



Fulks Run Ruritan Club



<http://fulksrunruritan.com/>

**Dedicated to community service
since 1958.**

Whether you've lived here all your life or have just moved in, joining the Fulks Run Ruritan Club will give you experiences to treasure.

The word "Ruritan" is from the Latin words *rur*, meaning rural, and *tan*, meaning small town. Ruritan clubs began in 1928 as a way to provide leadership in unincorporated rural areas.

CLUB PURPOSE

Ruritan National is a civic service organization of 1,200 local clubs in 24 states dedicated to making communities better places to live through volunteer service. The Ruritan slogan is "Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service." Each club decides its own agenda for addressing the needs of the community.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership is regardless of race, gender, religion or political affiliation. There are 3 types:

Regular: Dues are \$80 a year, includes dinner at twelve monthly meetings.

Regular members are expected to attend.

Youth: Several kinds of membership including RuriTeen; check with club.

Associate: Dues are \$40 a year, not including dinners; meetings not mandatory.

Membership is by invitation. If you don't know a Ruritan member, ask friends and neighbors, and stop by the Fulks Run Grocery/Turner Ham Store or the Post Office, and ask for a contact. You will be welcomed.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

The club meets the first Tuesday of every month for dinner, followed by a business meeting and sometimes a short program. Summer meetings are in the park under one of the picnic shelters; the rest of the year, the club meets at the elementary school. The club holds two large fundraisers every July: the 4th of July celebration and

community yard sale; and the Lawn Party. Members note these dates on their calendars and plan to help prepare and sell food, clean up afterwards, and tell jokes throughout. Smaller fundraisers, such as our famous chicken BBQs, womanless beauty contests, fishing tournaments, potpie suppers, etc., may be held throughout the year as needed, and members come as they can to help.



CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

Funds raised by club activities are directed right back into the community. The Fulks Run Ruritan Club was responsible for getting the elementary school built in 1961, and contributes every year to school programs, equipment needs, and special projects such as field trips, visiting exhibits and essay contests. The Club donates annually to local fire and rescue squads, awards scholarships to Broadway High School seniors, sponsors various youth groups, contributes to a wide variety of charities including local auctions and food pantry, and distributes Christmas bags of fruit to the elderly and shut-ins.



THE PARK



The earliest club events were held behind the Turner Ham/Fulks Run Grocery Store on the corner of Rtes. 259 and 612. The first park, across the river from the store, was destroyed in the 1985 flood. In 1987, the club purchased the 55 acres that today are popular for family reunions, company picnics, Boy Scout campouts, horseshoe tournaments, club events,

and just walking along the beautiful riverbank. The park is the club's single largest endeavor. It is open from dawn to dusk.



One of the club's many projects was the official construction and dedication of a helipad in the Ruritan Park to better serve victims of accidents.

CLUB HISTORY

The Fulks Run Ruritan Club was established in 1958 by Turner Ham founder Garnett Turner and schoolteacher Andrew Thomas (and, unofficially, their wives). Early traditions such as dinner meetings served by local church groups, an annual Lawn Party, chicken barbeques, and entertainment by local musicians continue today.

The club helped stop a federal dam from being built across historic Brocks Gap (1963), lobbied the county to improve local roads and bridges, and brought in services such as doctors and telephones. Club members have also purchased wheel chairs for community use, made hay for sick neighbors, and cut firewood for elderly widows. The Fulks Run Ruritan Club has always been dedicated to fellowship, good will, and community service. Read the club's history at: <http://fulksrunruritan.com/>



Club presidents at the 50th anniversary celebration in 2008.