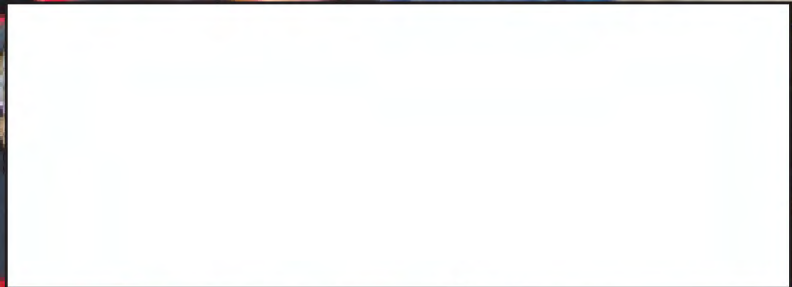


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Message From 2014 National President Elliott Hogge



Stay EXCITED For Ruritan

Greetings, Ruritans! It is time for us to look forward to a new year. Remember that it's a fine time to make more Ruritans. Your time and effort spent planting seeds for Ruritan growth this year has resulted in a 2014 "harvest" of several new clubs and many new members.

As we get ready for winter time and dig into our closets to bring out our winter clothes that we will wear as we stand outdoors cooking clam chowder or Brunswick stew, our thoughts turn to ways our clubs can help those who might need a winter coat or food to sustain them during the cold. Ruritan, or not, everyone is aware that the need goes on beyond the traditional holiday food baskets and angel trees. At this time of year

just about everyone feels the need to help his fellow man. Ruritans, invite others to your clubs now and offer them the opportunity to join you in your winter activities to get a taste of Ruritan. There's an old saying that "many hands make light work," so tell your prospective member that there is a lot of work to be done, and they are truly needed. As they come out and help our people, hopefully they will want to do more and join our clubs as full-time members.

Thank you for your patriotism in 2014. Many of you have emailed, used Facebook, and phoned me with questions, ideas, and results of your "Service to Veterans" projects. Your response has been wonderful.

I want to thank you for being Ruritans and joining with others to embrace Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service. This motto our founders chose to be the foundation of our great organization has a mission of making our communities better places to live and raise our families.

This is my last magazine message to you as your national president. In the last issue, I told you that I hoped to be on the road for Ruritan again soon—well, I am! I can drive, and I'll be driving to Greensboro for our National Convention. We are going to have a FANTASTIC time so come and join me! In closing, I would like to have you remember one thing:

Stay EXCITED for Ruritan!



Hogge was selected to be the Grand Marshal of the annual Guinea Jubilee Festival. The festival preserves the history and values of the unique community of Guinea in Gloucester County. Hogge is the Guinea Heritage Association Chair and Former Chair of the Guinea Jubilee. Pictured enjoying the parade are National President Elliott Hogge and First Lady Sandra.

Airport Transport in Greensboro

If you plan to fly to Greensboro for the 2015 National Convention, there will be limited airport transportation provided by the Piedmont District to and from the Greensboro airport. Please be able to provide your name, the number in your party, your flight #, and the times and dates of your arrival and departure. Call Gray Fowler at 704-929-8309. He will be working with others in the district to schedule transportation.

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Mini Schedule for 2015 National Convention

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Sunday, January 18, 2015
Worship Service

Cover: Ruritan National President Elliott Hogge (plaid shirt) and President Elect Robert "Bobby" Burton (red shirt), both Vietnam Veterans, were thanked for their service during a special event at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford on September 20 when the traveling Vietnam Wall was also at the Memorial. Ruritan clubs that provided support for the event included: **Ruritan Road, Bedford, Redwood, Glade Spring, Bonsack/Blue Ridge Area, Brookville** (VA) Clubs, **South Fork** (WV) Ruritan Club, and the **Natural Bridge District** Ruritans.

Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley

Reserves Continue to Increase



Ruritan National has just finished another fiscal year. The auditors are in house as I write this article and I expect (based on the preliminaries) that we have had yet another good year financially. Unfortunately, the membership numbers continue to be our biggest concern. The Board of Directors approved the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal period in the August meeting. In reviewing the budget it is interesting to note that our total expenses for the 2014-2015 budget are \$31,000 less than our total expenses for the 2006-2007 budget. Inflation for the last eight years has run in the neighborhood of 2% per year and our expenses are roughly 1% less than they were eight years ago. In eight years your Board of Directors and Management have been able to reduce spending and produce balanced budgets. The federal government could take a lesson from Ruritan in fiscal responsibility. Our reserves have grown to over four times what they were in 2006. A little over \$200,000 of that reserve balance is for Ruritan Forever members. I am so proud that our organization has been able to manage finances so well over the last eight years. In addition to managing the operations and the reserves to create a strong financial foundation we have been able to operate without asking the membership for a dues increase. I believe that with the plans we have in place we will be able to con-

tinue operating in this way for several years.

The caveat is always membership. We continue to struggle with how to get and keep members. I wish that I had the magic bullet to help us grow but I think that will take all of us thinking and acting together to make growth happen. Please read the growth and development article on page 11 and participate in the "Wanted" program. In my last article to you I broke it down to the simplest term. We need to ask people to join Ruritan. Our clubs do so much for so many. People will join if we will only ask.

We are looking forward to a great convention in Greensboro. Our conventions have suffered in the last several years with declining attendance. When our numbers don't reach our planning numbers we lose money. People are paying attention to the losses we had in Branson. However, if you look at our conventions over the last ten years all but one has operated at a loss. We have a committee in place to review the data from our survey and look at the numbers over the last ten years. I am certain that we will see changes in our conventions going forward. We are committed to paying attention to the member's needs as well as the business requirements of our bylaws. The board has taken several actions that will help our future conventions. We will continue to work toward a solution that satisfies our bylaws and provides an opportunity for more of our members to participate in convention.

Our staff has only good wishes for you and your clubs as you continue to serve people. If we can be of assistance please contact us.

New Clubs for 2014

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors, & DRMS*

(January 1, 2014 -- November 1, 2014)

<u>New Club</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>DRM</u>
Positive Action	Gulf Area	Linwood Circle	Katrina Winding
Midway Community	Davy Crockett	Camp Creek	Calvin Shelton
Yellow Branch	Peaks of Otter	Glade Hill	Gary Solomon & Jeremy Lombardo, Sr.
Skyline High School Ruri-Teen	Rappahannock	South Warren	Harrison "Chuck" Brome & Frederick Logan, Jr.

*DRM stands for Distinguished Ruritan Member, who is the person most responsible for organizing the new club.

Candidates for National Office on November 1

As of November 1, Ruritan National had the following candidates for national office. **National President Elect**; Chuck Myers, Calvin Shelton, **National Treasurer**; Dale Bricker, **National Director**; Larry Cassell, Nell Jeffries, Don Ramey, Gary Solomon, David Thompson, **National Director 2-year term**; Frances Long.

Only candidates declaring between July 1 and November 1 are featured in this issue.



National Director

Nell K. Jeffries
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CLUB: Joined Sun Valley Club (WV) in 1994; President 1995 and 2003; Member of Board three (3) years

DISTRICT: Lower West

Virginia District Governor 2014 and 1999; Lt. Governor 2013 and 1998; District Leadership Training 2013-14; Foundation Chair 2001-12; Zone Governor 1996-97

NATIONAL: Sgt.-at-Arms Committee 2014, 1998-99; Circa 2003; Bylaws Committee; conducted workshops on Foundation; Foundation Trustee Board (5 years) 2004-08; Foundation President 2008

EDUCATION: B.S. Degree Education, Concord University, Athens, WV 24712; M.A. West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV; Administrative Certificate Secondary Schools Grades 7-12 from College of Graduate Studies, Institute, WV; 45 hours beyond Masters Degree

OCCUPATION: Teacher, Administrator (Education) many years; Facilitator JTPA Work Programs 6 years at Bluefield High School, Bluefield, WV; Substitute teacher after retirement

OTHER: Organist/Pianist over 50 years; Teacher of Sunday School many years; Member Order of Eastern Star over 50 years; Member Concord University Alumni Executive Council; presently: mother of three (3) children: Phoebe; Beverly, Angela; three (3) grandchildren; four (4) great grandchildren; husband: Echols (Phil) Jeffries. Awards such as Garland Grey, top three Foundation awards, 2006; others too numerous to mention; Grand Representative in West Virginia to Ontario, Order of Eastern Star 2012-2014, Tom Downing Fellow and Ruritan Forever



National Director

Don Ramey
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CLUB: Joined Harrison Club (TN) in 2007; Ruritan of the Year 2011; Vice President 2014; President 2015; Environment

Committee; Publicity Committee; Car Show Co-chair 2014; and manage website for Harrison Club (TN)

DISTRICT: Cherokee District Ruritan of the Year 2011; Lt. Governor 2012; and Governor 2013. Foothills Country Fair Board of Directors and manage website, 2010-present; and manage website for Cherokee District 2014-present

NATIONAL: District Governors' Training 2012; attended 4 National Conventions, Flag Ceremony 2013; Tom Downing Fellow; and Ruritan Forever

EDUCATION: Elkhorn City High, (KY); Mayo State Vocational, Paintsville, KY; and Chattanooga State

OCCUPATION: Employed by W. R. Grace since 1976

OTHER: Member of USW 14087 - served as Vice-President / Chief Steward 27 yrs.; attended seminars on Labor Relations, Leadership, Negotiation, Conflict Resolution, Contract Language, and Safety. Participant in Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure. Married to Nicoletta Chambers Ramey 22 yrs., Son Brandon (Kristen), grandchildren Madeline, Aidan, Keira; and Son Brent (Michelle), granddaughter Aria.

Biographies were printed as submitted by candidates by Nov. 1



Foundation Trustee

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CLUB: Zeb Vance (NC)
Ruritan Club (Past President,
Secretary, Treasurer, and
Director)

DISTRICT: Zone Governor

(5), Lt. Governor, District Governor, Growth and
Development Chair, Fundraising Chair, Certified
Trainer - all offices, 2014 District Treasurer

NATIONAL: Sgt-at- Arms (2006), National Director
(2007-2009), National Treasurer 2012-2014

EDUCATION: Owego Free Academy (1970), North
Carolina State University (2 yrs)

OCCUPATION: Data network architect - IBM
(retired 29yrs). Data network architect - AT&T (3 yrs)

OTHER: Member Our Savior Lutheran Church
– Durham, Board of Directors - Northern Junior
Athletic Association, (Durham), Durham City/County
Joint Planning study commission, 2 yrs. Married
to Judy, 2 sons, Jason and Wife Erin w/ grandson
Kamerin, Andy and wife Yoomee

Sock Hop Wednesday



Kick off your convention
experience with President Elliott
and First Lady Sandra on Wed.,
Jan. 14, 2015, with the music of
the 50's and 60's at a Ruritan
Sock Hop. Refreshments will be
available for purchase.

7-9 p.m.

Items of Interest

John Halligan Clements Passes

John Halligan Clements, 83, of Carson, Virginia, and a native of Dinwiddie County passed away on October 21, 2014. Born on December 20, 1930, John was the son of the late Ruth Amanda Halligan Clements and John William Clements; and was also preceded in death by his wife, Lillie Pittard Clements; and a sister, Gwendolyn Clements McCann. He is survived by his daughters, Martha Carrington Clements and husband, Malcolm Warneford-Thomson, and Kimberly Anne Clements; one son, John Peter Clements and wife, Jennifer H. Clements; grandchildren, John William Clements, II, John Christopher Avellana, James Halligan Clements, Susannah Bishop, Robert Warneford-Thomson and Agnes Warneford-Thomson; one daughter-in-law, Patricia B. Clements; a niece, Cheryle Gwendolyn McCann; and one nephew, Dr. Merle Clements McCann. John was a devoted Christian and member of Carson United Methodist Church, where he spent his entire life supporting the mission of the church. He spent many years as District Lay Leader and District Steward on the Petersburg (now James River) District and supported many of the church's initiatives, most notably United Methodist Family Services (UMFS). John lived by the commitment of his time, talents, gifts and service to his Heavenly Father. John had a long and accomplished career in business, first running his family farming operation, and then the family general store, P.B. Halligan Co. Inc., named for his grandfather Peter Bernard Halligan.

John was a proud and honored member of the Carson Ruritan Club for over sixty years. He rose through the Holland District ranks to District Governor in 1965 and served several terms as a National Director. He made many friends in Ruritan National whom affectionately named him "Captain Crow" which was his club nickname. He adopted the Ruritan motto of Community Service, Fellowship, and Goodwill and practiced it every day of his life. John served on numerous State Boards and Commissions including service as the first banker ever appointed to the Treasury Board of the State of Virginia under Governor Allen.

Ruritan National Convention - Greensboro January 15-18, 2015 WALK IN REGISTRATION

Registrations Submitted After December 15, 2014

If you have not registered for the Ruritan National Convention before December 15, 2014 - you will be processed on site as a "walk in." While there is not a late fee for registrations to the National Convention this year, there is a deadline with the Koury Convention Center caterer for meal count guarantees.

Therefore, registering as a walk-in in Greensboro means you will not be guaranteed meals. However, you **will** be able to register for non-meal events at the base rate of \$109 (see reverse for options).

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.

At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.

This is my first convention.

2nd Attendee: _____

Member/Non Member (circle one)

Member# (if member) _____

Preferred Badge Name _____

Club: _____ District _____

Contact phone number: _____

Check items below that apply:

I have these food restrictions: _____.

I need handicapped accessible seating at meals.

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At this time I expect to be a voting delegate.

This is my first convention.

We will be honoring Ruritan military veterans during the Saturday Veterans Breakfast. 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) _____

Walk-In Registration

(after December 15, 2014)

For Office

Use Only:

ID# _____;

GRP# _____

How Will You Pay?

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

Check payment type below:

NOTE: Aside from some limited special seating, everyone will be seated for meals on a "first come, first served" basis.

If you want to be seated with specific attendees, you should send your registration forms in **together**.

Payment made by check Check # _____

Visa/Mastercard Card # _____

Check one option below

Expiration date # _____

Bill my credit card now

3 or 4 digit code on back _____

Bill my credit card on December 1, 2014

2015 Ruritan National Convention - Greensboro: Jan. 15-18

Meal Options Below Available on Limited Basis After Dec. 15, 2014

MEAL OPTIONS BELOW available on a limited basis after December 15, 2014. Contact the National Office directly after December 15 to be included in the meal count (but processed as a walk-in). **Call 877-787-8727 for details.**

Meal Package Options

These prices already include the base fee of \$109

		Quantity	Cost	Total
All inclusive meal package (four meals) including Friday Veterans Breakfast, Friday Fellowship Lunch, Saturday First Lady's Breakfast, & Saturday Banquet	Package 1 BEST DEAL		\$244	
Two meal package including Friday Fellowship Lunch & Saturday Banquet	Package 2		\$190	
One meal package including Banquet only	Package 3		\$166	

Friday Package Options

These prices already include the base fee of \$109

		Quantity	Cost	Total
Friday day rate including Fellowship Lunch & Veterans Breakfast	Package 4		\$174	
Friday day rate including only Fellowship Lunch	Package 5		\$144	
Friday day rate including only Veterans Breakfast	Package 6		\$139	

Saturday Package Options

These prices already include the base fee of \$109

		Quantity	Cost	Total
Saturday day rate including Banquet & First Lady's Breakfast	Package 7		\$201	
Saturday day rate including only First Lady's Breakfast	Package 8		\$144	

No Meals Option - Available To All Walk-Ins

Base fee for registration including opening ceremony, access to exhibits, access to business meetings on Friday and Saturday, workshops, voting and all other convention activities except where a meal is served.

		Quantity	Cost	Total
No Meals - base registration only	Package 9		\$109	

Extra Meal Tickets - Limited Number Available On Site

Must purchase one of above nine options to purchase individual meal tickets.

		Quantity	Cost	Total
Foundation Banquet (two entree buffet) on Friday evening	Foundation		\$42	
Veterans Breakfast on Friday Morning	Veterans		\$35	
Friday Fellowship Luncheon	DRM		\$40	
Breakfast Honoring First Lady Sandra Hogge on Saturday morning	First Lady		\$40	
Installation Banquet on Saturday evening	Banquet		\$60	

Rudy Bears - to be added to Ruritan gift to local charities # _____ @ \$5.25 =+ \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL

\$ _____

Program of Events *Note the convention is a week earlier in the month than in past years.*

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Participants will be notified individually about Breakfast for Outgoing National Officers and other special meetings. Hospitality suites may be open Thursday - Saturday evenings. Watch the bulletin board in the exhibit area for details and room numbers.

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MIKE CHRISLEY
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Paver Program for Capital Replacement

At the March 2012 Board of Directors meeting the Board approved a paver program to raise funds for the Capital Replacement Fund.

The paver program will raise funds to use as capital reserves and make improvements to the building. The pavers themselves will be used to make a patio area in the front of the building. The pavers can be purchased in honor of a special person or in memory of a loved one.

Complete this form (front and back) to get your paver today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

**Make checks payable to: *Ruritan National
Paver Program***

**Mail to: *Ruritan National Paver Program
P.O. Box 487
Dublin, VA 24084***

**To pay with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover
fill out the information below (print clearly)**

Name: _____

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Account #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

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- I want the 4" x 8" brick paver with 3 lines of text. \$100

Use the squares below to spell out your message - leave a square for each space.

- I want the 8" x 8" brick paver with 5 lines of text. \$200

Use the squares below to spell out your message - leave a square for each space.

- I want the 8" x 8" brick paver with 3 lines of text and a logo. \$210

Use the squares below to spell out your message - leave a square for each space.

Replica bricks for the home or office are also available at an additional cost. This is a nice remembrance for honorees or their families.

- 4" x 8" replica \$45

- 8" x 8" replica \$80

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Keep Them – Don't Sweep Them



We all know it takes a lot more effort to bring a brand new member into Ruritan than it does to keep an existing member. Yet our statistics show that we are losing members at twice the rate of the new members we bring in.

A quick count of our membership data from November 4, 2013, to November 4, 2014, shows 2,674 new Ruritans joined while 3,979 members quit. And this does not count another 318 deceased members during that same period. If you are like us – you find this terribly discouraging! For every new member you bring into Ruritan – almost two members are leaving. We are bailing the boat as fast as we can, but new leaks keep springing up around us.

Our focus must be on slowing down those leaks. We as a committee are dedicated to that idea. We even changed our committee name from “Growth and Development” to “Growth, Development, and Member

Retention” – it is that important to us to keep our emphasis on retention.

Exit interviews we have conducted with members who leave Ruritan have shown the following reasons (other than moving away) that people gave for leaving their club:

- There were clicks within the club and I wasn't included.
- Everyone wanted to just sit around and talk. The club didn't want to do anything.
- There was constant bickering between members.
- Members aren't friendly. They would leave me standing by myself.
- My club was a “one man show.”
- I was tired of being one of the few who tried to keep the many moving.
- A few members seemed to have all the power and never listened to anyone else, and
- Members were very set in their ways. They never wanted to change anything.

Do some of these comments sound familiar? These are trends that your club can definitely reverse. We invite you and your club members to look at the complaints listed above and have a serious discussion about any that you feel affect you. If your club has fallen victim to any of these problems – make a concerted effort to fix them.

And what about the member who is already on the edge – ready to quit your club? Here's a little exercise: Close your eyes and think about the members of your particular club. Which one of them is going to quit next? I'll bet you have a pretty good idea who that is. It's the person who has started to skip meetings and activities. It's the person who hasn't been engaged in a real way in projects for some time. It is the person who is slow to return your phone calls or emails.

Just a little TLC on your part might save that member. Give that member a call. Ask him or her to help with something special coming up. Ask him or her to ride with you to the next meeting.

If he or she is just too busy to be actively involved right now, ask if he or she has considered associate status. That way the member will only be responsible for national dues, will not have to attend regular meetings, and will stay on your roster as a member of your club. We know your club needs active, engaged members. But rather than lose a member completely – associate status is a great alternative.

Member retention – keeping a member you have already invested so much in – has to happen at the club level. Only you and your fellow club members can be the force that draws the marginal member back into the fold. It is a direct, and very personal effort. But you CAN turn that member around. We know you can. And it will be so much easier and more satisfying than trying to replace him or her with a brand new member.

It is important to you, your club, and the Ruritan organization: Keep Them, Don't Sweep Them!

--- Growth, Development, and Member Retention Committee: John Berdine, Wally Hudson, and Mike Myers.

Message From 2014 Foundation President Danny Privott



Plan to Attend the Foundation Awards Dinner and Support the Foundation Auctions in Greensboro, NC

More than 18 months of planning came to a close September 12th-14th as Ruritan

Foundation supporters arrived at the Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks / Kitty Hawk to be a part of the 2014 Ruritan Foundation Fellowship Weekend. There were 126 registered for the Friday evening dinner and 131 attended the Saturday evening dinner.

Many attendees went to the various attractions such as Wright Brothers Museum and Monument and north to Corolla to see the horses on the beach.

Others frequented the Hospitality Room or went out on the pier and on to the ocean. Thank you to all who helped in any way (donations for cost/food/helping) to make the Hospitality Room a big hit. I especially thank Linda who planned, arranged, and coordinated everything to make sure it was a success.

Several events highlighted the weekend. Friday evening entertainment was a nostalgic trip in the past with a portrayal by Ben Cherry, who has performed for 28 years as the Pirate Blackbeard. He presented a historical performance about the time when Blackbeard and other pirates were a menace to ships that sailed the oceans and sounds adjoining the Outer Banks. Many in attendance were thoroughly surprised to see that his guns had real powder in them and fired loudly. Foundation President Danny surprised everyone with a month of September birthday or anniversary party cake and ice cream social after the entertainment to close the Friday evening events.

Saturday morning four teams played in a golf tournament at Kilmarlic Golf Course and ten teams of two played in a Corn Hole Tournament in the hotel. Thank you to 1994 Foundation President Joe Hulver, Jr. for coordinating golf and to Davy Crocket District Governor Gregg Goode and Albemarle District Governor Ronnie Long for coordinating corn hole. Golf winners were: 4th place Terry Call, J.J. Bernard Lerch, III, Bob Houck, and Bruce Thompson; (2nd and 3rd tied) 3rd place Eugene Tasker, Bobby Burton, Corky Camin and Larry Cassell; 2nd place Herman Hohlt, Phil Brohoun, Fran Bristow and Fred Beaver; 1st place **Joe Hulver, Jr., Jim LaFollette, Michael Chrisley, and Larry Campbell.** Corn Hole winners were: 3rd place James Mills, Jr. and Vicky Mills; 2nd place Jeff Privott and TW Hurdle; 1st place **Jimmy Bristow and Earl Taylor.**

Ruritan National FOUNDATION

2014 Board of Trustees

President: Danny Privott

Vice President: David Freshly

Treasurer: Fred Payne

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Pictured above with Blackbeard and First Mate DeeGee is Cassie Hurdle (Danny and Linda's granddaughter.) Pictured right is J. T. Hurdle (Danny and Linda's grandson.)



Ruritan National Foundation News



During the Saturday evening dinner, several donations were received and awards were given. Tom Downing plaques and lapel pins were presented to Jack and Nan York (pictured left). Patricia Davis donated \$1,300 toward a 21st Century Fund. Tom and Gigi Foster presented a \$100 check to be applied toward their Cornerstone Fund. J.J. Bernard Lerch, III presented a check for \$500 for the Lothian Ruritan Club Fund #988 and \$1,000 for the Potomac District Misc. Fund #110. Larry Cassell presented a check for \$3,186.84 from Potomac District Golf Tournament. Awards for Golf and Corn Hole Tournament were presented to the above named winners.

On Friday, October 24th your Trustees, Michael Chrisley, and Bonnie Westpfahl attended a meeting with Scott Carr who represented the Carr Investment Group and gave an overview of the Foundation's investment portfolio for the past fiscal year. Beginning balance on October 1st, 2013, was \$3,806,437 and with contributions and withdrawals, ending balance on September 30th, 2014, was \$4,074,372 for a dollar gain of \$302,911 and performance of 8% overall.

This is the last year of the initial 5-year program called \$\$\$Million \$\$\$ Club and because not all Ruritans have given the amount necessary to acquire a pin and the fact that clubs are still getting new members, the Trustees voted to extend this program beyond the first five years. This also is the last of a two-year partnership agreement between the Foundation and Ameriprise Financial. Their representatives Calvin Klem and Charles Gentry will help provide financial planning and other educational resources to assist our Ruritan members. The Trustees also voted to extend this partnership for an additional two years. They will have a booth in Greensboro and present a workshop.

NOTE: Foundation Workshops at National Convention: Ameriprise Financial on Planned Giving for the Foundation – Friday January 16th, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and Foundation Trustees on Foundation Programs -Saturday January 17th, 10-11 a.m.

Please remember to bring items to donate for auctions. The silent auction will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 15th and will close at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 16th for processing of bid sheets and will then reopen at posted time for pick-up and payment of auction items.

The Foundation Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, January 16th and the live auction will begin immediately following the dinner and awards presentation.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Trustee. Although I will no longer be an active Trustee, Linda and I will continue to support the Foundation and I encourage each of you to also support the Foundation Education Fund, OWC, and Ruritan. Working together we can achieve any goal that we set out to do.

Let's work together to make both the Foundation and Ruritan the best they can be.



Pictured are Ray and Bonnie Bowen with Foundation President Danny Privott at Foundation Weekend.

Abingdon, Warwick, James City Celebrate Anniversaries

Abingdon (VA) Ruritan celebrated their 58th club anniversary with a delicious meal and a visit from 2014 National President Elliott Hogge, a member of the club. This was Elliott's first official Ruritan visit since his illness. 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter was also present to present the club an anniversary certificate.

In keeping with its club's theme for 2014 of service to our veterans, the members of the **club** collected four large boxes and three large bags of items to donate to the patients at the Hampton VA Hospital. The items included personal care items of toiletries, underwear, T-shirts and baseball caps. Club President Pete Shepherd, Club Vice President Sarah Fary, and Club Member David Mickle presented the items to Chief of Voluntary Services and Recreation Therapy Judith Curtis. Pictured (l-r) are Shepherd, Curtis, Fary and Mickle.



Warwick (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated their 65th anniversary with a dinner, awards, and entertainment by Soundscapes, a youth group from Newport News Public Schools. Warwick Ruritan Harald Aadahl was honored as Ruritan of the Year, and Woody Sanders and Marion Vaughan were recognized for over fifty years of club membership. Pictured (r-l) are Marion Vaughan, Chesapeake District Governor Cleve Wright, 2012 National President and Representative to the Chesapeake District Phyllis Lewter, 2014 National President Elliott Hogge, Warwick President Woody Sanders, Jr., and Woody Sanders.

James City (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated their 75th anniversary with a program that including a proclamation from the Virginia Senate, a certificate from Ruritan National, and special memories of events and members. A reception and fellowship followed the program. Pictured (l-r) are 2014 National President Elliott Hogge cutting the anniversary cake with Mel Bryant, club member with the most years of membership.

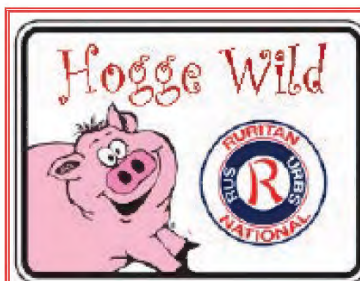


Port Royal Celebrates Charter Day



Established originally in 1652 as a river port on the Rappahannock River, Port Royal, Virginia, was incorporated in 1744. On October 4, 2014, the town celebrated its formal incorporation with a family-orientated 'Charter Day,' a Saturday devoted to games and races, historical displays and impersonators, raffles and awards, music, and of course food and beverages. Helping the various committees and vendors, the **Port Royal** (VA) Ruritan

Club set up a table in the midst of the fun. Pictured are club members Helmut Linne von Berg and Boyd Wisdom manning the Ruritan table.



Go
**Hogge
Wild**
Thursday

Have you got a funny hog hat or pig tie? How about a pig T shirt? Wear 'em on Thursday Jan. 15, 2015. (Hogge Wild ends BEFORE the opening ceremony at 7 p.m., however.)

Germanton Ruri-Teen Club Members in Action



It is truly amazing what can happen when the energy of youth in the **Germanton** and the **South Stokes** (NC) Ruri-Teen Clubs and the skill of adults in the **Germanton** Ruritan Club get together to do a project. The project was making Fidgety Aprons for Alzheimers patients. The aprons give the patients something to do with their hands. Several of the Germanton and South Stokes Club members had their personal sewing machines. Fifteen Germanton Ruri-Teen Club members took the aprons and a variety of other items including felt, buttons, zippers, and bells and placed them on the aprons. The Germanton students then tacked the items on for the sewing machine operators to complete the attachment. "One Ruritan member had been a high

school teacher and was worried about working with elementary students, but she was well pleased at how hard they worked to make the project a reality," stated 2011 National President Jayson Duncan. The aprons have been delivered to an assisted living Alzheimers care unit.

Wentworth Collects Shoes

Wentworth (NC) Ruritan Club participated in the "Shoebbox Project" collecting over 150 pairs of shoes. Pictured (back row l-r) are Charles Boswell, Nathan Rich, Pat Saunders, Monet Rich, Frank Greene, and David Smith. Pictured (front l-r) are Frances Paschal, Connie Applegate, and Mary Jo Boswell.



Leasburg Donates Dictionaries

Leasburg (NC) Ruritan Club donates dictionaries to 3rd grade students and Rudy Bears to pre-k students. Club President Dixie Vernon and Secretary Barbara Berdine assisted. Pictured with the students is Teacher Ms. Fuqua.



MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Military personnel who are also Ruritans and who might be unable to attend regular meetings should not be counted as absent according to the Ruritan National Board of Directors.

If your club has a member currently serving in active duty, your club secretary should count him or her as "present" at meetings so that his or her absence doesn't penalize the member or cause the club to fall short on attendance percentages.

The Board cited the National Bylaws provision for using "four hours of community service" as the equivalent of a make-up meeting -- a substitution that members of the U.S. Military are surely qualified to use.

News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District Nokesville-Bristow Member Inducted into the Hall of Fame



Lt. Col. Rick J. McMahon, USAF Retired, (left), was inducted into the 55th Wing Hall of Fame. He was honored for his professionalism, dedication, and heroism and for his service after the culmination of his military career. Rick joined the **Nokesville-Bristow** (VA) Ruritan Club in 2004 while assigned to the Pentagon as active Air Force. Ken Hinkle, Rappahannock Past District Governor states, "Rick has served the club as president and treasurer and is head of our church's mission team, which does hurricane recovery volunteering. Because of Rick, the community around us is a better place to live, work, and play." Ruritan is proud of all its veterans such as Rick, and we thank them for their service to our country and our communities!

Round Hill Donates Bench



Round Hill (VA) Ruritan Club's Public Service Committee members purchased a bench for residents of Winchester/Frederick County, Virginia, to be able to sit and wait for transportation to area business and the medical center. The bench was engraved with the club's name and year established. Members (l-r) are Bradley Hicks, Rose Knickerbocker, Tammy Taylor, Rocky Taylor, Jim Bennett, Maggie Bennett, Susan Hicks, and Laura Hicks. Not pictured are Sandy Heyman and Doug Sine.

The club decorated and filled 24 pillow cases for children at the Laurel Center. The Laurel Center is an agency that provides shelter to women and their children in need of intervention from domestic and sexual violence. The pillow cases are filled with children's books, book marks, toothbrushes, dental floss, travel pillows, and Rudy Bears.

Patriotic Friday!

Wear
Your
Red,
White,
or Blue!
Jan. 16, 2015



*Past National Foundation President Joe Hulver presented **Cedarville District** (VA) Ruritan Club Member Maurice Bowen with a Tom Downing Award on behalf of the club.*

Deep Creek Holds Beef Fest

Deep Creek (VA) Ruritan Club hosted its 40th Annual “Beef Fest” with 73 local businesses helping to sponsor the event. The Fest raises money to support needy families, community schools, and the elderly, and handicapped. Over 1,000 people attended the Fest. Dignitaries included Chesapeake City Mayor Alan Krasnoff, U.S. Congressman Randy Forbes, National Director Wally Hudson, District Governor Rod Mustanski, District Lt. Governor Jack York, Zone IV Governor Alton Brinkley, and Betty Jo Clemmer. The Fest also kicked off the first ever “Ready Ruritan Program Fair” designed to support and recognize “National Preparedness Month (September).” Representatives from FEMA, local police, fire and other first responder units, as well as other disaster preparedness support organizations, were on hand to provide education and training to attendees. Entertainment was provided by a live band. Displays, exhibits, pony rides, face painting, “Blockheads,” inflatable bounce houses, and other treats were available for the children. In addition, over 40 Ruri-Teens volunteered from Hugo Owens Middle School, Deep Creek Middle School, and Deep Creek High School. They assisted in the setup of the event, manned serving lines, and helped with cleanup. Pictured (l-r) are Burt Estes, Steve Rodriques, Eddie Woods, and Tim People. They spent the night cooking over 800 pounds of beef.



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Hickory Presents Scholarships



Hickory (VA) Ruritan Club presented seven scholarships totaling \$5,545. Pictured (l-r) are David Kriparos, Rusty Starling, Rachel Anderson, Jacquilyn Crossman, Nicholas Leschinsky, and Brielle Muratore. Not pictured is Rebecca Johnston. The club also presented three 5th graders with an Outstanding Citizenship Award. A \$75 check and a framed certificate were presented. Pictured (l-r) are two of the recipients Jenna Boccher, club member Carl Witten, and Tyiree Gilland.



Kings Fork Celebrates Anniversary

Kings Fork (VA) Ruritans celebrated their 65th anniversary with a special dinner and many invited guests from the Holland District including 2009 National President Donald Worrell and First Lady Roseland, Holland District Governor Rod Mustanski, Lt. Governor Jack York, and Zone I Governor Barbara Rayburn. Ruritan National President Elect Bobby Burton brought greetings from Ruritan National, and the Honorable Linda Johnson, Mayor of Suffolk, presented a proclamation and Virginia Flag. Holland District Governor Rod Mustanski recognized charter member Richie A. Jordan for his years of devoted service and presented him with a plaque. 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter presented the club with a 65th Anniversary Plaque from Ruritan National. Pictured (l-r) are Linda Burton, President Elect Bobby Burton, Holland District Governor Rod Mustanski, Kings Fork President Alvin Anderson, and 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter.



News From Ruritan: Holland District continued

Surry County Constructs New Clubhouse



Surry County (VA) Ruritan Club has been working for five years to construct its first clubhouse. Club members did much of the construction. Their goal was to have a debt-free building. What a beautiful addition it is to the community! The new clubhouse has a large meeting room, restaurant-size kitchen, storage area, and handi-capped-accessible bathrooms. A dedication service and reception were held with Holland District and Ruritan National guests in attendance. Pictured is the new Surry County Ruritan Clubhouse.

Great Bridge (VA) Ruritan Club is trying some new fundraisers. They served a breakfast with pancakes, eggs, and sausage during a car show. Then later that day, they held a fish fry. Both events provided an opportunity for community fellowship. Pictured (l-r) are chef George Rowland, 2012 National President Phyllis Lewter, and past club president Hal Gastler at work in the kitchen.



Congressman Randy Forbes honored **Smithfield (VA)** Ruritan Club Member Kirk Ring, Troop 1, with a National Certificate Merit Award during a Boy Scouts of America Hometown Heroes Breakfast. Kirk was one of three boy scouts that saved a man's life, while returning home from a camping trip.



Willie Evans was presented with the Farmer of the Year award by the club. Evans was chosen to receive the award based on his outstanding produce and his dedication to the Smithfield Farmer's Market. Julie Hopkins presented him with award.



Surry (VA) Ruritan Club has two new members. As part of the Holland District's Growth Plan, Lewis Epps won the quarterly drawing. Lewis won \$100 and his club won \$50. Pictured are Lewis, Lynn and Fletcher Hayes, and Holland District Governor Rod Mustanski.

News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District

Bluford Community Help Construct Veterans Memorial

The Bluford Community Veterans Memorial Building Committee was organized in 1990 after the community wanted to honor area veterans. The **Bluford Community (IL)** Ruritan Club, American Legion Post, and residences of the community held fundraisers and started construction. The club supports this memorial with annual monetary donations for maintenance and upgrades as needed. President Elect Bobby Burton



and his wife Linda were honored to be able to visit this site and help celebrate the club's 45th anniversary. Others in attendance were District Governor Rita Woods, Ted Woods, Past National Director Howard Tanner, and National Director Grover Burkett. Pictured (l-r) are Burkett, James Scott, Dick Porter, Rita Woods, Ted Gresham, Bobby Burton, Linda Burton, Earl Robertson, and Chuck Pepple.

News From Ruritan: Peaks of Otter District

Lynch Station Holds Community Day

Lynch Station (VA) Ruritan Club held a Community Day providing Brunswick stew and hot dogs for the attendees. Live Bluegrass music was the evening's entertainment. Face painting and a fire truck were available for the children. The club collected donations for a local food bank. Pictured in the food shed (l-r) are Pete Dowdy, members Robert Mitchell and Bill Mitchell, Club Vice President Lee Stinnette, Club President Charles Smith, and member Donnie Reynolds.

Glade Hill (VA) Ruritan Club raised \$1,563 from its gun raffle fundraiser. Pictured below is the winner C.B. Reynolds (l) with store owner Wayne Gunnerston.



News From Ruritan: Columbia District

Pelion Club Staying Active

Pelion (SC) Ruritan Club members cooked and served lunch for the Josh Road Clean-up Project. The project is a community effort by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department and Christ Central Ministries.

Volunteers were from Pelion's Sheriff's Department, FFA, Beta Club, Fire Department, Lexington County Solid Waste Management, Home Depot, and local residents. Pictured (l-r) are Pelion Mayor Barbara Smith, Chief Cook Charlie Haggard, Club President Jean Haggard, Starr Corley, and Kay Collings. Club members spent over 195 hours during the South Carolina Peanut Party. Twenty-one club members boiled, packed, and sold peanuts. Pictured are members Steve Neese and Benny Collings. Proceeds from the sale help fund scholarships, sponsor Boys and Girl State, and various community projects.



News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District

Sangerville-Towers Help Fund Medical Expenses



Sangerville-Towers (VA) Ruritan Club President Randy Hunter was given the opportunity to present a donation on behalf of the club to Raygan Skye Batton. Three-year old Raygan has a rare form of childhood cancer called Neuroblastoma. She has had several medical treatments and her prognosis looks good. Hunter says that she has been unbelievably strong through this difficult time. The photo of Hunter, Raygan, and grandmother

Donna Absher was taken at the annual "Ray of Sunshine Festival." All donations from the event will help with medical expenses and raise awareness for childhood cancer.

Mint Spring (VA) Ruritan Club donated baby items to Kristen Cook of The New Directions Program. Club member June Steger (right) is shown presenting Cook with the items.



News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District

Falling Spring Presents Scholarship



Falling Spring (VA) Ruritan Club presented a scholarship check to Courtney Glover. Courtney is active in eight different service clubs and participates in local events such as Operation Warm Heart and Relay for Life. She has volunteered over 70 hours in the past two years to assist the Christmas Mother. Her greatest commitment has been assisting a local youngster with Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa. She helped raise funds for treatment cost. "Courtney's outstanding character and positive attitude contributed to her selection for this award. We hope that this will help her reach her goals as she attends the University of Virginia," said Club President Al Durham.

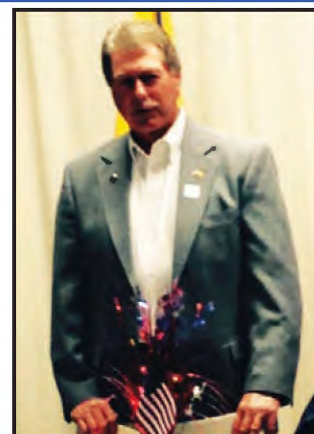
News From Ruritan: Georgia-N/Alabama District

Kash and Bryant Clubs Honor Veterans



Kash (AL) Ruritan Club treated veterans and their spouses to a big breakfast thanking them for their service. Pictured are some of the attendees.

Bryant (AL) Ruritan Club President Bill Wheeler (pictured right) welcomed local veterans and their spouses thanking them for their service at its meeting.



News From Ruritan: Rockingham District



Belmont Community (VA) Ruritan Club donates 100 dozen of eggs and 100 pounds of onions to the Rockingham Food Pantry. Pictured are club members Rick Keyton (right) and Dan Brubaker (left.)



Elkton (VA) Ruritan Club donated a barbeque pit to the Elkton Area Community Center. Donations of materials and labor from local businesses made this project possible. The pit was dedicated in memory of Elkton Charter Member Chancellor Lough.

Get **Tickled Pink**

at First Lady Sandra's Breakfast Saturday to Benefit American Cancer Society

January 17, 2015

News From Ruritan: Greenville-Goldsboro District



College. Pictured left are Al Yelverton (Jackson's father), Jackson, and Club President Allen Watkins.

Pinetown and Eureka Present Scholarships

Pinetown (NC) Ruritan Club presented Kacy Thompson with a \$545 scholarship. Thompson is a graduate of Washington High School and plans to attend Beaufort County Community College in the fall. Pictured are Club President and Kacy Thompson.

Jackson Yelverton was the 2014 recipient of a \$550 scholarship of the **Eureka (NC) Ruritan Club**. Jackson will be attending Wayne Community



Potomac District Staying Strong



Lewistown (MD) Club presented \$7,000 in scholarships to 17 students at its annual picnic. Funds for the scholarships were made available from the annual Lewistown Ruritan Club Golf Tournament. The recipients and the club members are (back row l-r) Scholarship Chair Randy Green, Mathew Lenhart, FCC; Jordon Trey, Bloomsburg University; Troy Matlock, Shepherd University; Alexandra Wright, WVU; Bailey Wright, Hood College; Nicholas Rogers, FCC; Gar-

rett Baseley, Capital College; Charles Jenkins, Jr., Mount St. Mary's University; and Club President Ron Demory. Seated are Ayla Gould, Coastal Carolina; Anna Staley, Shepherd University; Elaine Sexton, Frostburg University; Shelby Ledger, Indiana University of PA; Carly Stull, Elizabeth College; Katy Lambert, HCC; and Hannah Yeager, Saint Mary's College of Maryland. Recipients not pictured are Mathew Gartrell, FCC; Lucas Baseley and Jessica Lambert, VA-MD

College of Veterinary Medicine.

New Franklin (PA) Ruritan Club donated \$16,000 to the New Franklin



Elementary School to help purchase new playground equipment. Pictured is Club President Sharon Guyer.

Pictured left are five new members of the **Leitersberg** (MD) Ruritan Club. They are (l-r) Kay McCall, Chris Foster, Tracy Baer, Robert Balentine, and Michele Edgel.



For the past two years, the **Ft. Frederick** (MD) Ruritan Club has held fundraisers to gather funds necessary to erect a monument honoring past and present veterans of the area. The unveiling of the impressive memorial in front of the Big Pool Civic Center was well received by over 40 local residents, including a WWII veteran. Unveiling the monument were club members (l-r) McKinley "Benny" Martin, James Rosenberry, Mark Boyer, and Phil Mummert.



News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

Bethel Installs New Member



Bethel (NC) Ruritan Club hosted a family picnic and installed new member Sheila Winslow. Pictured with Winslow is her father and Club President Morris Saunders.

Advance, Bear Swamp-Beech Springs, Belvidere, Bethel, Chowan, and Rocky Hock (NC) Ruritan Clubs held their Zone 3 meeting. Pictured (l-r) are National Director Clay Byrum, Lt. Governor Doug Baily, Zone 3 Governor Mark Winslow, and District Governor Ronnie Long.



News From Ruritan: Upper WV District

Headsville Countryside Donates to National Guard



Judy Paugh of the **Headsville Countryside** (WV) Club presented boxes of toiletries to Specialist 4th Jessie Paugh of the Cumberland National Guard, to be sent overseas.

The club also sent coupons to families that are stationed overseas so they can use these in commissaries.

Pictured is the youngest member of the club Tiana Morales. She assists weekly in packaging food items to be distributed every Friday to over 200 students in the school system.



News From Ruritan: Opportunity Land District

Western Yell County Hosts Political Rally



Western Yell County (AR) Ruritan Club hosted a political rally and pie auction raising \$1,510 for use in community outreach projects. Several candidates for local and statewide offices were present. Each spoke to the crowd about their hopes and plans if they are successful in the November election. Pictured are some of the attendees.



Bluegrass Sponsors Bike Ride

The Wheels of Hope ride is an annual event to help raise money for cancer research. Bikers from all around the country participated. One biker came from Switzerland to participate. 138 participated in the event sponsored by the **Bluegrass** (WV) Ruritan Club and local businesses. Pictured serving the participants are club member Joe Wiley and Bank representative Janet Caulkins.

Williamsburg Adopts A Highway



Williamsburg (WV) Ruritan Club completed its 23rd consecutive year "Adopt-A-Highway" project picking up eight bags of litter. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Junior Mullins, Gregory Hurd, Doyle Owens, Jack Goodman, and Rodger Hedrick. Pictured in the front (l-r) are Albert Stidom, Jonna Mullins, Herb Barthlow, Stan Zahorenko, Debra Zahorenko, and Beth Stidom. Participant not pictured is Leslie Stidom.



Muddy Creek Celebrates Anniversary

Muddy Creek (WV) Mountain Ruritan Club celebrated its 30th anniversary. National Director Eugene Tasker was in attendance and presented the club with a certificate. Charter member Lee Johnson was honored for mentoring the club. Pictured (l-r) are Club President David Stacks, Tasker, Randolph Baker, and Johnson.

Maxwelton Supports Special Olympics

Maxwelton (WV) Ruritan Club President is shown presenting a donation to John Miller, Jr. and Johnna Miller of the Greenbrier County Special Olympics to help with their travel expenses attending events across the state. Johnna proudly showed the club her winning medals.



News From Ruritan: Cherokee District

Coker Creek Donates to Girl Scout Troop

Coker Creek (TN) Ruritan Club donated \$500 to the Coker Creek Girl Scout Troop #40005 to upgrade the Coker Creek Ruritan "Steve Dockery Memorial" Field and to display names of many local soldiers. The memorial is located at the Coker Creek Elementary School next to the Coker Creek Club. Pictured are Club Treasurer Ralph Murphy presenting the check to Troop Leader Melissa Shaw Wiseman. She and the Girl Scouts are in a 1924 Ford Model T owned by club member Marvin Harper.



Morrison Delivers Meals on Wheels

Morrison (TN) Ruritan Club donates regularly to Warren County Meals on Wheels. Club members deliver two to three times per week for the organization. Pictured (l-r) are club member Kay Holt and Meals on Wheels Representative Nancy Mayfield. One of the clubs largest fundraiser is its hamburger sales at the county fair. Club President Mike Holland is pictured making the burgers.



News From Ruritan: Ohio District

Catie Metzbar received **West Branch Area Ladies (OH) Ruritan Club's "Build Your Dollar"** scholarship. She will be attending Kent University studying accounting and finance. Club member **Mary Belle Metzgar** and grandmother of **Catie** is shown presenting her the check.



United Local (OH) Ruri-Teen Club participated in a bike and hike. All funds raised benefited the Columbiana County Mammogram Unit. Pictured (l-r) are Christopher Chadwick, Bridget Soliday, Angela Judy, and Ben Sell.

News From Ruritan: Hermitage District

Wildersville-Beaver Celebrates Anniversary



Wildersville-Beaver (TN) Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. Zone Governor Leon Collins was the emcee of the event. Club President Elaine Blackens spoke on the last 50 years of accomplishments. Charter members were recognized along with other guests. District Governor Linda Dodson presented a personal letter to Blackens from National President Elliott Hogge. National Director Earl Smith presented a framed certificate from National commending them on their 50 years. The keynote speaker was Past National President Jerry Ellis who reminded them of the great friends each one of them have made by being a Ruritan member. Ellis recognized the club's outstanding member Katherine Roberts for her unselfish work and presented her with a letter and certificate from Hogge.



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News From Ruritan: Dan River District

Dan River District Clubs Welcome New Members



Chatham (VA) Ruritan Club welcomed four new members. Zone Governor Barry Sides installed (l-r) Wanda Scarce, Lynette Nuckols, Faye Peery, and Carl Newby.

Dan River District Zone 6 Governor Charlie Rowland is shown presenting the President's Golden Key Award to Brenda Brooks for recruiting 10 new members into the **Climax** (VA) Ruritan Club.

News From Ruritan: Rapidan District

Belmont Presents Scholarships

Belmont (VA) Ruritan Club awarded \$6,000 in scholarships. Recipients are Courtney Hannah, University of Mary Washington majoring in elementary education and psychology; Abbey Houchens, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College majoring in nursing; Randy Jackson Jr., George Mason University; Mario Mejir, Germanna Community College majoring in business, Joshua Lemon, Christopher Newport University majoring in pre-law with interest in the military; and Kaitlyn West, Roanoke College majoring in history and Spanish. Pictured are Club President Bill Hayden, Mejir, Hannah, Scholarship Chair Steve Fritz, Lemon, and West, Not pictured were recipient Randy Jackson Jr. and Abbey Houchens.



Bahama Sponsors Festival



Bahama (NC) Ruritan Club co-sponsored the third annual Bahama Day Festival. Music, crafts, dancing, and food were featured. Alton Mangum provided a history presentation of Ruritan and the community. Pictured (left) are Alton Mangum and his fellow Ruritan Ryan Miller during the festivities.

Zeb Vance (NC) Club members Claude and Winston Kerley are pictured with Zeb Vance Elementary School Principal Anne Garrison after they presented third grade students with dictionaries.



Silk Hope and West Edgecombe Present Scholarships



Silk Hope (NC) Ruritan Club presented 13 scholarships totaling \$9,400. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Chair Michael Rogers, Phillip Gowins, Bryton Abraham, Coleen Mitchell, Dustin Cox, Cameron Sheffield, Austin Partin, Leak Brooks, and Julie Waterson. Recipients not pictured were Zack Poe, Heather Norfleet, Drew Hinshaw, Kendall Suits, and Katie Black.

Cal Sagadraca was the 2014 Earl Wooten Scholarship recipient of the **West Edgecombe** (NC) Ruritan Club. Cal is a graduate of Southwest High School and will be attending Nash Community College where he plans to major in marine biology. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Tim Harris, Hope Wooten, and Cal Sagadraca.

Glen Alpine Holds Lawn Mower Raffle



Glen Alpine (NC) Ruritan Club held its Annual Lawn Mower Raffle. Ticket sales were \$4,294 which allowed the club to profit \$2,491. First-place winner Elizabeth Bauer won a John Deere riding mower. Second-place winner Kimberly Clark won a push mower. A \$100 cash prize was given to the third-place winner. Pictured are Club President Eddie Peters with Second-Place Winner Kimberly Clark.



Pembroke Celebrates Anniversary

Pembroke (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 75th anniversary. Club Member Leon Law presented a brief history of the club's community service activities. Virginia Delegate Joseph Yost spoke and presented gifts to club members. A large meal was enjoyed by all. Pictured



left are National President Elect Bobby Burton and National Director Lorene Reece presenting a plaque to Club President Monroe Blevins.

Wytheville (VA) Ruritan Club Treasurer Martha Patterson (I) is shown presenting Wilson Foundation and Museum Representative Edith Bolling a donation for children projects.

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Knitting and Crocheting Corner in Greensboro



1983 Ruritan First Lady Martha Amick of the **Lower Richland** (SC) Ruritan Club taught a Sunday School Class of middle school students how to make chemo caps. The caps were for children being treated at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. The Saturday Blessings group of the Windsor United Methodist Church hosted a workshop to help begin the chemo-cap-making process. During the past four months, the class, along with members of the Saturday Blessings group and numerous Windsorites, have been knitting and crocheting chemo-caps for the children. (See photo of the class with their creations.)

Class members Crawford Latham, Brianna Hinson, and Theo and Jake Smalls delivered the 240 caps to Susan Shumpert, a child life specialist at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders on October 16. Each cap has a tag attached saying that the cap was "handmade for you with love and prayers as an Outreach Ministry and with technical assistance from the Lower Richland Ruritan Club."

NOTE: Chemo caps are being collected for donation at the 2015 Ruritan National Convention in Greensboro, NC. You can find patterns on the Ruritan website. Join the fun in an on-site knitting and crocheting corner.

Directions for knitting: <http://www.ruritan.org/library/209.pdf>

Directions for single crochet: <http://www.ruritan.org/library/206.pdf>

Directions for double crochet: <http://www.ruritan.org/library/207.pdf>

Pungoteague Builds Wheelchair Ramp



Pungoteague (VA) Ruritan Club built a wheelchair ramp for an area resident who had lost both legs to diabetes. The club takes on wheelchair ramps as its service project and constructs and installs about four a year in its district. Pictured left (front to back) are Wayne Valentine, John Denton, Carl Bacchi, and Paul Custis. Pictured right (front to back) are Herman Hohlt, David Shaw, Russell Vreeland and Club President Taylor Dukes.

The club also presented David Wright (center) a 2014 graduate of Nandua High School the Custis-Quinn Scholarship. Wright is attending Virginia Military Institute where he plans to major in electrical engineering and be a member of the soccer team. This \$1,000 scholarship is presented in honor of the Custis and Quinn families. Charlotte Custis, who passed away this year at the age of 105, supported the club for many years. Her son, Elvin, who died last year, was a member for over 50 years. Another son, Russell, is a current member with over 50 years of service. The scholarship also honors the late Herman and Arthur Quinn. The Quinn's were supportive of the club's scholarship program and helped to get it started. Pictured (l-r) are Dana Wright, Scholarship Chair Bill Mapp, David Wright, Club President Taylor Dukes, and Carl Wright.



Sussex Central Assembles Handicap Accessible Picnic Tables

As an annual service project, the **Sussex Central** (DE) Ruritan Club assembles handicapped picnic tables for organizations such as VFW, Little League, parks, playgrounds, and schools. The club attaches a sign for advertising. The picnic tables are all handicap accessible.

Pictured (l-r) are club members Tim Harrison, Bob Lawson, VFW Representatives Bill Lawson, Bill Zorrer, Erney Fletcher, and Neil Burke.

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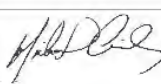
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