

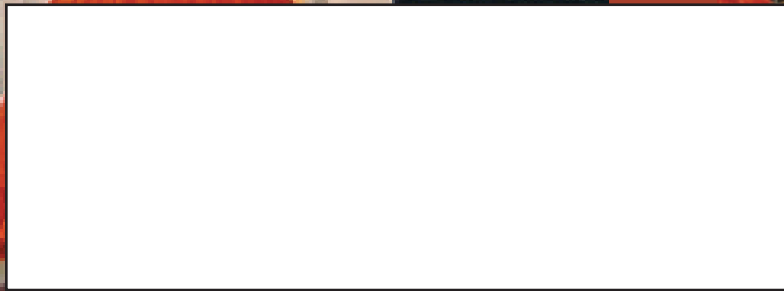


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Rocky Hock Opry Featured at 2010 Ruritan Convention in Virginia Beach



Ruritans Meet Challenges in 2009



It has been my pleasure to attend the district conventions in many Ruritan localities. It has been my pleasure watching the enthusiasm of clubs receiving their awards and the celebration in their accomplishments of the year. I have enjoyed hearing of all the new projects that have been accomplished and how successful your clubs have been in helping people out in the community.

Congratulations on your outstanding work. Many thanks to the club members, and clubs, because at that level is where the work gets done.

I talked with you in January about change and the future. One thing in life that is constant is change. Ruritan has made many changes this year. Our first college club was chartered. The trend of adding youth to our organization has been very successful. We have introduced the Membership Management System. This process has improved the way we work at the national office by making the process more efficient.

Because of the Membership Management System, our membership numbers are current and available instantly. The membership numbers for clubs, districts and the national office agree. Computer based training (CBT) is on line for club officers to use at their convenience. Many officers have already completed the training online.

We will be using computer technology at the 2010 Ruritan National Convention in VA Beach for registration and voting. With less time spent doing these tasks by hand; we will have more time for fellowship.

Ruritan is making a transition into the technology age and we are working towards growing our organization through younger

members. Yes, we are on the verge of growing our organization.

With this being election year in many states, it has been brought to our attention that there are many elected officials in our states and local governments that are Ruritans.

We have governors, Lt. governors, senators, delegates, representatives, mayors, council members, county commissioners and more who are on the front line of communications in our states.

While traveling across Ruritan-land this year I have been impressed at the major impact that Ruritan clubs have made in their communities. It is time for Ruritans to speak up and publicize what your club has done for your communities.

We need to get the word out and do some marketing on how great our organization is, and what we do, and that we are proud to be Ruritans. Thank you for a successful year!

I look forward to joining you at the 2010 Ruritan National Convention in VA Beach in January. I thank you for all you do in the name of Ruritan. May God bless you in this holiday season.

Share Ruritan,

Donald Worrell
National President



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One North Carolina club has donated 700 Rudy Bears to a local hospital serving children in the community.

The Rocky Hock Opry, performed by the members of the **Rocky Hock** (NC) Ruritan Club, will be an optional event at the 2010 Ruritan National Convention in Virginia Beach. The entire \$10 ticket price goes to the American Cancer Society. Pictured on this Ruritan cover is the entire cast of the opry. Also featured are "Minnie Pearl" played by Cindy Lewis being interviewed by MC Jack Evans, and comedian Flatbilly Bob (Steve Evans) completes the trio of pictures. Come see them all in person on Friday night at the National Convention.

Message from Executive Director Michael Chrisley

We See Every Day That Ruritans are Caring People

This morning's forecast said that the temperature would reach almost 70 degrees today. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and that in less than 90 days we will have our convention in Virginia Beach. I can tell you that Christmas came early in Dublin (VA) this year. The National Office has received more than \$65,000 in donations for repairs and replacements to our building. Please see the story on page 8 for an update on projects at the office. We are making our best effort to be good fiduciaries of your donations by making improvements that will save money.



Ruritans are generous, caring people. This quality is important not only at this time of year but all year long. Virginia clubs just completed a food drive in concert with AARP. From all reports much food was collected and distributed to local food banks. It is about the numbers in a way, but it is much more about the people and the needs they face. My own club was able to collect over 300 pounds of food. Not a huge number but we found out how much even a little helps when we contacted a local church (one that none of our members attend).

When the people came to pick up the food they said that it was like a miracle. They feed several hundred families and had just had to turn some away. Our food provided for those people. Small number, big impact. Don't ever doubt the value of the service you provide. Without our small collection of food, these families may have gone hungry.

Having said that, it is important to keep your club strong and serving the community. More members make it easier to handle fundraising and service initiatives. Continue to recruit members into your clubs. Continue to look for communities to give the gift of a Ruritan club. There are all kinds of reasons to recruit members and build clubs. There are numerous awards and recognition ... but the best reason is that Ruritan is good. We make good things happen in communities all over this country.

We wish for you and yours the very best this holiday season. Please join us in Virginia Beach and be a part of celebrating all the success in Ruritan this year!

Michael T. Chrisley
Executive Director

New Clubs for 2009

New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors & DRMS*

(January 1, 2009 -- November 1, 2009)

<u>New Club Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>DRM</u>
Providence Middle School Ruri-Teen	Appomattox	Midlothian	Larry Ford
Alexander Ruri-Teen	Western North Carolina	Gwaltney	Shelby Earp
Ooltewah Middle School Ruri-Teen	Cherokee	East Hamilton County	Sherry McCullough
Black River Ruri-Teen	Ohio	Homer	Chuck Scotch
Capon Bridge Ruri-Teen	Upper WV	Capon Bridge	Jeannie Lopez-Smith
Washington & Lee Ruri-Teen	Chesapeake	Westmoreland	Peggy Mothershead
Pennyroyal Ruri-Teen	Ohio	Pennyroyal	Larry Starcher
Wentworth	Piedmont	Ayersville	Jayson Duncan
Germanton Elementary Ruri-Teen	Piedmont	Germanton	Jayson Duncan
Wadlow Gap	Southwest Virginia	Copper Creek	Paul Babb
DeBusk	Davy Crockett	Clear Spring	Calvin Shelton
Neighbor's Hand	New River	Baywood	Donald Worrell
North Iredell	Piedmont	V-Point	Alice Absher
Callaghan Elementary Ruri-Teen	Natural Bridge	Callaghan Area	Charles W. Wiley
Brown Middle School Ruri-Teen	Cherokee	Harrison	Barbara Knowles
Hunter Middle School Ruri-Teen	Cherokee	Harrison	Barbara Knowles
Prospect	Cherokee	Westside	Joyce Johnson

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

G & D News Flash: Organizing a Ruritan Club

Every community needs a Ruritan club. With this in mind and with your desire to organize a new club, assess the commitment of your club, district/area leaders, and yourself to this project. Given the assurance of support, confirm your intention to your district governor and growth and development chair.

In addition to time, organizing a Ruritan club requires the four "Ps", planning, preparation, patience and persistence.

PLANNING – Identify a community where you know a leader within that community. Decide how Ruritan could be of benefit to that community. Find a location where you can meet with community leaders to discuss Ruritan. Ask Ruritan National to do a site assessment on the community you have chosen because this could help you find people, businesses, or organizations that you could contact and invite to the organizational meeting.

PREPARATION – Develop a list of key individuals in the community. Create an informative brochure about Ruritan with contact information in order to

build a list of interested citizens. (Contact Ruritan National at service@ruritan.org and ask them to prepare a brochure template for the community at no cost to your club.) Decide on the date for the organizational meeting to be included in the brochure. Have other Ruritans available to give their testimony about Ruritan at the organizational meeting. Assemble materials for the meeting – brochures, bylaws, Ruritan magazine, news clippings, individual handbooks, etc. Plan and prepare an agenda for the meeting. For more information, refer to the Growth & Development Reference Manual, (red folder, revised fall 2008, and section 10.)

PATIENCE – Do not be frustrated if the first organizational meeting does not yield a high number of people. Organize a second meeting and have everyone bring someone with them to the second meeting. A Ruritan club doesn't always start overnight.

PERSISTENCE - Continue to spread information about Ruritan in the community.

Keep new members motivated to find additional members. Continue to hold regular meetings. Contact the Ruritan National Board's Growth and Development Committee for more information, brochures, etc., by contacting Ruritan Service at 1-877-787-8727, ext. 13.

HOW IS YOUR RETENTION?

It is just as important to retain members and clubs as well as recruiting and starting new clubs. So keep doing everything you can to accomplish this for Ruritan.

Ruritan Teams With AARP for Food Drop

On October 24, 2009 Ruritan clubs in Virginia and AARP Virginia worked together to host food drives across the state. Nearly 100 clubs participated with thousands of pounds of food collected and distributed to a variety of food banks. Grand totals and club evaluations are still coming into the Ruritan National Office. Pictured below left are 2009 National President Donald Worrell with Holland District Governor Clay Byrum and **Holland** (VA) Club Vice President Ronnie White with 443 pounds of food collected by the Holland club. More than 70 large bags of food were brought to the Blacksburg AARP Chapter meeting for the food drive.



Pictured below right (l-r) are: Jim Moore of the **Mt. Tabor** (VA) Ruritan Club, Susan Anderson, Blacksburg Town Council, and Paul Smeal Blacksburg AARP Chapter President.

Clubs Raise Fun and Funds For Communities

Throughout southern Virginia, annual outdoor events are held to provide a gathering for the locals and to raise funds for Ruritan club projects. For an entry fee, locals make their way to an out-of-the way spot on a country road that turns into a giant festival site where they can enjoy all the food they can eat and an afternoon of entertainment. Make-shift tables made out of barrels and boards are placed under shade trees, and event goers pick a spot and make camp with their folding chairs. Bands set up their equipment on a flat-bed truck for a stage. Then the good times begin!

This year, the **Hunterdale** (VA) Ruritans hosted their 46th Western Beef BBQ at the Bronco Hunt Club. This event features beef BBQ with beans, slaw, and hush puppies. In nearby Windsor, Foster's Pond becomes the spot for the annual **Windsor** (VA) Ruritan Club Pig Pickin'. "I attended my first Windsor Ruritan Pig Pickin' when my father took me in the 1980's. It was a big community event then and it is even better today," stated Holland District Governor Clay Byrum. At Windsor one is treated to BBQ pork with all the trimmings. Long-time Ruritan members along with community volunteers cook the meat and then season it with their own secret sauces. Don't ask for a recipe. If you were fortunate enough to get one, you would be making enough sauce for 500 pounds of BBQ.

Up the road, the **Wakefield** (VA) Ruritans host the Shad Planking. Shad are bony fish that are placed on wood planks for cooking. For 61 years, the Ruritans have been hosting this event. Shad Planking traces its origin to the early 1930's. A group of friends gathered during the spring running of the shad in the James River. They planked the shad after the tradition of native Virginia Indians and talked politics after the tradition of their fathers before them. As this tradition grew, the Wakefield Ruritan Club assumed sponsorship of the event in 1949. Generations of Virginia politicians have attended and addressed the Shad Planking gathering, known unofficially as the kick-off to the political season in Virginia. The gathering is truly a unique assembly of the many and varying views of the people and politics of Virginia. This event was featured nationally in a segment on the Fox News Channel show *Hannity*. "Being featured on a national show, such as *Hannity*, was certainly a great opportunity and provided positive exposure for Shad Planking, the Wakefield Ruritan Club, and the Ruritan National organization," commented Eric Brittle, President of the Wakefield Ruritan Club. (To watch the *Hannity* segment visit the Wakefield Ruritan Club website at <http://www.shadplanking.com>)

Fun is not the only benefit of the Shad Planking. It serves as the club's principal fundraising event. All proceeds from the event are donated to local community service projects such as the Wakefield Youth



The Wakefield Shad Planking included entertainment.



The food is served up at the Windsor Pig Pickin'.



Shad are placed on planks and prepared for cooking.

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American Military Missions Support Troops

When Sonja Hardison's grandson was deployed in Iraq in 2005, she started sending him packages, which he shared with other soldiers who did not receive anything from home. These packages were so much appreciated that more packages followed and a nonprofit organization, American Military Missions, was begun. The organization is run by volunteers and completely dependent on donations.

Monthly, packages are mailed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, and Kuwait. Packages contain items such as snacks, toiletries, books, CD's, wet wipes, lip balm, and magazines. Small toys for the troops to give out to



children are included also. Each package includes a letter telling the soldiers who donated the items.

The wives of Ruritan officers and past national presidents had an opportunity to meet Sonja Hardison, hear about American Military Missions, and prepare items and letters for the packages at Founders' Day. Pictured (standing) are Marsha Rodes, Sonja Hardison, Fran Bristow, Anne Freshly, Janet Guthrie, Jeannette Overby, (seated) Grey Miles, Marty Thacker, and Lou Rader.

Clubs wishing more information about American Military Missions may contact Sonja Hardison by e-mail at sshcah@yahoo.com and phone at 757-242-4196 or contact Fred Barb through the **Isle of Wight** (VA) Ruritan Club at 757-357-3740.

Fun and Funds, continued from page 6

Baseball League, the fire departments, and rescue squads. The same is true of the Hunterdale Ruritan Club, who support many local community projects. President Murray Turner states, "Over the years we have supported many youth projects such as baseball and football, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls' State, and the Children's Center, and we fund five scholarships." Additionally the club supports the Hunterdale Volunteer Fire Department, YMCA, Relay for Life, the Senior Center, and others. The Windsor Ruritans give their funds back through their sponsorship of an outstanding scouting program, a homeless shelter, and local fire and rescue squads. Community events such as the Wakefield Shad Planking, the Hunterdale Western Beef BBQ, and the Windsor Pig Pickin' are typical of annual events held throughout the country by Ruritan clubs to provide funds for their local community projects and fun for their communities.



Hunterdale President Murray Turner (center) presents a check for \$500.00 to Franklin High School football coach Darrel Parker (right). Looking on is assistant coach Justin Oliver.

Order 1993 Ruritan National President Wayne Bettis' Book "The Eagle Has Landed"

Cost through Ruritan Supply is \$10 plus \$5 shipping and handling. All proceeds go to charity.

Bring your book to the 2010 National Convention in Virginia Beach and get Wayne's autograph.



To order call 877-787-8727 ext. 20 or e-mail us at supplies@ruritan.org

Generous Gifts Allow More Improvements

Over 280 donations have been made by members, clubs, and districts toward the Ruritan Capital Replacement Fund to pay for much needed repairs to the National Office building. To date over \$ \$65,000 has been raised and many of the repairs are already completed. Most recently new handicapped ramps have been added at both front entrances and the rear entrance to the building. The parking lot has been resurfaced and a handicapped spot has been added at the rear of the building.

Donors since the last issue of the Ruritan magazine are listed below:

Past National Presidents

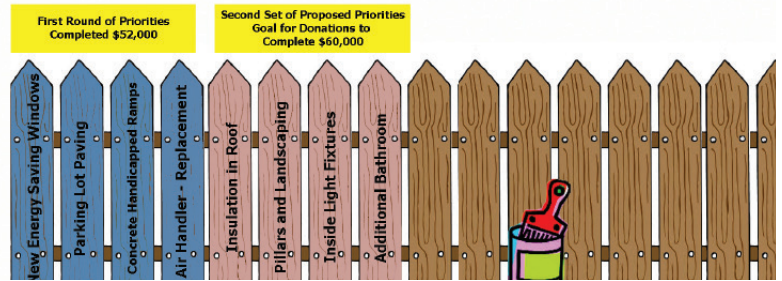
- Jerry and Becky Ellis
- Edwin (Buddy) and Juanita Ragsdale
- Wayne and Sharon Outlaw - In memory of grandparents Ammie and Viola Outlaw; Raeford and Nora Little; Lee and Nola Dew, Sr.; and Dallas and Geneva Hull.
- Wayne and Sharon Outlaw - In memory of Sharon's dad, Lee Dew, Jr.
- Wayne and Sharon Outlaw - In memory of Wayne's mother, Marian Little
- Willis and Jeanette Overby
- John and Martha Hancock

Clubs

- Fort Valley Ruritan Club
- Pioneer Ruritan Club
- New Hope Ruritan Club
- Benvenue Ruritan Club
- Johnsonville Ruritan Club
- Forest Ruritan Club
- Harrison Ruritan Club
- Bloomingtondale Ruritan Club
- Jollivue Barterbrook Ruritan Club
- West Iredell Ruritan Club
- Broadway Timberville Ruritan Club
- Central Chesterfield Ruritan Club
- Stonewall District Ruritan Club, Inc.
- Pleasant Valley Ruritan Club
- North River Ruritan Club - In memory of Dudley Rexrode
- Albemarle Ruritan Club
- Crossroads Ruritan Club
- Louisa County Ruritan Club
- Sumerduck Ruritan Club
- South Warren Ruritan Club

- Smoot Ruritan Club
 - Cardinal Ruritan Club
- Districts**
- Delmarva-New Jersey District
 - Potomac District
- Individuals**
- Carroll D. Lowe
 - Phyllis and Larry Perdue

Ruritan National Office Capital Replacement Goals



2010 Convention in Virginia Beach

Draft Mini-Schedule for 2010 National Convention

NOTE: Events are subject to change. The official convention program will contain the final times and locations of events.

Wednesday January 27

Board of Directors Meeting
 Registration & Credentials open until 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 (closed 4-7 p.m.)
 Welcome Reception: *Dancing with the Presidents*
 Candidate Certification Committee Mtg. w/Candidates
 Sergeant-at-Arms Committee Meeting

Thursday January 28

Various Individual & Group Photos
 2010 District/Area Governors Breakfast
 Registration & Credentials open 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
 2010 District/Area Governors Training
 Youth Activities Room – opens today and remains
 available until Sunday
 Association of Past National Presidents Meeting
 followed by lunch
 Bylaws Convention Committee to receive delegates
 Flag Ceremony Practice
 First Time Convention Attendees Welcome Reception
 (expected to start at 3 p.m.)
 Resolutions Committee to receive delegates
 Foundation Dinner & Awards (additional ticket required)
 Flag Ceremony/Memorial/Vesper Service
 National President's Reception

Friday January 29 *

President's Breakfast Honoring Retiring District/Area
 Governors and National Officers (invitation only)
 Registration & Credentials open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NOTE: voter certification closes at 2 p.m. Friday

Friday Business Session
 Friday Fellowship Luncheon with First Lady Roseland
 Election-Voting (3 - 6:30 p.m.)
 Foundation Live Auction (immediately following meal)
 Friday Evening Entertainment: **Rocky Hock Opry**
 (ticket required; benefit for Relay for Life)

Saturday January 30

Run Off Election-Voting (only if necessary) 6:30 to 9
 a.m.
 Veterans Breakfast (additional ticket required)
 Saturday Business Session
 Group Photos 2010 Trustees/Board
 Installation Banquet & Closing of Convention &
 Entertainment

Sunday January 31

Worship Service
 Breakfast and Orientation for 2010 Board and Trustees

***NOTE: Caucuses shall be held at the discretion of
 the district governors.**

Workshops for 2010 Convention (Draft)

<u>Date</u>	<u>General Time of Day</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Thursday, January 28, 2010	morning	Help, I'm a New Club Officer (first offering)
Thursday, January 28, 2010	morning	Growing Ruritan (first offering)
Thursday, January 28, 2010	afternoon	Legal Responsibilities
Thursday, January 28, 2010	afternoon	Introduction to Computerized Voting
Thursday, January 28, 2010	afternoon	Adult and Youth Partnerships - Adults Only
Thursday, January 28, 2010	afternoon	Lt District Governors Training
Thursday, January 28, 2010	afternoon	Ruritan on the Move
Thursday, January 28, 2010	afternoon	Club Liability
Friday, January 29, 2010	afternoon	Using the Ruritan MMS (first offering)
Friday, January 29, 2010	afternoon	Adult and Youth Partnerships - Youth Only
Friday, January 29, 2010	afternoon	Zone Governor Training
Friday, January 29, 2010	afternoon	Ruritan Forever
Friday, January 29, 2010	afternoon	Conflict Resolution
Friday, January 29, 2010	afternoon	Ruritan Awards and Community Service Reports
Friday, January 29, 2010	afternoon	The Leadership Institute - Youth Only - Part I
Friday, January 29, 2010	afternoon	Ruritan National Foundation
Saturday, January 30, 2010	morning	Identifying Potential Leaders and Hands On Training
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	Applehead Dolls
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	The Leadership Institute - Youth Only - Part II
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	Help, I'm a New Club Officer (second offering)
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	Growing Ruritan (second offering)
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	Putting on a Dynamic December Ruritan Meeting
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	Leadership Training
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	Youth and Ruri-Teens Workshop: Unleashed Potential (IWDWISIWD)
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	History of Ruritan
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	Train the Trainer
Saturday, January 30, 2010	afternoon	Using the Ruritan MMS (second offering)

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Candidates and Ballot Items Summarized

Delegates at the 2010 National Convention will have at least five bylaws amendments to consider on the ballot. One new proposed amendment will allow lieutenant zone governors, in the districts that have them, to be voting members of their district cabinets. Another new amendment will allow the district chaplain to be a voting member of the district cabinet. Both actions affect Ruritan National Bylaws, article XVI, section C and both were approved by the Ruritan National Board of Directors at its August meeting.

A third amendment will allow media conferencing and voting for conducting the business of the Board of Directors of Ruritan. The amendment to article XII: meetings adds a new section F that states: Business may be conducted via media conferencing and voting as appropriate to the type of media tool being used to conduct the meeting. A majority of Board of Directors or committee members shall constitute a quorum.

A fourth amendment changes the voting procedures at the national conventions to allow officers, directors, and trustees to be elected by a plurality of the vote rather than a majority of the vote on the first ballot

only. The fifth amendment will clarify the process for amending the national bylaws. All five items require the approval of the delegates to be enacted.

In addition the following declared candidates are running for national positions:

National President
Jerome Rodes

National Vice President
Jayson Duncan
Fred E. Venable

National Secretary
(for a three year term)
JoAnn C. Wenger

National Director
Anne Hillard
Ray Lautzenheiser
Steve D. Mullis
Karen D.S. Pallette
Foster Parrish
Robert A. Reece
Don Yeagan

Foundation Trustee
Danny Privott

Tour a U.S. Navy Ship During the 2010 Ruritan National Convention.

Saturday, January 30
Depart from the Virginia Beach Convention Center at approximately 1 p.m for a three hour tour. Cost of \$12 per person covers bus transportation.

Requires considerable walking and the ability to climb stairs.

We need to reserve enough buses - so let us know that YOU are interested by sending in form below or by emailing us at office@ruritan.org and telling us how many are in your party. You may pay us on site at Ruritan Supply or send your money with your reservation form below.



Name _____ Club _____ District _____

_____ # in my party who want seats reserved for this tour of a U.S.Navy ship. Send this form or a copy to:

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

or email the information to office@ruritan.org

___ a check is enclosed for these reservations

___ I will pay on site for these reservations



2010 Ruritan National Convention

Virginia Beach Convention Center



(January 28-30, 2010)

Please print or type

1st Attendee: _____

Club: _____ District _____

2nd Attendee: _____

Club: _____ District _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Badge Name #1: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

Preferred Badge Name #2: _____

Check items below that apply:

I need vegetarian meals for these in my party.
(list names below)

I need handicapped accessible seating at meals

This is my first Convention/Name: _____

Send information on wheelchair/scooter rental.

I am a Delegate/Name: _____

I will be using a scooter and will need assistance with transportation at the hotel/convention center

I have 50 years or more perfect attendance. Name: _____ # of Years _____

GUESTS: As a fully registered attendee you may bring non-registered guests to meal functions only. List names below and pay for their meals under "Extra Tickets" on reverse. They will only be allowed in events they've paid for.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Registration Details

Your convention registration includes:

- Wednesday night Social with Entertainment
- Thursday Evening Opening with Flag Ceremony, Vesper Service, and Memorial Service
- Friday and Saturday business sessions
- Friday Fellowship Luncheon with the First Lady
- Saturday Installation Banquet with Entertainment
- President's Reception
- Name badge, printed program, workshops, entertainment, speakers, and more.

Registration must be paid in order to attend convention activities including

workshops and business sessions. A registered

convention attendee may purchase extra meals for his/her non-registered guests. The deadline to qualify for "early" registration is December 27, 2009. Between December 27, 2009, and January 7, 2010, late registration fees will apply. After January 7, 2010, you may only register in person at the convention site.

Optional Events & Meals

There are several optional events that may be purchased separately for attendees or for their guests. These are listed on the back of this registration form.

Lodging

Hotel rooms may be secured using the official lodging form available at <http://ruritan.org> or by going directly to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/2010RuritanHousing>

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)

<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Korea
<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. Marines	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy	<input type="checkbox"/> Desert Storm
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Operation Iraqi Freedom
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)

What Events Will You Attend At The Beach?

Convention Registration: Includes Fellowship Luncheon with the First Lady and Saturday Installation Banquet.

Early Registration # ___ @ \$155 == \$ _____

Postmarked on or prior to December 27, 2009

Late Registration # ___ @ \$185 == \$ _____

Postmarked after December 27, 2009

Sub Total Basic Registration \$ _____

Optional Meals: These prices are for registered attendees only. Guests who are not registered should purchase their meal tickets under "Extra Tickets" below.

Thursday

Foundation Awards Dinner # ___ @ \$55 == \$ _____

Saturday

Veterans' Breakfast # ___ @ \$20 == \$ _____

Sub Total Optional Meals \$ _____

Extra Tickets: For any guests of a fully registered attendee. These tickets will secure entrance to these events **ONLY**. **Names must be listed on front of this form.**

Thursday

Foundation Awards Dinner # ___ @ \$55 == \$ _____

Friday

Fellowship Luncheon with the First Lady # ___ @ \$30 == \$ _____

Optional Rocky Hock Opry Show** # ___ @ \$10 == \$ _____

***Entire ticket price goes to American Cancer Society*

Saturday

Veterans Breakfast # ___ @ \$20 == \$ _____

Saturday Installation Banquet # ___ @ \$55 == \$ _____

Sub Total Extra Tickets: \$ _____

Other:

Rudy Bears - Large # ___ @ \$8.25 == \$ _____

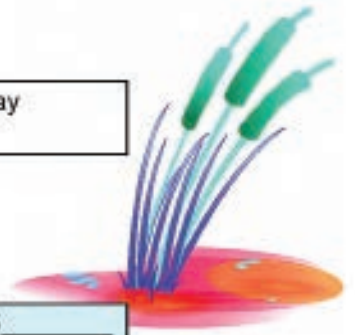
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Have you given donations to your local food pantry? Has your club sponsored a Red Cross blood drive? Don't forget to tell your District Governor about your total donations and total pints of blood collected for a contest at the National Convention.

How Will You Pay?

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

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Ruritans Sponsor Scouts to Medal of Honor

Boys Scouts sponsored by Ruritans from the mid-Atlantic states gathered at the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge for Ruritan's 18th annual Medal of Honor Adventure during the rainy and cold weekend of Oct. 16-18, 2009. After a hearty dinner on Friday evening, attendees participated in a program to break up into service committees for the weekend. Staff held "ice breaker" activities to get the teams working together.

After breakfast Saturday the Scouts ventured out into the 40 degree rain into the 52 acre Medal of Honor Grove to begin cleanup of memorial sites for the 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. They worked for three hours in the rain clearing the limbs and trash from each site and loading them on the pickup for the staff to empty. The work was not finished, so they hiked back in for the afternoon session and completed their assignments. The

Scouts donned their uniforms for dinner and enjoyed a formal dinner followed by the program Recall of Honor. Ron Rosser, a Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War, was unable to attend as usual due to illness. However, the Scouts were able to watch a movie about the Medal of Honor and see a short video clip of Ron Rosser's interview with PBS several years ago.

The Scouts were presented with participant patches from the Medal of Honor Adventure by Ruritan National Director Larry Blount, who had been in the Grove with the Scouts helping with the cleanup.

The Scouts said they would like to thank those Ruritan clubs which sponsored and organized the event. They all expressed a desire to have many more Scouts from other states and Ruritan Districts participate in 2010.

National Director Asks for Help with Helipad Clean Up

Fellow Ruritans,

I am writing this in order to share some very important information. Over the past several years Ruritan has had the opportunity to serve hundreds of communities all over America. Did you ever stop and wonder what it might be like to not have this freedom? Have you ever considered the many lives that have been lost in defending the freedoms that are sometimes taken for granted?

For the past two years I have been very fortunate to have been able to attend the Medal of Honor Adventure with an exciting group of Boy Scouts. The event is held at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

I am proud to report that they are an outstanding group of young men and speak well of organization's efforts to support Scout Troops across the country. This year, in a soggy early morning rain 28 Scouts plus leaders embarked on a work detail. The main focus of the day was to pick up sticks and branches and move them to the side of the road. The Scouts were divided into four groups. They were able to make a dent in this un-ending project and in some cases were able to get several of the brush piles picked up and moved to the helipad. It was indeed a privilege to be with this fine group of young men.

Now I will get to the real reason for this letter to you all. Several years ago Ruritan donated a helipad for use at the Medal of Honor Grove. But what I am about to report should make us all stop and wonder how things like this happen. The helipad is still there

although you would have problems landing even a toy remote-controlled helicopter on it. The site is grown up with grass and weeds and is covered with brush from the Grove. The little monument that is there to thank Ruritan is all but hidden overgrown foliage.

Distressed by what I saw, I made presentations to both the National Board and any club or district willing to have me speak. I organized a work day for the **Jefferson** (MD) club that was featured in the fall RURITAN magazine.

I am now working on 2010 and planning to have two clean up days in the spring on April 17 and May 15 starting at 8 a.m. I will have a sign-up sheet at the 2010 Ruritan National Convention for any clubs or individuals who wish to participate. If your club cannot attend, there are other ways to help. The two biggest items that will need to be rented are a large chipper-shredder and a small tractor and loader with a rotary mower. The other items to bring if you are able include: push mowers, chain saws, weed eaters, leaf blowers, pruners, shovels, rakes, etc. It is just like working in your own yard only you are starting from scratch.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at 717-253-1583 or ldblount@comcast.net. Thank you for all you do in the name of Ruritan.

Larry Blount
National Director

Foundation Serves Others in a Challenging Year

The Ruritan National Foundation has had a successful year this year, though not as good as the immediate past years. This is due to several circumstances. The most important is that we did not have any of the very significant contributions we enjoyed in the most recent years. Some of our larger supporters were unable to offer the same contributions due to the economic conditions. We are



pleased to report over a quarter million dollars in contributions in the current fiscal year.

The new **\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$** program has been initiated with some very nice support at the Foundation Weekend. This program is designed to continue for at least five years and we encourage EVERYONE to join this program which will enable a vast expansion of the support to students sponsored by Ruritan clubs.

A coupon for your contribution to join the program can be found on this page. You can find a detailed description of the program in the Fall 2009 **RURITAN** magazine or on page 62 of the most recent **Club and District Officers' Handbook**.

The Ruritan National Foundation Weekend was an enjoyable event with lots of fellowship and goodwill and we encourage everyone to start planning to attend the next event to be held in Cherokee, NC on September 17-19, 2010.

We ask that you plan to attend the Ruritan National Convention in Virginia Beach in January 2010. The Foundation dinner will be held Thursday evening. We have an excellent menu for this event.

The silent auction will be held from the start of the convention through the Friday noontime event

with the live auction being held at the conclusion of that event. PLEASE bring your items to sell and come prepared to support YOUR Foundation.

The **Build Your Dollars** program continues to be well accepted with

401 clubs participating for grants in 2010. It is not too early to plan for the next year as contributions are accepted any time after January 1, 2010 through September 1, 2010. Also, please be aware that the deadline for the 401 clubs participating in the current program is April 1, 2010 to submit their selected students.

This is my last letter as Ruritan National Foundation President. We sought your support and greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve you. We came aboard with much enthusiasm and a number of ideas only to find that it truly takes time to implement programs. Also, changes and events such as severe economic downturns are not conducive to raising LARGE sums of money.

I feel very comfortable that the Foundation has made great advancements over the last five years and for that I offer my sincere thanks to each of my fellow Trustees. I intend to continue my support of the Foundation and ask that you do the same.

Yours in continuing
Ruritan Service to OTHERS,

J. J. Bernard Lerch, III
2009 Foundation President

Bring your items for the Ruritan National Foundation Auctions (silent and live) at the Ruritan National Convention in Virginia Beach.

We'll be looking for you on Wednesday, January 27.
Support your Ruritan National Foundation!

\$\$\$MILLION DOLLAR CLUB\$\$\$

Coupon

Ruritan National Foundation Inc.

Donation Amount \$ _____ Name of Fund to Credit _____
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Two Changes Approved by Foundation Trustees

At a recent meeting of the Ruritan National Foundation Board of Directors, two important changes were made to existing programs.

First, the \$300 funds from clubs to qualify for the Build Your Dollar (BY\$) scholarship program heretofore have been called donations and were eligible for credit to club or other fund accounts. Birthday fund accounts were excluded. The Foundation Trustees determined this was not a proper classification and that the \$300 qualifying funds were simply deposits for the BY\$ program and should be identified as such. The BY\$ programs funds from clubs are to be recognized as deposits and recorded as liabilities on the Foundation books and will not be counted as funds in any fund account.

Second, clubs that give to funds which are received for the Birthday Fund and OWC programs will have an option to have their names listed in the Ruritan National Annual Report presented at the 2011 Ruritan National Convention in lieu of receiving a plaque or certificate. Anyone affected by this change may contact the Foundation department (toll free) at (877) 787-8727, extension 23 to verify their choice.

This change would become effective for the year ending September 30, 2010. This would reduce the Foundation's cost and provide additional funds for the scholarship program. These clubs would still be recognized at the district conventions.

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Fellowship Weekend 2009 Held in Lancaster, PA



The 2009 Foundation Fellowship Weekend at the Lancaster Host Resort in September saw the introduction of the **\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$**. Foundation Secretary Bruce Thompson (above right) puts the first gifts into the treasure chest.



Above left Foundation President J. J. Bernard Lerch presents a Tom Downing Fellowship pin to his wife Vicki. 2009 National President Donald Worrell (left) took a moment to extend his greetings to the group while (right) attendees Ray Nieukirk, 2001 National President Betty Chaney, Ann Nieukirk, and Past National Director and First Daughter Ginger Chaney enjoy the fellowship at the Saturday banquet.



News From Ruritan: Lower WV District

Lower WV Clubs Support Community Projects

The **East River** (WV) and the Nemours (WV) Ruritan Clubs pose for a cast picture (right) upon completion of a joint effort in presenting the comedy "Hee Haw" at the Pocahontas High School auditorium. This event served as a major fundraiser for both clubs.



The **Canvas** (WV) Ruritan Club celebrated its 40th anniversary with the community, inviting them to attend a picnic at the club's picnic shelter. They enjoyed hotdogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings, and music. Pictured with a club banner are (l-r): Ralph Bryant, Ken Bryant (Tom Downing recipient and 40 year perfect attendance), District Governor Dalton Turner, Ray Chamberlain, Dale McClund (Tom Downing recipient).



The **Marie** (WV) Ruritan Club celebrated its 40th club anniversary recently by hosting a community picnic. The club presented six charter members with Ruritan National jackets. Charter members (left) (l-r): Harold Allen, Hank Hanger, Mike Allen, Paul "Buddy" Light, Oswald Yates, and Russell Guinn.

The **Organ Cave** (WV) Ruritan club joined the Ronceverte Energy Express program at the Ronceverte Island Park in August. Ruritan members who were volunteer readers for the day were: Drema West, Suzie Rodgers, Joan Browning, Barbara Hunter, Jane Morgan, June Lemasters, and Rose Kirk. The club participated in the one-on-one reading, giving the children individual reading time.



News From Ruritan: Roanoke District

Club Raises Funds to Assist Damaged Church

The Roberts Chapel Baptist Church in Pendleton NC was destroyed by fire recently. The **Severn-Pendleton** (NC) Ruritan Club held a very successful pork chop dinner fundraiser in their behalf bringing in \$4,200. The money will be used for reconstruction purposes to help the church.

Pictured (l-r): Club Vice President and Finance Committee Chair R.P. Watson III, John Woodard, Roanoke District Governor George Edwards and Francis Edwards.



Collettsville (NC) Club Hosts Breakfast for Teachers

To welcome teachers and staff back to school, the **Collettsville (NC) Ruritan Club** hosted a breakfast for Collettsville Elementary faculty. In addition to the breakfast, the club presented the staff with supplies for the upcoming year.

Pictured with the school supplies (r-l): eighth grade teacher Amy McMasters, Principal Jason Krider, eighth grade teacher Mr. Hosfield, Club President Bill Puette, and seventh grade teacher Stephanie Hall.



Mountaineer Ruritan Club Holds Fish Fry Fundraiser

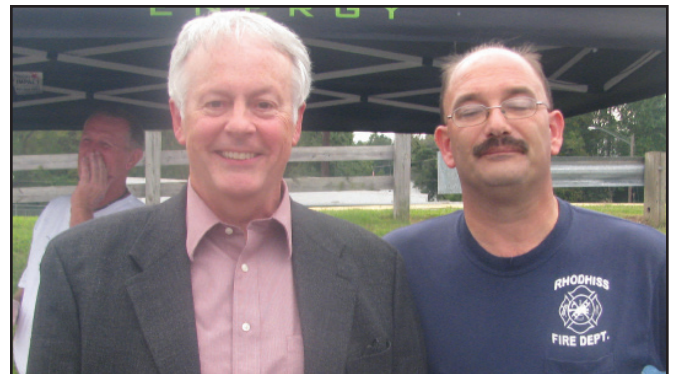


The Mountaineer (NC) Ruritan Club members are shown serving plates at their Fish Fry fundraising project.

Rhodhiss Holds Second Battle of the Bands

The second annual Battle of the Bands was held recently by the **Rhodhiss (NC) Ruritan Club**. The four bands that entered the battle were Backlash, Deacon Black, Aftermath, and Shades of Blues. The special guest speaker was NC Representative Hugh Blackwell. He spoke about the economy and the rising rate of unemployment. He spoke very highly of the Ruritans and what a great job they are doing for the community.

Pictured is NC Representative Hugh Blackwell and Rhodhiss Ruritan Club President Wayne Wilson.



Gamewell Collects and Donates Cell Phones



Gamewell (NC) Ruritan Club has collected and presented used cell phones to the Shelter Home of Caldwell County. This shelter provides a safe place for abused women and their children to stay until they can find work and a safe home setting for themselves. These cell phones give them the security of being able to call 911 in the event that they find themselves in another dangerous situation. This was one of the public service projects that the club completed this year and they have voted to make it an ongoing project as there are new cases daily of family abuse in their county.

Kenton Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The **Kenton (DE)** Ruritan Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary this summer using the July Fourth holiday as a focus for their activities. Below right are members



of the Delaware Young Marines participating in the opening flag ceremony. At left is the club's own float in the Kenton Fourth of July Parade. Pictured at right are Ruritan National Director Larry Blount with Edward Hughes, the remaining club charter member; Carole Kisner, the first woman member of the club; and Club President (and Zone 2 Governor) David Brown Jr.



News From Ruritan: Bluegrass District

The Bluegrass District has been busy over the past several months. The **Madison County (KY)** Ruritan Club was featured in their local newspaper recently. The club donated \$5,000 through Ruritan National Foundation's, "Operation We Care".

The donation could not have come at a better time, according to Sgt. John Kelley, public information officer for the Madison County Rescue Squad. The squad wore out a couple of chainsaws and had to get some equipment replaced during an ice storm.

Cropper (KY) Ruritan Club held "Cropper Days" where they had a yard sale, kid's activities, cake walks, car show, and a parade.

Switzer (KY) Ruritan Club held their "Covered Bridge" day celebration. They had music, food, and craft booths at their building and put up flags around their community.

Finchville (KY) Ruritan Club had their fall celebration that consisted of a breakfast, a road race, a yard sale, and a parade.

Union City (KY) Ruritan Club held a benefit barbeque and pie auction to raise money for their Club President David Thurman who was severely injured in an accident.

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Parrottsville Provides T-Shirts for Readers

Parrottsville School recognized the top 50 students who participated in the Accelerated Reading Program during the school's award program. Students are wearing t-shirts provided by the **Parrottsville** (TN) Ruritan Club. The club has sponsored the reading program for several years. Pictured with students who received the t-shirts is District Governor David Ottinger.



News From Ruritan: Piedmont District

Newspaper Articles Focus on Piedmont Activities and Service

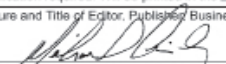
The **West Iredell** (NC) Ruritan Club was featured in the local newspaper recently. The club awarded five 2009 high school graduates a \$1000 scholarship each.

The recipients were, Virginia Hoke, Julie Kilby, Alan Reavis, Allan Shuford, and Adam Wooten.

The **Rock House** (NC) Ruritan Club was featured in the local newspaper for their second annual Veterans and Community Appreciation Day. VFW Post 9436 Commander Don Isaacs spoke about the importance of recognizing those who have served and are serving today.

He commended those in attendance and praised the event's timing, midway between Memorial Day and D-Day.

The **Millbridge** (NC) Ruritan Club was recently featured in the Salisbury Post newspaper with a story about their signature dish - chicken and dumplings - that are sold every year at their county fair. "Sometimes, we sell them quicker than we make them," said Club President Doug Goodman. The club grosses \$12,000 to \$14,000 at this event.

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Salem Presents Scholarships to Graduates

The **Salem** (VA) Ruritan Club held its annual picnic recently. As is customary, the club invited graduates from the three local high schools who were the recipients of this year's scholarships to the picnic. The scholarship checks were presented to the students by Club President Sandy Martin. Vanchessca Allen received the Big Kenny Alphin Music Scholarship of \$1,000 and will be attending Shepherd College. This annual scholarship was made possible by a generous donation to the club's scholarship fund by Kenny Alphin of the Big and Rich country music duo.

Nancy Ventura received the \$1,000 Alphin Family scholarship and will be attending Longwood University. This annual scholarship for someone going into the teaching profession was also made possible by a generous donation to the fund by the William Alphin family. The Bill Kyle \$1,000 scholarship, in memory of deceased member of the club,

was presented to Caroline Massie who will be attending the University of Virginia.

Others were: William Fox - University of Virginia at Wise, Kristin Barklund - James Madison University, Michael LY - Germanna Community College, Erin Flathers - Taylor University, and Emily Spivey - Liberty University

Justine Rosenbaum who will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University also received a \$1,000 scholarship for community service.

Will Flory, the recipient of a \$500 scholarship for winning a Salem Ruritan sponsored oratorical contest while in middle school, has now graduated and was presented his award plus accrued interest.

Fluvanna Dedicates Sign

July 10, 2009 was a big day for the **Fluvanna** (VA) Ruritan Club when they held a dedication ceremony for a sign to welcome folks to Fluvanna County. With the help of the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce, Fluvanna County, Bat Masonary, and Starlite Construction Co., the Fluvanna Ruritan Club was able to undertake the project. This is the second sign the Fluvanna Ruritan Club has erected at an entrance to Fluvanna County.

Pictured are, back row: Red Pullium, Emerson "Doc" Farley, Bill Grigg,

Jack Ruch, Burge Gordon, and Rapidan District Governor Fulton Payne; front: National Director Dennis Clemmer, Club president, Tammy Grigg, Emily Payne, Miss Fluvanna County Rachel Scott.



News From Ruritan: Woodrow Wilson District



*Rick Dellinger's Musical Ministry programs have entertained many Ruritan clubs throughout the years. In October Rick, a member of the **Bedford** (VA) Ruritan Club, entertained the Woodrow Wilson District's past district governors at a banquet in their honor before the district convention. National Director and 2006 Past Woodrow Wilson District Governor Dennis Clemmer presented Rick with a Ruritan sticker to put on his trailer to advertise Ruritan as he travels the roads singing to Ruritan and non-Ruritan groups.*

West Mount Offers Skywarn Classes

On November 15th, 2008 a line of severe thunderstorms developed deadly tornadoes across eastern North Carolina. One of these tornadoes touched down south of the West Mount community. The **West Mount** (NC) Ruritan Club recognized a need for severe weather spotters in their community. At this time the club's environment committee developed ROW (Ruritan on Watch) program. The first objective was to train club members and people in the community as severe weather spotters. Jeff Orrock with The National Weather Service was contacted and the West Mount Ruritan SKYWARN severe weather class was scheduled.

The club also made a donation to the NC Wildlife Services for a gun and safety training class recently. The club has provided the location for the training for 11 years and the program is one of the most active in the state, training over 1,000 people. Pictured (l-r): Club President Gold Joyner, Captain Chris Huebner, NC Wildlife Services and Dennis Joyner, chair of the environment committee.



Silk Hope (NC) Old Fashioned Days Draws National Audience

The 34th Annual Silk Hope Old Fashioned Farmers' Day was held this year at the Silk Hope Farm Heritage Center near Siler City, NC over Labor Day Weekend and hosted by the **Silk Hope** (NC) Ruritan Club.

New for 2009 was a 20 foot x 30 foot Blacksmith and Wheelwright Shop reconstructed from an abandoned Deep River Coal Co. coal warehouse originally along a railroad line in southern Chatham County. This year the festival drew the attention of Roy Underhill of PBS's **The Woodwrights Shop** series who filmed an episode during the event.

A 1907 Corliss Steam Engine (operated by Wrenn Bros. Lumber Co, Siler City, NC until mid 1960's) with its 10 foot flywheel sent power through line shafts and belts to a 1920 Window and Door Manufacturing Shop, 1915 Cotton Gin, 1890 Liddell Cotton Bale Press, 1940 Saw Mill, 1916 Band Saw, 1930 Wood Planer, 1920 Trim Saw, 1940 Edger Saw, etc.

Since 2006 the festival has featured a steam powered engine in the Pugh Memorial Ice Cream Building where each of the several churns can turn out five gallons of home made vanilla ice cream at a time. Also featured were an antique tractor display, steam engines in operation, wheat threshing, molasses

making, blacksmithing, restored farm tractors, antique farm machinery (some in operation), antique cars, corn shredding, shingle mill, hit and miss engines, and rock crushing.

Demonstrations by farm animals (horses and oxen) in working harness were also featured. Entertainment for all ages included Gospel singing, bluegrass music, clogging and folk dancing and more.





Ruritan Forever

*A Perpetual Life Plan
Protecting and preserving Ruritan
as a legacy for future generations.*

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

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

The lifetime endowment may also be purchased in

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

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

Please detach or photocopy this portion if you would like to participate in this endowment plan to secure the future of Ruritan, in your name or in the name of a fellow Ruritan.

Your Name _____

Your Club Name _____

Your Address: _____ Telephone: _____

This application is for: (check one)

Myself Current Member Deceased Ruritan NEW Associate Member
(application attached)

Name of Applicant (If not you): _____

Applicant’s Club: _____

Applicant’s Address: _____

OPTION #1 Credit card number _____ Expiration Date _____

OPTION #2 Enclosed please find a check/money order for \$600

OPTION #3 Enclosed please find the first \$200 installment toward the \$600 Ruritan Forever fee.

I understand that the perpetual life endowment will not begin until the entire \$600 has been paid.

News From Ruritan: Rappahannock District

Ship Named for Ruritan Admiral Christened!

The wait is finally over! The recent christening of the Gravelly DDG 107 commemorated the distinguished 38 year career of **Gainesville** (VA) Ruritan and U. S. Navy Admiral the late Samuel Lee Gravelly Jr. The Admiral's widow Alma Gravelly initiated the ships entry into the United States Navy with a robust smash of a champagne bottle

across the ship's bow on May 16, 2009 in Pascagoula, MS with a number of Gainesville Ruritans in attendance. Pictured (l-r): Club Treasurer Tony Guiffre, Teri Kapp, John Stirrup, Club President Tracy Walker, Club Secretary Cindy Hughes, Mary Ellen Colandene, and Rappahannock District Growth and Development Chair Bart Colandene.



News From Ruritan: New River District

Clubs Make Donations in the New River District

Clubs in the New River District have been busy over the past few months. **Belmont II** (VA) Ruritan Club made 76 gallons of apple butter, sent soldiers some popcorn, donated Rudy Bears to the fire department, and donated funds to assist with an Eagle Scout Project and donated to the GED program.

The **Mechanicsburg** (VA) Ruritan Club sponsored a shooting match, donated to the Outreach program and to their local fire departments. They also received certificates of appreciation from Hunters for the Hungry and from the New River District for assistance with the Go Kart raffle.

The **White Gate** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 45th anniversary. On hand to honor them was then 2009 Governor Daniel Dean and Lt. Governor Susan Lilly. They presented the club with a certificate of appreciation for their years of service to their community. The club donated money to Relay for Life and added money with the Ruritan National Foundation's "Build Your Dollar" program giving away an \$800 scholarship.

The **Wolf Creek** (VA) Ruritan Club sold 6,800 pounds of Vidalia onions as a fundraiser. The funds went to one Bluefield College student and for two scholarships for Narrows High School students.

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 Constitutional 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: Albemarle District

Pasquotank Member Honored by NC Governor

Francis Jackson, a member of the **Pasquotank** (NC) club, was honored by North Carolina State Governor Bev Perdue recently with the highest award presented to North Carolina citizens, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Jackson retired as a civil service worker with the U.S. Coast Guard and has devoted himself to working with the Boy Scouts for over 57 years.

Pictured at right, Francis Jackson (left) is being presented with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award by Tim Aydlett (center) and Lou Creel (right).



Pictured left, Lloyd Armstrong from the **Pasquotank** (NC) Ruritan Club is shown presenting a check for \$2,612 to Liz Reasoner, Executive Director of a local food bank. The club held a BBQ fundraiser to make this donation possible.

The **Newland-Providence** (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60th

anniversary this year. The club hosted an open house with anniversary cake and "Dismal Swamp" punch for everyone to enjoy. 2009 National President Donald Worrell, National Director Mills March, Past National Directors Phyllis Lewter and K.D. Hicks, and many district Ruritan leaders were in attendance to help the club celebrate this event.



President of the Rocky Hock (NC) Ruritan Club, Fenton Eure is pictured with Rudy Bear (Caroline Eure), participating in their local Peanut Festival parade recently. Ruritan member Matt Floyd drove the truck and future Ruritan member Jon Floyd rode along to assist.

News From Ruritan: Georgia - N/ALA District

Flat Rock Reviews 40 Years of Community Service

The **Flat Rock** (AL) Ruritan Club celebrated its 40th anniversary recently. During their years of community service, their projects include the following: a fully certified helipad (an ambulance service), a community food bank, community building, community park, signs, flower beds, Christmas parade, and a lighted flag display with marquee dedicated to the members who chartered the club.



Pasquotank Donates 700th Rudy Bear

The **Pasquotank** (NC) Ruritan Club recently donated its 700th “Rudy Bear” to Albemarle Health’s Albemarle Hospital. For over 14 years the club has been providing the soft, cuddly stuffed bears to Albemarle Hospital’s patient representatives, who in turn give them to pediatric inpatients or children who visit the hospital’s emergency department.

“We are extremely thankful for the Pasquotank Ruritan Club’s generous, and continued donation of these wonderful stuffed bears,” said President of Albemarle Health Sharon M. Tanner, “We know a hospital can be a scary place for children, whether it’s a short visit to the Emergency Department, or an overnight stay as an inpatient. These Rudy Bears always put a smile on the faces of our younger patients – they provide a sense of comfort that moms and dads, and caregivers everywhere know is so important when taking care of children. We appreciate the donation of time, money, and effort the Pasquotank Ruritan Club puts forth on behalf of the children of the Albemarle area, and we salute their continued works.”

Albemarle Health, a University Health Systems affiliate, is northeastern North Carolina’s largest regional health and wellness provider. Volunteer John Brehany is pictured here with patient Tyrek Brinkley – helping to make his visit to the hospital “bearable” with Rudy.



Rudy Donations are Appreciated

Dear Ruritans,
We would like to say a big “thank you” to all the clubs that support Rudy Bear. Our grandson had to be air lifted this summer to Sentara Norfolk General and to this day he holds on to his Rudy. We think it is a wonderful witness for the Ruritans to provide the Rudy Bears in support of the medical field.

Joe and Linda Reynolds
Holy Neck (VA)
Ruritan Club



Local Donations Count Toward District Contest

Rudy Bears that are donated at home will still be considered in the 2010 National Convention Rudy Bear drop contest between Ruritan’s districts. National President Donald Worrell wants to remind Ruritan clubs to give their district governors their totals for Rudy Bear donations in time for the convention contest. Totals should be turned in to the Ruritan National Office before December 1 or brought to the national convention to be added to the master lists.

Also being considered are food donations at home and at the convention as well as pints of blood donated by clubs through American Red Cross bloodmobiles.

Recognition of all three types of donations will be made at the large, medium, and small district levels, explained President Donald. These winners will be announced during one of the convention events.



Clubs Work Together to Give Dictionaries

Ruritan Clubs in the Rockingham District distributed approximately 1,800 dictionaries to third and fifth grade students. Two of the clubs that are participants are the **Luray** (VA) Ruritan Club and the **Newport Grove Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club. This is the third year the clubs have partnered with Telecom Pioneer and Verizon to fund this project. Ron Vickers of the Luray club said, "To sum up the experience, I think this is one of the main reasons that I am a Ruritan. As an individual, I'd probably never give dictionaries to kids that I don't know, but as a member of a service organization, I can be part of an effort that makes our community stronger and better."



North Shenandoah Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The **North Shenandoah** (VA) Ruritan Club held its 50th anniversary dinner recently. 2009 National Vice President Jerome Rodes presented 50 year pins and certificates to Carl "Denny" Heishman and Glen McDonald.

The two men have been with the club since its charter. Pictured (l-r): Carl "Denny" Heishman, and Glen McDonald.



Burnt Chimney Also Gives Dictionaries

The **Burnt Chimney** (VA) Ruritan Club was featured recently in their local newspaper for distributing 56 dictionaries to third grade students. Peaks of Otter Past District Governor Rick Hogue was present for the event.



News From Ruritan: Chesapeake District

Chesapeake Celebrated With Summer Fun

The Chesapeake District held a district-wide picnic in June. It was a day of fun, fellowship, and goodwill. All enjoyed seeing old friends from other clubs and making new Ruritan friends (pictured). A raffle was held at the picnic which made \$345 for Operation We Care.

Mark Rigney and Grady Edwards won first prize of \$500 for catching four catfish weighing a total of 61 pounds in a recent Catfish Tournament conducted by the **Five Forks** (VA) Ruritan Club. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support numerous community service activities. Sixteen businesses and individuals acted as sponsors by underwriting the tournament.



News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

Davy Crockett Clubs Make Presentations

Pictured below left are President Perry Banner and Gerald Sparks of the **Hales Community** (TN) Ruritan Club presenting a check of \$500 to Marion Light, Director of The Veterans Memorial Park located in Jonesborough TN. The **Horse Creek** (TN) Ruritan Club presented Rudy Bears once again to the Greeneville-Green County EMS. The squad said



that the bears tend to calm children who may be involved when they respond to an emergency call.

Pictured right (l-r): Jamie Shetley, Wayne Courtney, Club President Hugh Broyles, and Calvin Hawkins.



News From Ruritan: Ohio District

Ohio Clubs Celebrate Anniversaries, Accomplishments

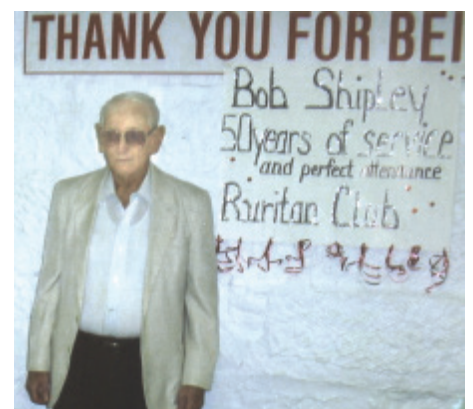
The **Laker** (OH) Ruritan Club and the **Grand Valley** (OH) Ruritan Club celebrated their 40th anniversaries this past July. The two clubs gathered for a picnic with Ohio District Governor Bob Lahmers to congratulate them.

Pictured (l-r): Laker President Bob Miller, Grand Valley President Dave Strong, and Ohio District Governor Bob Lahmers.



Pictured at right is Robert Shipley a charter member of the **Pennyroyal** (OH) Ruritan Club which chartered in 1959.

July of 2009 marked his 50 years of perfect attendance.



News From Ruritan: Potomac District

Potomac Clubs Make a Difference Every Day

Pictured are the recipients of the **Davidsonville** (MD) Ruritan Club scholarships (l-r): Alexandra Lanzi, Jessica D'Ambrosia, Megan Hensley, Kevin Joyce (scholarship chairman), Heather Bennett, and Shelby Heinecke.



Along with the Make-A-Wish Foundation the **Tomahawk** (WV) Ruritan Club helped host a party for 17yr old Tiffany Franklin, recently diagnosed with a type of kidney cancer called papillary renal cell carcinoma. Tiffany's wish was to take a trip to Hawaii, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation made that possible for her. The club hosted the party with all of the trappings of a Hawaiian luau. Tiffany is pictured at right in the picture below.

A jousting sporting event and food were part of the **District 12** (MD) Ruritan Club's Fairplay Days at

Tilghmanton Woods Community Park. The Ruritan Club bought the park in the 1960s, and returned the event to the park. Spectators sat in lawn chairs along the jousting track to watch riders charge on their horses, lances pointing forward, in attempts to spear small rings hanging overhead. Others enjoyed the menu which consisted of barbecue chicken, baked beans, steamers, country ham, chicken corn soup, and bean soup. Club President Greg Culler said that Fairplay Days is a club fundraiser that has been held for more than 30 years and jousting has been part of the event for about as long.



News From Ruritan: Dan River District

Red Bank Creates Community Computer Center

The **Red Bank** (VA) Ruritan Club, with help from other organizations, renovated the basement of their Ruritan building for a computer center.

Ninth District Congressman Rick Boucher said, "The Claudville residents will now have convenient and free access to computers with high-speed internet services."

There will be assistance provided for first time computer users. Zone Governor, Charles Bowman said, "this is one way to bring Ruritan and a community to the 21st century."



Come Visit Us at The Ruritan National Office

Traveling northbound on Interstate 81, take exit 98, turn left onto Rt. 100 (from southbound Interstate 81 turn right onto Rt. 100). At the second stoplight, turn right onto Rt. 682, cross over Interstate 81 and turn left onto Rt. 662.

Tours can be arranged by calling Debbie Southern at the National Office, toll free at 877-787-8727 ext. 18.

Mt. Laurel Presents Scholarships

It was a special honor for Club President Jimmy Anderson to present the 2009 **Mt. Laurel** (VA) Ruritan Club scholarship awards this year. Kim Snead and sister Erin Snead were the recipients. Erin is enrolled at Danville Regional Medical Center and Kim will be attending classes at Southside Virginia Community College. The club congratulates them both, and anticipates much success from their efforts.

Holland Clubs Are Always Active in Community

The **Burrowsville** (VA) Ruritan Club presented a \$10,000 check to Super Kids to fund group homes with residential living facilities for mentally challenged adults in Prince George County, VA. President Tommy Tucker stated, "If it wasn't for everyone in our community coming out to support the shrimp event, the individual donations, and the hard work by our club members, this could not be possible." Pictured (top right) (l-r): Tommy Brockwell, chair of the shrimp extravaganza, Burrowsville President Tommy Tucker, Super Kids Ministries President Don Wilson, and Coordinator Gary Lane.



Virginia House of Delegate Member S. Chris Jones (below) presents a proclamation to **Kings Fork** (VA) Ruritan Club President Millard Sherman. The club was honored on their 60th anniversary by the Virginia General Assembly for their years of service to their community.



The **Jarratt** (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 75th anniversary with a picnic for the community and invited guests from the Holland District. Pictured is Holland District Governor Clay Byrum (far right) with 2008 President Robert T. Owens and new members Carol and Bill Sibistowicz.



The **Liberty Spring** (VA) Ruritan Club recently awarded a \$590 scholarship to Emma Gardner under the Ruritan National Foundation "Build Your Dollar Grant Program." Pictured at right is club Vice President Sloan Butler presenting the scholarship to Ms. Gardner.



The **Suffolk** (VA) Ruritan Club's Annual Shrimp Feast (far right) brings out thousands each year to enjoy fellowship, entertainment, and food that includes steamed shrimp, pork barbecue, and all the trimmings.



Bethlehem (VA) Ruritan Club (above) held its annual "National Night Out" in August. The purpose of this was crime awareness. This event brought together eighteen communities. With the help of community volunteers and sponsorship by many businesses, the event was very successful. Rudy Bears were donated to the fire department, rescue squad and police department.

Sappony (VA) Ruritan Club (above right) members say they had a fundraiser "like no other" in the Holland District. They have a Frog Leg Dinner. Servers are shown here having some fun as they serve the tasty treats. For those who don't care for frog legs, chicken is available.

Appomattox Clubs Are Busy Sharing Ruritan

The **Downing** (VA) Club is another club recognizing the need to help families of our wounded military personnel through Families of the Wounded Fund Inc. (FOTWF). The club's close proximity McGuire Veterans Hospital made club members decide to take action. A committee was formed and recommended a fundraising banquet. The committee set a goal to raise \$10,000 and planned to involve as many Ruritan clubs as possible as well as friends, organizations, and corporations. Twelve Ruritan clubs participated in the event. By all reports, the banquet was a success, far above their goal raising almost \$23,000. The keynote speaker was Paul E. Galanti, Commander USN (retired) and the special guest of honor was Colonel Van T. Barfoot, US Army (retired). Once again, Ruritan clubs show they care by helping brave men and women and their families who protect our freedom.

Pictured above right (l-r): Roger Dick, Paul Galanti-board members of the FOTWF, Curtis Sawtelle, Kermit Spruill-Downing club, Bill Haneke-president FOTWF, and Past National President Braxton Bell.



The **South Hill** (VA) Ruritan Club made a donation of over \$1500 to FOTWF. The club has been collecting money over a year in donation boxes placed in local businesses. Above, Club President Steve Bailey made the presentation to William G. Haneke, president of Families of the Wounded.

The **Midlothian** (VA) and **King George** (VA) Ruritan Clubs were featured in their local newspaper for their efforts in giving third grade students dictionaries. The dictionary project started in 1992 in Savannah, GA with more than 11,393,000 books having been distributed to date.

The **Reams** (VA) Ruritan Club received a token of appreciation from their local fire department for their participation in the Get Alarmed Dinwiddie Virginia Smoke Detector Campaign. They installed 86 smoke detectors in 77 homes.

Dale (VA) Ruritan Club members were ready to serve at their latest spaghetti supper fundraiser for FOTWF. This event raised \$1,385. With funds from other activities, the club donated



\$6,425 to the worthy cause. Pictured below are (l-r): Judy Corum, Ann Sprouse, Walt Hayden, Doug Rumburg, Marvin Croker, Ernie Jones, Frances Sprouse, Polly Gregg, Joe Hudgins, and Harold Gregg.



Samuel Winn, president of the **Wilson-Hebron-Ford** (VA) Ruritan Club, presented Betty Reese with the Golden Key Award at their club meeting recently. Reese met the requirements for the Golden Key Award by bringing in two new members.

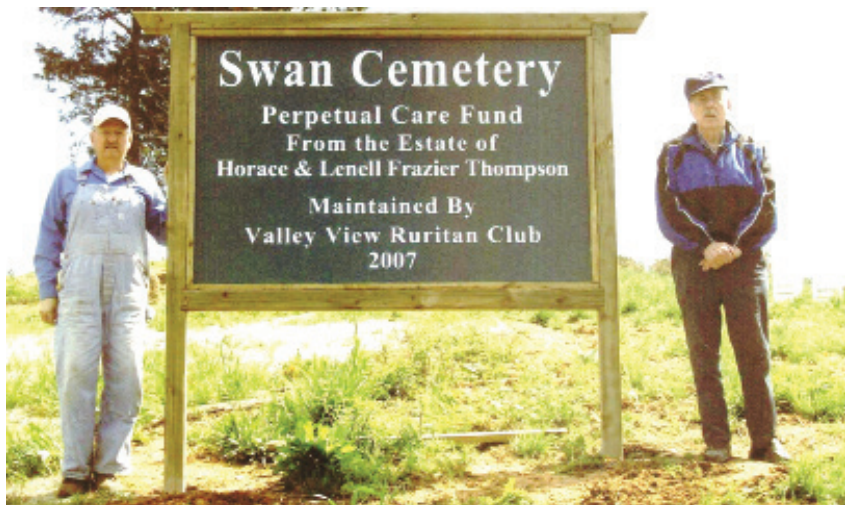
News From Ruritan: Upper WV District

Mathias Names Citizen of the Year

Sharon Wilkins was recently named **Mathias** (WV) Ruritan Club's, "2009 Citizen of the Year." Acts of her selflessness include helping at fundraisers, helping with the activities at the fire dept., preparing meals for funerals, providing transportation to and from doctors appointments for the needy, and helping with bingo at a local nursing home.

Valley View (TN) Installs Sign at Local Cemetery

Billy Wayne Pierce and Leonard Mantooth of the **Valley View (TN)** Ruritan Club are proudly posing with the newly erected sign marking the location of the Swan Cemetery in Southeast Cleveland (TN). The club recently completed their project of cleaning up the once deserted cemetery.



Tri-County's Pancakes Fund Elementary School Field Trips



Tri-County (TN) Ruritan Club members prepared hundreds of pancakes, cooking up 150 pounds of batter, for Volunteer Energy's Annual Meeting in October. It was estimated that there were 1,900 in attendance. The club received a \$600 donation for its hard work and in turn donated the entire amount to Birchwood Elementary School to help with the cost of this year's field trips.

The **Taylors (TN)** Ruritan Club is proud to announce the winner of this year's \$1000 scholarship, Tyler Paul Green. The club wishes much success to Tyler in his efforts to achieve his educational goal. Pictured is club president Elizabeth Kalabus and Tyler Green.



News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District

National Director Bobby Burton is shown presenting **Brownsburg (VA)** Ruritan Club President Dennis Evans a certificate of recognition for their 70th club anniversary.



Members of the **East Ridge (TN)** club work to put in a handicapped ramp for a member of the community.

