

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW
NATIONAL DIRECTOR – 2009

BOBBY BURTON



Hello Natural Bridge District Ruritans:

At the recent National Convention in Myrtle Beach, National President Donald Worrell assigned me to serve as the National Director for 2009 in the Natural Bridge District. I want to say how happy I am to be a part of the Natural Bridge District. My wife, Linda, is a native of Lexington and I am from Augusta County so we are looking forward to serving Ruritan in your area.

My goal this year is to help you meet the goals your District has set for 2009. I am here to serve you in any area concerning Ruritan. Also, if there are areas of concern in any of your clubs, please let me know and together we can try to find the answer to your concerns. I hope to visit as many club and District events as possible this year and look forward to getting to know each of you. I also look forward to working with you on special events and projects when possible – I don't mind getting in there and "getting my hands dirty for Ruritan".

As a National Director, I also serve on the Growth and Development Committee at Ruritan National. So I will be most interested to help in any way possible to make sure that the Natural Bridge District grows in membership and possibly in new clubs this year. Remember, the way to grow Ruritan is to "Just Ask".

I must tell you too that I am also assigned to the Dan River District. But please be assured that I will do my best to serve both Districts well and will attend everything I can. So be sure to let me know of upcoming events so I can get them on my calendar and I look forward to a busy and productive year for Ruritan in your District.

Quite simply put, I love Ruritan and all it stands for and you can be certain that I will do all I can to help Ruritan – and the Natural Bridge District – grow and prosper in 2009

Here is some personal information about me –

- I have been a member of Ruritan since 1993 in the Chesterfield Club in the Appomattox District and have served that club as Vice President and President.
- I served as the Appomattox District Governor in 2006 and 2007.
- I am a native of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley (Staunton area).
- I am a Vietnam Veteran (Army).
- I am a member of the Providence United Methodist Church in Richmond, VA.
- We moved to Richmond in 1975 for a job with Philip Morris USA where I retired in 2005 with 30 years service.
- I am married to Linda for 37 years. We have 2 sons, 2 daughter-in-laws, and 2 grandchildren.

Yours in Ruritan

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