

RURITAN

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NEWSLETTER



Operation We Care

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Foundation Fellowship Weekend in Greensboro, NC. The weekend was filled with good weather, fun, and fellowship. We missed those that could not make it after the change in date due to Hurricane Florence, but we look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Since there are many Ruritan areas being affected by the current storm season, your Trustees feel we should talk about Operation We Care (OWC), a joint effort between the Ruritan National Foundation and Ruritan National that provides aid to victims of governmentally declared disasters.

OWC assistance is intended to help an affected community continue its recovery after first-responding organizations finish providing services. These first-responders, like the Red Cross and FEMA, often leave the area before disaster victims fully recover. OWC is designed to fill this gap.

Unlike donations to a specific club or locations, contributions to OWC are potentially tax-deductible, but as always you should consult your tax professional. All contributions are received and maintained in a special Ruritan National Foundation OWC account until payments for relief services are made to affected communities. Ruritan club or district donations to OWC qualify as Social Development Committee projects.

Ruritan National Foundation

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How It Works

When a state or federally declared disaster strikes a Ruritan district, the District Governor is responsible for surveying the damage and determining whether OWC assistance is needed. To be eligible for OWC aid, the District Governor must notify the Ruritan National Office by submitting a brief report, available online or through the National Office, about the need for assistance.

The Foundation Trustees will review reports from affected districts regarding specific community needs. The Trustees will determine the amount of assistance based on the District Governor's report and the amount of funds in OWC account.

The disaster must be declared by the state or federal government to be eligible for OWC aid. Initial funds may be available from OWC when the disaster happens, but extended funds are only available after all other relief agencies have concluded their efforts.

Operation We Care Umbrella Fund

A recognition program has been established called the OWC Umbrella Fund. A donation to OWC of \$2 per member will qualify a club for a certificate or \$10 dollars per member will qualify for a plaque. The awards are presented at the district conventions.

Clubs that give a donation of \$2 or \$10 per member to OWC Program will have their names listed in the Annual Report presented at the National Convention.

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Message From National President Guy Cox



Support Ruritan National Foundation

The year is almost over and it has been a very fast year. You have worked hard and helped as many as you could, and it feels good. Your community service awards have been graded and soon you will be getting them back to have something to show for your hard work and fellow-

ship in earning them. Right around the corner is the district convention and we all look forward to seeing some of our real good friends and enjoying the day with them as we come together at the convention.

What has your club accomplished so far this year? Have they supported the Foundation? Did you contribute to the Birthday Fund, either \$2 per member to be awarded a certificate at your District Convention or \$10 per member to be awarded a plaque at your District Convention? Did your club give away a "Build Your Dollar" Scholarship this year? This Birthday Fund money goes toward building the funding for more scholarships next year.

Has your club contributed toward OWC (Operation We Care) so that the Foundation will be able to help those families that have suffered through the flooding of Hurricane's Florence and Michael. A lot of people will receive very little from the Red Cross and an insurance company so they will need other assistance. Lets support the Foundation and help these people.

We are hoping that you will bring items from your hotel rooms to the National Convention such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap and any other items so we can give these to the homeless veteran's in the area. And of course we want to give Rudy Bears to the local rescue squads, police and fire department in the area.

Did your club manage to bring in your replacement? You have done a great job of recruiting new members but you will not live forever. We are not retaining those new members. Let's put those new members to work as soon as they come into the club. We must listen to them to help us improve as a club. New

people and new ideas go together.

There are some positions on the district cabinet that need to be filled. Many of you have proven your skills at the club level and you've thought about moving up to the district level, now is a good time to get on board. Every club should have representation on the district cabinet. Volunteer to fill one of those positions, you will be pleased with your decision.

As soon as you have your new club officers, they need to be placed on MMS and their information made available for the new district handbook to be given to your clubs. Members of the District Cabinet can come to your club and install your 2019 officers. District Cabinet members are always glad to visit and welcome the new officers. If any of these officers did not get trained at the District Convention, these cabinet members can do that for them.

You should be considering attending the National Convention on January 16 to 19, 2019. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Convention Center and Spa at 1700 Coliseum Drive in Hampton, Virginia. You will see a lot of National leaders, both past and present, sight see when possible, make new friends, see some of your old ones, take in classes on subjects that might interest you, find out things you always wondered about, have some wonderful meals, vote on some important Bylaws and enjoy the break. It's never too late to register. If you cannot get off from work during this time, you may attend on Saturday night January 19, 2019. For a fee of \$85 you can get a Prime Rib dinner, watch the installation of the new officers for Ruritan National, and be entertained by Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr., the winner of America's Got Talent in 2010.

As this year begins to wind down, enjoy the fall weather, spend time with your family, and get the rest of your yearly projects finished. When you get a chance, invite some of your new friends and even some of your old friends to your club and they may be interested in joining or re-joining. We should always be friendly toward those around us and always keep smiling, it makes others wonder what you are up to.



Ruritan 90th Anniversary Polo or Tee

Limited Quantity!

Navy Blue Polo \$25

Navy Blue Tee \$15

Plus shipping at cost

Call 877-787-8727

Ruritan National Foundation Operation We Care Situation Report

From: _____ Date: _____

District Title: _____

Notification To (check all that apply): _____ Ruritan National Executive Director
_____ Foundation President

1. State _____

2. Ruritan District _____

3. Type of Disaster (check all that apply)

Earthquake _____ Hurricane _____ Fire _____
Severe Storm _____ Flood _____ Tornado _____
Other (please list below) _____

4. Date of Incident/Disaster: _____

5. Disaster Declaration (check all that apply): _____ State _____ Federal

6. Locations of disaster (city, county, town, etc.): _____

7. Essential/Serious Needs of Disaster Victims (check all that apply):

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. _____ Major appliances | G. _____ Fuel assistance | L. _____ Money/Expenses |
| B. _____ Building materials | H. _____ Furniture | M. _____ Septic System |
| C. _____ Clothing | I. _____ Household items | N. _____ Shelter |
| D. _____ Debris removal | J. _____ Health/medical | O. _____ Transportation |
| E. _____ Food | K. _____ Landscaping | |
| F. _____ Other (please list below): _____

_____ | | |

8. Estimated Costs of Assistance Needed: \$ _____

*9. This report is for (check one): _____ Individual _____ Family _____ Multi-family

*List names and addresses on the reverse side of this report. If more space is needed, attach additional sheets as necessary to list the needs of disaster victims.

Additional Situation Report Forms are available by calling Ruritan National/Ruritan National Foundation toll-free (877) 787-8727 or (540) 674-5431 extension 302.

Send this completed form to:
Ruritan National Foundation
P.O. Box 487
Dublin, VA 24084-0487

Ruritan National Convention – Hampton, VA January 17-20, 2019

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

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Preferred Badge Name : _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

2nd Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member): _____

Preferred Badge Name: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

___ I have these food restrictions: _____

___ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

___ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

___ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance

___ This is my first convention

___ **At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.**

Check items below that apply:

___ I have these food restrictions: _____

___ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

___ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental

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___ **At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.**

We will be honoring Ruritan military veterans during the Convention. 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)

___ Other (explain)

For Office Use Only:

GRP# _____

MEALS IN HAMPTON

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Hampton Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Hampton (as a walk-in) for the events will not be guaranteed meals. However, we **will** be able to register you for non-meal events at the base rate of \$165. Send in your registration before the Dec.17, 2018, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals.

Please note: Voting will be on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. If you plan to vote on Saturday, you must be pre-registered and be pre-certified. Delegate certification will close at noon on Friday. If you do not pre-register and get pre-certified, you will not be able to walk in on Saturday and vote. Please check if you wish to be a delegate on this registration form. You must pick one of the packages, 1-5, in order to vote.

**** Please make sure to put your guest name down so that we may have a name badge for your guest. ****

2019 Ruritan National Convention – Hampton: Jan. 17-20

Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FIVE package options for the 2019 Ruritan Convention. Choose one of these six registration packages. **Packages 1-5** include opening ceremony, access to exhibits, access to the business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting, and all other convention activities.

Meal Package Options

Packages 1- 4 already include the base fee of \$165

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Three meal package includes base fee, Thursday Opening Dinner, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 1 BEST DEAL	\$320	
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday First Lady's Lunch, and Saturday Banquet	Package 2	\$275	
Friday Only Package includes base fee and Friday First Lady's Lunch	Package 3	\$215	
Saturday Only Package includes base fee and Saturday Banquet	Package 4	\$225	
No Meals - base registration only	Package 5	\$165	
Saturday Installation Banquet and Entertainment ONLY <i>**Please note that this package gives you access to the banquet and entertainment</i>	Package 6	\$85	

Extra Meal Tickets and Items

Must purchase any package above to purchase additional meal tickets.

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Opening Dinner on Thursday Evening	Vespers	\$60	
Lunch Honoring First Lady Linda on Friday	First Lady	\$55	
Installation Banquet on Saturday Evening	Banquet	\$65	
Rudy Bears - to be added to gift to Hampton charities	Rudy Bears	\$8	
National Convention Memories CD of candid photos.	CD	\$16	
	GRAND TOTAL \$		

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 # _____

3 or 4 digit code on back _____

Check one option below

____ Bill my credit card now

____ Bill my credit card on December 1, 2018

Ballot Issues for 2019 National Convention

Delegates to the 2019 Ruritan National Convention will have two National Bylaws amendments to consider on the ballot in Hampton. As required, both of these items were passed by the National Board of Directors before coming before the delegates.

Bylaws Issue #1

NATIONAL BYLAWS, Article VII - Meetings, Section 1 – Conventions, Paragraph B – Voting Body currently reads:

B. Voting Body. The voting body of the Ruritan National Convention shall be composed of the following Ruritan members in attendance, who are certified delegates, and have paid the appropriate registration fee:

1. Members of the BOD
2. Foundation Trustees
3. All Past National Presidents (who are active members)
4. District Governors
5. Immediate Past District Governors
6. Club Delegates
- a. Each adult member club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, provided that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any Ruritan National Convention.
- b. Each delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote upon any question or at any election upon the floor of the Ruritan National Convention. In the absence of any club delegate from the floor, an alternate delegate from the club of the absent delegate shall be entitled to vote.
7. Ruri-Teen and College Delegates. Ruri-Teen and college clubs representation shall be limited to two (2) delegates.

MOTION: Move that the voting body of the Ruritan National Convention shall be all active Ruritan, Ruri-Teen and College Club members in attendance.

NATIONAL BY-LAWS, Article VII - Meetings, Section 1 – Conventions, Paragraph B – Recommended Change:

B. Voting Body. The voting body of the Ruritan National Convention shall be all active Ruritan, Ruri-Teen and College Club members in attendance.
(the list 1 – 7 is deleted)

REASON FOR THE MOTION:

- To complete the process of eliminating block voting.
- To enhance attendance to the National Convention.
- Encourage more members to become leaders.
- Increase enthusiasm and grow Ruritan through new members and new clubs.
- Lessening the need to increase dues.
- Reduce the need to cut the number of board members.
- Reduce the need to cut staff at the national office.
- Eliminate the effort to establish and control district seating at the convention.
- All of this would come at a very minimum of expense to implement.
- If passed in conjunction with a similar change to the voting delegates to the district conventions, make voting the same from the club and zone level, to the district and National levels.

Ballot Issues for 2019 National Convention

Bylaws Issue #2

Ruritan National Bylaws, Article IV - Divisions, Section 2 – Districts, Paragraph D – Convention, Item 2, 3 and 4 concerning Delegates currently read:

2. Adult Clubs. Each adult club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate to the district convention for each 10 club members or major fraction thereof; provided, however, that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any convention. In the absence of any club delegate from the floor of the district convention, the alternate delegate from the club of the absent delegate shall be entitled to vote.
3. Delegates at Large. The voting members of the cabinet shall be delegates at large to the district convention and shall be entitled to participate and vote therein.
4. Delegates - Ruri-Teen and College Clubs. Ruri-Teen and college clubs will be entitled to two (2) delegates each to a district convention.

MOTION: Move to allow every active member of Adult, Ruri-Teen and College Clubs within a district, who attend a district convention, to vote in the elections and on any business conducted at the district convention.

Ruritan National Bylaws, Article IV - Divisions, Section 2 – Districts, Paragraph D –Convention, Recommended Change:

2. Adult, Ruri-Teen and College Clubs. Each active member of clubs within the district, attending the district convention, shall be entitled to vote.
3. Delegate at Large. The assigned national representative, if not a member of a club within the district, will be allowed to vote as a delegate at large.

If approved, the same change would be applied to the District Bylaws.

REASON FOR THE MOTION:

- To align voting at the district convention with that of clubs and zone meetings, where every member in attendance is a voting member.
- To increase attendance at the district convention.
- To give every active member a say in what happens at a district convention, including voting on elected cabinet officers.
- To increase enthusiasm in the clubs which could lead to an increase in membership and to chartering more clubs within the district.
- To increase the number of people allowed to vote and encourage a larger more diverse group of people to compete for the elected positions.

Ballot Issues for 2019 National Convention

Bylaws Issue #3

ARTICLE V Officers Section 1. Elected Officers. Currently reads: The elected officers of Ruritan National shall be a president-elect, a secretary, a treasurer, and twenty-one national directors. Once elected the officers must remain active members of Ruritan National. Section 3. Term of Office Paragraph E. National Directors. Twenty-one directors will be elected for a three (3) year term. Seven (7) will be elected for a full term each year with no more than two (2) elected for full terms from the same state in any one year. (1)

MOTION: Move to amend the national bylaws to add "Up to" before "Twenty-one" at the beginning of the first sentence. in ARTICLE V Officers Section 1. Elected Officers, and to amend the national bylaws to add "up to" before "twenty-one" at the beginning of the first sentence and add "up to" before "seven" in the second sentence of Section 3 Term of Office Paragraph E. National Directors.

(a) After the change, Section 1. Elected Officers will read: The elected officers of Ruritan National shall be a president-elect, a secretary, a treasurer, and up to twenty-one national directors. Once elected the officers must remain active members of Ruritan National.

(b) After the change, Section 3. Term of Office Paragraph E. National Directors will read: Up to twenty-one directors will be elected for a three (3) year term. Up to seven (7) will be elected for a full term each year with no more than two (2) elected for full terms from the same state in any one year. (2)

RATIONALE: to allow for the election of fewer than seven directors in a given year.

Ruritan Forever Application

Please detach or photocopy this portion if you would like to participate in this endowment plan to secure the future of Ruritan in your name or in the name of a fellow Ruritan.

Your Name: _____

Your Club Name: _____

Your Address: _____ Telephone: _____

This application is for: (check one)

Myself ☐ Current Member ☐ Deceased Ruritan ☐ NEW Associate Member ☐

Name of Applicant (If not you): _____

Applicant's Club: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

☐ **OPTION #1** Credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
CVC code (3 digit code on the back of your card) _____

☐ **OPTION #2** Enclosed please find a check/money order for \$600.

☐ **OPTION #3** Enclosed please find the 1st \$200 installment of the \$600 Ruritan Forever fee.

I understand the perpetual life endowment will not begin until the entire \$600 has been paid.

2019 Ruritan Convention Hotel Information



The Courtyard by Marriott Hampton Coliseum Central will be the over-flow hotel for the 2019 National Convention in Hampton, VA. The rate for the Courtyard by Marriott will be \$103 plus tax. The hotel is located at 1917 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA. You may call 1-757-838-3300 to make your reservations.

