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National Convention
January 6-9, 2022
Myrtle Beach
South Carolina

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2022 National Convention

Welcome to
the 90th Annual
Ruritan National
Convention
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Kingston Plantation
January 6-9, 2022

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January 18-22, 2023

2022 Ruritan National Convention

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National President's Message

It is a distinct honor for First Lady Anne and me to welcome you to South Carolina for the 2022 National Convention. We are excited that you are here to take part in this landmark (90th) Convention,

during Ruritan's 93rd year of existence. The South Carolina Embassy Suites by Hilton also welcomes you to enjoy their beautiful hotel and facilities. The Convention Center, where our programs will take place, and all classrooms are located on one floor (no stairs). Both have easy access from the hotel rooms.

During these uncertain times, the safety and well-being of our participants is first and foremost. Steps are being taken by your Convention Planning Committee, South Carolina Visitors Bureau, and Embassy Hotel Staff to assure your safety. Therefore, you have an opportunity to take full advantage of all the activities available with confidence. I invite all to take part in managing Ruritan business, celebrating our veterans, training workshops, some delicious meals, fellowship, and great entertainment.

We acknowledge and celebrate our First Timers to the convention and trust this will be a positive, lasting experience. Take note, they have a green ribbon on their name badge. Please greet each of them warmly.

Small ripples of respect can make a big difference. Take time to seek out your Ruritan National staff and thank them for their hard work, long hours, and their creativity to help make 2020 and 2021 successful years for Ruritans.

Our Convention Planning Chair Danny Privott, Co-Chair Stanley Turner, Executive Director Mike Chrisley, Deputy Director Sarah Kelly, Staff Convention Planner Craig Whitt, and all other Ruritan National Staff members are to be commended for

their outstanding work and dedication to make this a very special 2022 convention.

Because of the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, travel was limited, but we commend all Ruritans members for taking full advantage of virtual communication technology to unite our clubs and communities. As the world's leading community service organization, we feel a responsibility to use this time of uncertainty to think forward and become stronger.

Thank you all for coming out to make this 2022 Ruritan National Convention a memorable occasion.



*Did you know that an eagle
knows when a storm is
approaching long before
it breaks?*

*“The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait
for the winds to come.*

*When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind
will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the
storm rages below, the eagle is SOARING above it.*

*When the storm of life came upon us, like the eagle,
Ruritans rose above and rode the winds of the storm
that brought COVID-19, sickness, fear, failure, and
disappointment into our lives.*

*And like the eagle the Ruritan National Organization
will remain resilient and will SOAR in 2022 and on
into the future.”*

Coming Together is the Beginning.
Staying Together is Progress.
Working Together is Success.

*Linward Hedgspeth 2020 – 2021 Ruritan National President
and First Lady Anne.*



2022 Convention Program Chair's Message

Welcome to Myrtle Beach, SC the site of our 90th Ruritan National Convention, your Convention Committee has planned a memorable and awesome convention for you.

As we gather this year let us remember Ruritan's founders and their goal to make Ruritan the leading civic organization in America. Please take part in the planned activities, develop new friendships, and attend and participate in the workshops.

We will begin with a Memorial Service, an inspiring Vesper Service, Flag Ceremony / Veterans Service and close by honoring a Gold Star Family. We will wear Red, White or Blue on Friday to celebrate our veterans and we will honor our First Lady Anne with her own dinner and show. We will take care of the business of Ruritan by voting for the National candidates of our choice and on bylaws issues.

A very special welcome is extended to Ruritan National Convention "First Timers". "First Timers" will have a green ribbon on their name badge. Please be sure to make them welcome.

Enjoy the events and activities and please give President Linward and First Lady Anne a huge "Thank You" for their service to Ruritan the past two years. Thank you to Mike Chrisley, Sarah Kelly, Craig Whitt, the entire National Office Staff and your 2022 Convention Co-Chair, Stan Turner, for all their hard work to make this convention enjoyable and memorable for each of you. Your Welcoming Committee, South Carolina Ruritans and I look forward to seeing ALL of you at the beach!!

In Ruritan Service,
2017 National President and 2022 Convention Chair,
Danny Privott

2022 Convention Program Committee

Chair Danny Privott – 2017 National President

Co-Chair Stan Turner – 2019 National Director

Linward Hedgspeth– 2020 - 2021 National President

Jonathan LaFollette – President's Aide and

2019 National Director

Michael Chrisley – Executive Director

Myrtle Beach Welcome Message

On behalf of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to the 2022 Ruritan National Annual Convention. I thank you for choosing South Carolina's premiere destination for your visit.

I, along with the entire City of Myrtle Beach, pledge our full support to making your event and visit an outstanding and memorable time for all of your families and guests.

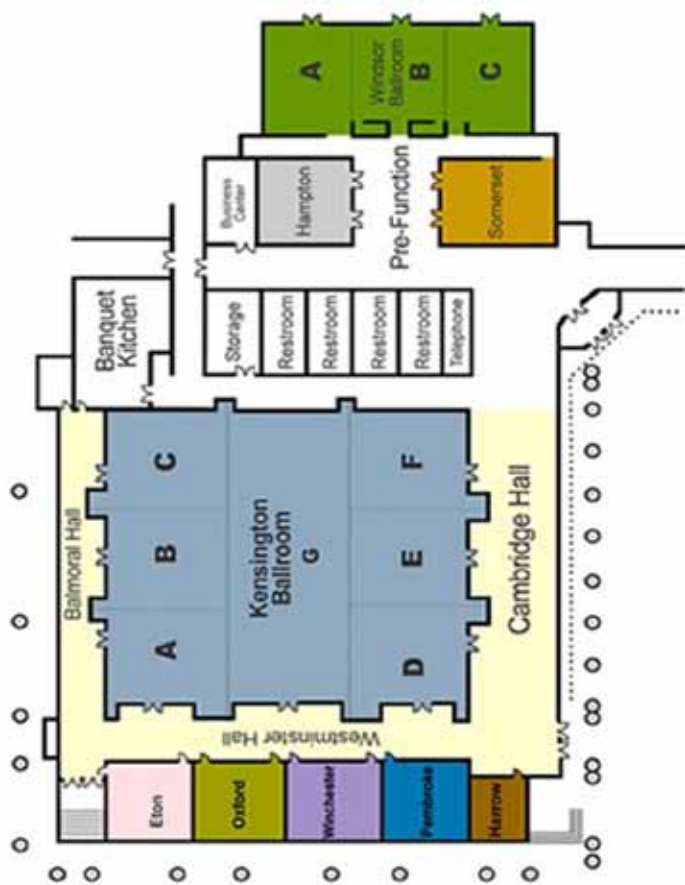
Regardless of your interests, the Myrtle Beach area is a special place to experience "pleasure without intemperance, hospitality without rudeness, and jollity without coarseness."

Thank you again for choosing our destination for your special event. If this is your first visit, then I'm confident you'll be pleased with the Grand Strand. If you are a returning visitor, then you already know that Myrtle Beach offers tremendous value and variety.

We appreciate your business and invite you to contact us with any assistance you might need to make your visit a success!



Karen Riordan President & CEO
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce & Myrtle
Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau



WEDNESDAY

Pre-Convention Meeting

Room TBD (Convention Center)

Executive Committee Meeting

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom B

Board of Directors Meeting

1 – 4 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom B

Candidate Certification Committee Meeting

5 – 6 p.m. (All candidates should attend)

Oxford Room

Chair Meeting with Thursday Participants

7 – 8 p.m.

Somerset Room

Reception and Fellowship Committee Meeting

7 – 8 p.m.

Oxford Room

Foundation Trustees Meeting

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Winchester Room

Sgt-at-Arms/Ambassador Committee Meeting

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Oxford Room

THURSDAY**2022 District Governors Breakfast with
President Elect Glen Broadwater**

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

Vista1 - Embassy Suites Breakfast Area

**2021 District Governors and Outgoing Board
Members Breakfast with National President
Linward Hedgpeth**

8 – 8:45a.m.

Vintage 12 - Embassy Suites Breakfast Area

Registration, Credentials, and Information Booth

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Ruritan Supply

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Exhibits

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Candidate Tables

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Foundation Silent Auction

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Windsor Ballrooms A & B

2022 District Governors Training

All 2022 Governors must attend

8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

At 10:45 a.m. District Growth and Development
Chairs should join this training.

Kensington Ballroom D

Association of Past National Presidents

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Pembroke Room

2022 District Governors Pictures

Any 2022 District Governor that did not have their picture taken at the Summer Leadership Conference must have theirs taken during this time.

12. – 12:30 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Chair Meeting with Friday Participants

1 – 2 p.m.

Somerset Room

Workshops

Club training workshops– Can be counted towards club officers training! These will repeat on Saturday. You only need to attend one time for credit.

Zone Governors – Ruritan's First Responders!!!

2 – 2:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom D

Cleve Wright

Zone Governors, like paramedics or health care workers, have a responsibility to closely monitor the health and vital signs of those clubs under their care. They need to be alert to any signs and symptoms of declining club health. Their quick response can make the difference between life and death of struggling clubs.

Ruritan Finances

2 – 2:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom E

Mike Chrisley, Sarah Kelly, and David Thompson

A conversation about the 2021 Financial picture as outlined in the Annual Report.

“Growing Ruritan’s Future”

2 – 2:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom F

Lynn Fillers, Patsy Shelton, and Becky Lane

Discuss the three programs that were passed at the August Board Meeting as well as the membership brochures that are available.

Future Candidates

2 – 2:50 p.m.

Pembroke Room

Cassandra Flanagan

Learn what is expected of an individual running for Ruritan National Office.

President/Vice President Leadership Training

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom D

Jayson Duncan

Now that I am the club leader (President), what am I going to do next? What do I need to know to be successful? The VP just sits in when the President is gone- right? Wrong, learn what the full responsibility of the VP is. It may surprise you!

Risk Management

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom E

Mike Chrisley & Sarah Kelly

Protecting the things that we hold important by identifying and then managing threats that could severely impact our organization and our reputation.

In The Know-Club Secretary Toolkit

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom F

Robin Davenport

The essential tools that each Club Secretary needs.

Treasurer Training

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Pembroke Room

David Thompson

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Flag Ceremony Practice

3 – 4 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom A – C & G

Bylaws Committee Meeting

3 – 4 p.m.

Oxford Room

Resolutions Committee Meeting

3 – 4 p.m.

Eton Room

Individual 2022 Lt. Governors Pictures

3 – 4 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Welcome for First Time Convention Attendees

3:30 – 4 p.m.

Nightwatch - Second Floor Embassy Suites

Bylaws Committee

Open to Receive Delegates

4 – 5 p.m.

Oxford Room

Resolutions Committee

Open to Receive Delegates

4 – 5 p.m.

Eton Room

THURSDAY

Opening and Flag Ceremony
Kensington Ballrooms A-C & G
5:30 p.m.

Presiding: 2022 Convention Program
Chair Danny Privott, 2017 National
President

Welcome

Danny Privott

America

Donna Poulton, National Director

Invocation

Patsy Shelton, National Director

Announcements

James Mill, National Secretary

Introduction of Past National Presidents

James Mills

Presentation of the National President

Danny Privott

*The president's escorts tonight are Calvin Shelton,
 Roger Peterson, and John Mininger.*

Welcome

Linward Hedgspeth, 2020-2021 National President

Memorial Service

Ryan Ogle, 2021 Cherokee District Chaplain

Vespers Service

Jeff Neese, 2019 Rocky Mt.-Durham District
 Governor

Flag Ceremony

Ron Reid, Flag Ceremony Chair

Veterans Speaker

George Lutz

Pledge

Isiah Wilson, 2019 Spartan District Governor

Retirement Celebration for Michael Chrisley

8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Nightwatch Room - Second Floor Embassy Suites

Michael Chrisley will be retiring from this post in March 2022. Mike has served as National Executive Director with integrity and accountability for nearly 16 years and has been employed with Ruritan National for over 40 years. His loyal and faithful contributions to Ruritan National will be greatly missed. Mike will continue to serve Ruritan in his local Ruritan club. National Treasurer David Thompson and National President Linward Hedgspeth will be hosting a RETIREMENT CELEBRATION. Please plan to join us after the opening ceremonies to celebrate Mike! You can drop by for refreshments and hor d'oeuvres and help us THANK Mike for his selfless service to Ruritan.

Caucus Rooms**

9 – 11:00 p.m.

Kensington Ballrooms E & F

**If the District Governor signs up.

FRIDAY

Information

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closed from 1 - 2 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Registration and Credentials

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closed from 1 – 2 p.m.

Delegate Certification ends at 12:00 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Ruritan Supply

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closed from 1 – 2 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Exhibits

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closed from 1 – 2 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Candidate Tables

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

All tables must be cleared off by 1 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

Foundation Silent Auction

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Windsor Ballrooms A & B

FRIDAY

Friday Business Meeting
Kensington Ballroom A – C & G
9:00 a.m.
Presiding: Linward Hedgspeth
2020-2021 National President

Welcome

Danny Privott, 2022 Convention Chair and 2017 National President

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Introduction of the National President (stand)

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Linward Hedgspeth

Credentials Committee First Report

Sandra Lowe, Chair

Introduction of Local Dignitary

Linward Hedgspeth

Dignitary Remarks

Karen Riordan, Myrtle Beach Area CVB

Report of the Nominating Committee

Millard Thacker, 2002 National President, Chair

Speeches by Candidates

Bylaws Items

Bylaws Committee

Ruritan National Foundation

Brent Wheeler, 2020-2021 Foundation President

Recognition of the 2020 Rudy Youth, Ruri-Teen and Ruritan of the Year winners

Presentation of Rudy Youth of the Year

Linward Hedgspeth and Ed Hicks,
Youth Committee Chair

Presentation of Ruri-Teen of the Year

Linward Hedgspeth and Ed Hicks

FRIDAY

Announcements

Recess

Linward Hedgspeth

NOTES:

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Fellowship Luncheon
Kensington Ballroom A – C & G
1 p.m.

Presiding: Sharon Outlaw, 2008 First Lady

Welcome

Sharon Outlaw

Introduction of DRM's, Ruritan of the Year, Ruri-Teen of the Year and Rudy Youth of the Year

Sharon Outlaw

Invocation

Laurie Guin, 2020 Cape Fear District G&D

Meal

Recognition of the Head Table

Sharon Outlaw

Introduction of Speaker

Marty Thacker, 2002 First Lady

Speaker

Ashley Edwards

Donation of Rudy Bears to

Caleb's Dragonfly Dreams

Cassandra Flanagan, P&R Committee Chair

Ken Paugh, and Paul Lewis

Announcements

James Mills, National Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Caden Edwards, Lillie Short, 2021 Ruri-Teen and
 2021 Rudy Youth of the Year

Voting

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Hampton Room

*The voting room will be open today from
 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. for those that wish to vote in
 person. You may also vote remotely on any device
 until 10 p.m.*

First Lady Anne's Outing
Medieval Times Dinner & Show
4:30 p.m.

Presiding: Sharon Outlaw, 2008 First Lady

Welcome

Sharon Outlaw

Presentation of First Lady (stand)

Marty Thacker, 2002 First Lady

****The First Lady's escorts are LaToya Hedgspeth (daughter-in-law) and Trisha Pittman.**

Recognition of Former First Spouses

Patsy Shelton, 2016 First Lady and National Director

Invocation

Laurie Guin, 2020 Cape Fear District G&D

Introduction of First Lady Anne Hedgspeth

LaToya Hedgspeth, Daughter-in-law

Remarks

Anne Hedgspeth

Meal and Show starts at 5 p.m.

Foundation Live Auction

8:30 - 10 p.m.

Windsor Ballroom A & B

Chair Meeting with Saturday Participants

9 - 10 p.m.

Somerset Room

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Registration and Information

8 – 10 a.m.

Cambridge Hall

Saturday Business Meeting

Kensington Ballroom A – C & G

9:00 a.m.

**Presiding: Linward Hedgspeth, 2020-2021
National President**

Welcome

Linward Hedgspeth

Credentials Committee Second Report

Sandra Lowe, Chair

Introduction of the National Board

Linward Hedgspeth

Recognition: Members with over 50 years

Recognition: Ruritan Forever Participants

Recognition: Golden Key Recipients

Recognition: Gold Community Service Clubs

Recognition: Outgoing Board and Committees

Membership Awards

District Growth Awards

Communication Awards

Other Awards

Ruritan National Foundation

Brent Wheeler, Foundation President

Treasurer's Report

David Thompson, National Treasurer

Secretary's Report

James Mills, National Secretary

Executive Director's Report

Michael Chrisley, Executive Director

Resolutions Committee

Becky Lane, National Director

SATURDAY

Bylaws Committee Report

Dennis Bagnell, Chair

Youth Committee Drawing

Ed Hicks, Chair

Wanted Contest Drawing

Growth Development and Member Retention

- a) 1 free registration and 2 nights stay - Kingsport TN, 2023 National Convention
- b) 1 free registration
- c) 1 free flat screen TV

2023 National Convention – Kingsport, TN

Calvin Shelton, 2023 Convention Program Chair/

2016 National President

Glen Broadwater, 2020-2021 President-Elect

Lara Potter, Kingsport CVB

Teller's Report and Election Results

Sandra Lowe

Declaration of Election Results

Linward Hedgspeth

New Business

Announcements

James Mills

Pledge

2021 Ruritan of the Year

SATURDAY

Workshops

Club training workshops -Can be counted towards club officers training! These are a repeat of Thursday's office training workshops. You only need to attend one time for credit.

How to Have a Dynamic District Convention!

1 – 1:50 p.m.

Eton Room

Melody Davis

Need help planning your district convention?? Don't know where to start?? Need new and different ideas to help keep the excitement?? Well, you've come to the right place. Sit back and relax and hear all about it. Join in the discussion and share your stories with the group.

President/Vice President Leadership Training

1 – 1:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom D

Jayson Duncan

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Ruritan's Future Organization

1 – 1:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom E

James Mills

Where will Ruritan be in 5, 10, or 20 years? The answer lies in the past and in the future. During this breakout session participants will explore the history of Ruritan's growth, development, and member retention results and be asked; Is the current national organization model still required given the modern communication methods we employ today? Does the current club and member count support the size of the national organization? By posing these questions and examining the facts, it may be easier to imagine what a new direction for Ruritan might look like.

In The Know-Club Secretary Toolkit

1 – 1:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom F

Robin Davenport

The essential tools that each Club Secretary needs.

How to Become an MMS Navigator**Basics for Beginners**

1 – 1:50 p.m.

Oxford Room

Linda Krause

Can using a computerized member management system be low stress and maybe even fun? Find out in this workshop designed to help MMS newbies master the fundamental skills for getting started and learning to navigate through finding and using the most frequently used features. If possible, bring a personal device for getting online, but devices are not required.

Treasurer Training

1 – 1:50 p.m.

Pembroke Room

David Thompson

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Award Winners Pictures

1 – 2 p.m.

Cambridge Hall

St. Jude No More Cancer Rally

2 – 3 p.m.

Windsor Ballrooms

Complete fundraising challenges for prizes

Workshops

Ruritan Foundation

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Eton Room

Foundation Trustees

Learn about your foundation and the many ways you can participate!

“A Growth Town Hall”

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom D

Lynn Fillers, Patsy Shelton & Rebecca Lane

An open discussion with clubs that have grown and see what ideas they can give other clubs

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3:00 – 3:50 p.m.

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SATURDAY

The Value of Rudy Bear

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Kensington Ballroom F

Cassandra Flanagan, Ken Paugh, and Paul Lewis

Testimonials and stories of how Rudy Bears have touched the lives of children and patients across the nation.

Advanced MMS Training—Myrtle Beach Style

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Oxford Room

Linda Krause

Hit the indoor beach for a total internet surfing adventure through MMS. Waves of pages provide tools and features for managing all things Ruritan online. Plan to explore them all. Bring your own personal internet surfing device for a hands-on experience or just plan to sit back and enjoy the relaxing surfer exhibition.

Identifying Community Needs

3 – 3:50 p.m.

Pembroke Room

Charlie Bowman

Have you taken a look at your neighborhood lately and see what you could have in the future? Do you see those that you could help? What would you like to see changed in the future of your community? Let's talk about it.

2022 Board of Directors Pictures

5:15 p.m.

Location TBD

Installation Banquet
Kensington Ballroom A – C & G
6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
Presiding: Wayne Outlaw
2008 National President

Welcome

Wayne Outlaw

Invocation

Pasty Shelton, National Director

Meal

Presentation of Head Table

Wayne Outlaw

Outgoing President Remarks

Linward Hedgpeth

Installation of 2022 Officers

Calvin Shelton, 2016 National President

Ruritan National Foundation Remarks

Installation of 2022 National President

Calvin Shelton

2022 National President Address

Glen Broadwater

Announcements

James Mills, National Secretary

Pledge to the Flag

Xander and Brody Kingery, Madeline and
Connor McKinney

Introduction of Entertainment

Wayne Outlaw

Entertainment

Landau Eugene Murphy Jr.

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Ruritan Worship Service
Kensington Ballroom A-C
7:30 a.m.
Doors open at 7:15 a.m.

Prelude Music Welcome

Hymn (all stand)

“When we Walk with the Lord”

Prayer

Message

Filled with Joy

Lesson Scripture

John 15: 10-12

Hymn (all stand)

“Amazing Grace”

Benediction

Worship Leader

Chaplain Ron Tomlin, Retired Navy Chaplain/2021

Peaks of Otter District Zone Governor

Opening Prayer Rev, Larris Tolson, Roanoke

District Chaplain

Pianist

Alton Free, 2021 Spartan District Treasurer

Song Leader

Donna Jo Poulton, National Director

Head Ushers

Bobby Wrenn, 1978 National President

George Holliday, 2021 Roanoke District Foundation
Chair

SUNDAY

Responsibilities of a Delegate

As a club delegate, you have the responsibility of representing your club in matters that affect the entire Ruritan organization. Your duties as a delegate include:

1. Declaring your delegate status by registering with the Credentials Committee.
2. Attending business meetings.
3. Becoming familiar with the National Convention Standing Rules which are published in this program booklet.
4. Voting as you see fit on questions at the convention except as your club may have instructed you with regards to particular matters scheduled for consideration.
5. Presenting a report to your club concerning what transpired at the convention.

The Ruritan National business meetings will take place on Friday, January 7 and Saturday, January 8, 2022. Please see the official business portion of this program booklet. National Officers, National Directors, and a Foundation Trustee will be elected.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

The next 7 pages contain the official agenda of the 2022 Ruritan National Business Meeting and the Standing Rules of the National Convention. Ruritan delegates will approve this portion of the agenda as the first item of business when they convene Friday.

**90th ANNUAL CONVENTION
RURITAN NATIONAL
January 7, 2022
Friday Business Meeting
Kensington Ballroom A – C & G
9:00 a.m.
Presiding: Linward Hedgspeth
2020-2021 National President**

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Youth Committee Chair

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Linward Hedgspeth

Announcements

James Mills, National Secretary

Recess

Linward Hedgspeth

90th ANNUAL CONVENTION

RURITAN NATIONAL

January 8, 2022

Saturday Business Meeting

Kensington Ballroom A – C & G

9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Linward Hedgspeth

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AGENDA

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Pledge - 2021 Ruritan of the Year

CONVENTION STANDING RULES

Rule 1. Delegate Certification:

- a) Delegates of the National Convention shall attest that their club has certified them as a delegate on their registration form. Delegates will be assigned based on the order the registrations are received and until the allocated number of delegates for the club has been filled. An Alternate may be transferred to a delegate upon proper clearance by the Credentials Committee.
- b) At the beginning of each business meeting the Registration/Credentials Committee will present the registration and credentials report.

Rule 2. Admission:

For admission to the assembly hall and all Ruritan activities, all attendees will be required to wear the appropriate badge issued by the Registrations/Credential Committee.

Rule 3. Debate:

- a) Any delegate addressing the chair must identify himself or herself by name, club affiliation or officer held if a Delegate-at-large
- b) No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, or longer than two minutes without permission of the convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate

Rule 4. Certification:

Each Convention delegate shall be certified only one time. Each certified delegate will be allowed only one (1) vote on each matter before the National Convention.

Rule 5. Conduct of Delegates:

During the business meetings, delegates should, to the extent possible, be seated and keep the aisles clear. All cell phones and/or other types of electronic devices shall either be turned off or placed in a silent mode.

Rule 6. Nominations for Office:

Nominees for each office to be filled by the convention shall be limited to one nomination speech of two minutes each.

Rule 7. Voting:

- a) All voting shall be held in accordance with the Bylaws of Ruritan National. The total number of votes for any office will be the number of votes recorded.
- b) A quorum shall consist of 50% plus 1 of all delegates in attendance.

Rule 8. National Bylaws Amendments:

- a) All proposed amendments to the Ruritan National Bylaws shall be referred to the Convention Bylaws Committee.
- b) Any active Ruritan member may present proposed changes to the Bylaws of Ruritan National to the Convention Bylaws Committee. The member shall provide the committee in writing, preferably electronic copy, a copy of each proposed change.
- c) At a business session before the official vote, time shall be allowed for discussion of proposed bylaws changes identified on the ballot.

Rule 9. Convention Resolutions:

- a) All proposed Convention Resolutions shall be referred to the Convention Resolutions Committee.

- b) Any active Ruritan member may present proposed Convention Resolutions to the Convention Resolutions Committee. The member shall provide the committee in writing, preferably electronic copy, a copy of each proposed resolution.
- c) The Convention Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention, with the Committee's own recommendations as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the committee, except questions which by a vote of two-thirds of its members may decide not to report.
- d) Courtesy Resolutions need only to be summarized and not read in their entirety.
- e) The convention delegates, by a majority vote, may suspend this Rule and immediately consider a question, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a question at a certain time, even if the Committee has voted not to report it.

Rule 10. Reports:

All reports and other material for the permanent record shall be in writing, (preferably electronic copy) and, immediately upon presentation, shall be sent to the Secretary.

Rule 11. Announcements:

Notices for announcements to the convention shall be in writing, signed by the person (or proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued and shall be sent to the Secretary.

Rule 12. Solicitations:

There will be no solicitations at the National Convention unless previously approved by the National Board of Directors. Members will not be assessed for any purpose.

Rule 13. Campaigning:

Campaigning by future candidates for Ruritan National Offices (i.e., handing out literature/ brochures) will not occur until after election results are announced.

Rule 14. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained within Ruritan National Bylaws and these standing rules shall govern this convention in all cases. In the absence of guidance in the Ruritan National Bylaws and these standing rules the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order will apply.

**END OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING
AGENDA AND STANDING RULES OF THE
NATIONAL CONVENTION**

General Information

There are no 2021 National Convention Official Minutes because of the cancellation of the Convention.

Information

Cambridge Hall

Thursday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closed from 1 – 2 p.m.

Saturday: 8 – 10 a.m.

NOTE: All meetings and events will be held in the Embassy Suites Conference Center and the Medieval Times Dinner & Show unless otherwise specified.

Registration and Credentials

Cambridge Hall

Thursday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closed from 1 – 2 p.m.

Saturday: 8 -10 a.m.

Delegate Certification ends at 12 p.m. on Friday

Voting

Hampton Room

Friday: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

***Announcements:
If you need an announcement to be made from the podium during a meeting or meal, please complete the Announcement Form available at the Ruritan Information Booth.***

Exhibits

Cambridge Hall

Thursday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closed from 1 – 2 p.m.

Candidate Tables

Cambridge Hall

Thursday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

All tables must be cleared off by 1 p.m.

Reception and Fellowship

Members of the Reception and Fellowship Committee from the Columbia and Spartan Districts will be in the lobby of the Embassy Suites on Thursday and Friday to greet and offer assistance to Ruritans as they arrive.

Security

In the interest of safety and your security, all activities at this convention will be controlled. Access will be limited to registered convention attendees. Attendees will be required to show their official convention registration name badge at all times. This includes business meetings, exhibits, workshops, and meals. Our convention Ambassadors have been instructed to enforce this policy. Please cooperate with them. They are working in your best interest and for your personal safety.

Cell Phones and Other Devices

Please be courteous to presenters and fellow attendees. Turn off or silence your cell phone and other electronic devices while in educational and plenary sessions.

Welcome First Time Convention Attendees First time attendees at our National Convention will have a **green ribbon** printed on their name badge. Please make them feel welcome.

Recognize our Military Veterans

Ruritan military veterans attending this convention will have printed ribbons on their name badges designating their branch of service. Take a minute to thank them for the freedoms we enjoy today. If you are a veteran and you don't have a ribbon printed on your name badge, you may get one at Registration.

Ruritans with 50 Years or More Service Ruritans with membership of 50 years or more will have special printed ribbons on their name Badge and will be recognized at the Saturday morning business meeting. Please take a seat in the specially designated section. See an Ambassador for details. If the ribbon was not printed on your name badge, you may get one at Registration.

Other Displays – Don't Miss These!

Throughout the public areas of the Embassy Suites Conference Center, you will find Communication Award winners, Ruritan History Boards, and Candidate Tables. Be sure and visit all of these important displays.

Smoking Policy

The Embassy Suites Myrtle Beach is a non-smoking facility; smoking is not permitted inside the hotel or conference center and smoking is not permitted within twenty feet of the entrances and exits of the hotel/conference center. If someone smokes inside a guest room, there is a minimum \$250 cleaning fee.

2022 Workshops

Educational workshops will be held on Thursday and Saturday afternoons.

2021 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee

President

Linward Hedgspeth – Rougemont, NC

President Elect

Glen Broadwater – Nicklesville, VA

Secretary

James M. Mills, Jr. – Dallas, GA

Treasurer

David Thompson – Dinwiddie, VA

2019 Ruritan President

Larry Cassell – Jefferson, MD

Executive Director, Advisor

Michael Chrisley – Dublin, VA

Third Year Directors

Dennis Bagnell – Clear Brook, VA

Lynn Fillers – Newport, TN

Cassandra Flanagan – Delray, WV

Susan Greisz – Edinburg, VA *

Ed Hicks – Lovington, VA

Donna Poulton – Belton, SC

Timothy Spitler – Hertford, NC

*Term January 2021 – January 2022

Second Year Directors

David Hartgrove – Gate City, VA

Carroll Lowe – Millers Creek, NC (*deceased 9/20/21*)

Ken Paugh – Keyser, WV

Patsy Shelton – Greeneville, TN

Roy Wallen – Lenoir, TN

Cleve Wright – Williamsburg, VA

Mike Wright – Robertsville, OH

First Year Directors

George Brothers – Durham, NC
Melody Davis – Virgilina, VA
David Hogan – Lawsonville, NC
Joe Jaynes – Greeneville, TN
Steve Kidwell – Knoxville, MD
Becky Lane – McGaheysville, VA
Paul Lewis – Moorefield, WV

2021 FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Brent Wheeler, President
O.H. Bobbitt, III, Vice President
Graham Bryant, Secretary
Phillip Bradshaw, Treasurer
Guy Cox, Promotion Chair

2022 CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Convention Program Committee

Danny Privott – 2017 National President – Chair
Stan Turner – 2019 National Director – Co-Chair
Linward Hedgspeth – 2020-2021 National President
Jonathan Lafollette – President's Aide/2019 National Director
Michael Chrisley – Executive Director

Registration and Credentials

Sandra Lowe – Brushy Mountain Club Treasurer – Chair
Debi Davis – 2002 Piedmont District Governor – Co-Chair
Denise Bagnell – Stonewall District Club Member
Diane Hartgrove – Southwest VA District LDC
Brenda Wallen – Eaton Club Treasurer
Kathy Wright – Little Sandy Creek Club Member

Flag Ceremony

Ron Reid, 2021 Rocky Mt.-Durham District Secretary – Chair
Ken Paugh, National Director

Presidential Appointments

Carrying the North Carolina Flag

Roger Peterson, 2021 Cape Fear District Governor

Carrying the American Flag

O.H. Bobbitt, III, 2021 Foundation Vice President

Carrying the Ruritan Flag

Glen Broadwater, 2020-2021 National President Elect

Torch Bearer

Grover Burkett, 2015 National Director

Tina Brothers, Bethesda NC Club Member

Debbie Parish, Corapeake and Gates Club Member

Sergeant-at-Arms/Ambassadors

Mike Kirsch, 2002 National Director – Chair

Terry Call, 2016 National Director – Co-Chair

2021 District Governors

2022 District Governors

President's Escorts

Opening Ceremony:

John Mininger, 2021 Rocky Mt.-Durham District Zone Governor

Roger Peterson, 2021 Cape Fear District Governor

Calvin Shelton, 2016 National President

Friday Business Session:

Clay Byrum, 2014 National Director

Neil Guin, 2021 Cape Fear District G&D Chair

Buck Pittman, 2019 West Mount Club President

Andy Turner, 2021 Piedmont District Treasurer

Installation Banquet:

Daryl Hedgspeth, Rougemont Club Member

Eric Hedgspeth, Rougemont Club Member

LaToya Hedgspeth, Rougemont Club Member

Stanley Hedgspeth

Reception and Fellowship

Danny Phillips, Spartan District Governor – Chair
Columbia and Spartan Districts

Nominating Committee

Millard Thacker, 2002 National President – Chair
Bobby Burton, 2015 National President
Frank Kinsey, 2014 National Director
Gary Olinger, 2018 National Director
Danny Phillips, 2019 National Director

Convention Workshop

Cleve Wright, National Director – Chair
Melody Davis, National Director
Susan Greisz, National Director
Dorothy Brown, 2021 Ohio District Governor
Martha Byrum, 2021 Holland District Newsletter Editor
Glen Broadwater, 2020-2021 President Elect /Ex-Officio

Resolutions

Becky Lane, National Director – Chair
Barry Sides, 2021 Dan River District G&D Chair
Leslie Gentry, 2021 Western North Carolina G&D Chair

Bylaws

Dennis Bagnell, National Director – Chair
George Brothers, National Director
Glen Broadwater, 2020-2021 President Elect /Ex-Officio

Parliamentarian

TBD

Organist/Pianist

Alton Free, 2021 Spartan District Treasurer

Publicity and Public Relations

Cassandra Flanagan, National Director – Chair

Ken Paugh, National Director

Paul Lewis, National Director

Glen Broadwater, 2020-2021 President Elect /Ex-Officio

Advancement Committee Awards

Tim Spitler, National Director – Chair

Roy Wallen, National Director

Steve Kidwell, National Director

Glen Broadwater, 2020-2021 President Elect /Ex-Officio

Past National Conventions

1932	Suffolk, VA	1977	Mobile, AL
1933	Suffolk, VA	1978	Washington, DC
1934	Petersburg, VA	1979	Cincinnati, OH
1935	Petersburg, VA	1980	St. Louis, MO
1936	Petersburg, VA	1981	New Orleans, LA
1937	Richmond, VA	1982	Orlando, FL
1938	Richmond, VA	1983	Atlanta, GA
1939	Richmond, VA	1984	Nashville, TN
1940	Richmond, VA	1985	Washington, DC
1941	Richmond, VA	1986	Louisville, KY
1942	Richmond, VA	1987	Orlando, FL
1943	Richmond, VA	1988	Cincinnati, OH
1944	Richmond, VA	1989	Virginia Beach, VA
1945	Richmond, VA	1990	Nashville, TN
1946	Elizabeth City, NC	1991	Louisville, KY
1947	Durham, NC	1992	Kansas City, MO
1948	Roanoke, VA	1993	Little Rock, AR
1949	Roanoke, VA	1994	Charlotte, NC
1950	Myrtle Beach, SC	1995	Mississippi Beach,
1951	Roanoke, VA	1996	Louisville, KY
1952	Asheville, NC	1997	Greensboro, NC
1953	Richmond, VA	1998	Orlando, FL
1954	Washington, DC	1999	Indianapolis, IN
1955	Washington, DC	2000	Myrtle Beach, SC
1956	Atlanta, GA	2001	Chattanooga, TN
1957	Richmond, VA	2002	Lexington, KY
1958	New Orleans, LA	2003	Norfolk, VA
1959	Washington, DC	2004	Winston-Salem, NC
1960	Louisville, KY	2005	Jacksonville, FL
1961	Washington, DC	2006	Chattanooga, TN
1962	Miami, FL	2007	Louisville, KY
1963	Atlantic City, NJ	2008	Nashville, TN
1964	New Orleans, LA	2009	Myrtle Beach, SC
1965	Philadelphia, PA	2010	Virginia Beach, VA
1966	Jekyll Island, GA	2011	Knoxville, TN
1967	Cleveland, OH	2012	Raleigh, NC
1968	Virginia Beach, VA	2013	Covington, KY
1969	Jekyll Island, GA	2014	Branson, MO
1970	New Orleans, LA	2015	Greensboro, NC
1971	Memphis, TN	2016	Jacksonville, FL
1972	New York, NY	2017	Kingsport, TN
1973	Atlanta, GA	2018	Charleston, SC
1974	Tampa, FL	2019	Hampton, VA
1975	Chicago, IL	2020	Kingsport, TN
1976	Philadelphia, PA	2021	Cancelled

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Candidate

National President Elect

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CLUB: Member of Lovington-Rockfish Ruritan Club since 1987; served as President, Vice President and Treasurer, President's Gold Key, 30 member bar.

DISTRICT: Zone Governor (2009, 2014 -15); District Lt. Governor 2016; District Governor 2017; Website Coordinator; Growth & Development Chair 2018-19; Leadership Development Coordinator 2020; Association of Virginia Ruritans, Past Director.

NATIONAL: National Director 2018-2020; Delegate, National Conventions; Sgt at Arms, Flag Ceremony; served on National Youth Committee and Youth Camp; National Workshop Presenter; Leadership Conference; Tom Downing Fellow.

EDUCATION: Lakeland High School; Lee University; Northwestern University.

OCCUPATION: Prosthetics and Orthotics; Certified Orthotist, Certified Pedorthist, University of Virginia (retired)

OTHER: Adventure Camp, Inc. Board/Staff Member; Lovington Village Association Board Member; Nelson County Parade Association Treasurer; AOPA member, ABC Committee member;

US Department of Labor (O*Net) Data Collection Program; University of Virginia Community Service Award; member Monroe Church of God, Teacher, Choir member, Soloist, Church and Pastors Council; married to Camille; 7 children, 23 grandchildren.

Candidate

National President Elect

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CLUB: Member King William (VA) Ruritan Club; served as Club Vice President (2003); Club President (2004, 2008, 2016, 2020); Member Eastern Henrico (VA) Ruritan Club; served as Club Vice President (2015); Club President (2016). Tom Downing recipient and Ruritan Forever.

DISTRICT: Zone Governor 2010; District Lt. Governor 2011; District Governor 2012; District Director 2013-15; District Youth Coordinator 2014-2020.

NATIONAL: National Director 2014-2017 (1 year reappointment by National President); member National Youth Committee; Sergeant at Arms Co-Chair 2012, 2014; Sergeant at Arms Chair 2015-2017; National Youth Camp.

EDUCATION: King William High School; Richmond Technical Center, Electrical and HVAC/R

OCCUPATION: Worked in electrical field for 8 years; employed at Commonwealth of Virginia for 26 years.

OTHER: Enjoy assisting in fundraising activities for church, scouts and youth sports; enjoy the outdoors and my dog, Patty.

Candidate

National Secretary

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CLUB: Member of Hiram Ruritan Club, Hiram GA from 1992-2002; Charter member of the Paulding Ruritan Club in 2002 and Charter member of the County Line Ruritan Club in 2003. Over these 30 years, I have served in every office at the club level.

DISTRICT: Served as Zone Governor for a total of 15 years, between 1996 and the present, in my home Zone (1) of the GA / North AL District (24); Served the Georgia / North Alabama District (24) as Leadership Development Coordinator 10 years; District Secretary 3 years; District Lt. Governor in 1998 and District Governor in 1999; District Ruritan of the Year in 2007.

NATIONAL: Attended 26 National Conventions and served on the Sgt-at-Arms Committee, as a workshop presenter, in the Flag Ceremony, and served on the Convention Planning Committee in 2010. In 2011, served as the President's Aide Convention; Elected National Director in 2002, and had assignments as District Director to my home district, as well as the Alabama-Florida and Cherokee Districts and the Central Florida Area. I was Chair of the National Leadership Development Committee in 2004. I have served as National Secretary since 2013 and I am a Ruritan Forever.

EDUCATION: Smiths Station High School, Smiths AL (1979); Phillips College, Columbus, GA (1982) with an AA Degree in Data Processing.

OCCUPATION: Procurement Department Manager for the Marine Business Unit at Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA. I have been with Yamaha since 1988, in several other positions including Regional Technical Advisor, District Service Representative, National Service Manager and Information Systems Analyst.

OTHER: I am married to Vicky for 41 years and we have two sons, James III (wife, Jamie and grandsons, Jasper and Hudson), and Richard. We enjoy boating, fishing and camping. From 2006 - 2016, I served as the CFO for our church, Cross Walk Chapel (a non-denominational Christian Church) in Hiram, GA.

NOTES:

Candidate

National Treasurer

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CLUB: Joined Dinwiddie (VA) Club in 2002; Fundraising Chair; Membership Committee; Nominations Committee; Audit Committee; Dinwiddie Steak Festival Chair (2004-Present); Board of Directors (2003-2005); Vice President 2 years (2005 & 2010) & President 2 years (2006 & 2011). Zone 1 Ruritan of the Year (2013); Other Club Memberships: Red Oak (VA) 2015-present; Brookneal-21st Century (VA), Charter Member (2017-present); LaCrosse-Bracey (VA) (2012-2016) Secretary/Treasurer.

DISTRICT: Appomattox District Zone 1 Governor (2007-2010);

Zone 1 Lt. Governor (2011-2012); District Lt. Governor (2012);

District Governor (2013-2014); District Governor Training (2013-2014); Chair-Publicity/Newsletter (2007-Present); 1st Place, District Newsletter Media Award (2013); District Convention Committee; Audit Committee; Spring Rally Committee and Leadership Conference (2012-2014).

NATIONAL: National Treasurer (2018-Present), serving on Executive Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; National Director (2015-2017), assigned to Bylaws Committee; Club Treasurer Workshop (2020); Bylaws Workshop (2015-2017); National Convention Resolutions Committee (2015); District Governor Training (2013-2014); Sgt. at Arms-National Convention (2013-2014); Bylaws presentations and workshops, Leadership Conference (2015-2016); Tom Downing Fellow.

EDUCATION: Dinwiddie High School (Advanced Diploma); Richard Bland College (A.S); Kansas State University (B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies) and Mountain Empire College (Geographic Information Systems, GIS Certification).

OCCUPATION: Employed with the City of Hopewell (VA) as the Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager; Former Law Enforcement Officer (14 years) and Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator (7 years) with 25+ years’ experience in Local Government.

OTHER: Member of Crawford United Methodist Church, (Finance Committee & Audit Committee); Petersburg/Dinwiddie Crime Solvers Board Member (2004-Present); Dinwiddie Volunteer

Rescue Squad, EMT-ST (1983-1990); Wife, Jody, and I have two wonderful children (Kelly, age 31, and proud graduate of William and Mary; and Scott, age 26, and proud graduate of Bridgewater College).

NOTES:

Candidate

National Director

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CLUB: Member of Central Chesterfield club; Club Secretary 2013; Club Vice President 2015, Club President 2016-17.

DISTRICT: Lt. Zone Governor 2018; Zone Governor 2019; District Lt. Governor 2020-21.

NATIONAL: Motivational speaker at 2020 Leadership Conference.

EDUCATION: Graduated Grundy Senior High School, Grundy VA; Clinch Valley College (now UVA-Wise) Wise VA, BA in Modern Foreign Language (French); Toastmasters International – Competent Toastmaster (CTM) Area Governor; Graduate Dale Carnegie Human Relations Course; Defense Language Institute, East Coast.

OCCUPATION: Snap-On Tools Dealer/Field Manager; Mac Tools Distributor/District Manager; Commercial Real Estate Broker.

OTHER: Enjoy travel, reading, languages, ventriloquism; member Life Long Learning Institute

Candidate

National Director

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CLUB: Member, Parrottsville (TN) Ruritan Club; served as Club President (2 terms), Club Vice President (3 terms); awarded Outstanding Club President; Club Ruritan of the Year, Perfect Attendance (17 yrs.); President's Gold Key Award.

DISTRICT: Served as Zone Governor (5 terms); Youth Coordinator (3 terms); Lt. Governor (2006, 2016, 2020); District Governor (2007, 2017); Tennessee Rally Commissioner.

NATIONAL: Delegate to National Convention (11 times); Governors Leadership Conference (2006, 2017); Flag Ceremony (2006, 2016); National Board of Directors (2018-2020).

EDUCATION: B.S. Degree in Agricultural Science, Tennessee Tech University

OCCUPATION: Shipping Coordinator, Lisega Inc.

OTHER: Member, Salem Lutheran Church; two children, Olivia and Ken; married to Della Sue Belt.

Candidate

National Director

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CLUB: Member Linville-Edom (VA) club 1980-81; Member East Orange (VA) club 1981-present; served as Club President (5 yrs), Club Vice President (5 yrs), Club Secretary (6 yrs) and Club Treasurer (6 yrs); committee member and/or chair.

DISTRICT: District Governor (2001, 2010 and 2018); District Lt. Governor (2000, 2009, 2017 and 2020); Leadership Development Coordinator 2007-09); Zone Governor (1988, 1998 and 1999); Certified Club Trainer; AVR Registrar 2011; AVR Vice President 2019.

NATIONAL: Attended 22 National Conventions and 14 Summer Leadership Workshops; Speaker and/or presenter at National Conventions and Summer Leadership Workshops; National Director 2010-2012; Member National Leadership Committee; Ruritan Forever 2014; Tom Downing 2016; Chairman, National Nominating Committee 2018; National Board Song Leader 2011 and 2012.

EDUCATION: Montevideo High School; U.S. Army Engineer

School, Fort Belvoir; ICS Graduate; additional education at BRCC,

Germanna Community College and Madison College

OCCUPATION: Engineer, Dominion Virginia Power (41 yrs., retired); U.S. Army Veteran 1963-1966

OTHER: Presently and/or formerly Chairman of the Board, PPR, Lay Reader, Sunday School Teacher, Finance Chairman, Treasurer, Choir Member and Soloist, Bethlehem UMC; Past County Rep for Youth Commission; Past Chairman, County March of Dimes; Current Board Member Local Food Bank; Forman, Habitat for Humanity; Married 50 wonderful years to wife, Joyce (passed 2018); sons Michael and David, six grandchildren.

NOTES

Candidate

National Director

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CLUB: Member East Roane County (TN) Ruritan Club for 17 years; served as Director, Vice President, President (4 times); awarded Outstanding Club President 2016, 2017, 2018; Ruritan of the Year 2017.

DISTRICT: Zone Governor (2017); Lt. Zone Governor (2018); Publicity Chair (2017-19); Lt. Governor (2019); District Governor (2020; District Ruritan of the Year (2017).

NATIONAL: Youth Leadership Conference Chaperone (2016-19); Summer Leadership Conference (2019);

EDUCATION: Tusculum University, BA in Physical Education K-12; Tusculum University MA in Curriculum & Instruction.

OCCUPATION: Loudon County Schools, Health Educator 2018-present; North Panthers Football Coach 2017-present.

OTHER: Bradbury United Methodist Church (attended 29 yrs, member since 2009); Lay Leader, Trustee, VBS Teacher, Sunday School Teacher, Nursery Volunteer, Young Adult Coordinator; mission trips to Alaska, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Candidate

National Director

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CLUB: Member, Augusta Road (SC) Ruritan Club; Current Treasurer, Past President, Treasurer, Board Member Chair- Environmental Committee, Chair- South Greenville Farmer's Market, Member of Scholarship Committee, Song Leader and Program Chair

DISTRICT: Current Lt Governor of Spartan District- past Governor and Lt Governor- served on nominating committee, youth committee

NATIONAL: Completing last year as National Director having served the Columbia and Georgia-North Alabama Districts; Current Chair of the Publications Committee; Served as Song Leader for the 2020 National Convention

EDUCATION: Oakwood Christian School (HS); Clemson University, B.A. Elementary Education; Liberty University, Business Administration Certificate

OCCUPATION: Procurement Specialist, Vulcan Materials Company; Employed 34 years- started career as a truck driver in the quarry and worked my way up to my current position.

OTHER: Member Big Creek Baptist Church; Member South Carolina Aggregates Association-Education Committee; Former Youth Director; Sunday School Teacher, VBS Teacher, Church Council Member and Choir Director at Cedar Shoals Baptist Church- Belton, SC; Married to Danny (34 years); two sons, Dale (wife-Susan) and JD; two grandsons, Justin and Hunter; Fur child, Brutus; and Fur-Grands Chopper, Rebel, and Levi.

Candidate

National Director

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CLUB: Member Round Hill Ruritan Club since 2013; served as Director 2014-present; Chair, Social Development Committee 2015-present; Advisor, Roaring Round Hill Ruri-Teen Club.

DISTRICT: District Governor 2020; Lt. District Governor 2019; Zone 1 & 2 Governor 2016-18.

NATIONAL: Sargent-at-Arms, National Convention

EDUCATION: Herndon High School

OCCUPATION: Foreman 2, Amtrak Railroad; Mechanical Supervisor (27 yrs.); Carman apprenticeship (3 yrs.)

OTHER: Co-founder Bikers-4-Bikes; Charter member STAR Touring & Riding; President, Chapter 200 STAR Touring & Riding; Salvation Army Advisory Board; Frederick County Fair Director-at-Large; married to Pearl Underwood.

Candidate

National Director

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CLUB: Member of Mountain View NC club (2004-10), served as Club Secretary, Vice President and Director; member of Meadow Creek since 2010, have served as Club President (2013), Club Secretary (2014-present) and Club Reporter.

DISTRICT: Served as Zone Governor (2 terms), District Lt. Governor, District Governor, District Secretary, District Directory Chair, Fundraising Chair, Convention Chair, Publications Chair.

NATIONAL: Flag Ceremony participant

EDUCATION: University of Maryland, Business Administration; Community College of the Air Force, AAS Paralegal; Alamance Community College, AAS Criminal Justice Technology; Blackstone School of Law, Paralegal/Legal Assistant.

OCCUPATION: United States Air Force (retired), Senior Master Sergeant, Command Paralegal Manager; North Carolina Department of Justice, Attorney Generals Office (retired), Senior Paralegal.

OTHER: Ruritan Forever; Master Mason 32nd Degree, Bula Lodge 409, Burlington NC; Shriner, Amran Temple, Burlington Shrine Club; North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star, Past Worthy Patron, Past District Deputy Grand Worthy Patron, Past Grand Representative to Australia; North Carolina Order of the Amaranth, Royal Patron, Grand Representative to the State of Washington; Member Belmont United Methodist Church.

Candidate

National Director One Year Unexpired Term

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CLUB: Member, Stonewall District (VA) Ruritan Club (31 yrs. perfect attendance); Club President (1993, 2008); Vice President (1992, 2007); Treasurer (1991); Chair, Environment Committee, Business & Professions Committee; Director (multiple years); also served on Audit Committee; Club Ruritan of the Year 2012.

DISTRICT: Lt. Governor 2013; District Governor 2014, 2017; District Secretary 2015; taught club vice president class.

NATIONAL: Attended Leadership Conference 2012, 2014, 2017; served on Sergeant-at-Arms Committee 2014, 2015, 2017; Flag Ceremony 2014, 2017; Attended National Convention 1994, 2014, 2015-2017; Tom Downing Fellow.

EDUCATION: Attended Strasburg High School; Virginia Tech, B.S. Agriculture Education.

OCCUPATION: School Teacher (5 yrs); AgChem Manager (6 yrs.); Pen-Tab Supervisor (7 yrs.); Rubbermaid Commercial Products Process Technician (15 yrs.) (retired).

OTHER: Eagle Scout; 4-H leader; Virginia 4-H All-Star; Member, White Hall United Methodist Church (PR Committee, Choir member; Sunday School teacher); High School sports official; Married to Denise for 36 years; Sons Blake, Brandon (Jessica), daughter, Lauren.

Foundation Trustee

None

Bylaws Issues Appearing on Ballot

1. Ballot Issue from Approved National Board Motion 2020-08-10 – Proposes a change to the calculation used to determine the number of delegates per club to the National Convention.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article VII, Meetings, Section 1, Conventions, Paragraph B, Voting Body, Item 6a, Club Delegates.

Current: Each adult member club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, provided that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any Ruritan National Convention.

Proposed:

Each adult member club shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each 5 members or major fraction thereof, provided that each member club shall be entitled to at least two (2) delegates at any Ruritan National Convention.

2. Ballot Issue from Approved National Board Motion 2020-08-05 – Proposes to eliminate the New Member Initiation Fee.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article III, Membership/Members, Section 4. Paragraph G. Fees – Membership.

Current:

F. Membership Year. The membership year shall be January 1 through December 31.

G. Fees – Membership. Each new member, through his/her respective club, shall pay to the Treasurer of Ruritan National an initiation fee of \$3.00.

H G. Affiliate Member Dues. Affiliate member annual national dues shall be equal to those determined by the BOD for Active Adult members.

Proposed: Delete Item G in Section 4, Fees – Membership, entirely
("Item H" becomes the new "Item G").

3. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion

2020-08-04 – Proposes a membership Dues Adjustment.

Ruritan National Bylaws, Article III, Membership/ Members, Section 4, Dues and Fees, Paragraphs A and B state. (There are no proposed changes to this bylaw, it is just stated here for clarity)

A. Annual Dues. The amount of annual national dues per member of each club shall be determined by the BOD provided requirements set forth below are met.

B. Dues Adjustment. Any increase in dues shall not become effective until approved by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the next Ruritan National Convention. Notice of such proposed dues increase shall be communicated to all members by any appropriate means at least 30 days prior to the Ruritan National Convention.

Current: Membership Dues are \$44.00 per year for all adult membership types.

Proposed: Move to approve a \$4.00 per year increase in the dues for all adult membership types (increase from \$44.00 to \$48.00 per year), to become effective in April 2022.

4. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion

2020-08-09 – Proposes an adjustment to the billing and due dates for membership dues and includes a change to the disciplinary action for non-payment of dues, shifting focus to the club instead of the member.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article III, Membership/Members, Section 4, Dues and Fees, Paragraph E, Dues Payment Dates.

Current: Membership dues shall be due and payable quarterly to Ruritan National at the close of club business in January, April, July, and October. Any member who fails to pay his/her financial obligations to this organization in accordance with these bylaws may be suspended and/or forfeit his/her membership.

Proposed: Membership dues shall be billed on the 1st day of each quarter and payable to Ruritan National no later than the last day of January, April, July, and October. Any club which fails to pay its financial obligations to this organization, in accordance with these bylaws, may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension of its charter.

5. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion

2021-01-12 – Proposes changes to allow officers and directors to continue in office when no election is possible. (As with recent pandemic conditions)

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article V, Officers, Section 3, Term of Office.

Current:

A. President. The President–Elect after completing their term, shall be installed as President for a term of one (1) year unless otherwise prescribed in these bylaws.

B. President-Elect. Shall be elected annually in a manner prescribed in these bylaws and hold office for one

(1) year or until a successor is elected and installed.

C. Secretary. Shall be elected for a three (3) year term.

D. Treasurer. Shall be elected for a three (3) year term.

E. National Directors. Twenty-one directors will be elected for a three (3) year term. Seven (7) will be elected for a full term each year with no more than two (2) elected for full terms from the same state in any one year.

Proposed:

A. President. The President–Elect after completing their term, shall be installed as President for a term of one (1) year.

B. President-Elect. Shall be elected annually in a manner prescribed in these bylaws and hold office for one

(1) year.

C. Secretary. Shall be elected for a three (3) year term.

D. Treasurer. Shall be elected for a three (3) year term.

E. National Directors. Twenty-one directors will be elected for a three (3) year term. Seven (7) will be elected for a full term each year with no more than two (2) elected for full terms from the same state in any one year.

F. In the event an election cannot be held, all officers shall remain in place regardless of term limits until a successor to the office has been elected and installed.

NOTES

6. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion

2021-04-02 – Proposes to eliminate all references to club attendance from the National Bylaws document. This is a housekeeping change to remove items which are no longer applicable due to changes to the club bylaws approved by the Board of Directors.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article III, Membership/Members, Section 3, Classifications, deleting references to attendance in paragraphs B and C.

B. Associate. Associate membership may be bestowed upon an individual or a business desiring affiliation with Ruritan. An individual associate member is one who is unable to attend the minimum four (4) meetings per year. An individual and/or business will represent one membership for each annual dues paid to Ruritan National. An individual associate member may not vote, hold office, or participate in club business activities or be a delegate to district or national conventions. An individual associate member will receive a lapel pin, and a business will receive a plaque or window static. Associate members (individual or business) will receive the Ruritan National Magazine.

C. Honorary. Honorary membership may be conferred upon a club member who, in the opinion of the club board of directors and membership, has rendered extraordinary Ruritan service. An honorary member is not expected, nor required, to maintain club attendance and is not considered in any club awards programs. An honorary member will be exempt from the payment of club dues, but shall pay national and district dues, if applicable. Except as stated above, an honorary member shall have all rights, privileges, and benefits of Ruritan membership.

7. Ballot Issue from National Board Motion

2021-04-10 – Proposes to remove the district structure from the National Bylaws, to eliminate duplication of the structure details which are already in the District Bylaws.

Passage would amend the Ruritan National Bylaws, Article IV, Divisions, Section 2, Districts, Paragraph C, District Cabinet.

Current: Each district shall be governed by a district cabinet of which the district governor shall be the chair. The cabinet shall be composed of the following voting members, all who shall be an active member of a Ruri- tan club:

1. District Governor
2. Lt. Governor
3. Assigned National Representative
4. District Secretary
5. District Treasurer
6. District Secretary/Treasurer (In the event one person serves in both positions.)
7. All Zone Governors
8. All Lt. Zone Governors
9. The three (3) Immediate Past District Governors
10. District Leadership Development Coordinator
11. Growth, Development, and Retention Chair
12. Foundation Promotion Chair
13. Publicity and Public Relations Chair
14. Fund Raising Chair
15. Chaplain
16. Youth Coordinator

Proposed: Each district shall be governed by a district cabinet of which the district governor shall be the chair. The cabinet structure shall be composed of voting members as stated in the District Bylaws.

National President-Elect**Votes**

Edward Hicks (VA)

Michael Morrison (VA)

Floor Nomination:

Floor Nomination:

Write In:

National Secretary

James Mills (GA)

Floor Nomination:

Floor Nomination:

Write In:

National Treasurer

David Thompson (VA)

Floor Nomination:

Floor Nomination:

Write In:

National Director

Roger Davis (VA)

Lynn Fillers (TN)

Zachary McCallie (TN)

Perry Marshman (VA)

Donna Jo Poulton (SC)

Scott Reed (VA)

Ronnie Reid (NC)

Floor Nomination:

Floor Nomination:

Write In:

Write In:

National Director (1-year unexpired term)

Dennis Bagnell

Floor Nomination:

Floor Nomination:

Write In:

Write In:

Foundation Trustee

Floor Nomination:

Floor Nomination:

Write In:

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Ruritan

National Convention

National Convention Statistics

Business Session Report

Pre-Registered _____

Walk-Ins _____

Cancellations _____

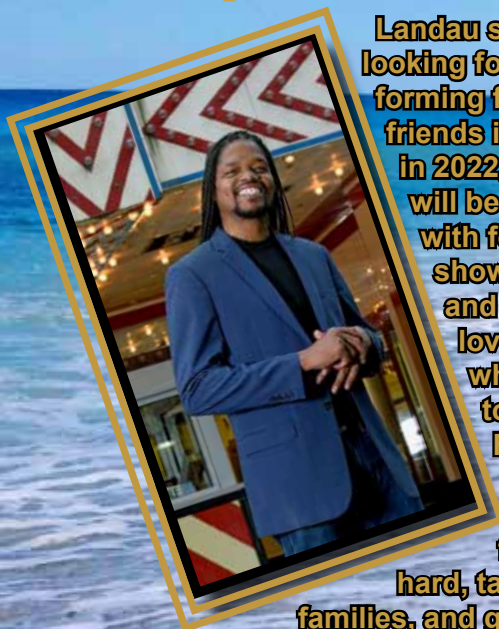
Total Registered _____

No-Shows _____

Certified Delegates _____



Banquet Entertainment



Landau says he's really looking forward to performing for his Ruritan friends in Myrtle Beach in 2022, and hopes it will be safe to visit with folks after the show, take pictures, and give hugs. "I love to meet people who stick around to talk with me. Ruritans are down-to-earth, salt-of-the-earth folks who work hard, take care of their families, and give back to their communities. They're what the best of America is all about, and I am honored to perform for them again."

**January 8, 2022, 2pm
Windsor Ballrooms**



At St. Jude Children's Research Hospital – when a patient finishes chemo treatment, they celebrate with a No More Chemo Party (complete with confetti!).

In order to give more children who are battling cancer – a No More Chemo Party – we will hold a No More Cancer Rally!

During this Rally - You will learn more about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

You will complete fundraising challenges - FOR PRIZES!



**CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!
CELEBRATE!**