

# RURITAN

MAY 2020

NEWSLETTER



## Build Your Dollar Deadline Extended

In the early 1920s my grandparents packed their belongings and moved from their family farm back to Texas. It didn't make much sense to me why they would drop everything and head that far away. I never understood their moving nor the plague of 1918 but with the pandemic of 2020 it makes perfect sense. In a time of crisis, you want to be with those you care about the most.

While studying at Auburn I was introduced to the writings of Justice Thurgood Marshall. To this day I remember the following, "The measure of a

country's greatness is in its ability to retain compassion in time of crisis." Like my grandparent's moving this didn't truly resonate with me until now. Just as my grandparent's family showed compassion to them, this 'ability' has been exemplified as our Ruritan clubs have worked to help our Ruritan families and communities while practicing social distancing.

Your Foundation has also continued to work for you. We have extended the due date for your BY\$ until July 30th. We have also provided you with necessary forms on the Ruritan National website and the blast has covered in detail all you need to know about deadlines and filings. Rest assured the BY\$ program is in good standing and will be there for you now and in the future. Clubs may also roll over, for a second time this year only, their \$300.

### Ruritan National Foundation

#### 2020 Board of Trustees

**President:** Brent Wheeler

**Vice President:** O.H. Bobbitt III

**Secretary:** Graham Bryant

**Treasurer:** Phillip Bradshaw

**Promotion Chair:** Guy Cox



*Foundation Fellowship Weekend  
Embassy Suites Huntsville  
September 11-13, 2020*

**Reservations: 1-800-362-2779**

**Group Code: RNF**

**Reservation Cutoff: August 14, 2020  
at midnight or when the block is full**

Registration cost is \$85/person. Request to be postmarked by September 1, 2020. Registration includes the Friday and Saturday night meals, as well as access to the hospitality room. **Send the below form with payment to Ruritan National Foundation, PO Box 487, Dublin, VA 24084.**

**Watch for the Foundation Email Blasts for more details and updates due to COVID-19 impacts.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

#### Payment Information

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_

C. C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

C.C. Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*CVC – 3-digit code on the back of your card

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



# President Linward's Working Together Tee



*If you would like to  
purchase a  
Working Together Tee,  
email Crystal at  
media@ruritan.org  
She will let you know  
how to proceed with  
your order.*

*Shirts are  
**\$18 each**  
plus shipping.*



National Director  
Melody Davis



National Director  
Donna Poulton

**LOOK!**  
**We also have EAGLE CHARMS!**



Email Craig Whitt at  
convention@ruritan.org to purchase your  
Eagle Charm. These charms are usually  
only offered at the National Convention but  
with this pandemic - we are offering them  
for the remainder of 2020.

These charms are **\$8 each** and that  
includes shipping charges.



## Support First Lady Anne Hedgspeth's St. Jude Project

*"St. Jude has compassion for sick and hurting children, and a desire to nurture and heal them through research and treatment. I share the same passion as St. Jude and want to help nurture and heal the children by helping to provide financial support to the research center. This will allow the doctors and their research teams to continue their work to find cures," said Anne.*



**As of May 1,  
Ruritans have  
raised \$4,110!**

**WHY ST. JUDE?**

Our laboratories may not be in your communities but our discoveries are.

**24** PARTNER SITES **IN** **17** COUNTRIES

**St. Jude FREELY SHARES discoveries,** so every child saved at St. Jude means doctors + scientists worldwide can use that knowledge to save thousands more children.

TREATMENTS INVENTED AT ST. JUDE HAVE HELPED PUSH OVERALL CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVAL RATES

FROM **20% IN 1962**

TO

MORE THAN **80% TODAY**

WE WON'T STOP until no child dies from cancer.

St. Jude has treated patients from all **50 STATES & AROUND THE WORLD.** Doctors often send their toughest cases to St. Jude because we have the world's **BEST SURVIVAL RATES** for some of the most aggressive childhood cancers.

FAMILIES NEVER RECEIVE A BILL FROM ST. JUDE FOR TREATMENT, TRAVEL, HOUSING OR FOOD - BECAUSE ALL A FAMILY SHOULD WORRY ABOUT IS HELPING THEIR CHILD LIVE.

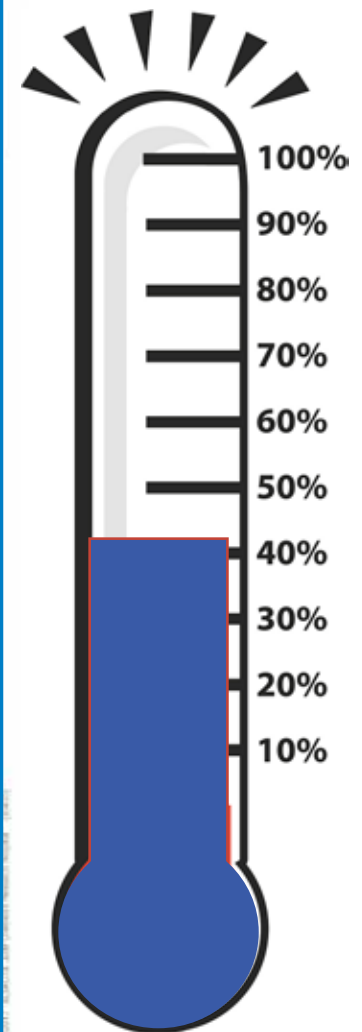
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
ALLIAC - Danny Thomas, Founder  
Finding cures. Saving children.

St. Jude patient Hannah

St. Jude patient Devon

St. Jude patient Jaycee

St. Jude patient Benton



**Please visit <http://events.stjude.org/ruritannational> to make your donation.**

**\*If you need help making your online donation - please call the office and we will help you! Don't use a computer? No problem. Send a check made out to Ruritan National. On the memo line put St. Jude Donation. We will make absolutely sure that you receive credit for your generous donation.**

# 2021 National Convention Mini Schedule

## Make Plans to Attend!

Have you made your plans to attend the 2021 Ruritan National Convention? The hotel and convention center representatives are looking forward to our "return" to Covington, their city with many great venues. "Return" because some of them and some of you still remember the great time and convention we had there in 2013. John Hancock, 2004 Ruritan National President, was convention chair and he said, "If you like small towns, you'll love Covington but if big city life is more to your liking, then you can either walk or take the trolley across the Ohio River to Cincinnati for big city life." This area has something for everyone! You will remember if you were in Covington in 2013, there were a series of tours available for our members. Because of the uncertainty at this time caused by COVID-19, tour plans are tentative. There will still be plenty of great activities to do at local sites and restaurants that individuals and small groups can access via the shuttle/trolley.

Covington and the Northern Kentucky (NKY) Convention Center, is situated on the banks of the Ohio River with two great hotels - the Embassy Suites Cincinnati River Center and the Cincinnati Marriott River Center, which is connected to the NKY Convention Center by a covered walkway. The Embassy has already been renovated since our 2013 National Convention, and the Marriott is still in the renovation process and will be completed before our January 2021 visit. The cost of rooms at these two hotels has increased by only \$9 since our 2013 visit. The rate at each hotel is \$109 for either a king or two-queen room. The Marriott will provide our members with a \$5 discount for the breakfast buffet. Additionally, both hotels are offering free self parking and free internet services. Information about these details will be provided via the Ruritan Magazine. Based upon hotel availability, these room rates will be offered three days prior to and three days after our event. This will allow Ruritans the opportunity to come early or stay late to enjoy the NKY area. Both hotels will offer complimentary housing reservation booking through an internet system, enabled by Lanyon Passkey. Ruritan office staff members have worked with the NKY Convention Center representatives and have enabled this system at <https://book.passkey.com/e/50083787> on the Ruritan website, [ruritan.org](http://ruritan.org). Just go to [ruritan.org](http://ruritan.org) and click on the picture of the NKY Convention Center.

### Wednesday - Thursday

*Warm on-site welcome by the Bluegrass District*

### Thursday

*Governors' Training*

*First Timers Reception*

*Opening Ceremonies (Flag Ceremony,  
Memorial & Vespers Services)*

*President's Reception*

### Friday

*Morning Business Session with*

*Military Flag Presentation*

*First Lady Anne's Luncheon*

*Voting*

*Workshops*

*Foundation Live Auction*

### Saturday

*Morning Business Session*

*Workshops*

*Installation Banquet*

### Sunday

*Worship Service*

*2021 Board Orientation*

### ATTRACTIONS AND TROLLEY/TRANSIT PASS

- \* View the area attractions videos through the [ruritan.org](http://ruritan.org) website by clicking on the picture of the NKY Convention Center
- \* Visit sites to include the Newport Aquarium, New Riff Bourbon Distillery, and the BB Riverboat Tours
- \* Schedule a visit to the famous, Ark Encounter. You will need to allow at least six hours or more to complete this remarkable tour.
- \* Dine at Newport on the Levee, Mainstrasse Village, Roebbing, Over the Rhine, and Bouquet.
- \* Purchase a three-day South Bank Shuttle/Trolley pass to connect you to Covington, Newport, and Cincinnati. More information will be available in later additions of the Ruritan Magazine.



*Make your plans NOW to come to Covington for a fantastic fun time of celebrating our Ruritan achievements, to meet old friends and to make new friends, and to take care of Ruritan business too!*

# Ruritan National Convention – Covington KY

## January 28-31, 2021

**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 emailed to the Ruritan attendee for his/her party. There are **four 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 BadgeName: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Member/Non-Member (circle one)

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

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

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

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

Check items below that apply:

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_ This is my first convention

**I expect to be a voting delegate for the**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ruritan Club**

Check items below that apply:

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

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**Please note:** Voting will be Friday only starting at 2 p.m. Delegate certification will close at 1 p.m. on Friday for walk-ins. You must pick one of the packages, 1-4, in order to vote. Even if you pre-register for Saturday only package you must vote on Friday. Staff will send remote voting instructions prior to convention.

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 COVINGTON

*While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Covington Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees. With that in mind, anyone waiting to register on-site in Covington (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 \$175. Send in your registration before the Dec. 28, 2020, cut-off date to be guaranteed meals. Kids meals are available upon request*

**\*\* Please make sure to put your guest's name on this form so that we may have a name badge made**

# Ruritan National Convention – Covington KY

## January 28-31, 2021

**Have it YOUR way! Choose one of FOUR package options for the 2021 Ruritan Convention**

Choose one of these four registration packages. **ALL Packages** 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 \$175*

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Two meal package includes base fee, Friday First Lady's Lunch and Saturday Installation Banquet	<b>Package 1 BEST DEAL</b>	\$290	
Friday only package includes base fee and Friday First Lady's Luncheon	<b>Package 2</b>	\$230	
Saturday only package includes base fee and Saturday Installation Banquet	<b>Package 3</b>	\$260	
No Meals - base registration only	<b>Package 4</b>	\$175	

### Extra Meal Tickets and Items

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

	Quantity	Cost	Total
Friday Luncheon Honoring First Lady Anne	<b>First Lady</b>	\$55	
Saturday Installation Banquet	<b>Banquet</b>	\$85	
Rudy Bears - to be added as a gift to Covington charities including a local orphanage	<b>Rudy Bears</b>	\$8.50	
National Convention Memories thumb drive of candid photos	<b>Thumb Drive</b>	\$16	
Donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital	<b>Donation</b>	\$	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL \$</b>		

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

**Check payment type below:**

**NOTE:** Aside from some limited special seating, everyone will be seated for meals on a "first come, first served" basis. If you want to be seated with specific attendees, you should send your registration forms in **together**.

\_\_\_\_ Payment made by check      Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express

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, 2020



# Ruritan National Supply Sale

## 15% off



### #256 Harriton Men's Long-Sleeved Oxford with Stain-Release

~~\$35.70~~ **New price \$30.35**

Tackle the day with this easy-care, wrinkly-resistant button down featuring pearlized buttons, adjustable cuffs, and stain release material.



### #262 Port Authority Ladies Value Fleece Jacket

~~\$40.00~~ **New price \$34.00**

This exceptionally soft, midweight fleece jacket will keep you warm during everyday excursions.

**Need help placing your order?  
Call the Ruritan National Office  
877-787-8727.  
We will help you!**



### #267 Port Authority Ladies' 3/4 Sleeve Easy Care Shirt

~~\$30.00~~ **New price \$25.50**

This comfortable wash and wear shirt is indispensable for the workday. Wrinkle resistance makes this shirt a cut above the rest.

**[www.shumskyideas.com/ruritan](http://www.shumskyideas.com/ruritan)**

# Ruritan National Supply Sale

## 15% off



### #268 & 269 Port & Company Value Denim Shirt

~~\$30.00~~

**New price \$25.50**

Traditional, relaxed look. Features an open collar, horn-tone buttons and rounded adjustable cuffs.

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### #271 Blush Tunic

~~\$18.00~~

**New price \$15.30**

With a soft, elegant look, this tunic features rib knit eongated cuffs, longer tunic length, and a curved hem.



### #272 Port & Company Core Fleece Sweatpants with Pockets

~~\$18.00~~

**New price \$15.30**

With an elastic waistband with drawcord, open bottom cuffs, and the comfort of fleece, you'll never want to wear anything else.

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# Ruritan National Supply Sale

## 15% off



### #249 District Medal Full-Zip Hoodie

~~\$28.50~~

**New price \$24.23**

This hoodie is 4.9-ounce, 90/10 combed ring spun cotton/poly, with tear-away label. Self-fabric back neck tape. Front Pockets. Self-fabric cuffs and hems. Includes Ruritan logo screenprinted on full back.



### #250 Port Authority Value Fleece Jacket

~~\$37.75~~

**New price \$32.09**

This exceptionally soft, midweight fleece jacket will keep you warm during everyday excursions. Includes Ruritan logo on left chest



### #251 District Game Tee

~~\$17.75~~

**New price \$15.09**

This tee has a retro, game-day inspired look. 4.5-ounce, 60/40 combed ring spun cotton/poly, 32 singles. 1x1 rib knit neck. Tear-away label. Distressed printed stripes at sleeve. With Ruritan logo on full front.



### #252 Port Authority Ladies Plaid Flannel Jacket

~~\$37.75~~

**New price \$32.09**

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. Includes Ruritan logo on left chest.



### #253 Port Authority Plaid Flannel Shirt

~~\$37.75~~

**New price \$32.09**

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. Includes Ruritan logo on left chest.

Questions?

Call Customer Service at 1-800-414-8946  
or visit <http://www.shumskyideas.com/ruritan>

## Ruritan National Board of Directors Bylaws Committee Declaration of Intent

The Bylaws Committee of the Ruritan National Board of Directors is working on a new set of National Bylaws that will prepare the organization for the future. Our Bylaws started with a Constitution and Bylaws that evolved into Bylaws that have served us well for over 90 years, but now is the time to prepare for the next 100 years. The primary focus is to have Bylaws that will allow the Board and the organization to adapt to ever changing needs of our members, clubs, communities and districts. In 2007, our Constitution and Bylaws combined when the State of Virginia required Non-Profits to have Bylaws only.

The purpose of this Bylaws rewrite is to bring our National Bylaws in line with what our clubs and members want to do and are currently doing to address ever changing needs in our communities. This will give us the opportunity to provide a more open platform for our members to be engaged in preparing for the future direction of Ruritan.

The revised Bylaws will keep our traditions in place, but embrace flexibility for the future. This is essential for Ruritan to do if it is going to continue providing services to our communities of the future. This approach will allow us to remove all of the administrative, operational items currently in our Bylaws and put them into the District and Club Bylaws where they belong, allowing the Board to react quickly to the needs of the members and clubs. The National Bylaws should focus on the purpose and legal requirements of the organization instead of policies which provide day to day guidance. Ruritan currently faces a lot of challenges in our communities, and our club's needs sometimes conflict with our current Bylaws. This change will eliminate the conflict and allow us to provide more flexibility and adaptability for our members and clubs in order to meet the ever changing requirements of our communities in which we serve.

The new Bylaws will allow us to run things as we currently do but allow the organization to restructure as necessary for the benefit of Ruritan.

The Bylaws Committee has been listening and absorbing the input from our members and now the Committee is taking action to respond to your needs. As we move down the road to the future, we need to be prepared for the next 100 years of Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.

As always, the Ruritan National Bylaws Committee is here to serve you and your club and thank you for what you do in your community. Let's embrace our traditions while envisioning our future.

Yours in Ruritan Service,

*Dennis Bagnell*

*Carroll Lowe*

*George Brothers*



"We cannot seek achievement for  
ourselves and forget about  
progress and prosperity for our  
community...

Our ambitions must be broad  
enough to include the aspirations  
and needs of others, for their  
sakes and for our own."

-Cesar Chavez