



JULY - AUGUST 2017

# Chesapeake Crab

## READY FOR SOME GOLF

We are less than two months away from our **Third Annual Chesapeake District Golf Tournament**. The tournament will be **Friday Sept 15, 2017 at the Queenfield Golf Club in King William (last years location)**. Don't miss out on the fun, food and fellowship! Get your golfing buddies to mark their calendar and began planning their foursome teams to arrive that day at 11am to register, eat a hot dog lunch and tee off at 1pm for a thrilling 18 hole round of golf. Your favorite beverages will be served up all day. At the end of the day everyone will come back into the club pavilion for a delicious BBQ meal (prepared by the Doswell Club) with all the fixens, drawings for raffle prizes and announcement of the cash prizes for the first place team (\$300), second place team (\$200) and third place team (\$100). Cost of a four man team is \$260 (\$65 per player).

**We are asking each club in the district to get a team for the event or get businesses/individuals in your area to sponsor a hole for \$100.** For \$100 a sign will be prominently displayed at a hole with your name or business. The teams, businesses and individuals do not have to be Ruritans. Last year we netted \$5,000 on the tournament which was up from \$ 3,500 the year before. **This year our goal is to net \$7,500 for the District Treasury.**

A team registration form along with a sponsorship form can be found on the **Chesapeake District website**. Fill in the forms and mail them along with your checks payable to the **Chesapeake District Ruritan to Gene Campbell, P O Box 95, King William, Va 23086**. We would like all team registrations in by Sept 1 so we will know how many to plan for but will accept registrations the day of the event. Sponsorships will need to be in by Sept 1 so we will have time to print the sponsorship sign.

**We also need volunteers (between 15 - 20 people) to help with the event that day.** Please respond to this email if you can help. **We would also appreciate clubs donating some raffle prizes.** Please contact one of our fund raising committee members (Barry Shalowitz, Franklin Jones, Otis Hall, Scott Townsend, Gene Campbell) or email Gene Campbell at [genec1781@gmail.com](mailto:genec1781@gmail.com) with any questions. You can also call Gene at **804-363-1781** with any questions. If each club would send a team or get a sponsorship we will reach our goal of netting \$7,500!!

**LETS WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER !!**

Gene Campbell



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Gloria Winston

MESSAGES  
FROM

## LT. DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Cleve Wright

Good Morning Chesapeake Ruritans!

I hope everyone is having a great summer and staying cool with these warm tempters I want to thank all the clubs I've visited for their warmth and hospitality. I have enjoyed meeting everyone at the clubs. Thank you for allowing me to participate in your meetings. I have some more visits planned for the remainder of the year and I will be glad to visit other clubs when invited. These visits and the club reports I receive truly show you are an amazing group. Your efforts in your communities to assist and make the community a better place to live are outstanding. I am truly honored to be a part of the Ruritan organization and a member of the Chesapeake District. As active as everyone is with your respective clubs, I ask you not to forget the District projects that are also under way, remember:

**District Raffle** – Lt. Governor Cleve has directed this fund raiser for several years. All clubs should have received their tickets by now. Lt. Governor Cleve is asking that each club either purchase or sell the tickets and proceeds be sent to him by September 15<sup>th</sup>. This fund raiser has been a success in the past and we are asking for your help this year to make it a success as well.

**District Ad Sales** – Barbara Jenkins & Connie Allen are heading this project on Ad Sales for the convention program book. Please be working to sell ads and make this book a great success.

**District Golf Tournament** – is **September 15<sup>th</sup>** at Queen Fields. Eugene and his committee have worked hard to iron out all the details to make the Golf tournament a success. We'd like each club to sponsor a hole or send a team. For more information contact Eugene or check the Website – [www.chesapeakeuritans.org](http://www.chesapeakeuritans.org)

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Greetings Fellow Ruritans,

The Chesapeake District is having another banner year. As I read the Quarterly Reports coming in from clubs across our district, I'm truly amazed at all of the work and activity taking place by Chesapeake Ruritans. Our clubs are engaged with both fundraising and community service projects and are truly making a difference in their communities. It is amazing to see how many clubs support youth baseball/softball, contribute to girl & boy scouts, coordinate blood drives, donate to local fire and rescue squads, fund scholarships, provide assistance to the elderly and poor, organize local fairs and festivals, this list could go on and on. Just imagine what our communities would be like without our efforts and involvement. Unlike any other civic organization, Ruritans make a real difference in the quality of life in their individual communities. Sadly however, I do not think we receive enough credit and recognition for what we do. Not that we do these things for personal glory or gratification but, we still need to ensure that the word gets out about who we are and what we're doing. I hope that every club is proudly displaying a Ruritan sign/banner at each club function or event. I hope that every club has a club photographer and publicity committee. I hope that every club is taking advantage of local newspapers, radio, and television to advertise and report their activities. I also hope that every club is working closely with their local government officials to keep them informed of their community and civic contributions. The more our communities are aware and recognize what a difference we Ruritans are making to their quality of life, the easier it becomes for us to attract and recruit new members and form new clubs. Ruritan is said to be one of America's best kept secrets. Let's make a concerted effort this year to start letting that secret out!

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**District Picnic** – The picnic is **October 8<sup>th</sup>** Betty Lee Stanley and Bryant Wilson are organizing this event. We look forward to lots of fun and hopefully lots of folks, remember, “the more the merrier”. We hope to see you at **King William** for the Picnic.

**District Convention – Ft. Magruder Hotel in Williamsburg – November 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.** I hope you are looking forward to the convention, Franklin works hard to make this an exciting event. Look for a new improved Flag presentation and an excellent Patriotic Presentation. I met with the Zone Governor’s prior to the July 16<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting and I’ve charged them with having each club submit pictures to the Governor’s to make a poster of all your activities. The posters will be displayed at the convention. Let’s see if we can showcase ourselves. The posters can either be by each club or by each zone. Lt. Governor Cleve has asked that each club send \$100 to the scholarship fund at the foundation to assist with scholarships and \$100 to Operation We Care (OWC). If you remember we received funds from OWC last year when the tornadoes went through the peninsula area. Both are very worthwhile causes and we hope you will support them.

We continue to collect Chemo Caps so please continue to make them and bring or send them to me. And as always, remember our veterans and continue to support them. Please be thinking about someone you can nominate for Ruritan of the Year. You are an exceptional group of people and I know each club has someone that fits that role. Put them in the spotlight and let the rest of the District recognize their talents.

As we go through the rest of the year sharing our Fellowship, spreading Goodwill and being involved in Community Service, let’s share the wisdom to always Love yourself, Share your best self and keep our humor to be able to laugh at ourselves. Remember life is about having fun!!

God Bless you and the work you do as Ruritan!  
Gloria



Be sure to submit articles and pictures to your local papers, to Ruritan National for the magazine, to Kevin Jonas (kevin@jonasmarketing.com) & Governor Gloria (gloria.winston@dmv.virginia.gov) for our Chesapeake District website, and Pete Arnett (nanarvr@hughes.net) for inclusion in the Chesapeake Crab Newsletter.

We are getting to the point of the year where our Zone Governors will be making another round of visits to their clubs. I hope that by now every club has been visited by their Zone Governor and Lt. Zone Governor at least once, if not more. As I have mentioned before, Zone Governors are clearly one of the most important functions in Ruritan. They provide a vital link of communication between the district cabinet and the individual clubs. Zone Governors are not only responsible for passing on important information and dates regarding national and district activities, they are also responsible for communicating any concerns and feedback from clubs back to the district cabinet. Another Zone Governor function that has not been emphasized as much in recent years is the coordination of zone meetings. Ideally, every zone should have at least two zone meetings per year. Zone meetings are great for sharing ideas between clubs, solving club problems, and creating greater cooperation between clubs. Some zones have even used these meetings to plan and coordinate zone wide fundraisers, zone picnics, social activities, and district convention hospitality rooms. I encourage each club to support their Zone Governors in organizing and conducting zone meetings. If your zone hasn’t had a zone meeting this year, please contact your Zone Governor and plan to have one by the end of the year. We need to get these meetings established in every zone. In addition, I would welcome the opportunity to come and speak at your zone meetings. I want to again ask every club in the Chesapeake District to consider making at least a \$100 gift to both Ruritan National Foundation (above and beyond your participation in the Build Your Dollars Program) and Operation We Care. These two programs carry out our Ruritan Mission on a higher level and we need to sincerely try to support their efforts. We have and may continue to benefit directly from these programs. It’s my sincere hope that we achieve 100% participation as a district this year. If your club is interested in hearing and learning more about these programs, PLEASE contact me.

This is also the time of year where we start finalizing plans for our Chesapeake District Convention. One important part of this process is the selling of ads for our convention program. Not only does selling ads benefit the district and help subsidize the cost of our convention, it is a great fundraising activity for your club. The first \$200 goes to the district and the remainder is split 50/50 with the club. Several clubs received significant checks for their ad sale efforts last year. This year’s Convention Ad Sales Chairs, Barbara Jenkins and Connie Allen are hoping to exceed last year’s sales and have more clubs participate. We want 100% club participation and a record year of ad sales.

As I close, I again thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Lt. Governor this year. I’m proud to be a Ruritan and extremely grateful for all that we do to make our communities stronger and better throughout the Chesapeake District. Thank you and May God Bless!



# PHOTO

Westmoreland Sheriff Dept. accepted check for bracelets for Project Lifesaver Donation for 2 bracelets

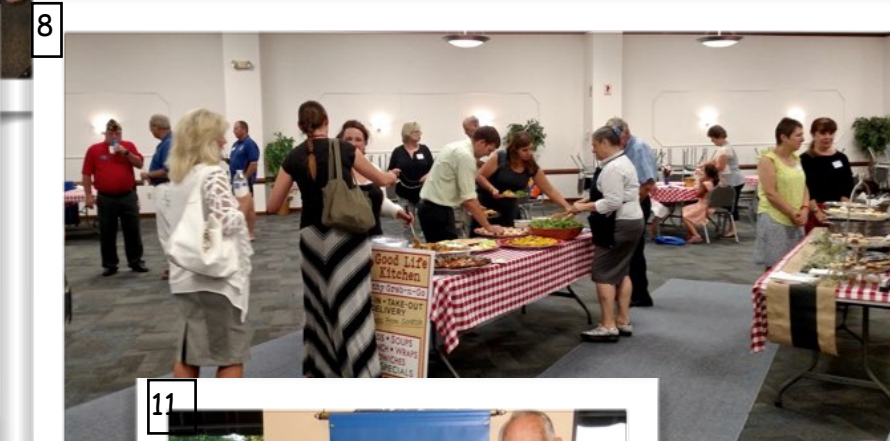
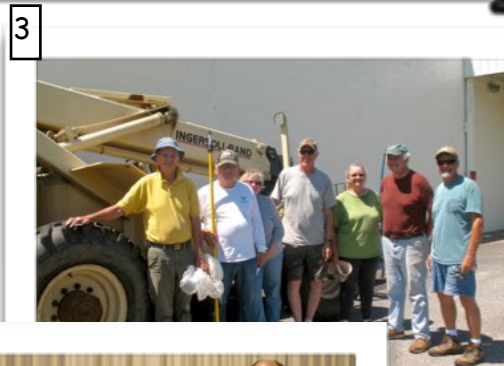


Madison Ruritan members manning the Caroline County Agricultural Fair Cafe July 12th thru the 15th





# GALLERY





The **Farrington Ruritan** Club awarded two of our three \$1000 scholarships at our July 6th club meeting. In the picture from left to right are James Kegley III who received the \$1000 Shirley Tate Memorial Scholarship, Harry Renfrow, club President, and Hannah Beverley who received a \$1000 academic scholarship. Not in the picture is Tyler Shea who will receive his \$1000 academic scholarship at our August 3rd club meeting. All three recently graduated from Patrick Henry High School located in Hanover County VA and will be attending college this Fall and hopefully these awards will help them achieve their higher education goals in their desired career paths.

The scholarship winners were chosen based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service.

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From **James City Ruritan** President Cleve Wright

I want to share the results of yesterday's Blood Drive with you. We collected a total of 68 units to a goal of 52. An ABSOLUTELY AWESOME DAY. Thanks to everyone for making this success possible...from the Red Cross staff ...to the many donors who came out in the scorching heat ... to Stone House Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their facility, to the volunteers that set-up, torn down, prepared cakes, cookies, sandwiches, etc. and served in the canteen. None of this would have been possible without your contributions. Many more lives will be directly impacted from the efforts we gave yesterday. THANK YOU!!!! I also want to share that we achieved the 4,800 Unit or 600 Gallon Milestone yesterday (see enclosed history chart). We currently have collected 4,843 Units or 605.375 Gallons. We have had 99 Blood Drives over the past 22 years. All of this is a direct result your efforts and contributions. This is something that should be a source of pride for all of us. We have without question made a significant impact on our community. If you consider that roughly 3-4 lives are impacted by each donation, we have impacted 14,500 to 19,300 lives here in our community. WOW!!! That's something to be proud of.

Again, I want to thank each of you for your help and support. I look forward to many more blood drives, many more units/gallons of donations, and many more impacted lives!!!

Photo 2, page 4

**Glendale Ruritan Club** hosted the Glendale National Cemetery Memorial Day Service and Luncheon. Guest speaker was Captain Shasheshe L. Goolsby from Fort Lee, Virginia currently assigned as an Instructor/Writer of the Transportation Basic Officer Course. She has been assigned to Ft. Bliss, Texas, Fort Carson, Colorado, Camp Casey, Korea, and Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. With Captain Goolsby having served as a non-commissioned officer and now as an officer, stateside and abroad, she was able to speak with many members of the community of their service/combat. Captain Goolsby speaking with pride shared her experiences and acknowledges the sacrifices service members and families make to serve our great nation.

On the last day of school for the Ward Elementary School, Donna Loving awarded 5 top students in each of the 5<sup>th</sup> grades with \$50.00 gift cards to Barnes and Nobles. She explained how we encourage literacy as members of the Ruritan Club family as well as our role in promoting our community to all who attended the ceremony. This event is one of our favorites.

**Glendale Potluck and BYOB Night** One of our newer members suggested an evening of NO WORK or MEETING. The reaction within the membership was what a great idea! Why haven't we thought of this before? Our night to CHILL was filled with an assortment of food, just to name a few; oysters, salads, chicken, desserts, plus lots of laughter, storytelling and a decision to do this again. We invite all Ruritan Clubs to CHILL; it will refresh the spirit of your club members.

**Chickahominy Ruritan Club** presented their annual high school scholarship to Madison McCann. Madison graduated from Warhill High School in Williamsburg and plans to attend James Madison University in the fall. Scholarship criteria includes volunteering in our community - CRC leading by example.

**Chickahominy Ruritan Club** presented a donation to Sally Brooks with 4H (VA Tech) for the Marcia Meador Memorial Scholarship. Marcia was a founding member of CRC and active with 4H. The funds will be used to sponsor half the registration fees for two young people to attend 4H Summer Camp in Williamsburg

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On Sunday, July 9, the **Charles City County**, VA, Ruritan Club provided meals to the REV3 Triathlon event participants and staff in support of the Club's annual college scholarship and other contributions to our community.

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

The **Abingdon Ruritan** Club recently painted the outside north wall of the Boys & Girls Club located in the Hayes Shopping Center. This community project was organized and coordinated by Bunny Ekdahl, the club's Public Services Committee Chair.

The project involved scrapping off old paint, pressure washing and the actual painting. Paul Rivers of Paul the Painter provided technical advice, donated the use of a pressure washer and painting tools and even assisted in pressure washing and scrapping along with Club members. The representative of Valspar Paints, Jamar Jones, donated 10 gallons of paint. Brian Hudgins of The Other Moving Company loaned the Club the use of a fork lift for painting the top part of the wall.

Club members participating in this project by determining what needed to be done, obtaining the paint and community support, preparing the wall by pressure washing, scraping and painting were, Bunny and Mike Ekdahl, Sid and Ann Dugas, Frank and Selena Collins, Glen Aycock, Mike Davis, Rick Taylor, Allen Scales, Doug Johnson, Tony Dziadul, Roy Snowden, Jimmy Leiffer and Roger Dick.

Pictured beginning prep work by pressure washing is from left Glen Aycock and Allen Scales. Pictured painting is Mike Ekdahl operating the lift and Allen Scales painting. Members doing the painting were from left Roger Dick, Mike Ekdahl, Bunny Ekdahl, Jimmy Leiffer, Ann Dugas, Roy Snowden and Allen Scales. Also helping paint but not in the picture is Sid Dugas.

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At its June meeting, **Abingdon Ruritan** Club members received an interesting and informative presentation about the Gloucester County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) from Jane Wenner the program coordinator. The program educates people about disaster preparedness that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire suppression, disaster preparedness, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster medical operations, terrorism, and psychology. Wenner emphasized that CERT does not replace first responders and law enforcement personnel. It assists these professionals so they can concentrate on performing their duties.

Wenner said they are always in need of more volunteers. To learn more about CERT and its training opportunities, please call 804 693-1390.

Photo 4 page 5

At its July membership meeting, **Abingdon Ruritan** Club president Mike Davis presented a check for \$1,000 to Master Deputy Bill Adams for the Gloucester County Project Lifesaver. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions or disorders. Davis presented Nicole Groen with the club's \$2,000 two-year scholarship. Groen will be attending ECPI University to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree.

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**Short Pump Ruritan** chairman Bill Miller makes scholarship presentations to three deserving college bound students from Henrico County. Each student received \$1,000.

Photo 7, page 4

**Short Pump Ruritan** President Jon Hatfield (right) presents the club's first Business Person of the Year award to Douglas Henley, CPA with Harris, Hardy & Johnstone, PC.

Photo 8 page 4

**Short Pump Ruritan** President Jon Hatfield presents \$4,200 donation to Wayne Walker for the Richmond Fisher House serving families of patients treated at the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center.

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The **Abingdon Ruritan** Club was the host site for the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours event. Marsha Weatherwax, Chair of the Club's Business and Professionalism Committee, organized and spearheaded this project. The monthly Business After Hours provides networking opportunities for local businesses. Hosting the event provided an opportunity for the Club to showcase its facilities and promote its activities. The food was provided by Good Life Kitchen and Sweet Madeleine's Café & Catering. Club members took care of setting up, tearing down, and cleaning up. Selena Collins and John Snyder tended the wine and beer bar.

Pictured tending the bar are from left, Collins and Snyder.

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John Twigg Assistant Superintendent Peninsula Rescue Mission received a \$800.00 check from Marion Vaughan Treasurer **Warwick Ruritan** for the PRM Camp fun.

Photo 9 page 5

John Culotta was the speaker for the June meeting, of **Warwick Ruritan** he spoke on the USS NEWPORT NEWS and he received a \$1,000.00 Scholarship for the crew/ family members.

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**Warwick Ruritan** presented three scholarships to three Laurent's, Madison "VT", Emma "JMU", Erica "VT" (not in picture working at VT) & Lloyd Ware Warwick President.

Photo 11 page 5

**Warwick Ruritan's** supported Newport News Friday night concerts by running the Beverage sales. Bea Ware "first Lady of Warwick, Marion Vaughan "Treasurer", & Lloyd Ware "President".

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# CALENDAR

**Ban pre-shredded cheese.  
Make America grate again**

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

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**DEADLINE - Sept. 23rd**

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or typewritten

### August

Presidents appoint nominating  
committees  
Only month with no holidays

### September

4- Labor Day  
9- Reedy Church Variety Show  
15- Golf Tournament  
15- Dist. raffle proceeds due  
16- Dist. Ad Sales due

### October

Dues to National  
Clubs elect officers  
Clubs select delegates to Dist. Conv.  
1- Community Service reports due  
8- District Picnic  
9- Columbus Day  
14- Reedy Church BBQ  
31- Halloween

### November

Clubs select delegates to National  
Convention  
Officers training held  
5- Daylight Savings ends  
10- New Officers added to MMS  
10-12 District Convention  
23- Thanksgiving