

Our History

About Lucketts Ruritan

In 1977, county extension agent Bill Harrison of the Hamilton Ruritan Club, undertook an effort to establish a club in the Lucketts Area. His primary contacts in this area were Buddy Moreland and John Adams. Buddy and John enlisted the aid of Buck Lawson and Walt Zeitfus in early '79 and were quickly joined by Lloyd Frye and James McKimney.

By March, the group had grown to eleven, but less than required for a Ruritan Charter. Through heroic efforts, the critical number sixteen was reached in April. The charter meeting was convened on May 8th, 1979. During the first eight months of existence, the Club focused on identifying community needs, marshalling member's talents, defining objectives, assessing fund-raising opportunities, and just surviving.

The initial objectives of the Club were established as supporting the Lucketts Volunteer Fire Department; looking into restoring the old Lucketts School; establish an ag district; eliminate roadside litter; establish, promote and fund youth activities; and assist the needy.

Today the Club continues its support to Lucketts' Fire Company 10, our Community Center thrives in the restored Old Lucketts School, our agricultural/forestral districts are long established, our trash and recycling program helps to alleviate the litter problem, youth programs flourish and needy families are assisted in a case-by-case basis, through support of community organizations and churches and our the Interfaith Food Relief drive.

We need your help as we look towards Lucketts' future and the growing needs of our community.

"Super Saturday" holiday season compactor crew collect donations, top, Buddy with "the take," right, and a group shot at the 2002 Awards Banquet, below.



What is Ruritan?

About the Ruritan organization

Ruritan is a civic service organization made up of local clubs in urban areas, small towns and rural communities. The first Ruritan Club was chartered May 21, 1928, in Holland, Virginia. Since then, Ruritan has grown throughout the US to become **"America's Leading Community Service Organization."** Today, Ruritan National has nearly 32,000 members throughout the United States, working to improve more than 1,200 local communities.

The name "Ruritan" comes from combining the Latin words "ruri" for open country and "tan" for small town. Since 1928, Ruritan Clubs have served our nation through their dedication to a mission of: "...improving communities and building a better America through **Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.**" Ruritan's purpose is to create a better understanding among people and through volunteer community service, make America's communities better places in which to live and work.



Unlike most civic service organizations, Ruritan rarely has national programs. Rather, each club surveys its own community as to the community's needs and then works to meet them. Nearly all clubs work locally with organizations serving youth (by sponsoring scouts and athletic programs), involve themselves in anti-litter campaigns, help the sick and needy, and performing a wide range of services to serve their communities. On the web at: www.ruritan.org

Monthly Meetings

Regular meetings of Lucketts Ruritan Club are held the **second Tuesday** of each month at **7:30 P.M.** at the **Lucketts Community Center**. Meetings feature fellowship, dinner, a guest speaker on community activities or issues, and a business meeting. Meetings generally last an hour and a half. Ruritan membership is open to everyone and participation is invited.

Call **John Adams**, at **703 777-7814** for an invitation to one of our dinner meetings or to learn how you can begin helping your community through membership in the Lucketts Ruritan Club.

Your Lucketts Ruritan Club
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Proudly Supporting:

- Schools; Scouting; Shelters; Churches;**
- Fire and Rescue; Emergency Response;**
- Food Relief; Free Clinic; Youth Activities;**
- Adult Day Care; College Scholarships;**
- & Citizenship Awards**



Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service



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Fellowship

The Lucketts Ruritan Club meets once a month for lively fellowship, centered around an old-fashioned, home-cooked meal prepared by members of the Furnace Mountain Presbyterian Church! Meeting attendees catch up on not only the day-to-day happenings in the lives of our friends and neighbors, but also on the latest topics, events and issues impacting and shaping our families, community and lives.

The actions and workings of local government and private interests are often discussed—stimulated by topical presentations by outside guest speakers. Speakers are selected by our Program Chairman to keep club members informed and up-to-date. Thus we get to know the “movers and shakers” of our local, county and state governments and non-governmental organizations.

Our fund-raising efforts not only benefit the community but provide a great opportunity to meet new members and socialize with old friends. Just take a look around at all the happy Lucketts Ruritan faces on this page!

The Lucketts Fair provides the club with several of our major yearly fund-raising opportunities—the Ruritan food tent, above, and our parking services, below. It's also a time to socialize, introduce our kids to community service and just have fun. The Ruritan year concludes with the Annual Awards Banquet, right.



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Goodwill

The Lucketts Ruritan Club has established an enviable record of helping those in need. We have been helping victims of fire, fighting for equal housing opportunities for the disadvantaged, supporting boys and girls scout troops, assisting the women's shelter or providing scholarships and giving awards to our younger generation for 30 years! We believe a strong community is built with goodwill, generated between and among all citizens, regardless of their race, gender, personal beliefs, political affiliations or economic status. Our membership roles include farmers, professionals, tradesmen, teachers, firemen, policemen, homemakers, husbands and wives—anyone who has the desire to generate goodwill among their fellow citizens. Our membership is anyone who wishes to support and build a viable, safe and educated community.

Make new friends and network with others having like interests.

Join Ruritan!

Community Service

The Lucketts Ruritan Club was organized, in part, to focus on saving the Lucketts School from collapse from neglect. Without that initial club effort in the late 1970's and early 1980's, we would not be using our restored old schoolhouse today as our vibrant Community Center. In fact, it is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places!

And that was just the beginning. Club initiatives have provided assistance to local citizens challenging the location of a Point-of-Rocks power plant, helped form our agricultural and forestal districts, helped to protect our water supply, and worked for safety improvements on US Route 15. The Club recognizes the importance of the local churches, along with civic, safety, school, and athletic organizations. Cooperation between Ruritan and the many local individuals and groups help provide for community events like school graduations and the Lucketts Fair.

Your club also supports a number of educational scholarships for college-bound students plus recognizes an outstanding Lucketts citizen each year and encourages good citizenship at our elementary, middle and high schools.

The most visible example of club fund-raising activity is the Saturday morning refuse and recycling collection service provided each week at Lucketts Elementary from 8–noon. This and other fund raisers generate much-needed dollars for our community.



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