

# RURITAN

MAY 2019

NEWSLETTER



## Has Your Club Submitted the BY\$ Deposit?

The hot summer is here and the Ruritan National Foundation has been sizzling. We have sent the checks out to the 448 BY\$ clubs for 2019. We are sure the \$600 going to the students will be put to good use in defraying some

college expenses. Congratulations graduates!

With that being said, has your club submitted the 2020 BY\$ \$300 deposit yet? Deadline for that deposit is Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Please don't wait until the last minute to send it in.

The Ruritan National Foundation Fellowship this year is a cruise from Baltimore to Bermuda. If you haven't signed up but are still interested, contact Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines for possibilities on getting onboard. RNF will be turning in our reserved block of inside cabin rooms on 6/1/19 but there may still be rooms available. This is a 5-night cruise with 2 days in port in Bermuda. We look forward to seeing everyone onboard the Grandeur of the Seas. This is not RCL's biggest ship.

As fall approaches, has your club made it a tradition of making an annual donation to the Ruritan National Foundation. Be a part of the birthday club with a \$2 or \$10 donation per member to earn a certificate or plaque respectfully. This helps to build the corpus that funds the BY\$ scholarship.

On behalf of the RNF Trustees, we want to say "Thank You" for all you do in the name of the Ruritan National Foundation. Have a great year!!!

## Ruritan National Foundation

### 2019 Board of Trustees

**President:** Corky Camin

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***To purchase a Tom  
Downing Fellow  
Award contact  
Amanda Ramirez  
in the Foundation  
Department.  
877-787-8727 #302***

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# 2019 Foundation Fellowship Cruise

**September 14-19, 2019**



**5 Night Bermuda Cruise**

**Aboard the Grandeur of the Seas**



**From: Baltimore,  
Maryland**

**To: Kings Wharf,  
Bermuda**

**Reserve your spot in our group today!**

**Group ID:1956169**

**Only 30 rooms available at rate of \$489/person\* until June 10th.**

**Deposit: \$500/Room OR \$250/Person (Double Occupancy)**

**Final Payments Due June 16, 2019**

***\*For Interior Room. Taxes and fees not included.***

**Call Royal Caribbean International at**

**(800) 465-3595 for reservations and/or pricing on rooms for 2,3,or 4+ guests.**

**Monday-Saturday: 9:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. (EST)**

**Further Assistance:**

**Call Amanda Ramirez at Ruritan National Office**

**(540) 674-5431 Ext. 302**

**If you are solo sailor & looking for a roommate,  
call Amanda. She will be keeping a list of other  
solo sailors.**



## Message From National President Larry Cassell



### LET'S START POKING

When reading the winter edition of the Ruritan Magazine, my message referred to five steps to build our organization. The third step was ***enhancing the pool of effective leaders at all levels in Ruritan.***

While on my travels as well as checking the mms, i find that many of our leaders at all levels of Ruritan continue to be the same people repeating leadership positions over and over. Certainly experience and knowledge of the organization are key ingredients to success. However, are we stymieing others from stepping up? Others who may have great ideas and enthusiasm to make a difference.

Current leaders in Ruritan should be constantly seeking out individuals who could take on additional responsibilities that will grow Ruritan. Give them a **poke**. A young lad noted that at weddings sometimes elderly people next to him would poke him and say, "you are next!" So the young lad started to do the same to the elderly people at funerals. Well, it is everyone's responsibility to poke those individuals in our clubs, districts, and on national level who would make a difference by having a leadership role in growing our organization.

A quote from Eleanor Roosevelt alludes to the need for everyone to take risks, which some consider taking on a leadership postion.

As something to be fearful:

*You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every  
Experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.  
You must do the thing which you think you cannot do.*

If you are a Ruritan, guess what? You are already a leader; a leader within your community. Why not take the risk and consider one of the following:

- Club level: chair a committee, serve as a board of director, or be an executive officer
- District level: chair a committee or serve as a cabinet member
- National level: start as a national director and then consider another executive office

Ruritan National provides several resources regarding various leadership positions. Go on the mms and go through the various officer traning modules. This will give you some insight as to the duties of the various officers at the club and district level. Obtain a copy of the **Ruritan Club and Disrict Officers Handbook**, which has a lot of information of the workings of our organization and duties of the various officers. Other resources you can obtain from national are **Handbook for National Officers, Directors, and Committees** as well as **Guidelines for Candidates**. Better yet, talk with current and past leaders. You will find that everyone who has held an office has found it to be rewarding. Do not sit back and leave it up to others. Take that risk. Get involved. You will find it to be worth your time and effort. Ruritan needs you now more than ever. Step up to make a difference.

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## Will You Help Us?



As you know - attendees during the Summer Leadership Conference will be preparing bags to be handed out to Foster kids and families attending a local Siblings Camp. The agency has suggested that we add a small stuffed animal for comfort for these kids. Will you help us by donating Rudy Bears? We need 250 Rudy Bears. Please call the **National Office** if you, your club, or your district would like to purchase Rudy Bears for this event. toll free: 877-787-8727.

# **EXPRESSWAY TO BUILDING RURITAN**



FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH WILL BE ON  
DISTRICT-WIDE PROGRAMS TO BUILD MEMBERSHIP

## **DAVY CROCKETT**

Calvin Shelton, Growth & Dev. 423-948-9275 [john\\_shelton01@comcast.net](mailto:john_shelton01@comcast.net)

*Clubs who conducted following program experienced growth of 5 each*  
Develop plans for a Club "Open House"  
Advertise through fliers, news releases and with posted signs in community  
Make "Open House" fun with games and/or music  
DO NOT pressure joining...just make them feel welcome  
Have community need survey available for participants to complete

## **DAN RIVER**

Charlie Bowman, Growth & Dev. 276-694-5398 [charlie.bowman2014@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.bowman2014@gmail.com)

*March saw growth in District membership of 10*  
Established District membership drive with cash awards  
Clubs getting word out about projects using Facebook  
Diversifying membership (one club after 70 years has women officers)  
Survey community to find out community needs

## **WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

Bob Reece, Growth & Dev. 828-729-5831 [bobreece1020@gmail.com](mailto:bobreece1020@gmail.com)

*Increased District membership total from 553 to 574 since Jan. 1, 2019*  
Clubs encouraged conducting membership drives  
District developing support for struggling clubs  
Holding workshop for clubs to regain membership





# TAILGATE PARTY IN KINGSPORT!

JANUARY 10, 2020



**YOU'RE  
INVITED**

**PICTURE YOURSELF  
IN RURITAN SQUARE**

(See the reverse side for more details)

**RSVP BY DECEMBER 1st -877-787-8727**

# Picture Yourself in Ruritan Square

On Friday evening in Kingsport, Ruritan Square will be the place to be! In one large area, Ruritans will come together for **ONE GIANT TAILGATING PARTY** that will feature a variety of favorite snack foods sponsored by clubs and districts. Possible snack tables could be a hot dog table, a cookie table, a brownie table, a candy table, a chips table, a nacho table, a cake table, a fruit and veggie table, or a soda or water table. Each snack table will feature a variety of one type of snack, such as candy. This table could have Ohio Buckeyes, Kentucky Bourbon Balls, fudge, and a variety of other candies. Each table will be decorated with the sponsoring club or district's favorite college or professional football team. For example, the Ruritan Road Club will sponsor the popcorn table and it will be decorated using Executive Director Mike Chrisley's team, the Pittsburgh Steelers. Special events will be going on in Ruritan Square such as games, competitions, and a parade of decorated scooters. There will be plenty of seating to enjoy the food and fellowship. You will not want to miss Ruritan Square on Friday night! To sign up to sponsor a table, call Craig at the Ruritan National Office (540-674-5431 or toll free at 877-787-8727). There is no fee for sponsoring a table, just the cost of the food. **NOTE: Meadowview Hotel does not offer rooms that are suitable for hospitality suites. Ruritan Square will serve as our hospitality area.**



## Make Your Hotel Reservations NOW!

**Meadowview Marriott  
Conference Resort  
and Convention Center  
1901 Meadowview Parkway  
Kingsport, TN. 37760**

**For reservations by phone call  
(423) 578-6600  
(group name is:  
Ruritan National Conference)  
or you may use the link below**

**<https://tinyurl.com/kingsport2020>**

**Room rates are \$124 per night.  
Reservation cutoff date is  
December 19, 2019.**



# Ruritan National Convention – Kingsport, TN

## January 9-12, 2020

**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 **five options or packages** for registration on the back, where you may also purchase single meals for non-registered guests. You may also register on the MMS (member management system) under events.

Please print or type

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

Member/Non Member (circle one)

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

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

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

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

Check items below that apply:

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

\_\_\_ I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

\_\_\_ Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

\_\_\_ I have 50 years or more perfect attendance

\_\_\_ This is my first convention

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

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.

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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 KINGSPORT

While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Kingsport Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Kingsport (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 \$160. Send in your registration before the Dec. 10, 2019, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals.

**Please note:** Voting will be Friday only starting at 1 p.m. Delegate certification will close at noon on Friday. Please check if you wish to be a delegate on this registration form. If you are in more than one club, please indicate the club for which you are going to be a delegate. You must pick one of the packages, 1-4, in order to vote. Even if you register for Saturday only package you must vote on Friday. Staff will send remote voting instructions prior to convention.

**\*\* Please make sure to put your quest's name down so that we may have a name badge made.**



## 2020 Ruritan National Convention – Kingsport: Jan. 9-12

Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FIVE package options for the 2020 Ruritan Convention

Choose one of these five registration packages. **Packages 1-4** 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 \$160*

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Three meal package includes base fee, Friday DRM-Fellowship Lunch, Saturday First Lady's Breakfast, and Saturday Banquet	<b>Package 1</b> <b>BEST DEAL</b>	\$290	
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday DRM-Fellowship Lunch, and Saturday Banquet – <b>will be certified but must vote Friday</b>	<b>Package 2</b>	\$250	
Saturday Only Package includes base fee and Saturday Banquet	<b>Package 3</b>	\$215	
No Meals - base registration only	<b>Package 4</b>	\$160	
Saturday Installation Banquet and Entertainment ONLY <small>**Please note that this package gives you access to the banquet and entertainment only.</small>	<b>Package 5</b>	\$80	

### Extra Meal Tickets and Items

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

	Quantity	Cost	Total
DRM-Fellowship Lunch on Friday	DRM-Fellowship	\$40	
Breakfast Honoring First Lady Nelda on Saturday	First Lady	\$45	
Installation Banquet on Saturday Evening	Banquet	\$60	
Rudy Bears - to be added to gift to Kingsport charities	Rudy Bears	\$8.50	
National Convention Memories CD of candid photos.	CD	\$16	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL \$</b>		

**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, 2019