherd was recognized at the event. National Director Morris Clyburn presented him with several commemorative gifts on behalf of the club.

**Newport** (VA) Ruritan Club hosted a fourth of July community parade. With floats and entries from across the area, the parade captured the essence of the holiday. The club sold hot dogs and sponsored the Greater Sinking Creek Duck race.



## News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

### Burnt Chimney and Redwood Hold Successful Fundraiser



**Burnt Chimney and Redwood** (VA) Ruritan Clubs held benefit fundraisers to help with medical bills for Joey Brown, whose 12 year old daughter, Mary Catherine Brown is battling thyroid cancer. Burnt Chimney raised \$4,480.76 while Redwood raised \$7,500. Burnt Chimney Past Club President Gail Melton said, "When we all pull together, we can make things happen and the community has been wonderful in responding. The two clubs are located close together, which made the successful effort more amazing."

Raleigh Trent was recognized in a local newspaper for being named the **Evington** (VA) Ruritan Club's Ruritan of the Year. This is his fifth time winning this award. Raleigh was quoted in the newspaper saying, "I believe in helping people. I try to help somebody everyday."

**Brookville** (VA) Ruritan Club held its third annual food drive in May. Club members set up at two businesses and collected 1,340 pounds of food. The club also raffled off a quilt using each food donation as a chance to win.

President of the **Goode** (VA) Ruritan Club Larry Montecino, presents a \$500.00 check to Public Relations Director for the Bedford Community Christmas Station Josie Arney. The club supports the service the Christmas Station provides for needy families in the community by making sure they have a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings as well as Christmas presents and clothing for the kids.



## Clubs Across Ruritan Making a Difference

In May the **Lignum** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated being an integral part of its community for 60 years. During this time the club has supported families in need, awards scholarships, supports little league teams, 4-H programs, and the Culpeper Soap Box Derby. As part of the celebration Past National President and Past Foundation President Bob Houck gave a brief history of the club. National Secretary JoAnn Wenger presented the club with a certificate and a list of its original charter. Charter member Wilfred Harris cut the cake. Pictured right are the youngest member of the club Jaycen Creasy-Thompson and charter member Wilfred Harris.



**Damascus** (OH) Ruritan Club worked together with the staff from the West



Branchás Damascus Elementary School to conduct a “Nourish Our Community” food drive. Approximately 400 items were collected from students, parents, and staff on the last day of school. Pictured left (l-r) are first graders Kiersten Hofmann, Jaiden Hancock, club members David Denny, Gene Griffith, Mahlon Griffith, school principal and club member Matthew Bowen, first graders Kennedy Close, and Danielle Koneval.

**Model** (GA) Ruritan Club donated 25 Rudy Bears to the Floyd County, VA Police Department in June. Pictured right (l-r) are Shelton Matthews, Matt Stevens, Officer Brooks, Corporal



Hunton, Officer Howerton, Club President Jack Stover, (back) Jim Childs, Jerry Gatlin, Charles Browder, and Jim Hakala.

In June Hermitage District Lieutenant Governor Edward Wilson coordinated a Growth and Development Workshop held at the Old Country Store in Jackson, TN. Youth member of the **Gadsden** (TN) Ruritan Club Tera Gagnon was the guest speaker. She spoke about the



advantages of having Ruritan youth members in Ruritan Clubs (pictured left).

Harold Staley, member of the **Lewistown** (MD) Ruritan Club (pictured right) performed with his guitar for the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Hospital in July. He and his wife passed out goodie bags to the soldiers. After his performance, Staley had the opportunity to speak



one-on-one to the soldiers. He said, “These young men sacrificed so much for our country yet none of them seemed to regret the role they played in our country’s defense. I felt that I was not only there to perform for the soldiers, but also as a representative of Ruritan.”



**Lake Forest Middle School** (TN) Ruri-Teen Club donated 160 bottles of bubbles and 50 coloring books to T.C. Thompson Children’s Hospital as part of their toy program. The Ruri-Teens said they hoped that the donated items will help the children begin summer with a smile. Pictured left front (l-r) are Tori Roderick, Joci Staton, Makayla Hightshoe. Back row (l-r) are Brandan Harrelson, Jessica Ocana, Jackie Roper, Hannah Hammond, Ashley Cantrell, Philip Cooper.

**Lashmeet** (WV) Ruritan Club held their first lemonade stand fundraiser. They sold lemonade and had a lemon juggler to help with entertainment. Pictured on the right (l-r) are Vince Martin, Taylor Weese, Jessica Foley, and standing in the back is Kristen Foley.



