



JAN-FEB, 2010

Chesapeake Crab

In November the District offered Officer Training for all 2010 Club Officers, dividing into four training sessions throughout the District, in an effort to help the clubs plan and prepare for a successful Ruritan year in 2010. A total of 155 club officers (Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Directors) attended these trainings. I hope those attending these sessions found them informative and will be able to implement the information and ideas discussed into their club objectives and activities.

Officer Training material for club Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers are now offered on the Ruritan National MMS. I would encourage club officers to go to this site and at your leisure review the information offered. Taking the test at the end of the training information will count as credit toward your club's Blue Ribbon Award provided you do this prior to March 01, 2010.

Thank you to the clubs hosting the training sessions, Providence Forge, Abingdon, Clay Springs, Slash Church, Upper Lancaster, providing a meeting place and a meal as well as those who served as trainers. Governor Tommy Boschen, Lt. Governor Sewell Rowley, National Director Roy Maloy, Foundation Trustee Cleve Wright, Past District Governor John Northstein, and Gloucester Ruritan Club members David Lipps and Rodgers Brown.

Laura A. Northstein
District Leadership Coordinator

DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Tommy Boschen

MESSAGES
FROM

LT. DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Sewell Rowley

Dear Fellow Ruritans

Welcome to 2010 in the Chesapeake District. Please join me in thanking our 2009 District Governor Betty Lee Stanley for all of her hard work in having a really great year in 2009. Thank You Betty Lee. Let's all keep her in our thoughts and prayers as she recovers from last years automobile accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Betty Lee and we thank you for a really great year in 2009. We are all blessed to have so many good ruritan friends in the Chesapeake District. With good will, fellowship, hard work and the help of God we can continue making the Chesapeake District the best district in Ruritan land.

Now for the year 2010, I would like to ask all the zone governors to set up a zone meeting as soon as possible so we can get the crab feast committee and club presidents together to work out details for the 2010 Crab Feast. We really need to work hard this year to make the crab feast a success for the benefit of all the Chesapeake district members. Remember this is your district and your crab feast which funds your district convention. We have 1732 members in our great district, that is more than enough members to help and support this fund raiser.

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Fellow Chesapeake District Ruritans,

Greetings to each of you as we begin the 2010 year. I am pleased to be your Lt Governor for 2010. I sincerely hope and pray that together we can make a difference this coming year. I believe the most important goals for us this year is to **promote** our **Chesapeake District activities** and, of course, **membership**. I believe that we need to focus on inviting individuals to join us as members during the many activities, fundraisers, and service projects. Each of these activities allows us opportunities to present information and materials about our club. Sometimes, it seems as though there is no one interested in joining us. I agree that this can be frustrating, but we cannot give up! We have to present Ruritan to many persons to get one member. And like the fisherman, when we get a new member we all can cherish the catch.

I am pleased with the enthusiasm that our Chesapeake District Ruritans have displayed as I have visited a few clubs at this writing. Our clubs and members have planned events that will be their major fundraisers and also have identified the ways and means of providing community service, fellowship, and goodwill.

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So let's all get out and put forth a great effort, work together and make this year's crab feast a real success.

Please log on to the Chesapeake District website for dates of this years events. Dave Toney is doing a great job in keeping the website updated, however he needs all the information he can get from all the clubs out there as to what is going on. If you get him the information regarding your club functions and fund raisers it will be shared with the entire district. This is one way to communicate with everyone in the district. So please send your schedule of events to Dave as soon as possible. He is waiting as we speak.

Remember Feb. 21, 2010, that is the date of our cabinet and club presidents meeting. I would encourage all club presidents to try and attend.

I would also like to remind everyone about the Patriot Conference that will be held on April 29th to May 1st, 2010. This year's conference will be at Makemie Woods Camp. Again information about the Patriot Conference is on the Chesapeake website. So please log on, it is a great source of information and communication for our district.

We are planning to have a district picnic again this year, place and date to be determined. I welcome any suggestions and ideas for location and date, or any other request that you may have. Please let me know as all of these events are for you Chesapeake Ruritan.

To sum everything up, lets go out and work hard, have lots of fun, enjoy our fellowship with one another and have a great year in 2010. May God Bless each and everyone of you and Ruritan.

Yours in Ruritan
Tommy Boschen

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The Chesapeake District is one of the top districts in Ruritan National. The reason is due to the hard work and commitment of our members in the District. We also have that need at the District level. District level events have been planned for 2010 and we need leaders, chaperones, workers, and supporters to make 2010 another banner year. I ask that each club participate in these events. Our final level of success is dependent upon you and your club's involvement.

Below are some areas of participation that will contribute to our District and to your club:

- The **Presidents Meeting** will be held at 2PM on **Sunday, February 21, 2010** at Abingdon Club, Bena, VA. All club Presidents will be welcomed, participate in the Cabinet meeting, and receive very important information relating to the year's events and activities. (Especially this year's Crab and **Shrimp** Feast.)
- **American Patriot Conference–April 29–May 2 at Makemie Woods Camp.** This is a new location with a new agenda for the students. The design is to learn more about our heritage, government, and leadership. The students will gain access to areas of learning that makes me very envious. I have heard Ben Gregory's description and I assure you the students will be impressed. Pamphlets and literature will be available at the Presidents meeting.
- **Chesapeake Crab and Shrimp Feast–July 24, 2010** at Hanover Courthouse. This event is our major fundraiser. It supports the availability of the District Convention at the lowest fee. Our District Convention has been labeled the best District Convention in all of Ruritan National. The Crab Feast committee has analyzed and critiqued the event and has decided on many new approaches. Cutting expenses and acquiring sponsors to defray the costs are vital to our success.

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2010 Beaverdam Ruritan Club Officers



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Madison "Ruritan Year of the Year"



2010 Madison Ruritan Club Officers



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Gloucester Ruritan of the Year



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2010 District Governor, Thomas Boschen, introduced the new officers for the **BeaverDam Ruritan Club** at the November, 2009 meeting. The new officers for 2010 include Scott "Bubba" Mallory as President, Ron Nanni as Vice-President, Rose Little as Secretary, Scott Schoenhut as Treasurer, Joe Nuckols as 3rd Year Director, Pat Coffey as 2nd Year Director, and Dutch Dorschel as 1st Year Director. [Picture #1 with officers in order from right to left] The Club had a wonderful Christmas Celebration at the BeaverDam Depot in December where spouses and their families also attended. [Picture #2] On January 23rd, the Club had its first bingo game of the year. It was a great success with the proceeds going towards the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Sunrise Service. Details for any of our upcoming events can be found at www.beaverdamruritan.com.

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Madison Ruritan held it's festive annual Christmas party on December 11. There were upwards of 70 folks attending, including many distinguished dignitaries. 2010 District Governor, Tommy Boschen & Vicki, Roy & Donna Maloy, Bobby & Linda Burton, Dave & Anita Clegg, Aubrey & Brenda Mitchell, Larry Carr & Vicky enjoyed good food, good fun and plenty of Christmas cheer.

Roy and Bobby installed the clubs officers for 2010.

Bobby Burton and twice past District Governor and President Charlie Bell presented the Ruritan Of the Year award to club secretary and District and Club newsletter editor Pete Arnett. photos page 4

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- This is an area where your club can really assist. Locating supporters and serving as workers is where your club can make it very successful.
- **Boys Scouts of America Jamboree at A P Hill– July 26–August 4.** Ruritan is a service partner with the Boys Scouts. Workers will be needed for 2 days during this event. Your club's service would be of major importance. The Jamboree will move to West Virginia after this year's event.
- Please check the **Chesapeake District website** for information related to the various activities. Important information about events is available. The address is www.chesapeakeuritans.org.
Give it a try.
- **Chesapeake District Convention– November 13, 2010** at the Crowne Plaza at Ft Magruder, Williamsburg. Please make plans for each club to attend. The Convention is a nice event to meet Ruritans, eat well, and have fun.

I am very fortunate to be your Lt Governor and I plan to visit as many clubs as my time will allow. I enjoy meeting Ruritans because I always learn from them and deeply appreciate men and women who are dedicated to community service, goodwill and fellowship.

Appreciatively,

Sewell Rowley, Lt Governor

This newsletter is now available to be viewed on the District website, www.chesapeakeuritans.org. and I am also now able to send an e-mail copy of the newsletter . You now have the choice to read the newsletter on the website, in your e-mail or a hard copy. I send a hard copies to all club Presidents and Secretaries. If any of your members want a copy sent to their e-mail please send me their name and e-mail address. If you prefer to not receive a hard copy please let me know that also so I can remove your name from the mailing list. My contact info is on the back page.

Thanks, Pete Arnett, editor

M O R E C L U B N E W S

December 8, 2009 **Gloucester Ruritan Club** celebrated 60 years of community service to Gloucester County, The Christmas dinner celebration was held at American Legion Post 75 with guest and spouses of members attending. Donald Ambrose and his wife Margie entertained the club with singing and music played on a lute. He also won the door prize of a Thomas Kinkade Cottage Christmas fresh flower arrangement. Treasurer, Rodgers Brown spoke of the good old days when the club members sold Christmas trees and decorated the Court House area businesses also had tractor pulls and fruit cake fundraisers, barbecues, fish fry and many other fun times. [photo 1 page 5](#)

The **Gloucester Ruritan of the Year** was announced with Thomas Swankler being the 2009 winner. Tom builds blue bird houses every year to give away to members and anyone else who would like one. He also served as the Chesapeake District Convention Ad sales fundraiser. This year was our best year ever, even with the economic situation. We are very grateful to all the businesses who bought ads from our members and helped the club to win with the highest sales of the district. Tom helped with the Christmas gift delivery this week, delivering 398 wrapped and bagged item for all the local nursing homes, adult care homes and assisted living facilities in Gloucester County. Mr. Swankler participates at the monthly American Legion 75 Community Breakfast held on December 13th at the post on Rt. 17, White Marsh, Va. In the past he delivered Meals on Wheels, helped the Habitat for Humanity house and other objectives of Gloucester Ruritan Club. Tom was on the Board of Directors for several years and he will serve as Vice President for 2010. Thank you Tom, for all your hard work over the years. [photo 2 page 5](#)

Dr. Chuck Harris was a guest and the club donated \$1000 to the local building of a Habitat house, he is the president of Gloucester-Mathew Habitat for Humanity. Also receiving a donation was Director of the Gloucester Boys and Girls Club, Gary Ripple for \$500. This past Halloween members volunteered to help with a festive party. [photo 3 page 5](#)

Celebrating 60 years as Gloucester Ruritan Club was enjoyed by all present. A beautiful anniversary cake was cut by president David Lipps.

2010 officers: President, Janet Leigh, VP Tom Swankler, Secretary, Barbara Bauer, Treasures, David Lipps, Board of Directors: Rodgers Brown, Paul Bauer and Beverly Thomas

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Delivering Christmas presents to Nursing Homes: Harry Thomas and Tom Swankler
Christmas wrappers: Janet Leigh, Mary Proud, Beverly Thomas, Betty Ford Lipps and Barbara Bauer, not pictured Heidi Henderson, Paul Bauer and Karen Bauer

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When you pray, rather let your heart be without words.....

than your words without heart



Let us remember to keep Betty Lee in our thoughts and prayers for her continued speedy recovery

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CALENDAR

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SEND IN THE DATES OF YOUR EVENTS ALONG WITH ARTICLES AND PHOTOS

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you find your car in the parking lot

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DEADLINE -- MARCH 20

submit by e-mail (preferred)
or typewritten

FEBRUARY

10 - Applications for Blue Ribbon and Outstanding Club Presidents due

12 - Lincoln's birthday

13 - Independence AYCE saltfish breakfast \$8

14 - Valentines Day

15 - President's Day

21 - Cabinet & Club Presidents meeting 2pm Abingdon

22 - Washington's birthday

MARCH

14 - Daylight Savings begins

17 - St. Patrick's Day

20 - First Day of Spring

28 - Palm Sunday

APRIL

Dues to National

1 - Applications for Foundation Grants due

2 - Good Friday

4 - Easter

18 - Cabinet Meeting, King George

29-May 1 - Patriot Conference