

# Ruritan

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## The Generous Nature of Ruritans

This year, several reporters for newspapers, radio, and TV have interviewed me. One question that has been asked by all is “What has been the best experience for you as 2012 Ruritan National President?” Without hesitation, I have answered that the best experience for me has been seeing first-hand the generosity of Ruritans.



I have attended meetings where clubs have awarded four-year scholarships to needy students, matched \$50,000 for a youth athletic complex, and contributed over \$100,000 for brain cancer research. I have seen a senior citizen complex built and maintained by a Ruritan club, Ruritan buildings used for community centers, many athletic fields built and maintained for youth sports, fair grounds used for county and community events, and memorial parks to honor America’s veterans. All of these are examples of the generous nature of Ruritans.

I especially remember a club meeting where a treasurer reported a low balance, less than hundred dollars. The minutes of the meeting were printed and on the tables for the members to review. As I read these minutes, I noted hundreds of dollars of donations to food banks, needy families, community clinics, school activities, etc. At the end of the meeting the secretary approached me, apologized that the club was out of money, and mentioned that I was probably disappointed in the club. I quickly stated just the opposite. What pride I felt for this Ruritan club! They had worked to earn funds all year and had given it all away to help meet needs in their community. Isn’t giving back what Ruritans are all about?



National President Phyllis Lewter is shown with Bobby Conner in a wild car at the **Wilson Memorial** (VA) Ruritan Club Car Show.



Pictured (l-r) are **Wilson Memorial** (VA) Ruritan Club President Susan Simmonson, National President Phyllis Lewter, Mrs. Loftis, Janice Loftis Torian, Tim Torain, and seated Hugh Grey Loftis. Hugh received the 2012 Pioneer Car Award presented by National President Phyllis Lewter at the Wilson Memorial Ruritan Car Show.

Ruritans are givers. They share their funds and their time. Ruritans readily volunteer. They make time for those who need them. It has been said that the value of a person resides in what he **gives** and not in what he is capable of **receiving!**

Would it surprise you to know that there is a study on the generosity of Americans? This study is done by the Chronicle of Philanthropy and was based on IRS records of people who itemized deductions in 2008. The most generous state was Utah, followed by Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and South Carolina. The least generous states were New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

I’ve been surprised by how many studies there are on generosity. While you are standing in line at your local Wal-Mart, read some of the titles of the articles in the magazines all around you. Along with titles such as “Lose 7 Lbs in 7 Days” and “Grow More Hair with this Breakfast Cereal,” you’ll find titles such as “Be Happier – Donate,” “Keep Your Brain Young – Lend a Hand,” and “Lift Your Mood – Give.” **Good Housekeeping** has a monthly column called “Happiness Project.” In the March 2012 column, columnist and best-selling author Gretchen Rubin stated, “Volunteering our time, energy, and money is the right thing to do –we all know that. Furthermore, studies show that this habit boosts happiness; those who work to further the causes they

value tend to be happier and healthier, experience fewer aches and pains, and even live longer. They show fewer signs of physical and mental aging.”

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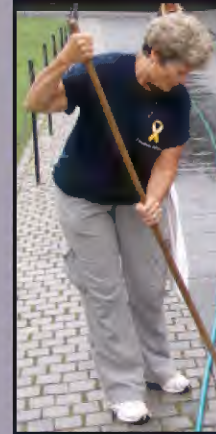
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**Belmont (VA)** washes Vietnam Memorial Wall. See more on page 18.

## Special Feature

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**MIKE CHRISLEY  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

**Brick Pavers** are available for purchase. The pavers can be purchased in honor of a special person or in memory of a loved one. See pages 5-6 for the order form.

**On The Cover:** The John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge is a Northern Kentucky landmark that spans the Ohio River between Cincinnati, OH and Covington, KY – the location of the 2013 Ruritan National Convention. When the first pedestrians crossed this bridge on December 1, 1866, it was the longest suspension bridge in the world at 1,057 feet. Today, many pedestrians use the bridge to get between the arenas in Cincinnati (Paul Brown Stadium, Great American Ball Park, and U.S. Bank Arena) and the hotels and restaurants on the Kentucky side that will host Ruritans in January for their annual meeting and festivities.

# Don't Let Petty Issues Cloud The Big Picture



Every year I am amazed when I begin to write my last column for the magazine. This has been an interesting year for our country. I was so glad to know that I had finally seen my last campaign ad. I look at the amount of money that politicians spend on getting elected and wonder what our organization could do with nearly two billion dollars. There is no doubt in my mind that we could put those funds to better use. I know who you are and what you do in community after community in this country. I am sure we'd all miss the campaign ads... but just think about the number of hungry people we could feed, or the number of homes we could build for people who have been displaced by disasters, or the young talented people we could help by funding their education. There is so much need everywhere. There is so much waste in political campaign ads. I guess it never hurts to dream about making things better.

The real question that all this begs is, have we done the best that we can do? Have we used our money wisely? Have we made absolutely sure that we have our priorities in the right order? Years ago I attended a Franklin Covey seminar and one of the things that I have always remembered is that we focus a lot of our energy on the urgent matters and not enough on important matters. Sometimes we are so busy fighting the fires that we come across every day that we fail to see that the really important things are not being moved forward. It's easy to get caught up in the day to day decisions and not plan for the future. We pay attention to making sure that we've planned all the events and contacted all the right people and the colors match and all our ducks are in a row, but are the really important things getting done?

We are getting ready to produce the annual report for the convention in January. When we do, the numbers will tell if we have paid enough attention to the important things. Not to imply that the numbers, dollars, or members are the most important things, but they certainly do tell us if we have paid enough attention to recruiting, club building, and our finances. I am thrilled to be able to tell you that I don't see a financial cliff for Ruritan in the near future. However, the membership numbers are certainly not on the slope that I would like to see.

It's not just about numbers. It is about keeping us in communities. One incoming district governor at a district convention stood and pledged money for recruiting members and organizing clubs. The interesting thing about this was that he didn't pledge the districts money, he pledged his own. Now, I am not recommending that governors or board members or other leaders pledge their own money to growth awards but I can tell you that this district governor has recognized the importance of recruiting and club building.

I challenge you all to evaluate what you are doing and to make sure that you are not overlooking what is really important to Ruritan and the people we serve who are counting on us.

This magazine is full of great news about the really important work you are doing in your local communities. It is also full of great information about upcoming events and programs.

Our convention is just around the corner. Our site preparation team just visited to make last minute plans. I believe that we can have one of the best conventions ever in Northern Kentucky. The facilities are terrific and are a perfect fit for our convention. The two main hotels are sold out, but the Marriott Courtyard and the Radisson are great properties and the Convention and Visitors bureau is providing coach class buses to transport attendees from those two properties to the convention center. All we need is you.

We wish you and your families the very best for the remainder of this year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Michael Chrisley'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Account #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.


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- 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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**Ruritan 2013 National Convention**  
**January 23-27, 2013**  
**Northern Kentucky Convention Center**  
**CUT OFF DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2012**



**INSTRUCTIONS**

Housing for Ruritan 2013 will open on March 1, 2012. The housing bureau will close on January 8, 2013.

**INTERNET** Visit the Ruritan web site at [WWW.RURITAN.ORG](http://WWW.RURITAN.ORG)

**FAX** Only fully completed forms will be accepted by fax at 859-655-4169. Use one form per request; make copies as needed.

**PHONE**  
 877-465-9282/859-655-6248  
 \* Closed all holiday's

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The NKYCVB Housing Bureau will send you an acknowledgement of your reservation. Please review all information for accuracy. If you do not receive your acknowledgement in this time frame, please contact the NKYCVB Housing Bureau at [GroupResv@nkycvb.com](mailto:GroupResv@nkycvb.com). You may also check your reservation via the internet at [WWW.RURITAN.ORG](http://WWW.RURITAN.ORG) regardless of how you booked your reservation.

**ROOM RATES/TAXES**

To take advantage of the special 2013 Ruritan rates, please book your reservation by DECEMBER 21, 2012. After that date, 2013 Ruritan room blocks will be released and hotels may charge higher rates. All rates are per room and are subject to 11.3% tax. (subject to change).

**HOUSING BUREAU:**

Continue to use the NKYCVB Housing Bureau for all changes and cancels until January 8, 2013 @ [WWW.RURITAN.ORG](http://WWW.RURITAN.ORG) or email [GroupResv@nkycvb.com](mailto:GroupResv@nkycvb.com) or by faxing 859-655-4169.

**HOTEL CANCELLATION**

**POLICIES:**  
**Marriott RiverCenter:** 24 hours prior to arrival, one night room and tax.

**Courtyard by Marriott Covington:** 24 hours prior to arrival, one nights room and tax.

**Embassy Suites RiverCenter:** 48 hours prior to arrival, one night room and tax.

**Radisson Riverfront:** 48 hours prior to arrival, one night room and tax.

**Do not contact the hotels directly until after 1/8/2013; they will not have the housing bureau reservations until then.**

**GUEST INFORMATION**

**FOR BEST AVAILABILITY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION VIA INTERNET [WWW.RURITAN.ORG](http://WWW.RURITAN.ORG)**

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

If providing international numbers, please include country and city access numbers

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL SELECTION**

Please list choices in order of preference: (Marriott RiverCenter \$100 All non-smoking BLOCK CLOSED; Embassy Suites RiverCenter \$99 BLOCK CLOSED; Courtyard by Marriott \$99; Radisson Riverfront \$100)

First \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION FROM THE HOTEL**  
*"If all requested hotels are unavailable, a reservation will be made at the next available hotel. Please indicate criteria for choices:*

Comparable room rate  Proximity to meet site

# of occupants: \_\_\_\_\_ # of beds requested: \_\_\_\_\_

List all room occupants: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you have a disability requiring special services  Non smoking room (Request Embassy & Radisson only)

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

American Express  Discover  
 MasterCard  Visa

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Necessary to process reservation

Housing forms must be sent to:  
 Attention: Carla Guernik  
 NKYCVB 50 E RiverCenter Blvd Suite 200  
 Covington, KY 41011

Email: [GroupResv@nkycvb.com](mailto:GroupResv@nkycvb.com)  
 Fax: 859-655-4169

## Are you ready for some football?

Get ready because it will soon be time for football and with football comes blitzes. We are going to have our own blitz. We are not going to rush the quarterback, but we are going to rush to grow Ruritan membership and we are going to do it in "BLITZ STYLE." We are going to push the team to grow membership and we are going to create excitement at the same time to reward Ruritans who bring in new members to their clubs. The reward will be chances to win TV's or gift certificates from HH Gregg-retailers of electronics and home appliances.



*Pictured:  
National President  
Phyllis Levrier and  
National Director  
Don Yeargan doing  
their homework with  
store Mgr. Lance York  
at HH Gregg*

### Here are the details:

The Blitz membership drive campaign will run 9/1/2012 until 12/31/2012.

For each member signed, the signing member will receive a "first down." Each "first down" will result in a point and a chance in a drawing. The drawing will be made at the National Convention, January 24-27, 2013, in Covington, KY.

After a member recruits 5 new members, they will score a "touchdown" which will be worth an additional 7 chances in the drawing. So, if a member recruits 5 new members, they will have a total of 12 chances in the drawing. The scoring will follow along on that basis. Each new recruit equals one first down or one chance in the drawing. For every five first downs, one earns a touchdown or an additional 7 chances in the drawing. Five chances plus 7 chances equal 12 chances in the drawing.

**Coupons for drawing:** Coupon will be printed and available from Ruritan Magazine and also on-line from the Ruritan website. Ruritan member must fill in the coupon with all information asked for and then mail the coupon(s) to Ruritan National to be placed in the barrel for drawing in Covington, KY.

**Prizes will be as follows:** There will be two tickets drawn at the National Convention. Each will redeem one 40" and one 22" television from HH Gregg. The 40" television is for the winning Ruritan and the 22" television for that Ruritan's club. They may use that television as a prize for their own raffle or it may be donated to a worthy cause-whatever the club decides.

In lieu of actual television sets, gift certificates from HH Gregg may be substituted.

All prizes must be redeemed/handled through the HH Gregg retail store in Colonial Heights, VA.

This promotion will not replace or interfere with any other membership program currently in progress. It is in addition to any existing program.

Put on your recruiting shoes. Blitz for new members and let's move Ruritan up the field with first downs and touchdowns. Let's fill the stands with new Ruritans.

## Play ball!

--- Membership Coupon ---

NAME OF NEW MEMBER

RECRUITING MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY  STATE  ZIP

CLUB INFORMATION

DISTRICT

CLUB

MAIL TO "MEMBERSHIP BLITZ"  
RURITAN NATIONAL  
P.O. BOX 487  
DUBLIN, VA 24084





## Growth and Development News

# Gates (NC), Clarksville (VA), and Abingdon (VA) Clubs Gain New Members



Pictured are Al Ewell and Cody Brinkley, new members of the **Gates** (NC) Ruritan Club. They are welcomed by National Director Foster Parrish.



Pictured above (l-r) are new member Arthur Britto, **Abingdon** (VA) Ruritan Club President Marshall Butler, and Brian Slater.



**Clarksville** (VA) Ruritan Club President Julie Ames (left) is shown with the club's newest members Diane and Loren Johnson.

*Look for the Growth and Development Committee's new membership and DRM incentive programs coming out at the 2013 National Convention in Northern KY.*

## New Clubs for 2012

### New Ruritan Clubs, Sponsors, & DRMS\*

(January 1, 2012 -- September 1, 2012)

New Club	District	Sponsoring Club	DRM
T. Clay Wood Elementary Rudy Youth Ruri-Teen Club	Rappahannock	Nokesville	Rick McMahon
Marsteller Middle School Ruri-Teen Glade Hill	Rappahannock Peaks of Otter	Nokesville Waidsboro	Ken Hinkle Gary Solomon/ Roger Gammons
Bluff City	Tennessean	Holston	Armetta Hunigan/ Gary Olinger
Fieldale	Dan River	Oak Level (VA)	William Maxwell

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

## 2013 Candidates



### National Vice President

Clinton Guy Cox  
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**CLUB:** Joined Fellowville (WV) in 1972 – member

from 1972 to 1975 and 1996 to present; Club offices held were Secretary, Vice President, and President; Chairman and member of all Community Service Committees

**DISTRICT:** Upper WV District #19 - Lt. Governor 2002; District Governor 2003; Board of Directors 2004 to 2006; Youth Coordinator 2007 to 2009; Growth and Development Coordinator – 2010; Foundation Chairman - 2011 to 2012; Taught classes at the district convention for Club Secretaries and Vice Presidents for several years.

**NATIONAL:** Taught at Summer Leadership Conferences from 2002 to 2010; Ruritan National Conventions – Sergeant-At-Arms Committee in 2002, Flag Ceremony in 2003, Member of Constitution and Bylaws Committee in 2004; Aide to National Vice President in 2005; and Aide to National President in 2006; Spoke at First Lady's Breakfast in 2007; Golden Key Award in 2007; Tom Downing Fellow recipient in 2007 at National Convention; Ruritan Forever in 2008; Ruritan National Director from 2008 – 2010; Prayer at Veteran's Breakfast in 2009; Prayer at Breakfast with the President and Business Session in 2011; Co-Chairman Sergeant-of Arms Committee in 2012; and Non-Board member on the Publications Committee for 2012

**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Fellowsville High School and Fairmont State College and attended the University of Louisville and West Virginia University – summers only

**OCCUPATION:** Preston County Board of Education, Custodian from 1960 to 1963 while in high school; AFL-CIO Laborer's Local Union, Construction Laborer from 1964 to 1977 (summers only); Kanawha County Board of Education, Biology teacher from 1967 to 1972; Preston County Board of Education, Biology teacher from 1972 to 2000; Preston County Board of Education member from 2000 to present

**OTHER:** Member Otterbein United Methodist Church – 1996 to present; Choir Member; Trustee; Lay Speaker Church only; Treasurer – Women's

Ladies Aide Society from 2004 to present; and Church Treasurer from 2008 to present. City of Kingwood – Member of Planning Commission from 1990 to 2009. County – Member of the Preston County Board of Education from 2000 to present; Community Corrections Committee from 2005 to present; and Member of Gideon's from 2006 to present. State – BOE related – member of RESA VII (Regional Educational Services Agency) from 2002 to present and member of the West Virginia School Boards Association from 2000 to present. Married to Linda Dianna Cline from 1967 to the present (45 years); Children – Michael and Kelly Cox with granddaughters Rachel (17 yrs.) and Rebecca (7 yrs.); Angela Cox; and Darrin and Karen Cox with grandsons Tiernan (6 yrs.) and Clinton (3 yrs.)



### National Director

Larry Blount  
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**CLUB:** Joined Hunterstown (PA) Club in 2002; Served as Club Secretary, Vice

President, Club President and all Committees

**DISTRICT:** Served as Potomac District Lt. Zone Governor; Zone Governor; Lt. District Governor and District Governor

**NATIONAL:** Served as Sergeant-At-Arms; participated in 2007 Flag Ceremony at National Convention; attended Governors' Leadership Conference and served as National Director (2008-2011).

**EDUCATION:** Indiana University Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana

**OCCUPATION:** Associate Agent with Pabody Insurance Agency (Nationwide); Manufacturing management for over 25 years and Farmed from 1968-2001

**OTHER:** Married to Pamela (Pam); two daughters, one son and four grandchildren; Memorial Baptist Church in Gettysburg, Past 4-H Member for 10 years; 4-H Junior Leader; Past Member, Trustee and Sunday School Superintendent First Baptist Church in Montpelier, Indiana, and "Founding member of Friends of the Medal of Honor Grove current Chairman of Grounds Committee" Valley Forge, PA

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**National Director**

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**CLUB:** Joined Dundas (IL) Club in 1987 and Illiana (IL)

Club in 1998; held all Club Offices; Chief Fundraiser in Allendale and Dundas Clubs

**DISTRICT:** Served as Lincolnland Zone Governor, Lt. District Governor twice; District Governor twice; temporary District Treasurer, Growth and Development Chair, Publicity Chair; and Fundraiser Chair; attended several Valley Forge Leadership Conferences

**NATIONAL:** Served on Constitution and Bylaws one year; served as Sergeant at Arms several Conventions; Attended Leadership Conference; served as National Director 2002-2004 on the Publicity and Public Relations Committee; received the Tom Downing Award; attended every Convention since 1998, Certified Trainer

**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Mt. Carmel, IL High School; BS in Agriculture Education and MS in Agriculture at Southern Illinois at Carbondale; Advanced Degree in Agriculture Education and School Administration U of IL.

**OCCUPATION:** Taught HS Vocational Agriculture for seven years; taught Agriculture Business and Production at Southeastern Illinois in Harrisburg two years; completed twenty-three years in Elementary Education; Retired from Superintendent of Allendale School in 1994

**OTHER:** Member of the Assembly of God; served as SS Teacher and Superintendent; served as Deacon and Church Treasurer; Family includes wife Leota, Children are Vivian Barber, Cheryl Wall, Chuck Burkett, Teresa Yarbor, and eleven grandchildren.

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**Foundation Trustee**

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**CLUB:** Joined Baywood (VA) in 1988 (New River District); in the last 24 years: served 7 years as

Club Secretary, 3 years as Treasurer and 2 years as President

**DISTRICT:** Served 16 years as Zone Governor and 16 years as District Foundation Promotion Chair--the last 9 years consecutively as Foundation Promotion Chair; District Secretary; Lt. Governor 2011; District Governor 2012

**NATIONAL:** Club delegate to 18 National Conventions and has attended many Ruritan Foundation Weekends and auctions; received the Gold Key Award for recruiting ten (10) new members in one year; participated as "Rudy Bear" (wearing the Rudy suit) in numerous national activities; honored as a Ruritan Forever (by her club and zone); recruited/encouraged and presented many Tom Downing awards

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Galax High School and National Business College majoring in Accounting and as a Medical Secretary

**OCCUPATION:** Assistant Treasurer of Vaughan Furniture for 29 years and was employed by the company for a total of 41 years. Vaughan Furniture had 2,200 employees in seven (7) plants. For the past 11 years, Pat has been employed in the Health field: with Mount Rogers Mental Health since 2002 (served 10 years on the Mount Rogers Community Service Board) and employed with Southwest Virginia Home Health since 2007; owned and managed two (2) restaurants, farms and rental property; currently owns and operates the Longview Golf Course

**OTHER:** Organized the first Baywood Fall Festival and authored a book entitled Baywood; member of the Longview United Methodist Church; charter member of the Women of the Moose (twice Senior Regent), Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW@, Vice-president, Grayson County TRIAD, and Grayson County Women's Farm Bureau; served on Grayson County Board of Tourism. Widowed with a daughter, Sharon; a granddaughter, Jessica; two step-granddaughters; and four great grandchildren



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**CLUB:** Joined Sun Valley (WV) and Charter President in 1974 (Lower West Virginia District) ; held several offices and chaired many committees since 1974 in this club and Outstanding Club President several times

**DISTRICT:** Zone Governor 1992-94; Growth and Development Award 1994; District Ruritan of the Year 1994; District Lt. Governor 1995 and 2004; District Governor 1996, 2005; Growth and Development Chair 8 years; Certified in Officer Training; Leadership and Development Chair 2011-12; and District officer for 22 years

**NATIONAL:** Conducted Growth and Development Workshops at National Convention 1994-97; Mensel Dean Award in 1994 (46 members); Mensel Dean Award in 1995 (25 members); DRM Award for 4 new clubs 1996; Foundation Trustee 1999-2003; Foundation Workshops at National Convention and Summer Leadership Conference 2000-03; National Director 2006-08

**EDUCATION:** Graduate Montgomery High School, Montgomery, WV; Graduate Concord University 1958, Athens, WV; Graduate West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV; Safety Certification, Marshall University, Huntington, WV; Administrative Certification 7-12 Grades, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, Institute, WV

**OCCUPATION:** Retired School teacher and coach, school principal and county school superintendent; Vocational School Director, Mercer County Schools, Princeton, WV

**OTHER:** Member Painter's Chapel United Methodist Church, member Fairview Christian Fellowship Church; Past Chairperson for Pastor Parish Relationship Committee; Past Chairperson for the Painter's Building Committee, member Concord Lodge # 48 Ancient and Free Accepted Masons; member of Grand Chapter of West Virginia Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, 32nd Degree Mason of Bluefield Commandary of the Knights of Templar; and Coached youth sports for several years. Married to Nell and have three daughters: Phoebe, Beverly and Angela. Also have two grandchildren: Jed and Afton. Foundation Affiliation: Hold, with wife Nell, a "Friends" Scholarship (Amount required \$10,000); Basic Education Fund \$1,000; 21st Century Fund \$2,100, paid up member of the Million Dollar Club; Credited for getting the first college (Concord) in the partnership program

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# Candidates for National Office on November 1

As of November 1, Ruritan National had the following candidates for national office. **National President**, Dennis Clemmer; **National Vice President**, Robert “Bobby” Burton, Clinton Guy Cox, and Elliott Hogge; **National Secretary**, Roy Maloy and James Mills; **National Director**, Larry Blount; Grover Burkett; Wallace “Wally” Hudson; Lorene Reece; Sewell Rowley; Earl Smith. **Foundation Trustee**, Pat Davis and Echols “Phil” Jeffries.

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

## Dan Brubaker Recognized for Dairy Farming Efforts

Past National Ruritan Treasurer Dan Brubaker and his brothers were recently honored in September when they were inducted into the Virginia Livestock Hall of Fame at Virginia Tech.

Dan, who currently also serves as a non-board member of the national budget and finance committee, as well as his brothers Emory and Cline, both of Rocky Mount, VA were recognized for their work as dairy farmers. Also recognized was their brother Galen who died in June 2012.

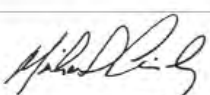
In his nomination of the brothers, Wayne Dudley of Union Hall, noted, “each family member recognized the need to carry their knowledge and wisdom throughout the realms of the agriculture industry. Without exception, each realized that participation alone in the industry was not sufficient, and leadership was required

to make progress and make a difference.”

Along with the Brubaker brothers, six other industry leaders were inducted into the Virginia Livestock Hall of Fame at the Virginia Tech Alphin-Stuart Livestock Teaching Arena located on the Blacksburg campus. The 2012 inductees had their portraits hung in the arena during a ceremony held Saturday, Sept. 22 with family, friends, and the general public in attendance. The portrait gallery was recently relocated to the Alphin-Stuart Livestock Teaching Arena from the Meadow Pavilion at the State Fair of Virginia in Doswell, VA.

“The Virginia Livestock Hall of Fame provides recognition for the leadership and contributions of outstanding people who have had a profound impact on the past, present, and future of the beef, dairy, swine, and sheep industries in Virginia,” said Scott Greiner, Livestock Hall of Fame committee member. “We are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of the 10 honorees from this year’s class. They join a distinguished group as members of the Hall of Fame.

To see the entire slate of inductees visit <http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2012/09/091912-ext-livestock-halloffame.html>

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# ***Revision of the Ruritan National Bylaws to be Voted on by Delegates at the National Convention***

The purpose of the revision of the Ruritan National Bylaws is to restructure Ruritan National's current Bylaws, as needed, in order to comply with guidance set forth in Robert's Rules of Order. In addition the revision includes pertinent National Board of Directors' approved policies that were contained in the Ruritan National Reference Index Manual and/or in handbooks that the Bylaws Committee felt should be in the Bylaws.

This is a completely NEW document and not just some amendments to the CURRENT Bylaws; therefore, there is no requirement to specify the changes. All of the CURRENT Bylaws have been addressed in the revised edition.

The Bylaws committee was aided by two Registered Parliamentarians. The revised Bylaws have been reviewed by the Ruritan National Corporate Attorney who recommended specific changes to ensure the revised Bylaws comply with Virginia State Law.

The revision has been a lengthy and time consuming endeavor. The objective of the Bylaws Committee has been to produce a professional document whereby subject matter could be more easily located, and to be written in manner that can be easily understood and interpreted by the membership. This project has been about two years in the making and has been unanimously endorsed by the National Board of Directors.

If there are any questions and/or concerns with regards to the proposed edition of the Bylaws, we are requesting that questions and/or concerns be in writing and any questions and/or concerns will be forwarded to the Bylaws Committee for consideration.

At the Saturday morning business session of the National Convention, time will be allotted to debate the revised Bylaws. However, approval or disapproval will be determined by ballot voting during the time scheduled for the delegates to cast their votes.

To see the complete revised bylaws visit [www.ruritan.org](http://www.ruritan.org) and search the library (under member resources) for "revised" or use the link <http://www.ruritan.org/library/216.pdf>.

Members without computers should contact the Ruritan National Office for a copy of the revised bylaws.

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At our upcoming national convention in Northern KY, we again have an opportunity to show our generosity when we bring our Rudy Bears and Chemo Caps to share with the hospitals and first responders in Northern KY and Cincinnati. This year we have added Operation Smile, an organization that provides free surgeries to children with cleft lips and cleft palates. For \$240, a child's life can be changed forever. Bill and I have been thrilled to receive very generous donations as we have attended club, zone, and district events. Ruritans are again expressing their generosity. I thank you for the generosity that you have already shown and will continue to show as we arrive in Northern KY in January. A blood drive on Friday will also be held.

Thank you, Ruritans, for being givers. We are America's leading community service organization. We are second to none! We hold blood drives to save lives, help to supply food for the hungry, volunteer at health clinics, clean our highways, support our fire departments and rescue squads, provide scholarships to needy students, support youth activities, and honor our military and veterans. What a great story of service we have to share!

Albert Schweitzer said, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know – the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found out how to serve." Thank you, Ruritans, for your service. When we work together in Ruritan service, we are making our communities and America stronger.



**Prince George (VA) Ruritan President David Edwards and club members present National President Phyllis and First Gentlemen Bill a check for \$240.00 for Operation Smile.**

### Foundation Auction Items Needed at the National Convention

As most of you know, we experimented with a different approach to our 2012 Fellowship Weekend this year. We replaced the traditional weekend at a land-based resort or locality with a Bahamas cruise. Yes, we gave up the land for some fellowship out on the open seas!!! The response was very good with roughly 150 people attending. This was for me and many of those in our group, our first cruise experience.



*Cleve Wright  
2012 Foundation  
President*

There was plenty food, fun, entertainment, and most of all Ruritan Fellowship. Many of you have probably already heard about me enjoying hot dogs at midnight each night on the cruise. Let me say that I wasn't the only one! Without question, this cruise experience proved to be everything that was promised and more. I have received messages and calls from many of you expressing how much you enjoyed it. I cannot speak for everyone, but I truly had a wonderful time and I'm already looking forward to going again. I'm extremely happy with the way everything turned out and sincerely hope that those of you that were on the cruise feel the same way. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone that cruised with us.

I need to also give some credit to Bill and Theresa Reinagel at Cruise Holidays of Williamsburg for their unbelievable job of helping to coordinate and arrange this cruise. Everyone that spoke or dealt with them over the phone surely knows how pleasant and helpful they were. Bill even accompanied us on the cruise to ensure that everything went smoothly and as planned. I highly recommend Bill and Theresa, if you are ever in need of a cruise organizer or agent.

Norman O'Dell has already begun making plans for next year's 2013 Fellowship Weekend. It will be held September 13-15, 2013, at the Meadowview Marriott Hotel at the Meadowview Conference Resort & Convention Center in Kingsport, TN. There are many sights and activities in the area for your pleasure and entertainment. Much more information and detail will be coming in future publications and correspondence.

In regard to upcoming events, let's not forget the 2013 Ruritan National Convention. It will be held January 24-26, 2013, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY (across the river from Cincinnati, OH). Details and registration information was included in your Summer 2012 Ruritan Magazine. From a Ruritan Foundation perspective, I want to ask and encourage everyone to consider bringing items for our "live" and "silent" auctions. These auctions not only provide a lot of fun and entertainment to the convention goers, but also generate much needed funds for your National Foundation. Clearly, the more items we have to auction, the more fun, entertainment, and revenue generation we will be able to achieve. As a further note regarding the "silent" auction, I ask for everyone's support and cooperation in refraining from placing fraudulent bids on items. In the past, we have experienced cases where friends have used a fellow Ruritan's bid number on an item with a large bid amount. While this results in a moment of fun and amusement, it hurts the Foundation in the end. This will preclude and prevent legitimate bidders from placing legitimate bids. In the end, these items end up being sold for much less than they should or could have or in some cases not at all. We want everyone to have a fair and legitimate opportunity to bid on all items. I sincerely thank all of

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*Ruritans on the Foundation Cruise were welcomed to the Bahamas by The Hon. Obediah Wilchcombe, Ministry of Tourism. He is pictured here with National Foundation Trustee Fred Payne (left), National President Phyllis, and Past National President Jayson Duncan.*

## Ruritan National Foundation News

those that have supported the Foundation auctions in the past and for those that will again next year. Please start securing your items now for January's convention.

As of this time, I'm very happy to report that we have not had any requests for the "Operation We Care" (OWC) Program assistance this year. However, we are just days from the devastation and destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy. I'm sure many of you watched and witnessed this terrible storm's trek up the eastern seaboard. Clean-up efforts and damage assessment from Hurricane Sandy have just begun. Our



*Pictured (l-r) are Foundation Trustee Danny Privott, Linda Privott, Ruritan National Vice President Dennie Clemmer, Betty Jo Clemmer, Patsy Shelton, and Ruritan National Director Calvin Shelton.*



*Pictured are members of the **Pleasant View-Springhill** (VA) Ruritan Club at the Ruritan National Foundation Cruise. Pictured (l-r) are Terry Bunch, Lela Kitts, Katie Botkin, and Jan Botkin.*

neighbors and residents in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast were hit extremely hard by this destructive storm. There will more than likely be several requests for assistance in the upcoming days. It is times like these that the true Ruritan spirit comes forth and we band together to help and assist our neighbors in their time of need. If you or your club would like to make a donation to help us be in position to provide the much needed assistance, please send your donations and earmark them for the "Operation We Care" (OWC) Program. Individuals are also reminded that donations to OWC and the Foundation are income tax exempt under our 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Service designation. We thank you in advance for your support and consideration.

I want to remind you once again that Ruritan National Foundation also has several programs in place to encourage and assist our membership (and friends) in supporting our Foundation. Our newest fund raising program, the "\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$" has now contributed over \$45,000. We are looking forward to additional participants joining this program. This is an easy way to get started in making an annual contribution to the Foundation. It is our goal to get more and more Ruritans consistently involved in supporting and contributing to the Foundation on an annual basis. If we could get just 25% of all Ruritans contributing just \$100 per year, we would bring in an additional \$750,000 towards our corpus annually and be able to double our current corpus in just five years. This is a big challenge but, also a very reasonable goal. Only through your continuous support will we be able to reach out and provide educational assistance to the many students who desperately need our help.

Finally, we want to again remind all Ruritans that you are also valued members of the Foundation. We need your support and involvement to be successful in achieving our goals. We ask and encourage each of you and your clubs to kindly consider a gift to the Founda-

tion, whether it is to the Foundation Scholarship Program or the OWC Program. Many clubs have already informed us of their intentions to hold "special" fundraisers this year with all proceeds to be earmarked for the Foundation. To those clubs and the many Ruritans that have faithfully supported the Ruritan National Foundation in the past and all of those that will in the future, I extend my sincerest Thank You!



# Innovative Service Awards Presented to Four Clubs



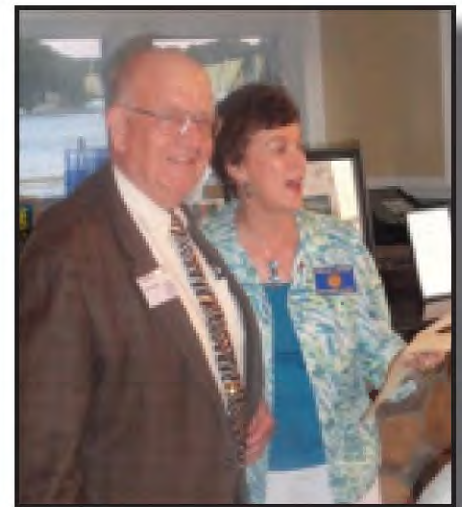
*Pictured are members of the Albemarle Patriot Project Committee with National President Phyllis.*

National President Phyllis has awarded Innovative Service Awards for the third quarter of 2012. Awards go to the **Albemarle (NC) District**, **Lothian (MD) Ruritan Club**, and **Central Caswell (NC) Ruritan Club** for their efforts to support our veterans, military, and military families. Twenty-five clubs in the Albemarle District combine their efforts to aid wounded or disabled military members or veterans in a six-county area. Projects include vehicle and home repairs, Christmas outreach, and working with the VFW to provide a van for transporting veterans.

The Lothian Ruritan Club provides snacks for wounded warriors. The club delivers \$100.00 of snacks each week to the surgical ward

at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Each week a Lothian Ruritan member drives the 100 mile round trip to deliver the snacks. The Central Caswell Ruritan Club participates in the Military Kids Hero Pack Program. A package of goodies is provided for the children of active duty guard and reserve soldiers while they are deployed.

The **Smithfield (VA) Ruritan Club** is recognized for their creative recruitment of new members. The club includes a "free dinner coupon" on fliers distributed in the community. This free dinner coupon is for their monthly Ruritan meeting. The meeting is held at a local restaurant known for excellent food.



*Past National Foundation President Bernard Lerch and National President Phyllis discuss Lothian's snacks for the military program. Behind them are awards from the US Navy.*

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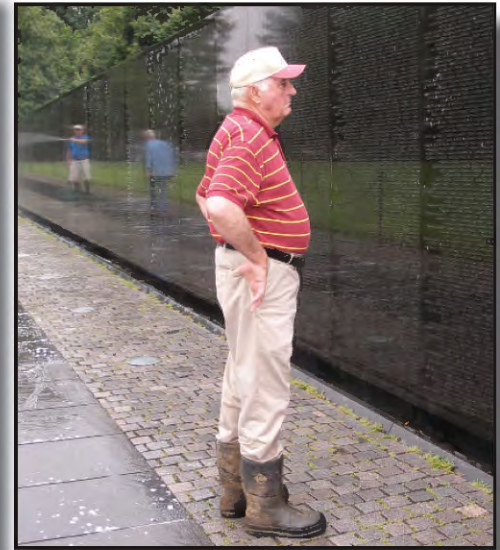
## News From Ruritan: New York Area

### Tioughnioga (NY) Repairs Roof



Members of the **Tioughnioga (NY) Ruritan Club** repair the roof of a cabin at the Madison County Children's Camp.

## Belmont Washes the Vietnam Memorial Wall



*Bobby Goodwin takes time out to read some of the names on the wall.*



*Fred Gruber is shown scrubbing the flag pole base.*

**Belmont** (VA) Ruritan Club members were featured in their local paper for washing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. Washing of the wall is done only on Sunday mornings from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. during the spring and summer months by volunteers. The wall, walkways, and the statue of the three soldiers are washed weekly. Vice President Mike Popik said, "We went because it was the right thing to do. It's pretty powerful."

The National Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors members of the United States Armed Forces who fought in the Vietnam War, died in service in Vietnam/Southeast Asia, and were unaccounted for (Missing in Action). The memorial currently consists of three separate parts: the Three Soldiers Statue, the Vietnam Women's Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, which is the best-known part of the memorial. The main part of the memorial, which was completed in 1982, is in Constitution Gardens adjacent to

the National Mall, just northeast of the Lincoln Memorial. The memorial is maintained by the United States National Park Service and receives around three million visitors each year. The Memorial Wall originally contained 58,195 names.

### News From Ruritan: Rapidan District

## Stony Point (VA) Celebrates 50th Anniversary

**Stony Point** (VA) Ruritan Club commemorated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting a local history day event. Opening ceremonies started by honoring deceased charter member Elwood Hall. A copy of the club's charter was presented to charter member Charlie Sudduth. Congratulatory letters were read from Congressman Robert Hurt and Delegate Rob Bell. Various exhibits of historical maps, documents, and photos brought together the collective history of the Stony Point Community. An American Revolution Cavalry Skills Demonstration and children's militia drill were presented by Al Underwood. A farmer's diary of 1906 was read from the historical property, Edgemont.

## A Legacy of Service to Ruritan

Ruritan is fortunate to have many seasoned Ruritans who are active on the club, zone, and district levels. Among these are Wayne Harrell of the **Waverly** (VA) Ruritan Club and Arnold Vincent of the **Greensville County** (VA) Ruritan Club.



Wayne Harrell was honored by Past National Director Raymond Warren for 50 years of service. His family looks on proudly.

Wayne is a 50-year member, who has provided leadership to his club and zone. With his family gathered around him, Wayne stated, "I'm leaving a legacy to my club. My son-in-law and two grandsons are Ruritan members of my club."

Arnold Vincent is a 55-year member who never misses his club fundraisers and club or zone meetings. As he looked to his family members with him, he stated, "I'm fortunate to have family to drive me to Ruritan events. I'll be at the national convention if they'll drive me."



Arnold Vincent was honored for 55 years of service. His family and District Governor Stan Turner are pictured with him.

President Phyllis attended club meetings where Wayne and Arnold were honored. She stated, "It has been my honor to have recognized Wayne and Arnold, who have served Ruritan for 50 years or more. I appreciate their service and dedication to Ruritan."

## South Norfolk Raises Money for Scholarships



**South Norfolk** (VA) Ruritan Club held its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Crab festival. Over 700 people were in attendance. This is one of the club's main fundraisers for their scholarship program.

Scholarship Chair Ryan Hartman (pictured right) is shown presenting Maricruz Valenzuela the first installment of an \$8,000 scholarship.

Valenzuela is an honor roll graduate and will be attending Mary Baldwin College majoring in biology and anatomy.



**Liberty Spring** (VA) Ruritan Club Vice President Wally Byrum is shown presenting

Jonathan Foley with a bluebird box made by club member Earl Hunt. Jonathan attended the 2012 Ruritan Youth Camp and thanked the club for making that experience possible.



Pictured are Jake, Amanda, and baby Lucy Browder receiving the **Smithfield** (VA) Ruritan Club's Farmer of the Year award. The Browder's fresh

vegetables are a part of the Smithfield Farmers Market. Club Vice President Julie Hopkins (on the right) presented the award.

## Central Caswell Presents Golden Key Awards

Central Caswell (NC) Ruritan Club's Vice President Don Bush is shown presenting Golden Key Awards to Past Club President Maxine Foster



and Club President Nancy Bush. Nancy has recruited two new members and Maxine has recruited six.

The club's environmental project consisted of picking up trash along County Home Road on which the club building is located.

Pictured in action are club members Wayne Yarbrough and Al Smith.



## Cherry Grove and Southern Caswell Celebrate Anniversaries



Cherry Grove (NC) Ruritan Club celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September.

Members and guests enjoyed a light meal. Piedmont District Foundation Chair Terry Call was the guest speaker for the evening. A slide show of the club's history was created by James Barker and shown at the end of the evening.

Commemorative ink pens were

given to all in attendance. Pictured on the left (l-r) are Club Past President Otis Saunders, Club member Eugene Page, Charter President James Barker, and Club member Barbara Page.



### 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.

Members of the Southern Caswell (NC) Ruritan Club pose for a group photo with National President Phyllis. The new black shirts are to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Semora (NC) Ruritan Club held its 11th annual Relay for Life motorcycle ride with approximately 116 participants and 85 bikes. After the ride a barbecue lunch was held and door prizes were given out.

## Piedmont District Reaches Out to Others



**Leasburg** (NC) Ruritan Club donated dictionaries to third and fourth graders at South Elementary School. On hand to present the dictionaries were Club President Mary Jane Richmond, Club Secretary and National Director John Berdine, Past Club President Dixie Vernon, and Club Director Brenda Bender.



**South Stokes** (NC) Ruri-Teen Club is shown (top right) working at the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Pictured on the left is one of the many ramps the **Pine Hall** (NC) Ruritan club has built for needy families over the past few years.

**West Iredell** (NC) Ruritan Club awarded five scholarships of \$1,500 each. Pictured below (l-r) are Kyle Farley, Khloe Rowe, Molisa Shuford, Adam Sparks, Rex Thompson, and Club President Reverend Olin Isehour.



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## News From Ruritan: Rocky Mt-Durham District



Pictured are **Zeb Vance** (NC) Ruritan Club members Winston and Claude Kerley presenting dictionaries to third graders at Zeb Vance Elementary School.



## Chesapeake District Clubs Are Staying Strong



**Abingdon** (VA) Ruritan Club had Donald Talbott, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, speak about his disease at the August club meeting. Talbott explained what it was like for him living with this disease. Alzheimer's Association Branch Coordinator Ellie Galloway spoke to the group and said, "There is a need for funds for research." Pictured (left) are Donald Talbott and Ellie Galloway.

Eugene L. (Dick) Campbell (right) of the **King William** (VA) Club was presented a 59 consecutive year perfect attendance pin from his son Eugene L. Campbell, Jr. (left). The family's property on the Mattaponi River has been the site of many fundraising events. The **Chesapeake District's**

Annual Crab Feast has been held there for 28 years and has raised over \$300,000. Dick has never charged anyone for the use of his property.



**Five Forks** (VA) Ruritan Club (second picture on the left) presented donations to several community organizations. Recipients were Hunters for the Hungry, Williamsburg Hospice Care, 4H, and Meals on Wheels. A club scholarship was also given to Marni Robins.

**Independence** (VA) Ruritan Club (pictured left) held a successful Brunswick stew fundraiser. Club members started cooking 337 gallons at 3 a.m. to have the batch ready to eat by lunch time. The club was able to present three \$2,000 scholarships from the profits made off of the event.



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## Leeds (VA) Club Honors Club Member



Leeds (VA) Ruritan Club designated an "Alex Day" in honor of club member Alex Green for his 62 years of dedicated service to the club. Pictured is Club President Kerry Hines presenting him with a plaque.

Earlier in the year, the club awarded four \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients were selected based on their good character, community service, financial need, and academic promise. Pictured (l-r) are Scholarship Chair



Jan Sickel, Margaret McCarty, Kelly Smith, Robert King, Sara Lawler, and Club President Kerry Hines.

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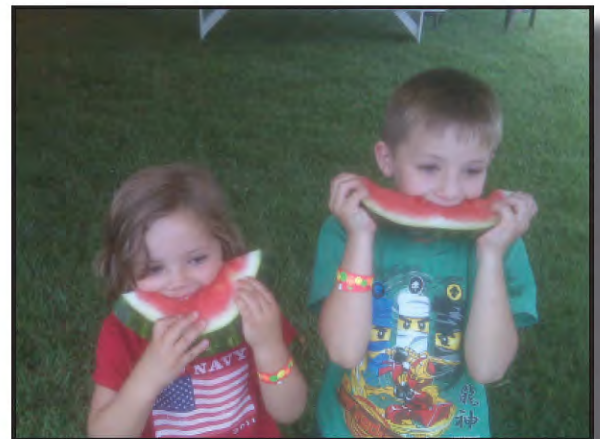
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## News From Ruritan: Rockingham District

### Mt. Crawford Hosts Lawn Party

**Mt. Crawford** (VA) Ruritan Club hosted its annual lawn party in July. The three day event included nightly musical entertainment, bingo, cakewalk, inflatables, games, and good food. Pictured are Kathryn and Caleb Landes enjoying watermelon at the event.



In August the club operated a food booth during the Rockingham County Fair. Pictured are Katey and Dylan who were enjoying their barbeque dinner plate.

## Clifford Club Makes Sorghum Molasses



Clifford (VA) Ruritan Club's 2012 Sorghum Festival highlighted the traditional harvest and making of sorghum molasses. The club raised over \$8,000. Attendees enjoyed a traditional "cake walk" and diverse musical acts. A big hit with families and new this year, the "Kid's Korner," featured face painting and a moon bounce. Attendees appreciated popular events such as horse jousting and sorghum-stripping. Club President Dawn Gatewood thanked supporters and volunteers saying, "It was great fun and a tremendous success." Proceeds will fund scholarships and community organizations, including the local YWCA Domestic Violence Program and Dixie Youth softball.

Burnt Chimney (VA) took part in Civil War Days at Lake Watch Plantation. Club members served hotdogs to raise money for community projects. Pictured right (l-r) are Houston Snoddy, Rick Hogue, Nate Perdue, Betty Campbell, Jean Hogue, Amanda Brewster, Bill Melton, and Denise Campbell.



## News From Ruritan: Lincolnland District

### Lincolnland District Presents 50 Year Pins



Lincolnland District Governor Sue Case and District Secretary Marilyn Bledsoe presented three Irvington (IL) Ruritan Club charter members with 50 year pins. Pictured (l-r) front row are Lyman Creed, Gerald Armstrong, and Ray Dodillet; Back row (l-r) are District Secretary Marilyn Bledsoe, District Governor Sue Case and Hymera (IN) Ruritan Club member Mary Pepple.



### *From the Kitchens of Ruritan Cooks*

Submitted by Lavada Barrier and  
Betty Hensley of the **Old Fort (NC)**  
Ruritan Club

#### **Grape Salad**

- 2 Cups of Red Seedless Grapes
- 2 Cups of Green Seedless Grapes
- 8 oz. of Cream Cheese Softened
- 1 Cup of Sour Cream
- 1/2 Cup of Sugar or Splenda
- 1 Cup of Chopped Toasted Pecans (Reserve 1/4 Cup to Sprinkle on Top)

Add the chopped toasted pecans to the cream cheese, sour cream, and sugar or splenda. Then add the grapes. Put in serving dish and sprinkle the 1/4 cup of pecans on top. Place in refrigerator to chill.



## News From Ruritan: Potomac District

### Lewistown Presents \$6,000 in Scholarships



Lewistown (MD) Ruritan Club awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to 14 students at their annual picnic in August. Pictured (l-r) are Amanda Holler, Sara Gartrell, Emily Yeager, Bailey Rae Wright, Troy Matlock, Sara Baseley, Garrett Baseley, Karen Crum, Amanda Cole, Kayte Lambert, Anna Staley, and Jessica Lambert. Not pictured are Shelby Ledger and Rebecca Richards.



### Mt. Pleasant Club Donates School Supplies

Mt. Pleasant (MD) Ruritan Club donated school supplies to three elementary schools. Funds for the project are raised from the Quartermania auctions held twice a year. Pictured on the right are Club Secretary Emily Sines (left) and Liberty Elementary School's Guidance Counselor Gloria Thompson (right).

## News From Ruritan: Albemarle District

### Albemarle District Clubs Present \$35,000 in Scholarships

Albemarle District Clubs were featured in their local newspaper for awarding \$35,000 in scholarships to local youth. Albemarle District Governor Nell Davis was quoted saying that the Ruritan organization is one of the best kept secrets in this country, quietly working to make our communities better places to live.

Pictured right is **Chowan** (NC) Ruritan Club member Will Furgerson with his first place ribbons for baking cakes and making coated pecans for the Chowan County Fair on behalf of the club.



## News From Ruritan: Southwest VA District

### Yuma Presents Scholarships



Yuma (VA) Ruritan Club President Beth Frazier presented two scholarships at a recent club meeting. Pictured on the left is recipient Austin Gibson and pictured right is Rebecca Lucas.

## News From Ruritan: Spartan District

### Augusta Road Presents Rudy Bears



**Augusta Road** (SC) Ruritan Club held a successful "Sitting with Santa" and hot dog dinner fundraiser. Past National Director Wayne Owens had the privilege of being Santa for the evening. The event raised enough money to provide over 100 Rudy Bears to the South Greenville Fire, Rescue, and Police Departments.

In addition to the Rudy Bear donations, the club awarded a \$350 scholarship to Patrick Griffin. Pictured is Club Treasurer Donna Poulton presenting the Rudy Bears to the Fire, Rescue, and Police Departments.

## News From Ruritan: Columbia District

### Sandy Run Participates in the Adopt-A-Highway Program



**Sandy Run** (SC) Ruritan Club was selected as the Calhoun County Adopt-A-Highway group winner for 2011 and received their award at the South Carolina Department of Transportation annual awards breakfast in June of this year. Betty Geiger and Herbert Geiger received the award on behalf of the club.

In August, six members gathered together to pick up 25 bags of trash along the highways. Club members participating in this trash pickup were Glenn James, Kay James, Lena Stabler, Marshall Stabler, Becky Starnes, and Gerald Starnes.

Club members also collected and donated school supplies for the students at the Sandy Run School. These supplies were delivered before the school year started. Pictured are School Custodian Leon Robinson, Guidance Counselor Betsy Varn, Principal George Kiernan, and Ruritan members Kay James and Sandra Pees.



## News From Ruritan: Lower West Virginia District

### Williamsburg Participates in the Adopt-A-Highway Program



Pictured are **Williamsburg** (WV) Ruritan Club members front (l-r) Stan Zahorenko, Rick Fox; middle row (l-r) Roger Williams, Allen Poe, Jack Goodman; back row (l-r) Doyle Owens, and Junior Mullins. The club participated in the Adopt-A-Highway Program and picked up seven bags of trash.

## Eubank Celebrates 65th Anniversary



**Eubank** (KY) Ruritan Club celebrated its 65th anniversary. Frey Todd presented Ed Buis with a community service of the year plaque and District Governor Bryan Franklin presented him with a certificate for the oldest member of the club. National Director Beverly Tanner presented Club President Penny Jones with a certificate thanking the club for their many years of service to their community. Pictured (l-r) are Bryan Franklin, Ed Buis, Penny Jones, and Beverly Tanner.

## Bloomingdale and Butler Clubs Hold Festivals

**Bloomingdale** (TN) Ruritan Club held its first Fall Festival to show appreciation to the community on their support to the club. Several hundred people attended. The club had inflatables, scout water bottle rockets, face painting, fire trucks, Rudy Bear, concessions, door prizes, and many more activities. Gospel singers and a country western band were the entertainment for the fun field day.



balloon were a part of the fun-filled day. Club members pose for a snapshot.

**Butler** (TN) Ruritan Club held its annual fundraiser, the Old Butler Days Festival to celebrate the history of the town. Live music, food, dancing, vendors, face painting, raffle, and a hot air



## Buffalo Holds a Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society

**Buffalo** (TN) Ruritan Club held a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society which included a silent auction, bake sale, games for children, and dancing to the music of the Distant Thunder Dance Band. Certificates of appreciation were presented, and a check for \$1,008 was presented to American Cancer Society representatives Jessica Poff and Alisa Allen.



## Morrison Helps Raise Money for St. Judes



Alex Pullon went to the **Morrison** (TN) Ruritan Club and asked if they would sponsor him during his softball season. His team wanted to raise money for St. Judes. The club decided to donate \$300 to his team. He and his teammates raised a total of \$1,500. Pictured left with Club President Sue Anderson is Alex Pullon.



The club also operated a food booth at the Warren County Fair. Profits exceeded \$5,000. Some of the members that worked the event are pictured.

## Harrison Celebrates 60th Anniversary



Celebrating a club anniversary is exciting and packed with great Ruritan fellowship. **Harrison** (TN) Ruritan Club celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary by recognizing the club's community service activities over the past years. Honored guests were Ruritan National President Phyllis Lewter, County Commissioner Chester Bankston, and State Senator Bo Watson. Pictured are Past National Presidents Jerry Ellis and Jim McKinney with National President Lewter, all of whom participated in Harrison's 60th anniversary celebration.

## New Longaberger with Ruritan National Logo

Debra Mitchum announced, "I am thrilled to introduce the new Ruritan National Basket called the Social Gathering." This basket has many uses and there are several pieces of matching pottery which go with this one. The large cooler is also available. I hope that you will consider the Ruritan National Baskets for special awards and also for gift giving with the upcoming Holiday Season. I have stock so contact me and

I will strive to get them to you in time for holiday gifts. Please remember these baskets when you are thinking of your fundraising events. Happy Holidays! I look forward to seeing you all at the convention in Covington in January.

Debra R Mitchum 757-580-7248

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## Oak Level (VA) Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Oak Level (VA) Ruritan Club celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Past National Director Jerry Atkins welcomed members, spouses, and distinguished guests. National President Phyllis Lewter gave some interesting statistics of the club's history as well as the nation's history during the charter year. The highlight of the evening was when Club President Mike Seidle, National President Lewter, and Jerry Atkins recognized four charter members Garry Barrow, Ray Frith, Jesse Frith, and Jim Thomasson (Thomasson was not present). Lewter presented lapel pins to Charter Members Garry Barrow, Ray Frith, and Jesse Frith. Ray and Jesse Frith were presented certificates for 40 years of continuous service by Lewter. Atkins recognized Ray Frith for 40 years of perfect attendance. Pictured are (l-r) Jesse Frith, Past National Director Jerry Atkins, National President Phyllis Lewter, Garry Barrow, Mike Seidle, and Ray Frith.



## Fontaine Makes Donations to Several Organizations

A special bingo night was held by the Fontaine Ruritan Club. A donation of \$2,500 was made to the local SPCA, a \$500 donation to the Fontaine (VA) Ruri-Teen Club, and eight scholarship checks were made possible because of the fundraising event. Pictured (l-r) are SPCA representative Chase Inman and Club President John Elliott.

The club also honored police, fire, and rescue departments at its public service awards banquet in October.



## News From Ruritan: Middle America District



**Redfield Community (KS) Ruritan Club** President Roy Johnson is shown presenting Troy Johnson with a new member pin. Also pictured

is Gary Hall who received a 20 year pin and Raymond "Skeet" George who received a 40 year pin.

## News From Ruritan: Natural Bridge District

**Effinger (VA) Ruritan Club** celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August at Lake Robertson Pavilion. Pictured (l-r) are charter members Phil Leech and E.G. Huffman.

Leech was surprised when he received a certificate acknowledging his 65 years of active membership.



## News From Ruritan: Davy Crockett District

### Chuckey Club Sponsors a Spaghetti Supper

Members of the **Chuckey** (TN) Ruritan Club and friends were recognized in their local paper for sponsoring a benefit spaghetti supper, sing, and auction for cancer patient Mary Nelson and fiancé Rich McKay. The event brought in \$7,200.

Pictured (l-r) front are Marilyn Hogan and Shirley Campbell. Standing (l-r) are Ben Hogan, Glenn Davis, Charlie Davis, Chris Ward, Kathy Brown, Mary Nelson, Faye O'Dell, Tonya Carver, Chris Carver, Sabrina Fender and Lynniss Fender. In the back is Rick McKay.



### Horse Creek Celebrates 45th Anniversary

**Horse Creek** (TN) Ruritan Club celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Past National President Jayson Duncan was the speaker for the evening. Pictured are Past National Presidents Jayson Duncan and Bob Bailey, Club Secretary Anne Brown, Club President Barbara Broyles, Gene Miller, Alan Jackson, Past National Director Roger Carter, and charter member Hugh Broyles.



## News From Ruritan: Smoky Mountain District



**Sevier County** (TN) Ruritan Club awarded seven \$500 scholarships at their July cookout on the lake. Pictured (l-r) are Club President Ralph Whaley, Margaret Wilburn, Lauren Dixon, Morgan Manning, Lyndsey Layman, and Adam Hickman. Not pictured is Austin Stewart.

## News From Ruritan: Ohio District



**Pennyroyal** (OH) Ruritan Club repaired and painted ticket booths at the Gurensey County Fairground. Club members in action (l-r) are Dee Brown, Christine Molisee, and Edith Carter.

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**OPERATION SMILE 2013 National Convention Charitable Project**

The 2013 Ruritan National Convention's host-community donations will focus on Operation Smile – a charity with a special meaning to 2012 National President Phyllis Lester and First Gentleman Bill The Lesters' granddaughter Charlotte, adopted from Yang Chung.

Guandong China, needed this important surgery when she came to her new home in the U.S. Charlotte is the daughter of Carla and Jay Lester and while her parents' insurance covered the procedure for Charlotte – the Lesters' understand that many such children are not as fortunate. Founded in 1982, Operation Smile is an international children's medical charity that works in more than 80 countries and is based in Norfolk, VA. A secular non-governmental organization, the charity provides free reconstructive surgery for children and young adults born with facial deformities such as cleft lips and cleft palates worldwide, trains in-country doctors to help build self-sufficiency in developing countries, and works to reduce the incidence of cleft lips and cleft palates. To date, Operation Smile has provided two million healthcare evaluations and more than 200,000 free surgeries for children and young adults around the world. Each surgery is made possible at a cost of only \$240 because the doctors are volunteers who donate their time and talents to Operation Smile. See the links below for more about the Operation Smile and Ruritan partnership this year.

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Vice President Dennie Clemmer reminds all clubs, zones, and districts that promotional materials celebrating Rudy Bear's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday have been created by Commonwealth Promotional and can be ordered now. These items will be available for delivery January 1, 2013. As soon as your order and payment are received, Commonwealth Promotional will process your order and ship you the items immediately after January 1. This company is a business member of Ruritan. Ruritan National will receive from Commonwealth Promotional \$1 for each individual item ordered regardless of the price. To see the complete brochure, go to the Ruritan website (see screen shot) and click on the Rudy Bear Link at the bottom of the page. For more information email Daren Thorpe at Commonwealth Promotional [dthorpe@commonwealthpromotional.com](mailto:dthorpe@commonwealthpromotional.com).

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