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A Family Connection

During the months of May and June we take time to reflect on the importance of FAMILY celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day. With the First Lady's project regarding adoption, the need of a family is always forefront for those adopting and those who were adopted. Traveling about visiting Ruritan Clubs, it has become quite evident that family involvement in our organization has been on the rise. From my knowledge of other service organizations, there are no others that are more suited toward family membership. The presence of families within our membership has not only enhanced our numbers, it has benefitted the communities served. But more importantly, family involvement as a unit in our service-oriented organization has greatly strengthened the families who have become part of our Ruritan Family.

There are numerous examples of family units within our clubs - too many to note every case. Thus, I have asked two specific families to share what it has meant to be Ruritans. First, I introduce to you David and Tamara Moore and their children James, Jonathan, Joshua, and Julia, all members of the **West Shenandoah Ruritan Club** (Rockingham District).



I was recently asked what it meant to have my family in Ruritan. As Christians, Tamara and I believe in loving our neighbors as ourselves, and part of that is serving our community for no other reason than to serve and show God's love for others. Ruritan has offered us a great opportunity to teach that action to our children, as well as by putting words into action. We have been able to experience many amazing side benefits from participating as a family:

We get to spend time doing things together. Time that is not in front of the TV or just in the same room, but actually working together.

We are to bless others and are blessed by it. I admit as a parent this is selfish on my part, but Ruritan offers an opportunity to work side by side teaching children how to have a good work ethic and its importance in our community.

It is fun. Yes, there are times when the children (or adults) initially grumble about the task at hand, but at the end of the day we all admit we had a good time.

Finally, our family enjoys lots of good meals together with fellow Ruritan members.

Having my family in Ruritan has been a blessing. We have made friends, my children found summer work from other members, we get to see and experience different areas of our community, and we get to do these things as a family.

-- David Moore

On the next page is another example of a family unit directly involved in Ruritan is Roy Wallen's family. Roy is currently the Governor of the Smoky Mountain District and a Ruritan National Director. Zach McCallie, president of the club, shared the following with me regarding having seventeen of his family members of the **East Roane County Ruritan Club**.



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2019 National President Larry Cassell continued



Having family involved in Ruritan is important. In today's age, families do not spend a whole lot of time together due to busy schedules. Having family in Ruritan ensures that we see each other often and the relationships stay strong. Being able to work on projects together gives families a source of pride. Families can look back and be proud of the awesome work they did to help others. Having multiple generations working together is almost unheard. With my family it is just something we all grew up knowing how to do. Always help someone because one day you might be that person needing help.

-- Zach McCallie

No need for me to elaborate any further on the value of families in Ruritan. If a family is looking for an activity to enjoy, why not be a volunteer as a member of a Ruritan Club? Volunteering can be a dynamic rewarding experience. Volunteering as a family amplifies the impact on a cause and provides quality time together. Consider reaching out to families in your area, or your own, to become members.

Pictured in the front (l-r) are Roy Wallen holding granddaughter Bella, Kate Wallen with children Andrew and Shelby, Brenda Wallen, Kena Holmes holding sister Addie, Ashlee Holmes, and Thomas Holmes. Pictured in the middle (l-r) are David Wallen, Linda Parton, Melissa Sifford, and Paige Sifford. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Jennifer Wallen, Patrick McCallie, Joseph McCallie, Zack McCallie, Paula McCallie. Not pictured are Tommy McCallie and Brian Yawn.



Ruritan National Pledge Approved by Board

The following pledge, proposed by National Director Mike Wright and the Sandy Creek (OH) Ruritan Club, was approved by the National Board in August as the official Ruritan pledge.

“We are Ruritans. We are dedicated to improving communities and building a better America. By showing goodwill toward others, we are improving the attitudes of many. Through fellowship, we are gaining friendships that last a lifetime. Through community service, sharing and caring for those around us, we are striving to reach our common goals together. May God Bless the Ruritans!”



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**See you at the
Tailgate Party in
Kingsport!**

**See pages 7-8
for more
details.**





Is Volunteering a Thing of the Past?

Is volunteering a thing of the past? How would you answer that question? We all know from the statistical evidence that our number of members is slowly shrinking. Does that mean people don't volunteer anymore? Has our society changed so much that people no longer care about the fate of those around them? Are we so interested in our own well-being that we don't care about others? I don't think any of that is true.

What I do think is true is that volunteering and volunteers are changing. Several studies show that volunteerism is actually up in the United States. However, the way volunteers give of their time has changed. The term episodic volunteer was coined a few years ago because that was the way people chose to serve. People are interested in seeing a need, planning to fix it, fixing it and then moving on to the next need. There may be gaps in the time between when the volunteer decides that a need should be addressed and finding or addressing the next need. People are more interested in short bursts of meaningful service without the restraint of an ongoing commitment.

What could that mean for us? Our model looks for people who will join our clubs and volunteer through the club for extended periods of time. We have members who have been members of clubs for 50 or more years. We have clubs that have been in existence for even longer.

The current studies show that some people are

not as interested in that model as they used to be. I believe that what it means for us is that when the episodic volunteer decides to give their time, we have to be the best choice they can make. We have to have mechanisms in place to allow for volunteers to seek us out and serve in any way they choose. We have to have a model that is flexible enough to allow members to serve without restrictions.

I believe we are changing to meet those needs now. We offer some membership types that allow for members to serve when they can and not be obligated to attend every meeting or be involved with every fundraiser or service project. The associate membership is one of those types. The affiliate membership is another.

There is still a need for the traditional model, but I believe that comes from specific groups. AARP did a study years ago that talked about how people aged 45 and up fit that category best. That group typically has a vested interest in the community they live in (because they are usually long-term residents). They tend to have reached a place in life where they see the need to give back. They have finished raising their children. They are in a place of financial independence. They fit our model.

We should continue to recruit into the traditional model. We should also look for ways to satisfy the needs of volunteers who want to give of themselves in a more flexible way. We should always keep our goal in view, making our local community a better place to live and work.

Have a great summer!

Recent Ruritan National Board Action

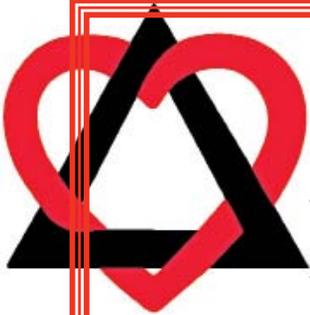
In August 2018 the Ruritan National Board voted to amend the **Ruritan Club Bylaws** (Article IV Fees and Dues, Section E). The section previously stated "Except for club dues and applicable district dues, members shall not be assessed for contributions for any sole purpose. Proceeds from club fundraising should not be used for meals and dues." The board's motion changed "should not" to "shall not" making the section end with "Proceeds from club fundraising shall not be used for meals and dues."

The **Ruritan Club Bylaws** were also amended by the Board at its January 2019 meeting (Article IV Attendance, Section B). The section previously stated, in part, "... attendance made up in accordance with the rules set forth above, must have been within one (1) calendar month immediately before or following the day of absence." After the Board action that section now reads "... attendance made up in accordance with the rules set forth above, must have been within the entire calendar month before or the entire calendar month after a missed meeting to make up the meeting missed."

First Lady Nelda's Adoption Awareness Program

Lee and Ernst M. Arndt responded to First Lady Nelda's request for adoption experiences of Ruritans.

Ernst is Zone 2 Governor and Past District Governor of the Delmarva-NJ District. Their adoption story follows:

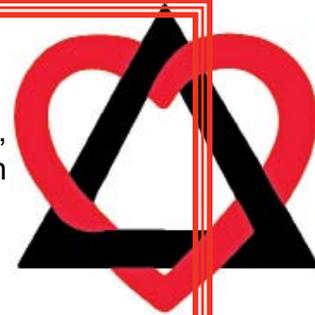


"Attending the National Convention is always an uplifting experience. It became very special for me when First Lady Nelda Cassell announced her national project, adoption awareness. My wife Lee and I adopted our son from Thailand in September 1993.

Our journey began when we met in church while we were in high school. We began dating and on June 23, 1973 at the ages of 19 (Lee) and 20 we were married.

Fast forward to 1990 we decided to adopt. We were childless and felt something was missing. The obstacles were many including one agency telling us Lee was too old to adopt, we could not adopt outside of our race, and the lengthy waiting period. Lee refused to be told no and did her own research. We were in the final process of adopting a child from Romania (my heritage) when the 60 Minutes episode exposed the corruption of the Romanian adoption program. We were back to square one. After more research on Lee's part we found a program out of Thailand where we could find a child that truly needed a home and was not "for sale" by the parents. We then had to find an adoption agency to sponsor us finally having the Pearl Buck Foundation accept us. They did advise us they did not work with Thailand and we were on our own as far as paperwork went. So the paperwork journey began. We were fortunate to make the acquaintance of a very nice lady who was born in Thailand. When she heard what we were trying to do she used her family's contacts in Thailand to help us. In the summer of 1993 we were approved to adopt a 3½ year old boy, left at the hospital at birth to adopt. He was in his third orphanage. Of course we accepted. October 1993 found us in Thailand going through the formalities in the adoption process. Again our friend's contacts helped and what was scheduled to take 3 weeks in Thailand took less than 2 weeks. We brought home a 3 ½ year old who spoke no English, and we spoke no Thai. The adventure began and we have never regretted it. As in all life there have been bumps but all in all it was the best thing Lee and I have ever done.

Fast forward to today, Nick is 29 years old, has a 4-year college degree with a minor in Homeland Security and a major in Criminal Justice. He is a member of the United States Air Force Reserve as a Senior Airman. He was recently awarded the The Air Force Achievement Medal for his seven-month tour at the Mortuary Affairs Unit where he escorted the fallen heroes and aided their families. In addition he is a full-time paraprofessional with the Capitol School District working with special needs children. If that is not enough, he is a 6th degree black belt teaching karate as well as being a certified instructor in self-defense for first responders, police, and military. As you can tell, we are very proud of our son. Hopefully our experience will encourage another couple to begin the rewarding journey of becoming an adoptive parent."



How can your Ruritan Club be a part of Nelda's adoption awareness project?

****Plan a summer picnic or party for children in foster care.***

****Send a foster child to youth camp or provide a college scholarship.***

****Start marking plans to celebrate Adoption Awareness Month in November.***

Share your adoption story to First Lady Nelda at pappapcass@comcast.net.



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.**



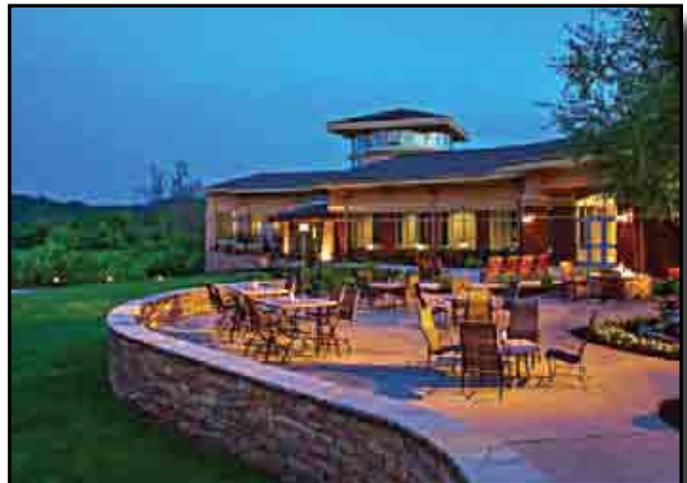
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**Room rates are \$124 per night.
Reservation cutoff date is
December 19, 2019.**



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.

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.

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 KINGSFORT

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

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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

Kingsport Convention Entertainment

You don't want to miss the 2020 Ruritan National Convention in Kingsport, TN! President Larry and First Lady Nelda Cassell, along with the 2020 Convention Committee, are working to make our national convention another exceptional, educational, and exciting convention. Plans are underway for an amazing veterans speaker on Thursday evening and a tremendous DRM/Fellowship Luncheon speaker on Friday. There will be awesome entertainment at the First Lady's Breakfast and the Installation Banquet on Saturday.

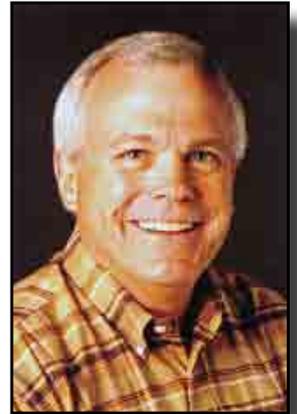


Wear your patriotic colors of red, white, and blue as we honor our veterans at the opening ceremony on Thursday. You will experience an inspirational flag ceremony followed by special guest speakers, Retired Air Force General Charles Lyon and his wife, Mrs. Karen Lyon.

President Larry stated, "In his early years, Major General Charles W. Lyon played little league baseball on a team/field that was sponsored by a Ruritan club in Maryland. Joining the Air Force, he became an aviator flying many missions in aircraft such as B-1s and F-16s. Major General Lyon served our country in an exemplary manner. I am excited that Major General Lyon along with his wife, Karen, will share their experiences."

On Friday morning, prior to the business session, we will have a memorial service to remember and honor those no longer with us. President Larry has asked Pastor Lori Hays to lead this moving service.

If you would like to bring a small memento (a picture, a trinket, a medal, etc.) that reminds you of your loved one, you may place the item on the edge/bottom of the stage during this emotional time of remembrance. After the memorial service, we will go directly to the opening business session to hear from candidates, present awards, and conduct business. The DRM/Fellowship Luncheon will follow the business session with Sam Venable, a comedic entertainer, humor columnist, and author as our speaker.



At the Saturday breakfast honoring First Lady Nelda, you are in for a treat! Shannon Shepherd from



Depaul Family Services will speak about Nelda's adoption program. Nashville recording artist Jaime Fox will be performing. Jaime is a former Miss Maryland, as well as a former student of President Larry Cassell. Jaime has a big heart and uses her music to bring attention to foundations like the National Foster Parent Association and the Carpe Artiste's Foundation, which creates enrichment opportunities for foster and adoptive children. She is currently performing and recording regularly with her band, The Desert Okies. Also, she released a solo EP called "Too Close To the Sun" in June 2019.

First Lady Nelda stated, "I'm sure many of you know Jamie Foxx, actor, song writer, singer, and comedian. Well, let me introduce you to a prettier, blonde Jaime Fox who has such a beautiful voice and is a songwriter from Nashville. Jamie graduated from the University of Maryland and headed to Nashville to record albums and write songs. This former Miss Maryland has partnered with various foster care/adoption foundations, writing and singing songs that bring attention to such causes. Join me at the First Lady's Breakfast at the 2020 convention to be entertained and motivated by such a lovely young lady."

Saturday night's Installation Banquet entertainment will be Kathie Martin and the Hot Rods from the great state of Delaware. Kathie

is a dynamic singer/sax player, who with her band will take us on a journey through rock and roll and soul music. Kathie is pleased to announce a new lineup of veteran musicians for our banquet.

For information on the 2020 Ruritan National Convention, check I AM RURITAN and the 2020 Ruritan National Convention Facebook pages for exciting announcements. The 2020 Convention Committee is working to make this year's convention a memorable one. Make your reservation now for January 9-12 in Kingsport, TN.



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AT THE 2020
RURITAN NATIONAL
CONVENTION**



KINGSPORT, TN



January 9-12, 2020

For registration information, go to Ruritan.org
or consult your Ruritan Magazine.

- * **Speakers and workshops to motivate and inform you**
- * **Talented musicians to entertain you**
- * **Activities for fellowship, such as Ruritan Square where you can visit and relax with friends**
- * **A Main Street area in the hotel to learn about the Kingsport area**
- * **The Meadowview, our comfortable hotel with a friendly staff and newly renovated meeting space within the hotel**
- * **Visit Bays Mountain Park, Planetarium, the nearby Country Music Museum, and the Bristol Motor Speedway**
- * **Visit Downtown Kingsport with its antique shops, locally-owned boutiques, art galleries, and restaurants**

**You will not want to miss the 2020
Ruritan National Convention in Kingsport, TN!**



Spring into the season with Ruritan branded apparel!



Men's Port Authority Oxford Shirt - \$37.75

Designed to resist and release stains, our SuperPro Oxford has a soft hand and a wrinkle-free finish to keep you looking neat and professional all day long. 4.6-ounce, 60/40 cotton/poly.



Men's Port Authority Easy Care Shirts - \$41.30

Lightweight and breathable, this cotton-rich shirts keep it's professional edge, thanks to it's stain-release finish, which releases stains during washing. This durable virtually carefree shirt feature an Easy Care blend and finish.



Men's Port Authority Long Sleeve Shirts - \$28.02

With a beautiful two-color weave and wrinkle resistance, this poplin shirt has a pleasing texture and truly impresses in the office. 3-ounce, 60/40 cotton/poly.



Ladies' Port Authority Easy Care Short Sleeve - \$31.56

This comfortable wash-and-wear shirt is indispensable for the workday. Wrinkle resistance makes this shirt a cut above the competition. 55/45 cotton/poly.



Men's Port Authority Silk Touch Pocket Polo - \$28.02

This popular Silk Touch polo is enhanced with a left chest pocket. 65/35 poly/cotton

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Men's Port Authority Short Sleeve Camp Shirt - \$42.48

This classic camp shirt is made from no-fuss fabric. It has faux coconut shell buttons and a stain-release finish that helps keep you clean and stain-free so it keeps its great looks wear after wear. 75/25 poly/rayon with stain-release finish.



Ladies' Port Authority Silk Touch Polo - \$31.56

A silky soft, classic polo in a popular 3/4 sleeve length. 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/cotton pique



Ladies' Port Authority Twill Shirt - \$38.88

A heavy hitter in performance, our SuperPro Twill Shirt easily resists stains and wrinkles while releasing stains. Designed for comfort, this versatile shirt functions well in almost any work environment. 55/45 cotton/poly.

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Ruritan Branded Apparel!



Ladies' Port Authority Cardigan - \$36.57

An indispensable layering piece, this extra soft cardigan has a shallow scoop neck and drapes nicely. 58/38/4 cotton/modal/spandex.



Men's Cornerstone Work Jacket - \$87.32

Tough enough to do the job, this work jacket layers easily over shirts and jackets so it's great for mild or harsh weather. 12-ounce, 100% cotton duck clothe.



Men's/Ladies' Port Authority Plaid Flannel Shirt \$41.30

This flannel shirt takes laid-back looks to the next level. Ultra soft and just the right weight, it makes a statement with a classic plaid pattern and casual comfort. 60/40 cotton/poly flannel.



District Perfect Tri 3/4 Sleeve Shirt \$12.10

4.5-ounce, 50/25/25 poly/ring spun combed cotton/rayon, baseball tee.



Port and Co Essential Long Sleeve Pocket Tee \$17.64

100% pigment-dyed ring spun cotton long sleeve shirt.

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Great Ruritan Items for the Summer!



Port and Co Essential Pocket Tee - \$12.74

6.1 ounce 100% soft spun cotton pocket tee.



Harriton Men's Pocket Polo - \$28.02

This Polo is 65% polyester, 35% cotton piqu, wrinkle resistant, special poly/cotton blend creates soft silky hand and helps reduce shrinkage.



Port and Co 5.4 oz Pocket Tee - \$12.39

100% soft spun cotton pocket tee.



Spirit Lunch Cooler - \$6.96

The cooler features a zippered main compartment, front zippered pocket and side mesh water bottle pocket. For people on the go, the top grab handle has an attachment buckle that easily secures the cooler to a personal bag. Adjustable shoulder strap, it measures 7 L x 9.25 H x 3.75 W



Copper Vacuum Tumbler with Opener 24oz. - \$11.51

Durable, double-wall 18/8 grade stainless steel vacuum construction with copper insulation, which allows your cold beverage to stay cold for 24 hours and at least 8 hours for hot beverages. The construction also prevents condensation on the outside of the tumbler.

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Message From 2019 Foundation President Corky Camin



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 30th. 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!!!

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1996 National President Van Lee Passes

1996 National President Van Orden T. Lee, 82, passed away on April 11, 2019 at his home of natural causes. Born on July 20, 1936 to the late Thomas E. and Jeanette H. Burgess Lee, in Annapolis, MD. Van graduated from Annapolis High School and served in the U.S. Army. He was a waterman and marine contractor for most of his life. He was a member of the **South River** and **Silver Triangle** Ruritan Clubs.

Friends celebrated Van's life at the Kalas Funeral Home & Crematory on April 17. The family gathered to celebrate Van on Saturday, April 27. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Hwy., Pasadena, MD 21122 or the fund of your choice with the Ruritan National Foundation, P.O. Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084.

Past National Director Charles Burns Passes

Ruritan is also mourning the loss of Past National Director Charles Burns who died on April 30, 2019. He was a member of the **Rockvale** Club in the Hermitage District. Charles was on the national board in 1964-66 and continued to serve in leadership positions in the district and in his club over the years. He was born in Rutherford County and was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Jean Burns; son, Charles "Chuck" I. Burns, Jr.; parents, I.P. Burns and Lula Mai Ralston Burns. Charles was partnership with his father for over 50 years, in I.P. Burns and Son Feed Mill in Rockvale.

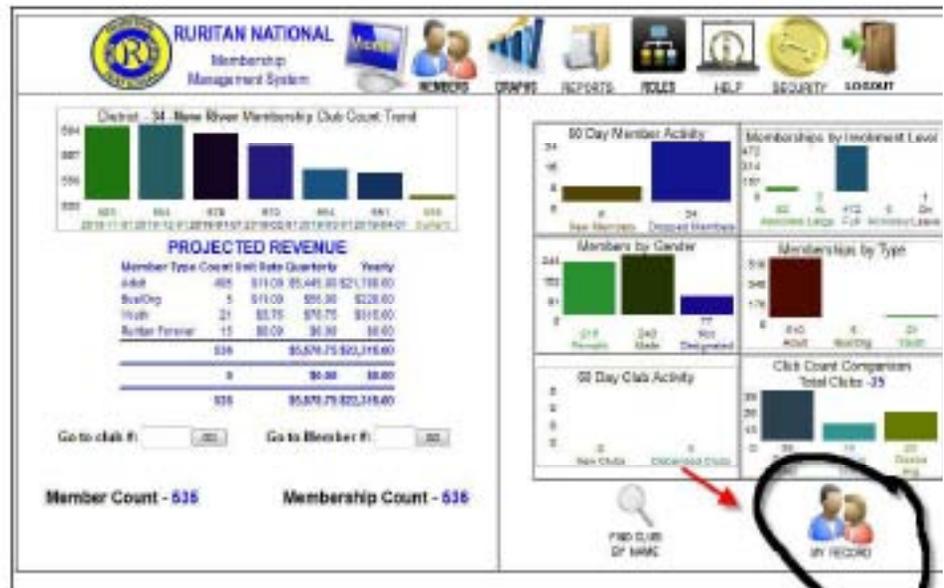
Updating your Member Information in the MMS

All Ruritaners are welcome to log on the Member Management System (MMS) and update their own personal data. If you haven't logged on before – call the national office and staff can help you get set up. Once you have your password set up – here are some tips about using the system.

When you first log on – this is the screen you will see. Your "Member ID" will always be your member number. The password is created by you and known only to you. If you need a temporary password to create your own secure password – give the staff a call.

The first screen you will see after logging in is a message screen. Periodically staff or Ruritan leaders will post a timely message there for users.

The next screen you see will depend upon what offices you have held in Ruritan. If you have been a national officer you will land first on the national home page. If you have been a district officer you will land on the district home page (see below). If you have been a club officer you see the club home page. If you have never held an office in Ruritan you will see your own information page. No matter where you land, you can always get directly to your personal data by clicking on "my record" icon. As a user of the MMS and a member of Ruritan, you always have the ability to change your personal data: change your phone number, address, email etc. Remember to always click "update" when you finish. Again – if you have any difficulties – contact the staff for assistance toll free at 877-787-8727.



Calendar of Events On Website

Ruritan National is maintaining a calendar of Ruritan events and committee meetings as well as information on office closings and staff availability. This calendar, developed through Google Calendars, can be found under the "Events Calendar" link at <http://ruritan.org>. Clicking on many items provides additional detail and directions.

Districts are invited to submit items to include on the calendar by emailing office@ruritan.org.

Driver Cooks Chicken



Driver Ruritan Club cooked over 300 chickens for the club's semi-annual BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser to support youth in the Suffolk, VA area. As part of this event the Ruritans fed 75 scouting families at a nearby District Cub Scout Cub O' Ree.

The club supports Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Girl Scout units in Driver with camperships and funds to buy equipment. Many club members are also leaders in Cub Scout Pack 89 and Troop 16 in Driver. The club also supports the American Legion's Boys State and Girls State, Driver Volunteer Fire Department, and the Suffolk SPCA. The club holds BBQ chicken dinners several times a year to coincide with scouting camping events where the Ruritans provide the evening meal. Pictured are the chickens

roasting over charcoal while members of the club Jon Echols, Jeff Ward, and Vince Caravello supervise the process.

Smithfield Presents Awards

Smithfield Ruritan Club and Smithfield Rotary honored Larry Saint as Smithfield's Citizen of the Year in April. Larry is a member of the **C E & H** Ruritan Club. Pictured are Smithfield Rotary President A. V Bowman, Larry Saint, and Smithfield Ruritan President



Jeffrey Scott. Julie Hopkins is pictured receiving the Smithfield Ruritan of the Year Award from Club President Jeffery Scott.

Hickory Installs New Member

1995 National President Frank Guthrie installed **Hickory** Ruritan Club's newest member, Sharon Ezzell. Hickory Club member Steve Ezzell sponsor and husband, stands at right.



Kingsport Bound!!!



WANTED Program Updated

At the January 2019 meeting the Ruritan National Board also altered the WANTED program slightly. Instead of the "Me Minus Five" program granting extra drawing chances for members five years younger than the recruiter - the program will now grant five extra chances for any member brought into the organization who is between the ages of 35 and 55, establishing a target market for Ruritan recruiting. The new WANTED coupons (available on the Ruritan.org website) now ask for only the new member's year of birth.

News From Ruritan: Holland District continued

Carl Eason Recognized

At the March meeting of the **Windsor** Ruritan Club, member Carl Eason was recognized for 60 years of membership and perfect attendance. Invited guests were his family and national and state officers of Ruritan. Carl became a member of the Windsor Ruritan Club in March of 1959. Also recognized were two members with fifty plus year's perfect attendance: Wilson Holland (1965) and Macon Edwards (1968). The program for the meeting was presented by Virginia Representative, the Honorable Emily Brewer. She spoke of issues that were challenging to the state legislative session and the unanimity to rise above drama and focus on legislation issues. Her office staff now includes an individual to assist with issues concerning military veterans, availability of grant funding for technical and mechanical job education, funding for rural roads, and a continued concern for improvements needed for the highways that move traffic through the district that are designated as hurricane evacuation routes. Pictured (l-r) are Wilson Holland, Carl Eason, and Macon Edwards. Pictured (l-r) Club President James MacKenzie, Holland Governor Jim Sampson, Virginia Legislature State Rep. Emily Brewer, Carl Eason, Ruritan Foundation Trustee Phil Bradshaw, National Treasurer David Thompson, and Zone 5 Lt. Governor Tim Wright.



News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

Melvin Mathews Honored

Long-time Ruritan Melvin Mathews was recently honored by the **Richmond Battlefield** Ruritan Club for his 67 years of perfect attendance in Ruritan. Melvin, 86, likes to be referred to as "Mr. Ruritan" and has served in many Ruritan leadership capacities including zone governor 14 times, Lt. zone governor 14 times, and 32 years on the district cabinet. He was a charter member of the **Glendale** Club and has belonged to **Fairfield, Chickahominy, Virginia, and Eastern Henrico** Clubs as well. Pictured is Richmond Battlefield President James R. McDearmon, Jr. presenting the perfect attendance award.



Warwick Supports Boys & Girls Club

Warwick Ruritan Club Secretary Joel Hubbard and Vice President Woody Sanders represented the club at the Boys & Girls Club 31st annual "Steak 'N Burger" event in March. Pictured on the left is Boys & Girls Representative Michelle Benson with Sanders.



Gloucester and Abingdon Work Together

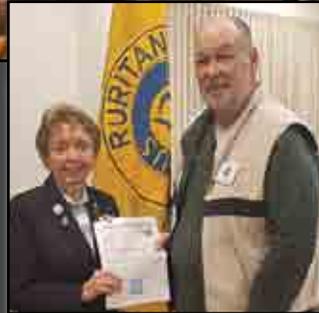


Barbara and Paul Bauer of the **Gloucester** Ruritan Club, Zone Governor Don Sandridge, and Roger Dick of the **Abingdon** Ruritan Club run the ARC potato peeler to help prepare for the Gloucester Club's Brunswick stew fundraiser.

Gloucester Ruritan Club held its March meeting at Olivia's Restaurant. Chesapeake District Zone 4 Governor Don Sandridge introduced the Chesapeake District's Chemo Cap Project and Gloucester Ruritan members presented a bag of knitted chemo hats to Rappahannock Community College nursing students. RCC students distribute caps made by Chesapeake District Ruritans to area hospice facilities and hospitals. Also pictured is Gloucester Ruritan Club President Jackie Beyea



presenting new member Mike Barbery with his club pin. President Jackie is also pictured presenting Sarah Fary with her President's Golden Key.



Abingdon Ruritan Club President Mary Lou Shepherd presented Don Sandridge with the President's Golden Key Award. Don is a long-time club member and Chesapeake Zone 4 Governor.



Club members participated in Clean Gloucester Day collecting 1,540 pounds of trash. Pictured (l-r) are Mike Ekdahl, David Simmons, Frank Collins, Roger Dick, Selena Collins, Yvonne Scales, Glen Aycock, Betsy Tuttle, Jimmy Leiffer, Diane Woolley, Allen Scales, Andrea Crawford, Jim Stevens, Julie Woolley, Lynn Onesty, Rick Helton, and Kenny Richardson. Not pictured are Rose and Rick Taylor, Kathleen Gillerlain, Kathy Bennett, and Brad Bennett.



Varina Holds Environmental Contest

Varina Ruritan Club in conjunction with Varina Elementary School recently hosted the winners of the club's Sixth Annual Environment Contest. This contest is all about conservation, recycling, and how to make the planet cleaner. Some winners made posters, some wrote essays, and some did video presentations. A

delicious dinner was served by Blessing Warriors, a local non-profit that helps the homeless. A total of 60 people, including Varina School Board representative John Montgomery, were in attendance as the children came up to get a certificate. Also in attendance were Varina Elementary School Principal Mark Tyler, Associate Principal Brooke Thompson, Librarian Kim Slayton, and Henrico Central Office Staff Member Judy Christopher. Pictured (l-r) are Varina Club President Buddy Whitlow, Kim Slayton, Anna Paige Morris (4th grade, 2nd place), Jordan Moss (4th grade, 3rd place), Kathryn Stargell (3rd grade, 2nd place), Kaitlyn Fuller (5th grade, 1st place), Joshua Rollins (3rd grade, 1st place), Peyton Doxey (4th grade, 1st place), Eli Tolbert (3rd grade, 3rd place), Morgan Hicks (4th grade, 2nd place), Varina Club Director and contest judge Chris Finley, volunteer judge Emily Salkind, and Mark Tyler.

David Reedy Recognized for 60 Years of Service



Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club recognized David Reedy for 60 years of service in the club's 63-year history. David is the Upper Lancaster Club Secretary and has served in that position for 17 years. Pictured are Upper Lancaster Club President Judy Hamel and David Reedy.



Heading to Kingsport!



Atlee Ruri-Teen Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Atlee High School Ruri-Teen Club celebrated its 20th anniversary with pizza and anniversary cake provided by their sponsoring club, the Atlee Ruritan Club. Pictured on the left of the club members is Atlee Ruritan Club member Tom Foster and on the far right



is Atlee High School representative Paul Rozecki. The club is displaying their 20th anniversary certificate from Ruritan National and their silver environmental award from the Chesapeake District for their recycling project. Pictured top left are Tom Foster, Paul Rozecki, Atlee Rur-Teen Club President Turner Barger, and Chesapeake District Governor Rose Taylor.

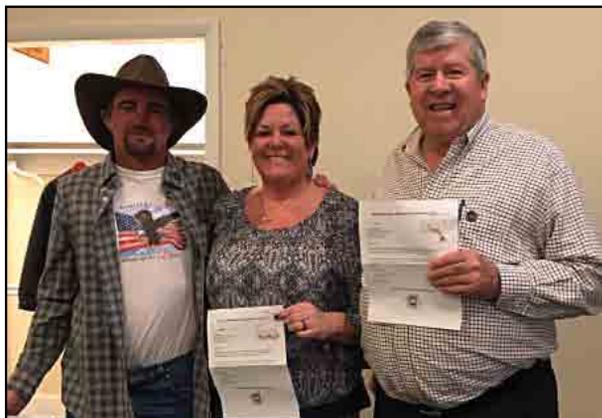


Cedarville District Dedicates Plaque

Cedarville District Ruritan Club dedicated a plaque to the late Mike Sirna, who passed away in December. The plaque will hang on the door of a 4-H barn at the Warren County Fairgrounds.

Picture are Cedarville District Club President Maurice Bowen with Louise Sirna, widow of the honoree.

Recipients of the President's Golden Key pictured (l-r) are Director John Clatterback, Beth Kitchen, and Club President Maurice Bowen.



News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District continued

Sumerduck Holds Cookie and Chili Cook Off

Sumerduck Ruritan Club held a "Cookie and Chili Cook Off." There were 11 versions of chili entered in the competition and five cookie versions to sample. Club member Judy O'Brokta noted that none of the judges/members could stop eating the delicious entries. The chili winner was Kathy Kenderish for her "Smoky Chili" and Scott Shepherd took home honors for his peanut butter chocolate chip cookies.



Tyler Williamson Receives Rookie of the Year Award



Stafford Ruritan Club member Dave Watson presented Deputy Tyler C. Williamson with the Rookie of the Year Award. Williamson was selected for demonstrating the core values of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office. He was recently assigned to Stafford High School as a full-time Resource Officer where he has become an active participant in the school.



Clarke County Ruritan Club donated Rudy Bears to local law enforcement at their March meeting. Pictured are Clarke County Club President Gail Milleson with Clarke County Sheriff's Deputy Shane Jewell.



Stonewall District Ruritan Club President Al Sibert recognized Stonewall District Club member Douglas Butler as the last living charter member.



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Clarksville Staying Active



Clarksville Ruritan Club made a generous donation to the Clarksville Library which allowed the purchase of custom-made book shelves for needed additional space. Clarksville Club President Janice Edwards presented a \$2,000 check to club member Jackie Lilly who represented the Clarksville Library. Past Club President Allen Griffin congratulated and welcomed new member Richard Szymanowski. Clarksville's Community Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the club was cancelled because of dangerous weather; however, gift bags were distributed the next week. Youth members Hannah Presgraves and Kaylin Garrett helped Vicki Garrett prepare the bags.

Bobby McClenny Receives 50 Years of Service Plaque



Appomattox District Zone 3 Governor Raymond Mullins along with Pamplin Ruritan Club President David Sexton presented a plaque to Pamplin Past Club Secretary Robert "Bobby" McClenny for over 50 years of service to the Pamplin Ruritan Club. McClenny joined the club in 1967 and has served as the secretary since he joined until this past December. He has been instrumental over the years in organizing club events and in maintaining the smooth operation of the club.

The club actively participates in VDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program by picking up trash twice a year throughout the town. The club maintains the Pamplin Ball Field and Community Center. Other club projects include assisting the Spout Spring Ruritan Club with its Bingo concessions once a month and providing the goodie bags that Santa passes out in Pamplin during December.

Howard Hall Receives Tom Downing Fellow Award

2004 National President John Hancock and Central Chesterfield Club President Roger "Bama" Powers presented Howard "Curly" Hall with a Tom Downing Fellow Award.



We will Celebrate Ruritan in Kingsport



Forest Hill Installs New Member

Forest Hill Ruritan Club welcomed new member Amelia Driskill at its March meeting. The club presented a \$1,000 check to the Red Truck Ministry. Receiving the check is Rev. Robert Putt one of the founders of the Red Truck Ministry. This ministry provides food and encouragement to those in need in the Lynchburg area.



Jack Lyons Receives Perfect Attendance Pin

Amherst/Monroe Ruritan Club President Ron Tomlin (l) presented Jack Lyons (r) with a 41-year perfect attendance pin during its community dinner in February. During his years of membership Jack has held many positions including president, vice president, and organizing rental of the club building. He's also served on many committees including building and grounds, kitchen, 50/50 ticket sales. Amherst/Monroe Club Treasurer Robert Floyd noted, "Jack now makes sure our coffee is made, the 50/50 tickets are sold, and all trash is removed after our meetings and community dinners."



Moneta Serves Spaghetti Dinners

Moneta Ruritan Club held its traditional spring spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Over 100 guests were served and over \$1,400 was raised to enable the club to continue to help support the local community.



Portions of the funds support Ruritan scholarships. This year six scholarships will be awarded for \$6,700 in total. In addition to the great food, guests enjoyed karaoke and music. A table was manned by the Moneta Volunteer Fire Department and firefighters were present supporting community awareness by speaking with residents about the Moneta Fire Department's services and needs. Kids were especially treated to lots of goodies from our Ruritan friends at MVFD.



Waidsoero

Ruritan Club donated \$500 to the Ferrum Rescue Squad this spring. Pictured is Captain Anita Nelson accepting the check from Waidsoero Club President Phillip Austin.



News From Ruritan: Southwest Virginia District

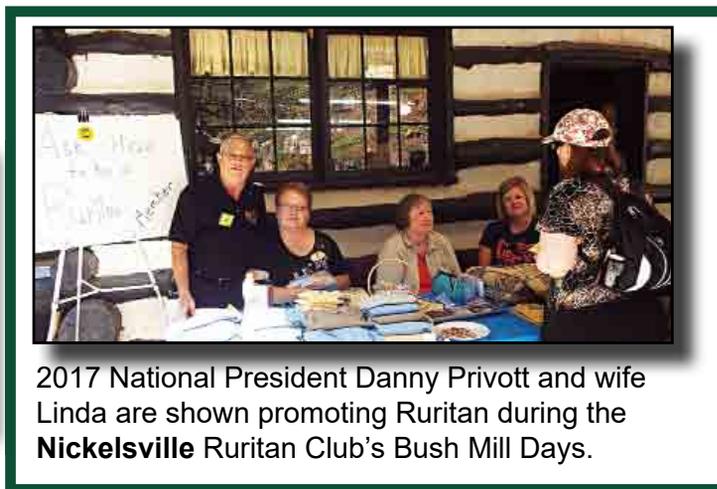


Atkins Sponsors Emily Surber

Atkins Ruritan Club proudly sponsored Emily Surber (one of the club's youth members) for the fourth grade annual trip to Jamestown, VA. Emily continues to be an active member of the club in both attendance and helping with club projects. The club has recruited seven new members in 2019.



Pictured is Yuma Ruritan Club member Charlie Frazier with cakes for the cake walk for a fire department benefit.



2017 National President Danny Privott and wife Linda are shown promoting Ruritan during the **Nickelsville** Ruritan Club's Bush Mill Days.

News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District

Natural Bridge Helps with Kid's Fishing Day

Natural Bridge Ruritan Club volunteered at the Third Annual Kid's Fishing Day held at Natural Bridge State Park. A record 233 children accompanied by 167 adults came out to fish on a beautiful Saturday under the magnificent Natural Bridge. Club members manned the concessions, the fish cleaning station, and assisted all along the fishing path where 500 rainbow trout had been stocked for the event.



I'm Going to Kingsport!

Larry Sumpter Installed as New Member

At the April meeting of the **Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area** Ruritan Club, Past National Director Lou Rader, who chairs the membership committee, welcomed the newest club member, Larry Sumpter. Sumpter has already signed up with Ruritan National Convention Planner Craig Whitt as a vendor for the 2020 Convention in Kingsport.



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News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District continued

Sharon Visits Retirement Center



Sharon Ruritan Club recently held a meeting at Scott Hill Retirement Center in Clifton Forge. Following a scrumptious meal and short business meeting the club joined members of the Big Rock Church Choir in conducting a hymn sing with the residents of Scott Hill. Joining the members of the Sharon Club were Natural Bridge District Governor Dianne Swink and her husband Gary, Past District Governor John Mize, and National Director Larry Bowman.

Kerrs Creek Decorates Cakes Blindfolded



Kerrs Creek Ruritan Club had a fun activity for its Christmas party. After dinner, each table was given an un-decorated sheet cake and a bag of supplies for decorating that cake with a Christmas theme. But the challenge was for each person at the table had to help with the decorating, and each person also was assigned a "handicap" for the activity. For example, some people had to wear blindfolds, some could not use their thumbs, some could only use their non-dominant hand, etc. At the end of 30 minutes, the cakes were judged and a winner was chosen. Pictured is 2018 Kerrs Creek Club President Roger Williamson helping Tim Hodges decorate while 2019 Club President John Burleson looks on.

News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

Middlebrook Supports Fire Departments

The Middlebrook Volunteer Fire Department Company 3, which is supported by the **Middlebrook** Ruritan Club, serves 67 square miles in southern Augusta County. In addition, Company 3 provides support to neighboring fire department: Riverheads, Swoope, Stuarts Draft, Raphine and Walkers Creek, which encompasses 200 square miles. Each year the Middlebrook Volunteer Fire Department holds a three-day community event focused on family fun. This year the Middlebrook Village Days was scheduled for June 6 - 8. All proceeds from these events will provide the fire department the much needed items to support the community. "We are fortunate to have the support of the Middlebrook Ruritan and Walkers' Creek Fire Department to give their time to make our event a success. The event will be comprised of more activities than in previous years and there will be something for everyone, whether you are a history buff, want to attend a real barn dance, looking for a handcrafted item, or you want to show your competitive edge, there's a 5K race and fun run for kids," stated Ann Shultz.



Rockingham Luncheon Installs Four New Members



Rockingham Luncheon Club took in four new members at their March Meeting. Pictured are new full member Jane Keyton, Past Rockingham District Governor James Driver, Rockingham Luncheon Club President Paula Frazier, and new associate members Jordan Lehman and Macie Frazier. (Not pictured is Michelle Seekford, also an associate member) .

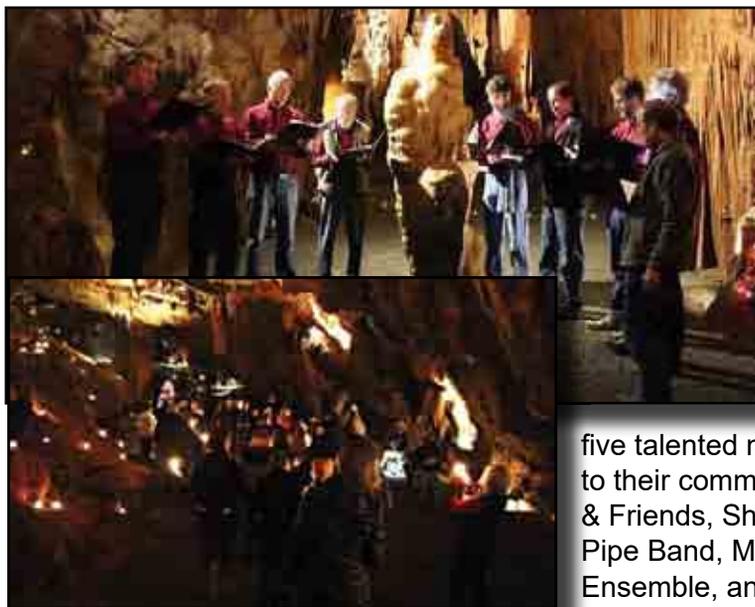
Fort Valley Donates to Preschool



Fort Valley Ruritan Club Treasurer John Gaunt presented a children's scholarship check to FV Faith Lutheran Preschool Administrator Ginger Neal. First Lady Nelda Cassell enjoys talking with Chef Thomas Drinkwater during the club's 60th anniversary celebration.



Grottoes Sponsors Caroling in the Caverns



Grottoes Ruritan Club donated over \$4,500 in cash for scholarships and over 300 school and art supply items to the local Boys and Girls Club this year. All monetary donations for this event are used for scholarships given to local graduating seniors to assist with college costs. Each year the Grottoes Ruritan Club sponsors a Caroling in the Caverns at Grand Caverns Park in Grottoes, VA. This year, there were over 1000 visitors on this special night. Grand Caverns is the second largest cavern in the nation and is a magical backdrop to beautiful music. This year

five talented musical groups volunteered their time to give back to their community including Valley Brass Quintet, Peggy Counts & Friends, Shenandoah Valley Pipe Band, MOSAIC Handbell Ensemble, and Cantore.

Landon Walker Honored

Bridgewater Ruritan Club celebrated its 80th anniversary. 2019 Ruritan National President Larry Cassell presented Landon Walker (seated at left) with his 60-year Ruritan Membership Pin and expressed appreciation to club members for "Making a Difference" with such projects as the recent Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic that involved Ruritans from across Rockingham District. 2019 First Lady Nelda spoke about her emphasis on Adoption Awareness this year. Among other special guests was Marvin Garber, a Ruritan member since 1945. Club members and guests enjoyed singing "Happy Birthday" to longtime member Stanley Glick during the evening festivities.



Linville-Edom Promotes Ruritan



Linville-Edom Ruritan Club President Shannon Good and Rockingham District Governor Becky Lane participated in a Community Service Fair for high school students at Harrisonburg High School this spring. The school asked organizations to speak with students about volunteering, service-learning, and civic responsibility within their organization.

The club has preserved a mural that has been in the halls of the local elementary school since 1940. The mural had been removed and was



being auctioned. The club stepped in and provided funds to win the bid. The mural was moved to the Ruritan club house, said President Shannon Good. "Many people felt strongly the mural should stay in the community and that it should be part of our clubhouse and they pledged to make up the remaining funds. The club put up \$800 of the final purchase price of \$1,450 with an anonymous community donor paying the remainder. It was a beautiful thing to watch our club and then the community band together to make sure we got that mural. Our club started in the Linville Edom School. We built our building in 1999, but are still very much linked to the school and as a team, we are part of our community we serve," Good said.



Rockingham District Holds Spelling Bee

The **Rockingham** District held its 2019 Regional Spelling Bee on March 9th. There were 19 students from local elementary and private schools entered this year. The winner went 37 rounds to win.

The winner, Deeya Patel, 14 years old, also won last year's Bee.

The district will be paying round trip for the

winner and a parent to attend the 92th National Bee in Fort Washington, MD. Pictured here is the winner with her family. Also in the picture is Past National Director Sarah Kelly, who was the Commentator, and District Governor Rebecca Lane.

The Rockingham District was also proud to have a large group of attendees present at the Ruritan National Convention in Hampton, VA in January.

In March the Remote Area Medical (RAM) came to the Rockingham County Fairgrounds to offer free services for those who are unable to afford vision, dental, or medical care. Rockingham District Ruritans were asked to prepare and serve meals for the volunteers. Five meals were prepared and served over the weekend. Ruritan clubs preparing and serving meals included **Keezletown, Cross Keys-Mill Creek, Broadway-Timberville, Bridgewater, and Mt. Crawford.** Massanutten Technical Center also assisted by preparing a meal. Clubs that came out to help serve included **Tenth Legion, Montezuma, West Rockingham, Linville-Edom, and McGaheysville.** RAM was able to serve 601 patients with over \$300,000 in free medical care.





Hamburg Adopts-A-Highway

Thirteen bags of trash were picked up in two hours by nine members of the **Hamburg** Ruritan Club for their spring Adopt-A-Highway clean up. Members participating included Ann Follansbee, Bill

Funkhouser, Moe Painter, Pastor Katie Gosswein, Martha and Alan Dodson, Landon Fadely, K. Roy Nilsen and Linda Kosek. Bill and Sue Funkhouser, Twyman and Judy Greene, and the project chair Ann Follansbee continued trash pick-up in their neighborhoods.



Port Republic Hosts Veterans Appreciation Dinner

The **Port Republic** Ruritan Club hosted its 16th Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner. There were 58 veterans, their wives, and Ruritan members attending who enjoyed a delicious meal served by the Grace Episcopal Church Women. The speaker was Jimmy Kilbornel, Executive Director of the 116th Infantry Regiment Foundation and The Stonewall Brigade Museum at Verona.



Broadway-Timberville and Belmont Community Install Officers

Broadway-Timberville Ruritan Club met in January at the Sunset Drive United Methodist Church. Ruritan District Governor Becky Lane and District Lt. Governor Lexi Campbell were in attendance. Club member Dennis Turner reported that over \$10,000 was collected by the Salvation Army bell-ringing at the Timberville Food Lion location. 2019 Club officers were inducted. Pictured (l-r) are Broadway-Timberville Club President Tim Proctor, Vice President Bo Hotchkiss, Secretary Beverly Thompson, Treasurer Judy Rhodes, and Director Roger Austin.



In December the **Belmont Community** Ruritan Club's 2019 Officers were installed by Past National Treasurer Dan Brubaker. The officers are from (l-r) Directors Pat Raynes, Gary Simmons, and Stephen Ford; Treasurer Virgil "Rick" Keyton; Secretary Sharon Ford; Vice President Harold Ford; and President Carol Ford.



We'll Be There!



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Lewistown Visits Winery

Members of the **Lewistown** Ruritan Club enjoyed a trip to a local winery for a tour and wine tasting. Owners of Links Bridge Vineyards, Joan Cartier and Robert Thompson, provided a variety of wines for tasting and explained the wine-making process. The winery operation has grown so that it is able to produce wine from all the fruit grown in the vineyard, including small batches and estate wines from their premium grapes. Pictured (l-r) are Links Bridge Vineyards owner Robert Thompson, Lewistown Club Program Chair Harold Staley, Loberta Staley, and

Links Bridge Vineyards owner Joan Cartier.

Charles (Chuck) A. Jenkins, a long-time member of the club, was sworn in as Sheriff of Frederick County in an historical 4th term ceremony held at the Frederick, MD Fairgrounds. Chuck has been an active member of this club for many years and often helps with the famous Lewistown Ruritan Chicken BBQ. As a 4th term sheriff, Chuck has played a pivotal roll in establishing an effective multi-agency gang unit to combat increasingly violent street crime and growing criminal enterprise in neighborhoods. He works diligently with other elected and public safety officials to continue to develop strategic plans for issues related to Homeland Security and growth. He has also attended many strategic meetings at the White House to tackle the opioid crisis facing our nation. Pictured (l-r) are Lewistown Club Treasurer P. Odale Martin, Program Chair Harold Staley, Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins, and Loberta Staley.



Lothian and Leitersburg Present Scholarships



In late March the **Lothian** Ruritan Club honored scholarship recipients at an awards dinner. Ten high school seniors were selected on the basis of their participation in community service activities and the expectation that they will continue to give back to the community in which they reside. The students are from high schools located in lower Anne Arundel and Northern Calvert Counties, Maryland. Pictured in the front (l-r) are Caitlyn Gay, Jillian Gray, Taylor Buck, Madison Davern, Megan McGivern, and Doris Jimenez. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Emma Wanner, Matthew Smith, Shelby Grant, and Coleman Campbell.



Members of the club prepared an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner with assistance from a local youth group. Proceeds from the dinner went to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH), a charitable organization who pays for the processing of deer meat that goes to the local food pantry. In addition to the dinner,



a bake sale was held. Proceeds from this sale were used to take veterans from Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on a fishing trip on the Chesapeake Bay.

At its Christmas party, the **Leitersburg** Ruritan Club presented scholarship checks to the Peach Festival Princesses Lindsey Draheim, Kayla Eichelberger, and Liberty Lane. They presented a donation to the local food pantry, Tabitha's Table. They also made a donation to Ruri-Teen Gabrielle Ryder's STOP Stigma program to raise awareness about mental illness. The **Leopard** Ruri-Teen Club officers, Kayla Eichelberger, Hope Kemmerer and Morgan Reese, attended the Christmas Party. Ruri-Teen President, Kayla Eichelberger, (pictured right) reported that the Penny Wars fundraiser at Smithsburg High School raised \$930 for Operation We Care. The Ruri-Teen also made 20 blankets which they donated to local nursing home residents.



News From Ruritan: Albemarle District



Hall Helps Restore Dam

Hall Ruritan Club has stepped up to assist with storm damage from 2016's Hurricane Matthew. The area received over 15 inches of rain in October 2016 with major wind damage and flooding. One of the areas hard hit was Hare's Mill Pond, located not far from the Chowan River near the small town of

Tunis, NC. During the night of October 9, 2016, the dam washed out which drained the millpond and it remained drained for over 18 months. The pond and mill house are over 150 years old and were once the center of commerce for the area as corn and other grains were ground and sold there. The Roanoke Chowan Wildlife Club maintains the millpond however they did not have sufficient funds to repair the dam. This is where the Hall Ruritans were able to help. The club held two Brunswick stew/pork BBQ fundraisers and turned over \$17,500 to the Roanoke Chowan Wildlife Club. During

the summer of 2018, the club used these funds to replace the washed out dam. The millpond has now been restored to a place of breathtaking beauty.

Shawboro Participated in Wreaths Across America



Shawboro Ruritan Club participated in Wreaths Across America. Those who participated in the honor guard were Shawboro Club members Le Jespsen and Jim Hoever. Terry Corbett, Tanya Hoever, Sue Laumann, and Ricky Laumann helped lay wreaths on graves.

News From Ruritan: Roanoke District

Robersonville Collects Food

Robersonville Ruritan Club was able to collect over 800 pounds for local food banks. Boy Scout Troop 72 Kenneth Parker conducted the food drive. Pictured are Robersonville Club President Doug Killingsworth, Boy Scout District Director Grady Mullis Jr., Kenneth Parker, Steve Taylor, Larry Whitfield, and Food Lion Assistant Manager Barbara Pollard. Also pictured is Pollard receiving an appreciation plaque from Parker.



Bethesda Holds Spotlight Talent Show

Last November the **Bethesda** Ruritan Club held a “Bethesda Spotlight Talent Show.” This community event brought together talent of all ages and walks of life to raise awareness of a rare motor neuron disorder, Spastic Paraplegia 11 (SPG11). The club designated all monies raised through sponsorship, ticket sales, raffles, canteen sales, and donations to be given to the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation (SPF). The club collected over \$5,600 during the show. Supporting the SPF is personal to the Bethesda Ruritan Club because one of their youth members is battling a rare form of HSP. Twenty-year old Spencer Elliott was diagnosed with a complex form of HSP when he was 14 after he began having difficulty walking. The Ruritan Club has decided to make the talent show an annual event to help find a cure for HSP. We are already planning for a bigger and better show for next year and hope to double the money we raise. Generous donations by local merchants enabled the club to raffle 30 prizes and 19 program sponsors donated money for advertising space in the program. Money was also raised by selling desserts donated to our canteen by the Prime Time Ministry at Bethesda Baptist Church. Pictured (l-r) are Marcia Elliott (mom); Spencer Elliott; Bethesda Ruritan Club President Norman Stallings.



Donnie Perry Recognized

2008 National President Wayne Outlaw (l) and 2019 National President Larry Cassell (r) presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Donnie Perry (c) at the 60th annual Nash County, North Carolina Ruritans meeting. Perry was recognized for more than 30 years of service to the group as **Benvenue Club** Treasurer and in other capacities.



Oak Grove Builds Ramp

Members of the **Oak Grove** Ruritan Club came to the rescue of citizen in need earlier this year with a much needed handicapped ramp, and they got it installed in record time! Here’s how quickly it all happened. In early February, long-time member of the Oak Grove community Loretta Hagan reached out to Past Club President Tim Ellis to ask for assistance. Her husband, Donald Hagan, had fallen and badly injured his leg. Since his injury was going to impact his mobility for some time, Mrs. Hagan had contacted several organizations hoping to get help for a wheelchair ramp. No luck so far. The Hagan family are longtime supporters of Oak Grove Ruritan events and their grandsons Austin and Hunter have been Ruri-Teen members where they learned the value

of helping their community. The very next day Oak Grove Club President Davey Jones and Jeremy Walker of Walker Construction visited the Hagan home. Jeremy took measurements and gave the club a quote to install the ramp as well as adding pavers between the ramp end and the driveway. Coincidentally, a club meeting was scheduled for that very night where all members present voted unanimously to fund this project. Two days later Jeremy Walker and his team were on site building their ramp which was completed the next afternoon, just five days after the initial request!



Eli Whitney Holds Indoor Carnival

Eli Whitney Ruritan Club held its 6th Annual Indoor Carnival, a community- strengthening event that increases awareness of the services provided by the Ruritan Club. Invitations are sent to each student at two local elementary schools and flyers are distributed to local churches. Held on a Saturday afternoon, the carnival features games, face painting, a photo booth, hot dogs, and popcorn. Due to the generosity of local corporate sponsors, there are no admission fees or ticket prices for those that attend. In return, the sponsors are listed in the program and receive recognition at the individual games. A sponsor’s information table allows them to display business cards, flyers, and other promotional material.



News From Ruritan: Greenville-Goldsboro District



Frances House Receives Award

2019 has been a busy year for the **Ponzer** Ruritan Club. Pictured (l-r) are Ponzer Club Secretary Frances House, Director Cheryl Waters, President Bud Clayton, and Treasurer Teresa Collier. Frances House was also selected by the club as "Ruritan of the Year." Zone Governor Curtis Rogers was present for several meetings.

The club held a neighborhood yard sale in May offering space to anyone desiring to sell and or buy items. The club has been sponsoring this event semi annually which has resulted in a positive relationship with area residents. However, it is the club's "whole hog sausage" sale that is perhaps the activity for which the club is best known with people in neighboring counties and states involved. The March event involves cutting and grinding 16 hogs for sausage sales, with the proceeds going to scholarships and other individual needs in the community.

Pink Hill Holds Pheasant Hunt

Pink Hill Ruritan Club held its annual Pheasant Hunt. This is a major fundraiser for the club. The club also donated to the Woodington Middle School Band. The money will be used for the band teacher and students to purchase uniforms. Pictured (l-r) are Pink Hill Ruritan Club Secretary Clay Howard and Woodington Middle School Band Teacher Zach Willis.



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News From Ruritan: Cape Fear District

Cedar Fork Supplies Canteen

Cedar Fork Ruritan Club visited and resupplied the canteen at the North Carolina Veterans' Home in Kinston, NC. While the home consists of veterans of all branches of the military, from all generations and wars, it mainly houses veterans of WWII. Cedar Fork Club member Captain "Jimbo" Simmons, USMC, noted, "When a person, especially a veteran, thinks of a home like this, we normally think of a rundown excuse of a place that's used to stick the men and women, all heroes of the finest country in the world, to live out the final years of their lives. But it only takes a few seconds to see that this veterans' home is special. Immediately upon arrival you see this facility resembles the finest hotels found anywhere in the world."



Augusta Road Making a Difference

In March the **Augusta Road** Ruritan Club celebrated the achievement of Eagle Scout Attila Szabo, a junior at Woodmont High School and a member of troop #795 of the Blue Ridge Council of Boy Scouts of America. Attila's Eagle Scout Project was to build a brick frame for the Ruritan Club's digital sign. The Eagle Scout Project, is the opportunity for a Boy Scout to

demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community. This is the culmination of the Scout's leadership training, and it requires a significant effort on his part. The project



must benefit an organization other than the BSA, and it cannot be performed for an individual or a business or be commercial in nature. Completing an Eagle Scout Project is a requirement in order for Boy Scouts to attain the Eagle Scout rank.

The club hosted a food drive and delivered food twice to the Greenville County School System for distribution to students in need. Pictured are Starr Lynn Birx and National Director Donna Poulton with the food collected for the second portion of the food drive.

Club members distributed 20 dozen cupcakes to the Richard Campbell Veterans Home and five dozen to five fire departments for Valentine's Day. Pictured with the cupcakes are Marie Creamer, Willis Creamer, Grace Creamer, and Poulton.

Duncan Donates Rudy Bears

Duncan Ruritan Club donated 10 Rudy Bears to the Duncan City Police Chief Frank Fuller. He was appreciative and noted that he and his officers witness many children and adults in traumatic situations where these bears will be appreciated. Pictured (l-r) are Curtis Marshall, Lula Anderson, Chief Fuller, and Mary Sheard.

Middle Tyger Makes "Bags of Joy"

Middle Tyger Ruritan Club has been instrumental in sponsoring an important program for the families of children with cancer. They have worked with Zoar and Grace United Methodist Churches in Greer, SC. Christine Free, (2nd from left), Middle Tyger Club member and director of the "Bags of Joy" program is shown here with Pastors Mike Cheatham and Jeff Roper as 250 bags are presented to Kim Melick, Operations Manager of Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas (CCPC). The mission of Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas is "to provide comprehensive support and loving compassion to families whose children are battling cancer to improve their overall quality of life."



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News From Ruritan: Columbia District

Sandy Run Sponsors Liberty Day Kids

On Thursday, March 21, 2019, four-fifth grade students from Sandy Run Elementary School visited the State House in Columbia. They were accompanied by Sandy Run Elementary School Counselor Betsy Tant, parents, and members of the **Sandy Run** Ruritan Club. Logan Brazzell, Evelyn Keating, Jada Mack, and Trey Nettles were sponsored by the Sandy Run Ruritan Club as Liberty Day Kids for 2018-2019. They were met by House District 93 Representative Russell Ott. Once the House convened, Representative Ott read a proclamation, signed by the Governor, proclaiming March 21, 2019, as Liberty Day in the State of South Carolina. The four young people were introduced to the House by Representative Ott and were given a tour of the State House and time to ask questions of their tour guide.

Happy Anniversary

Pelion Ruritan Club celebrated its 71st anniversary. Club members enjoyed a meal of cube steak and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, and an anniversary cake made by Pelion Club member Beth Cravens.

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News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District

Clintonville Celebrates 65th Anniversary

Clintonville Ruritan Club celebrated its 65th anniversary. Over the years, the club has held community fairs, organized softball and basketball teams, held auctions, and promoted Boy and Girl Scouts. The club supports Penny Pitch, Clintonville Fire Department, Clintonville 4-H Club, and other organizations that have needs. The members volunteer for the Adopt-A-Highway three times a year. The club also supports the local youth by giving scholarships and grants to deserving high school students. Clintonville Charter member Lee Johnson, who also serves as the Lower WV District Chaplain, was presented with an award of recognition for his dedication to Ruritan and the Clintonville Ruritan Club. Members were honored with years of service pins. Ruritan National President Larry Cassell had the honor of installing six new members. Attending the celebration with Cassell were First Lady Nelda Cassell, National Director Ken Paugh and his wife Judy, National Director Larry Bowman, 2010 National President Jerome Rodes, Lower WV District Governor Debra Bowman, Lower WV Zone Governors Charles Farley, and Neal Holliday.



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News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District continued



Williamsburg Holds Easter Egg Hunt

Williamsburg Ruritan Club sponsored its Seventh Annual Easter Egg Hunt this spring. Some of the eggs found had monetary prizes. The event also featured games, crafts, treats, beverages and more prizes. Pictured (l-r) are “future Ruritans” Alexis Hill, Heidi Brown, and Lane Brown wearing the hats they made.



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News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District

Finchville Installs Three New Members



Finchville Ruritan Club donated \$500 to the Special Olympics. Finchville President David Bohannon and Treasurer Kathy Gibson presented the check to Clayton Collins of the Spencer County Special Olympics Team. The team participated in the Polar Plunge fundraiser to raise money for their trip to the

Special Olympic Games in June. Clayton showed the club his medals from previous games and his mother Missy gave a talk on how the donation will help to fund the team’s many activities. The club also welcomed three new members. Pictured (l-r) are Danny Eades, Nick Eades, and Colby Eades.



News From Ruritan: Cherokee District

Ball Play Community Ruritan Ramp Day Declared



In February Monroe County Mayor Mitch Ingram spoke to the **Ball Play Community** Ruritan Club. While he was there he answered question about Monroe County operations and how he plans to have his employees serve the community. Accompanying Mayor Ingram was Denny Graham, head of the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency. Picture (l-r) are Ballplay Club President Joseph Leta, Director Graham, and Mayor Ingram. Ingram also declared April

27th Ball Play Community Ruritan Ramp Festival Day.” He noted in the proclamation that ramps are spring onions that are native to the eastern North American mountains and are one of the first signs of spring. The mayor recognized that the proceeds from the club’s Ninth Annual Ramp Festival, which includes family activities, live music, vendors, and local community organization involvement, go back into community projects.

At another meeting the club also hosted Monroe County Clerk Larry Sloan (r) who explained to the club how his department serves the county. Member Goley Hollinghead (l) arranged for the speaker.



News From Ruritan: Georgia North Alabama District

Armuchee Celebrates 65th Anniversary



Armuchee Ruritan Club celebrated its 65th anniversary. Although none of the club's 46 charter members are still living, 51 people took part in the celebration. National Director Donna Poulton, National Secretary James Mills, and Zone Governor Vicki Mills, National Foundation Trustee Brent Wheeler, Alabama District Governor Les Hopper, Lt. Governor Steve Mullis, and Zone Governors Elizabeth Robinson and Don Beckham were in attendance. The club has provided over \$65,000 in college scholarships and over \$5,000 in summer camp scholarships. Most recently, the club renovated the outdoor amphitheater at Glenwood Primary School, provided Character Education t-shirts to schools, and purchased book bags for needy children in the Armuchee community.



Spring Place Staying Active

Spring Place Ruritan Club has been recognized by Ruritan National for 68 years of work in the community. The club was organized in 1950 and has been an important part of educational and community improvement ever since. Four generations of area residents have now been member of the club and attended monthly meetings.

The club is the largest in the Georgia - North Alabama District and was honored at the district convention last fall with awards including a bronze for Public Service and a gold for Citizenship and Patriotism. Club members also served the district cabinet in 2017 with Elizabeth Robinson as Lt. Zone Governor and Tim Howard as Zone Governor.

Spring Place club's annual fundraiser is a golf tournament. Money raised from the tournament is put back into the community as donations to causes and projects. Included in the club's giving have been Alzheimer's Association, Community Christmas, rescue squads and EMTs, schools, Salvation Army Food Bank, Special Olympics, Saturday Snacks, Keep Chatsworth-Murray County Beautiful, The Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, libraries, cemeteries, fire departments, DFACS, Murray County Family Connections, Christmas in the Park, Murray County Next Step, and the Murray County Senior Center. The group also recognized area school employees on Teacher Appreciation Day in May and presented scholarships in memory of long-time educators and Ruritans G.I. Maddox and Carl L. Davis.

News From Ruritan: Hermitage District



Clarksburg Ruritan Club Charter member James Rosser (age 94) keeps a watchful eye on the ham and bean supper fundraiser held in March. He has supervised the ham and bean supper for more than 30

years. James, a WWII Veteran, is also active in church, Habitat for Humanity, and all Ruritan service projects.



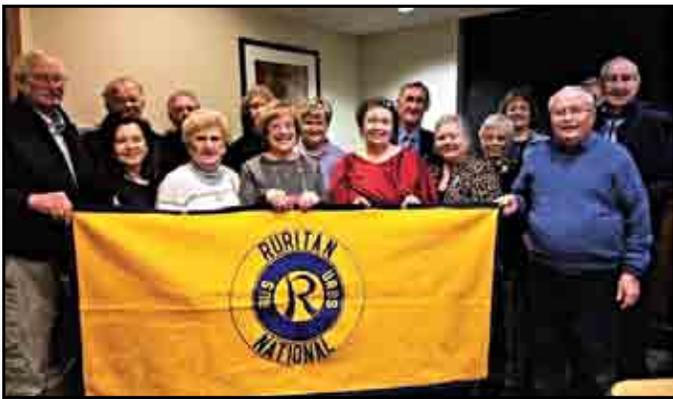
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News From Ruritan: Hermitage District continued



The **Hermitage District** Cabinet gathered for a picture at their spring 2019 meeting. Pictured in the front (l-r) are Past National Director Earl Smith, Governor Bobbie Jackson, Past District Governor Becky Ellis, District Secretary Teresa Ferguson, Past District Secretary Judy Smith, National Director Patsy Shelton, Carol Watson, and Past National Director Frank Dodson. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Mike Jackson, Past National Director Lee Tomlinson, Donna Tomlinson, Past District Governor Linda Dodson, Past National President Calvin Shelton, Diana Collins, Past Governor Leon Collins (partially hidden), and Past National President Jerry Ellis.

News From Ruritan: Alabama/Florida District

District Donates to Disaster Relief Fund



Friends of the Community and Fire Chief Keith Padgett (pictured) accepted \$850.00. Fire Chief Mike Holden (pictured) accepted \$850 for the Beaugard Community Fire Department Relief. Also pictured with the presentation was Lee County Commissioner and Bleeker Ruritan Club member Robert Ham. Additionally, Providence Baptist Church Relief Fund received \$300 which was part of a \$1200 donation from the Bleeker Ruritan Club, Alabama/Florida

Ruritan National Foundation Operation We Care recently donated \$2,000 to the Alabama/Florida District for the charities supporting the disaster relief caused by tornado damage to Lee County on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Pictured presenting the donations were (l-r) District Governor Marc Wahler and District Secretary Kelly Wahler (also **Bleeker** Ruritan Club members). President of the



District, and national donation. Pictured at the right (l-r) are volunteers Sara Yeager, Jennifer Hughs, Bleeker Club President Don Verner, and Bonnie Henderson.



Walnut Hill Supports FFA

Walnut Hill Ruritan Club contributes annually to the funding of Northview High School's delegation to the national convention of the Future Farmers of America. Pictured is the 2018 delegation on the cold streets of Chicago.

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News From Ruritan: Ohio District

Bill Kahrig Honored

Pennyroyal Ruritan Club celebrated the 50th year anniversary of member Bill Kahrig with a pin and a plaque. Pictured (l-r) are Betty Whitsell, Bill Kahrig, Harold Gilcher, Dee Brown, and Linda Fitzgerald.



News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District

Hopewell-Hollis Installs Seven New Members



Seven new members were inducted into the **Hopewell-Hollis** Ruritan Club. Pictured (l-r) are Glinda Cooper, Vernon Murphy, Jack Adkins, Riley Adkins, Grant Adkins, Joel Adkins standing in for Janea Adkins, and Teresa Johnson. Doing the honors (pictured on the right) was Hopewell-Hollis Club President Rick Urban, Club Secretary Donna Baugher, with Zone Governor Mike Smith observing the proceedings.



Gamewell Installs Seven New Members



Gamewell Ruritan Club welcomed new members this spring. Gamewell Club President Marvin Eller Jr. is pictured greeting Ray Hammerick and Laura Hammerick, both as full active members. The club also was glad to have five new associate members join the club the last few months. They are Gretchen Griffith, Mary Wilma Kent, Tyler Gragg, Kayla Gragg, as well as Dennis Morgan of Morgan Golf as a business associate member. These new members bring the club total membership to 29 members.



Chesterfield Cleans Roadside

Members of **Chesterfield** Ruritan Club picked up over 15 bags of trash from the roadside around their clubhouse on Pax Hill Road this spring. Pictured are Ralph Ballew, Mike Smith, James Johnson, Mike Casey, and Wayeman Johnson.



News From Ruritan: Western North Carolina District continued



Happy Valley Cooks Steaks

Happy Valley Ruritan Club had their annual Sweetheart Steak Dinner Fundraiser February 8, 2019. Over 100 advanced tickets were sold for \$18 each. The meal consisted of steak, baked potato, salad, rolls, and a variety of drinks and desserts. Special singing with guitar was performed by Gene Goforth who performs at Woodlands BBQ.



Old Stil Golf Course Receives Award



Bethlehem Ruritan Club Past Club President Jim Mc Manus presented a plaque to Old Stil Golf Course General Manager Andrew Mayhew for showing their sustaining support of Ruritan in North Carolina.

Calendar of Events On Website

Ruritan National is maintaining a calendar of Ruritan events and committee meetings as well as information on office closings and staff availability. This calendar, developed through Google Calendars, can be found under the "Events Calendar" link at <http://ruritan.org>. Clicking on many items provides additional detail and directions.

Districts are invited to submit items to include on the calendar by emailing office@ruritan.org.

News From Ruritan: Delmarva New Jersey District



Pungoteague Installs Six New Members

Six new members have joined the **Pungoteague** Ruritan Club in 2019. Pictured from left are Brandon Sterling, Steve Custis, Charlie Cameron, George Rams, Sam Sellard, and Jean Sellard. The club also recently held its

guest night and honored Carla Lauer, whose home on the Chesapeake Bay had served as the venue for the club's Bayside Poker Run. This event involved boats taking leisure cruises of the bayside creeks and discovering clues that lead to prizes. Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund and wheelchair ramp projects.

Tri-County Donates Cooling Unit

Tri-County Ruritan Club was responsible for donating a new air conditioning unit to the Talbot Agricultural and Education Center. This will enable the center to maintain dependable cooling during the summer rental season. Both **Tri-County** and the **Easton** clubs are sponsors of the center. Pictured with the new cooling unit are Alan Hutcheson, president of the center, with Tri-County President Fred Meers.



The club also held its fourth annual sporting clay fundraiser at Pintail Point. The event was attended by over 200 participants and guests. Proceeds from the event helped fund the new air condition unit as well as 11 college scholarships and several benevolent and hardship awards. Pictured on the left (l-r) are top female shooter Wendy Miller and Event Chair Fred Meers. Also pictured is top male shooter Erik Fehrenbacher.

News From Ruritan: Delmarva New Jersey District continued

Hartly Supports Fire Department



Hartly Ruritan Club presented Marydel Volunteer Fire Department with a \$250 donation and 12 Rudy Bears. The Hartly Volunteer Fire Department worked together with the club and held a quarter auction. The event drew a record-breaking crowd. Dora Virdin, Mary Sanders, and Betsy Beamesderfer wrote 110 Valentine Cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. Pictured are Beamesderfer, Mamie

Warren Senior Center Becky Rash, and Dora Virdin. The club donated \$250 to buy supplies for backpacks for the military.



News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

Sandy Ridge Presents Scholarships



A lively group of 60 people, including 12 North Stokes High School Seniors, attended the annual **Sandy Ridge** Ruritan Club Senior Recognition meal on Thursday, April 25th,

2019. Guest Speaker, Ruritan National President Larry Cassell, gave an insightful message after a delicious meal. Each senior spoke on their future plans and was presented a Bible from the club. Seven scholarships were presented. Recipients were Brenda Chavez, Preston Cook, Sierra Hubbard, Joey Bullins, Trinity Bullins, Drake Price, and Lora Wood. Sandy Ridge Club member John York is pictured with the students.



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Dry Fork Sponsors William Anderson



Dry Fork Ruritan Club helped a young soccer player's dream come true. William Anderson, (age 13) of Chatham, was selected as one of 15 players from Virginia and Maryland to represent the USA in the 2019 International Carnival Cup, held in Barcelona, Spain in February and March of this year. The club provided funds to help him pay for the trip. Will reported he had an amazing time as he competed against the best 13-year-olds in the world. He also had the opportunity to tour the ruins in Tarragona and see the city of Barcelona. Will is pictured standing on the field at Camp Nou, home field for the Barcelona team. He is also pictured defending a goal against a player from Espanyol.



The club hosted scholarship recipients and their families with a dinner. Pictured (l-r) are Dry Fork Club Treasurer Rose Mary Meadows, Madilyn Moss, Brooke Craddock, Caitlyn Carter, and Dry Fork Club President Marcella Heldreth. Not pictured is Makenzie Mitchell. Pictured far left with Meadows is scholarship recipient Lukas Saunders.

Charlie Bowman Reads to Students



Red Bank Ruritan Club member Charlie Bowman had the privilege of reading to Blue Ridge Elementary School students during Dr. Seuss week.

Every year, the club makes over 1,600 chocolate eggs as a fundraiser. Bakers are Claire, Karen, Nancy, Nancy, Lottie, and Connie.



Rangeley Ruritan Club welcomed three new members this spring. Pictured (l-r) are Fay Moore, Nina Hylton, and Phillip Earles.



Aaron's Creek Ruritan Club didn't let the heavy rains stop them as they worked to cook and package 364 quarts of stew this spring. The club makes the stew twice a year and uses the proceeds to fund scholarships.

News From Ruritan: New River District



Mt. Tabor Presents Service Awards

Mt. Tabor Ruritan Club presented Length of Service Awards. Pictured (l-r) are David Burton, 45 years; T. Nic Tideman, 39 years; Jeffrey Brown, 31 years; Arnold Lafon, 43 years; and David Price, 32 years.



Don't Miss It!



Belmont II Ruritan Club President Dean Gray and Club Treasurer Juliann Poff are shown selling concessions at the VT baseball games.



New River District Governor Bonnie Westpfahl presented **White Gate** Ruritan Club President Suzy Bane with the 1st Place Award for the Wanted Program from the 2019 Hampton National Convention.



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News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

Davy Crockett Names Rudy Youth of the Year



William Stokes was named Rudy Youth of the Year by the Davy Crockett District. William was presented with a plaque by 2018 District Governor Marion Bailey at the annual Davy Crockett District Convention. This honor was bestowed on William for his extraordinary work with the **Camp Creek** Ruritan Club and the community. William volunteers at the Camp Creek Resource Center, maintains the Little Lending Library at the Ruritan Pavilion, serves as a school safety patrol officer, and is a library helper at the school.

At the **Camp Creek** Ruritan's March meeting some local full-time farmers were honored. Club Vice President Tim Smithson presented plaques and gift certificates to Ronnie Nelson and Cody Zimmerman, two farmers in attendance. Tim gave an informative talk about the importance of farmers in the US and abroad. The farmers were honored as part of National Agriculture Month.

News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District continued

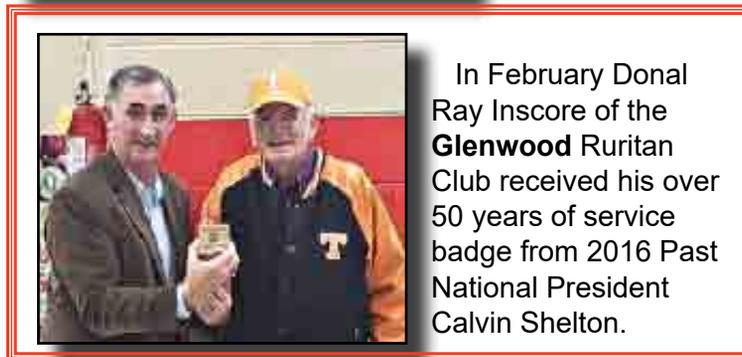
Washington College Assembles Weather Bags



Washington College Ruritan Club supplied food to West View Elementary School to fill “weather bags” for students to take home when the weather might prevent them from getting to classes and lunch. The gift was quite timely as classes were dismissed the very next day due to bad weather.

Pictured on left receiving the goods is Mrs. Kimberly Thompson, the school counselor who oversees the program. Also pictured are club members Debbie Byers and Nancy J Hall.

The club was also recognized at the 2019 Ruritan National Convention for bringing in the highest percentage of new members in 2018.



In February Donal Ray Inscore of the **Glenwood** Ruritan Club received his over 50 years of service badge from 2016 Past National President Calvin Shelton.



News From Ruritan: Smoky Mountain District

Highland Park Hosts Pancake Breakfast

Highland Park Ruritan Club hosted a pancake breakfast to benefit Mid East and Meals on Wheels. There was a great crowd of people to meet the Easter Bunny (Paula McCallie of the **East Roane** County Club). Pictured kneeling with the bunny is June Krantz of the Highland Park Club. Also taking time to pose with the bunny were **Piney** Ruritan President Tim Guider and Smoky Mountain Zone 2 Gov. Henry Rogers.



News From Ruritan: Rapidan District

Partlow Donates to School Lunch Program

Recently the **Partlow** Ruritan Club donated \$1,000 to both Berkeley Elementary and Livingston Elementary Schools' Lunch Funds. This money will help pay off negative lunch balances for students in need. Club members Scott Sale and



Jason Beasley presented the checks to each school. Scott and Jason have children who attend Berkeley Elementary.

Linwood Circle Plays Bingo



Linwood Circle Ruritan Club celebrated the holidays with a bingo game and dinner for the residents of the St. Francis Apartment Complex in Natchez, MS. The club also served chili to warm up the residents in February.

During the **Gulf Area** District Convention, officers were installed for both the **Positive Action** Ruritan Club and **Linwood Circle** Ruritan Club. During the meeting the teens from the **Working Together** Ruri-Teen club presented an entertaining program to the group. This spring members of the Positive Action club worked with a local 4H group to clean up Natchez and Adams County, MS.

Template for Some Certificates Available Online

Anyone with a computer, internet access, and a printer (color or black and white) can download templates for certificates, fill in the blank fields with the appropriate information, and print Ruritan certificates on their own. The Ruritan website (<http://ruritan.org>) now features templates for new member certificates and club anniversary certificates. Coming soon: general appreciation certificates and perfect attendance certificates. Go to the library search function (also the magnifying glass on the home page) and search for the word "template" to see what is available for you to personalize and print.

New Member Kits are no longer available for purchase. Ruritan National now sends out a New Member Packet to every member entered into the Member Management System (MMS). The packet includes a a Ruritan Forever brochure, a window cling, a Member Handbook, a certificate, Ruritan National Bylaws, Office Staff Directory, summary of Community Service Committees, Invitation to Membership, and a New Member Card, and a WANTED contest flyer. If the club would like to provide their new members with a Ruritan Lapel Pin they are available for purchase at the Ruritan National Office. 877-787-8727 #304



2001 National President Betty Chaney Passes

Ruritan National's first female national president, Elizabeth "Betty" Suit Chaney, 89, has died. She was an 80-year resident of Davidsonville and previously of Gambrills, MD, passed away on Monday May 13, 2019 at her home.

Betty was born on June 19, 1929 in Davidsonville to the late James and Ida Suit. She was a graduate of Annapolis Sr. High. Betty worked as an Administrative Assistant for the State of Maryland Board of Public Works and retired after more than 45 years of service.

Betty held many offices in the Potomac District of the Ruritan and was the 2001 National President. She was also involved with the YMCA, 4H, and various other community service groups. Betty is survived by her daughter, Virginia Chaney of Davidsonville.

Her life was celebrated on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the Kalas Funeral Home & Crematory in Edgewater, MD. Interment followed at Davidsonville United Methodist Church Cemetery.



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Protecting and preserving Ruritan
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“Ruritan Forever” is a plan for the payment of **national** dues by members who wish to make a long term investment in Ruritan. The “Ruritan Forever” plan allows a member in good standing to pay \$600 and become a life-time participant of the National Organization. Ruritan National will invest these pre-payments in a special managed fund, transferring the dues quarterly to the business office of Ruritan National. Even after the life participant dies, dues will be transferred quarterly to Ruritan National, thus offering a perpetual memorial to the organization on behalf of the deceased Ruritan.

A “Ruritan Forever” endowment may be purchased by a member in good standing or may be purchased for a member in good standing. A Ruritan Forever endowment may be purchased to honor a non-member provided they are brought into a club as an Associate Member at the same time. In this case the Associate Member’s dues would be covered by the \$600 endowment.

The lifetime endowment may also be purchased in

memory of an already deceased Ruritan, ensuring an ongoing contribution to the operation of Ruritan in his or her name. Dues for a living participant must be current through the previous quarter to participate. Ruritan National will administer these prepaid dues in a separate fund with the original amount remaining in perpetuity. Interest on the fund will provide the money paid to Ruritan National for dues.

Upon payment of the fee, the Ruritan will receive a certificate, a lapel pin, and a permanent life participant card. For endowments purchased for a deceased member a special plaque will be provided for the club to present to the deceased member’s family. **National** dues increases will have no effect on participants enrolled in the plan, although the purchase price of \$600 for new enrollees may be adjusted over the years as necessary. There will be no special assessments or charges made to Ruritan Forever participants.

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: _____

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.

WANTED: WINNING RURITAN RECRUITERS

FIRST QUARTER 2019



WINNER CURTIS ROGERS
OF THE OLD FORD AND BUNYAN
RURITAN CLUBS IN NC



WINNER BOB REECE
OF THE KINGS CREEK
AND HAPPY VALLEY
RURITAN CLUBS IN NC



WINNER DONNA BAUGHER
OF THE HOPEWELL-HOLLIS
RURITAN CLUB IN NC

BRING IN NEW MEMBERS FOR CHANCES AT RURITAN FOREVER (LIFETIME) MEMBERSHIPS

More members means extra chances. Get five extra chances for every new member between the ages of 35 and 55!