

September, October and November Issue

Fall  
2011  
issue

# Rougemont



# Reporter

A quarterly publication of the ROUGEMONT RURITAN CLUB for Rougemont.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME DATE 2011

Sunday 6 November 2011 @ 2am.

Spring Forward and Fall Back is the rule.  
In November we gain an hour. ☺

*"Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed ... on Saturday, November 5th."*

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## REAP / Ruritan Educational Assistance Program



**Saturday - September 17th  
Rougemont Ruritan Golf Tournament**

Will the Town of Rougemont  
become a reality come November 8th?  
**VOTE - VOTE - VOTE**



**"Its back" .....** Starting October 15th Saturday morning from 7am to 11. The all you-can-eat Pancake and Sausage breakfast ....



Join us for a spaghetti dinner event on Saturday - October 22 from 5 to 8 pm.



## 2011 Officers & Executive Board

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## Ruritan Mission

Ruritan is a national organization dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through ..... Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service.

## Rougemont Ruritan Reporter & Community Newsletter

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The deadline for articles is the first day of the month preceding the first month of each edition. For Spring it would be February 1st, for Summer it would be May 1st, for Fall it would be August 1st, and Winter November 1st.

*The advertising deadline is the same.* All camera art needs to be in our hands by the 1st of the month preceding publication or one month before it is delivered.

Thank you, **John & Millard**



**Rougemont Ruritan Club  
212 Bacon Road, Rougemont**

Greetings my fellow Ruritans:

I saw this comment on a website when I was doing some research for a client. It certainly fits in what we understand about the reality of life. And it is a perfect introduction to the information that follows.

*I am who I am today  
because of the choices  
I made yesterday ...!*

At the ANCR meeting I met one of the six individuals running for a National Director. His name is John C. Berdine. He lives in Leasburg, North Carolina. This is what he says ...  
"It starts with me ..."

**Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service**

**We are ALL Ruritans!  
LET'S ALL GET READY!**

*When Lawrence asked me to be the VP for 2010 - I just sucked it up and said yes ... I had a lot of help - Linward, Jack, John, Melody Ann, Millard & Marty - Ruritan is about TEAMWORK ...*

**I - I CAN DO IT  
T - TELL ME WHEN NOW ...**

*The satisfaction of helping others is priceless ...*

**S - SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**  
**T - TAKE THE TIME** *The time is NOW ... tomorrow is too late - call - send that note - take them a meal.*  
**A - ALL TOGETHER** Jayson Duncan said it best ... "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work"  
**R - RECRUIT YOUR FRIENDS** *Do you believe in Ruritan - Share it ... Don't have a lot of time ...*  
**T - TABLE YOUR FAULTS** *Give a little - Give a lot ... Do what you CAN ... when you CAN.*  
**S - SAVE YOUR MEMORIES**

**W - WIPE YOUR TEARS  
I - INVITE THE YOUTH  
T - TELL EVERYONE  
H - HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS**

*Suck it up - life isn't perfect - get involved - gives gain - Our youth numbers are growing ... lets get some more ... green is growing, ripe is rotten ... Who do you know that is going hungry - needs a helping hand is ill, in mourning, needs to see your smile or a listening ear ...*

**M - MAKE IT YOURS  
E - ENJOY YOURSELF**

This is NOT MY club, it is OUR club. I just have the honor of being this years president and I have invested in doing the best I can. I do not expect anyone to put in the time I have ... however, I do expect you to be involved ... to do what YOU can and come to the meetings ... how do we fellowship if we don't see each other? Don't like what is being done - tell us - come to the board meeting with a SOLUTION.

We have it easy - thanks to all who have come before us ... those that closed in the cook-shed - built the PUB and have made it easy for us to have our pancake breakfasts and cook the stew. I am still amazed at how John Anderson could put in a pinch of salt or a cup of sugar and even pass his knowledge on to John and the others ... amazing history here.

We - The Rougemont Ruritan Club - give our supporters the BEST value - in virtually everything WE do. Pancake breakfast - Brunswick Stew - we give back to the community through the Easter Festival - the Ice Cream Social and honoring veterans ... stand tall - you can be proud of this organization both local and national.

What we need is just a little bit more of you ...

*Lee*



Clubs in the Rocky Mount-Durham District have been busy this past quarter and for the year. We began the year with 1301 members. Due to member deaths and others dropping out of the clubs, enrollment dipped to 1279 in May. As of August 1st membership has climbed to 1291. Some of the clubs have told me that more members will be joining this month. Let's make sure our new members are invited to be a part of the team. People want to be a part of something good like Ruritan Community Service, but they also want to be included as a team member.

The Bethel Hill Ruritan club building, near Roxboro, was damaged by the recent tornadoes that ripped through North Carolina. Over \$13,000 damage was done to the club building. There was no insurance. At time of the club's damage, it had 9 members and only \$6500 in the treasury. Against those odds, the club still committed to honor a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving High School Graduate. That is the way Good Will is built in a community. Congratulations Bethel Hill! The District has donated \$1,000 toward the club repairs. A few other clubs have assisted. Still more assistance is needed to get the club back on their feet.

On Saturday, November 12th, the Rocky Mount-Durham District Convention will be at the Wake Technical Community College Main Campus, the same venue as last year. This is the only planned face-to-face training for 2012 club officers. An important part of the training involves the interaction with other Ruritan club members for learning new ideas for Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service. All meetings will be in one building this year. Your club President has an application that can be duplicated to sign up.

For the first time ever, the 2012 Ruritan National Convention will be in the Raleigh Convention Center. The Rocky Mount -Durham and Piedmont Districts will be co-hosting the convention. This will be an opportunity, in our back yards, to get energized about Ruritan. Make sure you make reservations to attend. Details are in the Summer Ruritan Magazine just issued. It is not too late to get involved in 2011.

Rocky Mount-Durham Ruritans- "Let's **SOAR**".... "Show **O**thers **A**bout Ruritan". **Jim Sears, 2011 District Governor**

### Rocky Mount Durham District

2011 District Convention

Saturday - November 12th

Wake Tech Community College

9101 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh, NC

9am to 5pm

### 2012 Ruritan National Convention

Raleigh, North Carolina

January 19-22, 2012

Raleigh Marriot

Raleigh Convention Center



## Rougemont Ruritan Club Reflective Markers

These attractive and very visible address markers make it easier for emergency services such as Fire & Ambulance services to locate your home in an actual emergency. **You can order them on our website [www.rougemont-ruritan.org](http://www.rougemont-ruritan.org) / click on the Reflective Markers Tab and you can order online or download a form.**

They come with a **blue or green** background and your house numbers are in white. You can see them everywhere in the area. **Order today before you forget.**

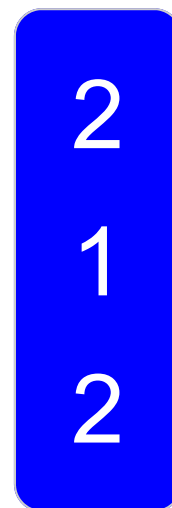
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## **Business & Professions Committee / "SCHOLARSHIPS" Lawrence Daye, Chairman**

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Print out your registration early so you will be assured of a place. The Rougemont Ruritan Club will also be selling raffle tickets for an annual 2012 membership at Lake Winds. Contact any Rougemont Ruritan Club member for a ticket. The sell for 1 - \$5, 3 - \$10, 7 for \$20, and 10 for \$30. All participants will be entered into a drawing for door prizes and can participate in a 50/50 raffle. Each year the tournament has grown and previous participants always look forward to this event. Think about joining the event – help support the Rougemont Ruritan Club fund their college scholarship program. The shotgun start will occur at 8:00 AM.

## **Citizenship & Patriotism Committee / Lennie (Daniel) Newton, Chair**

Our committee flew the American flags in Rougemont for Memorial Day, Flag Day, and July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Community Ice Cream Social and Veterans' Appreciation Day was a huge success. We recognized our veterans and those currently serving in our military and public safety organizations. The HOMEMADE ICE CREAM provided by Ruritan and members of our community was spectacular. We enjoyed all kinds of flavors from peach to butter pecan to cherry and banana and pineapple. We enjoyed baked goods provided by the ECA and Ruritan members and listened to music provided by the local Good Friends group. If you weren't there, you really missed a wonderful time.

## **Environment Committee - by Todd Hinson - Norm Perry Chair**

During the months of May and June 2011, the Environment Committee was involved with a variety of projects. Most visible is the brand new Rougemont Ruritan sign put up in front of the building, but we also put out signs for club events and took part in the Food Drive and Roadside Cleanup. The cleared area around at the Depot site was bush hogged and sprayed with vegetation killer, and the batten strips were removed from the Depot building. For the month of July 2011, the committee assisted with the Ice Cream Social by setting up tents and serving, and we also repaired the front door and put up a new flag at the building. This month we will also be researching a portable sound system that could be used for multiple club events.

Beyond July, the committee plans to paint the cook shed and roof, repair the lock and front door screw on the PUB, and put up security bars on the kitchen windows. We also plan to put a new coating on the logs of the cabin, as well as replace some of the bottom logs.

## **Public Service Committee - by Verna Bullock, Chair**

We invite you to visit our website [www.rougemont-ruritan.org](http://www.rougemont-ruritan.org) to find out how Ruritans are impacting our community. From our website you will find links to the ANCR - the Association of North Carolina Ruritans. You will also find links to our neighboring Hurdle Mills, Timberlake and Bahama. Read about what is happening in our part of Durham County, parts Orange County and Person County.

Rougemont Ruritans are here to serve the community. If you know of a resident who can benefit from our services or if you have an idea how we can improve our community, feel free to bring your concerns to us for consideration. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at 212 Bacon Road, Rougemont. Our doors are open to all. New members are always welcome.

Let us prepare dinner for you on October 22. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, fresh green salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert. All for a low price of \$6.

## **Social Development Committee - Margaret O'Briant, Chair**

One important challenge for the Social Development Committee of the Rougemont Ruritan Club is to promote safety in our community and in our homes. The Home Safety Council is a valuable resource for this mission. Among the safety checklists posted on their website (<http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/index.asp>) is a timely one – Grilling Safety:

- Before using, place your grill at least 10 feet away from other objects, including the house and any shrubs or bushes.
  - Always stay by the grill when cooking.
  - Only use starter fluid made for barbecue grills when starting a fire in a charcoal grill.
  - ◆ Before using a gas grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line to be sure it is working properly and not leaking.
  - Never use a match to check for leaks. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas. Do not attempt to light the grill again until the leak is fixed.
  - Never bring a barbecue grill inside your home or garage. This is both a fire and carbon monoxide poisoning hazard. Keep kids and pets well away until grill equipment is completely cool.
- Included on the website is an option for creating your own customized home safety checklist. Check it out!

Thank you to all that participated in the blood drive on July 30th. We met our goal of 20 units to help the red cross summer blood drive. This is truly the gift of life when there is a need. Thanks.



## September 17th – Golf Tournament Preparations in Progress – Help Spread the News

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**Please help spread the news. And if you're a golfer, please think about putting together a team.**



### Jack Gibson

*“Last year, in a crowd of more than a hundred golfers, two of those we provided scholarship grants told their stories ... you could have heard a pin drop as these two young ladies told of having the funds to purchase books and supplies and how many they saw that did not have the funds to get started correctly ...*

*No one present doubted for a second that what we do made a difference ... it does.”*

In 1953 the Rougemont Ruritan Club gave its first scholarship grant of \$50 to Tennielean Fletcher. In today's dollars it is was almost \$500. She wrote ...

*“The Rougemont Ruritan was a positive contributor to me. When I graduated from high school in 1953 and had been accepted to attend East Carolina College, I was awarded a scholarship by the Rougemont Ruritan Club. I believe it was the first scholarship they gave - \$50. What a blessing. Still today I remember many of the charter members - Mr. John Anderson is still with you today. Rougemont Ruritan has made such a positive difference in the community. Tennielean Fletcher*

**Raffle tickets are available from members of the Rougemont Ruritan Club or by contacting either Lee Thomas or Lawrence Daye.**

**336.504.5286      919.368.5120**

eMail them @ [tickets@rougemont-ruritan.org](mailto:tickets@rougemont-ruritan.org)



Fellowship, Goodwill & Community Service

**Rougemont Ruritan Club**

FUND RAISING GOLF EVENT

RURTIAN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Our 13th Year

RAFFLE - one year membership

Saturday, September 17th, 2011 - 8am Start

www.rougemont-ruritan.org

1 TICKET FOR \$5

3 TICKETS FOR \$10

7 TICKETS FOR \$20

Void

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MASTER RUSSELL VISITS VIRGINIA

Eric Russell, first Youth member to join Ruritan in recent history, attended Ruritan National Youth Conference with his grandmother chaperone, member Patricia Russell, the third weekend in July, 2011, at Smith Mountain Lake near Wirtz, Virginia. Eric enjoyed riflery, archery, horseback riding, swimming, skateboarding, livestock barn for small animal science, field and water Olympics. He is eagerly looking forward to rock wall climbing, canoeing, kayaking, robotics and more next year.

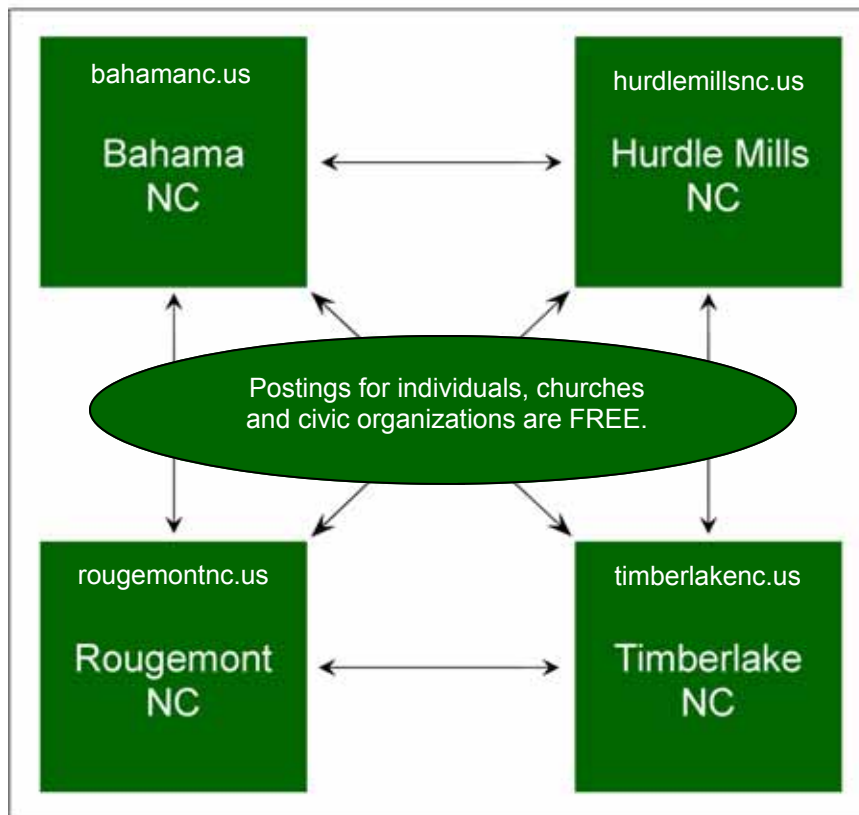
He enjoyed making new friends (3 for swimming partners within the first half hour there), learning about Ruritan (he enjoyed National President Duncan's closing speech about what it means to be a Ruritan—he even appreciated (understood the jokes!). He thought the food was wonderful. Not a single meal featured something he did not like, and he also learned that there are boys his age who are finicky eaters and ate hardly any of the meals served.

Eric enjoyed the Conference so much, he was already asking questions about when the meeting will be next year. He not only wants to attend again, he wants to take our other, newer Youth members, too.

Smith Mountain Lake is a beautiful setting in south central Virginia and is home to the W. E. Skelton 4-H camp, where the Conference was held. With 111 attendees (almost 80 of them kids ranging from 9-19) and a full complement of chaperones (read that activity assistants and dorm-time monitors), the program committee for this annual event planned a wonderful and instructive program. We commend the National Ruritan staff and the 4-H staff of W. E. Skelton for a harmonious, hospitable, instructive, and exhausting meeting.

Two things happened that may apply only to Rougemont Ruritans. Almost every time another club's representatives (and they were there from Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia) would ask our club name and location. We would reply "Rougemont, North Carolina" and get a blank look, so we began to immediately follow up with "Millard Thacker's Club" and get smiles all around. All participants wore the Conference neon lime green T-shirts on Saturday, but on Sunday, Rougemont's pair wore the Yellow and blue Rougemont Ruritan T-shirts. The National President pointed out our shirts again and again, saying, "Look on the back of their shirts. It says "ASK." That is how you build your clubs by always making sure people at your events know you are open to new people."

**Local websites keep us connected and informed. Are you having a yard sales - have it posted, lose a cat/dog or is your organization having an event ... have it posted.**



### Four truly local websites:

- ◆ Local churches
- ◆ Local civic organizations
- ◆ Lost and Found
- ◆ Yard Sales etc.
- ◆ Local events ... & more ...
- ◆ Weather



All of the listing above are free to the public - churches and civic organizations.

Only the business are paid listings.

**Share this with your family and friends!**



## Water Situation Update By Joe Haenn

We have some bad news, but mostly good news this issue. Instead of one million dollars in Federal Stimulus (ARRA, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) monies, only \$500K has been set aside for this project. For the rest of the needed monies, grants are being sought. No loans will be used. It is approximately 3 miles from the end of the existing water supply in Person County to Bill Poole Road. The water line will be designed by and be the property of the City of Roxboro. A Request for Proposal was to be let around the first of September in an amount of approximately \$60K to develop the design specifications for the water line. Karen Walker and Joe Haenn have been visiting the last few residents to complete the survey of their interest in hooking up to the line.

All three political entities (Durham County, Person County, and the City of Roxboro) have now approved the Resolution to Extend the Roxboro Water Line to serve the petroleum-affected areas of Rougemont. Since the project is serving Durham County residents, Drew Cummings, Durham Assistant County Manager for Special Projects, has written a Letter of Interest to the Bright Leaf Foundation which, if approved, will be followed by a formal application for monies, including all specifications, by September 30. In addition, the Public Water Supply section of DEHNR has some loan monies that may be available, but often the interest and possibly the principal may be forgiven on these loans.

Finally, at this time Durham County has no interest in extending these lines to other Rougemont residents, including those with failing wells and wells having other problems (e.g., bacteria contamination). The Bahama Volunteer Fire, Rescue, EMS and Rescue Company, Inc. has expressed an interest in extending the water line to the Rougemont Fire Station. Even though this would decrease insurance costs for property owners (due to having a readily available water source through fire hydrants), this may not be viable at this time.



## Upcoming Rougemont Ruritan Events

**9/10** - Community Awareness Day - Food Drive 8-12 AM & Roadside Pickup 9 AM

**9/17** - Ruritan Scholarship Golf Tournament at Lakewinds Golf Course 8 AM

**10/15** - Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Ruritan 7-11 AM

**10/22** - Roadside Pickup 9/ AM

**10/22** - Spaghetti Dinner at Ruritan 5-8 PM

**11/5** - Brunswick Stew Ready to Pick up at Ruritan 1 PM

**11/12** - Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Ruritan 7-11 AM

### A Word about Recycling from your Rougemont Extension and Community Association (RECA)

You, know, folks, that recycling and our ecology are inexhaustible subjects. We have spoken a bit about how ECA came into being. Now, we'd like to share more information about recycling and saving \$\$\$ at the same time. We are all likely familiar with the expression "one man's trash is another man's treasure." The topic this time is ways to not make trash (so it has no need to be cleaned up) based very loosely on "42 Ways to Not Make Trash" by "No Impact Man" Colin Beavan who spent a year (recently) trying to live a 0 impact life in New York City for a year.

- ◆ No soda drinks in cans
- ◆ No water in plastic bottles
- ◆ No coffee in disposable cups
- ◆ No takeout food in throwaway containers
- ◆ Not buying milk in throwaway containers - use glass
- ◆ Shopping for honey and pickled veggies and other goods in glass jars
- ◆ Return egg and berry cartons to the vendors at the farmers markets
- ◆ Cancel hard copy magazines and newspaper subscriptions where and when possible
- ◆ Don't print as much on your printer ...

These are basically common sense solutions ... We all have to choose what we can and are willing to do.  
Happy Recycling.  
Patricia Russell  
PS ... the full article with more information is on the website - Recycling Tab.



## Buy American - More Important Than Ever

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET!**

### September 1st to October 1st for Rougemont Reporter Readers ...

Well over 50 yrs ago I knew a lady who would not buy Christmas gifts if they were made in China. Her daughter will recognize her in the following.

**Did y'all see Diane Sawyer's special report?** They removed ALL items from a typical, middle class family's home that were not made in the USA .

There was hardly anything left besides the kitchen sink. Literally. During the special they showed truckloads of items - USA made - being brought in to replace everything and talked about how to find these items and the difference in price etc..

***It was interesting that Diane said if every American spent just \$64 more than normal on USA made items this year, it would create something like 200,000 new jobs!***

I WAS BUYING FOOD THE OTHER DAY AT WALMART and ON THE LABEL OF SOME PRODUCTS IT SAID 'FROM CHINA '

FOR EXAMPLE THE "OUR FAMILY" BRAND OF THE MANDARIN ORANGES SAYS RIGHT ON THE CAN 'FROM CHINA '

I WAS SHOCKED SO FOR A FEW MORE CENTS I BOUGHT THE LIBERTY GOLD BRAND OR THE DOLE SINCE IT'S FROM CALIF.

Are we Americans as dumb as we appear --- or --- is it that we just do not think. The Chinese, knowingly and intentionally, export inferior and even toxic products and dangerous toys and goods to be sold in American markets.

70% of Americans believe that the trading privileges afforded to the Chinese should be suspended.

***Why do you need the government to suspend trading privileges?***

**DO IT YOURSELF, AMERICA !!**

Simply look on the bottom of every product you buy, and if it says 'Made in China ' or 'PRC' (and that now includes Hong Kong ), simply choose another product, or none at all. You will be amazed at how dependent you are on Chinese products, and you will be equally amazed at what you can do without.

Who needs plastic eggs to celebrate Easter? If you must have eggs, use real ones and benefit some American farmer. Easter is just an example. The point is do not wait for the government to act. Just go ahead and assume control on your own.

**THINK ABOUT THIS: If 200 million Americans each refuse to buy just \$20 of Chinese goods, that's a billion dollar trade imbalance resolved in our favor...fast!!**

Most of the people who have been reading about this matter did this in August. How about again September 1st to October 1st and then again October 1st to November?

That is only one month of trading losses, but it will hit the Chinese for 1/12th of the total, or 8%, of their American exports. Then they might have to ask themselves if the benefits of their arrogance and lawlessness were worth it.

**Remember, September 1st to October 1st !!!!! Did you do your part? Start TODAY. Start NOW. Together we can (do) make a difference ...**

Send this to everybody you know. Let's show them that we are Americans and NOBODY can take us for granted.

If we can't live without cheap Chinese goods for one month out of our lives, WE DESERVE WHAT WE GET!

CONTRIBUTED TO US BY MANY SUBMITTED TO US BY PATRICIA RUSSELL

**Pass it on, America ....**

**Well instead of doing it for just 1 month why not try to do it all the time.**

**If it is to be ... it is up to US ... together.**

**Patricia Russell**

## We are All volunteers ...

Volunteers. We are blessed with a club full and the executive board decided that beginning with 2011 we would honor each month a member that has really show what the definition of volunteer is by their actions.

January	2011	Michael Cooley
February	2011	John Mininger
March	2011	Linward Hedgspeth
April	2011	Patricia Russell
May	2011	Hallie Mangum Bass & Teresa Elliott
June	2011	Lennie "Daniel" Newton
July	2011	Jack Gibson
August	2011	Joe Haenn

*"Each of these members has given unselfishly of their time and energy above and beyond what is expected. The board and the community thank them from the bottom of our hearts."*

*D. Artemas "Lee" Holden  
2011 President*



### THE STAIR STEPS

By Millard Thacker

Some things we never forget. As I was growing up (about 4-5-6 years old), I spent a lot of time visiting and spending nights with my Grandma and Grandpa Thacker who lived in down town Rougemont (in the old house next door to where A. C. Russell now lives). It was always fun to spend the night and listen to them tell me stories. My Grandma was a homemaker (with long gray hair reaching down to the floor and I loved watching her comb it while sitting by the fireplace – it was beautiful). My Grandpa was a retired rural mail carrier (in Rougemont) and a telegraph operator on the Norfolk-Western Railroad (a little man but could tell me some big scary tales about his experience working with the railroad).

Grandpa Thacker would make me sit on the stair steps while he would sit in a chair facing me. My sitting on the stair steps made our eye contact even (I felt grown-uppy). He would tell me about waving the lighted lantern from the caboose of the train, punching tickets of the travelers and chatting with them, seeing ghosts along the tracks and the nearby woods (some headless), naming some of the dignitaries who rode on the train, and demonstrating how to use the telegraph machine (he actually had one – of course I never learned how to use it). A few times, I even rode the train from Rougemont to Lynchburg, Virginia and return (my aunt lived in Amherst and would pick me up, let me spend the night, and then put me back on the train the next day to come back to Rougemont – the conductor always took care of me).

After listening to some scary tales, I would be too scared to go to bed alone and was not about to go to sleep. That's where Grandma Thacker came into the picture. She slept in an old fashioned bed with tall corner posts, a nice soft feather-tick mattress and big soft quilts. Guess what? That is where I slept. She provided the security I needed to safely go to sleep and try not to see those headless ghosts that Grandpa just told me about.

I still miss my Grandma and Grandpa. They enjoyed life and living it. I learned a lot of STUFF from them (just wish I could remember it now). It is amazing where stair steps can lead you but we should never forget who put us there. GOD BLESS GRANDMA AND GRANDPA. (signed) Millard Thacker

## Rougemont - Making History

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the registered voters living in the proposed Rougemont town limits will have the historic opportunity to vote whether to incorporate to become the Town of Rougemont. At the same time voters will choose a Town Council which will be seated only if the ballot is decided in favor of incorporation.

In this issue of the Rougemont Reporter, candidates running for Town Council have answered a survey stating what they would like to see in the future for Rougemont, why they decided to run and what they want to tell the citizens of Rougemont. You will find them on pages 11, 12, and 13.

There are many issues to be considered: The incorporated Town of Rougemont would have greater leverage in Durham County. What residents would say through the Town of Rougemont would be heard far clearer than the voices of individual citizens. Citizens would have a greater opportunity to decide their destiny locally.

With opportunity comes responsibility. There would be a local tax, \$50 per \$100,000 property value. The Town of Rougemont would also be entitled to receive a share of County and State revenues- possibly as much as four or more times the local taxes generated. How could our town be improved and preserved with these resources?

The candidates for Rougemont Town Council are currently holding meetings to familiarize themselves with the process of running a Town Council should Rougemont become a Town. **These folks, who are our neighbors, should be congratulated and respected** for their concern for our future. They have stepped forward and have stated "Yes, I am willing." They have a pioneering spirit. If elected and seated they certainly will be pioneers in Rougemont.

There will be several "Town Meetings" in September and October for residents to meet, get to know and speak with the candidates. Rougemont folks should attend these meetings to learn more what incorporation means so they can be informed voters on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Additional information is available at a website: [www.rougemontnc.us](http://www.rougemontnc.us) Please visit this website as it contains information about Rougemont and even a link to Rougemont's own weather station!

The affected citizen voters will participate in a truly democratic process where all voters are equal. An opportunity like this occurs perhaps once in a lifetime and should not be missed.

Rougemont Ruritan which publishes the Rougemont Reporter is not a political organization and takes no position on incorporation or any individual candidate. Any information published in the Reporter is presented solely in a spirit of **Good Will** and as a **Community Service**. **The only action urged is to VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8TH!!**

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE



### Jason Howe - 31

**How long have you lived in Rougemont?** 2 Years

**What is your occupation and Employer?** Full-time law student at North Carolina Central University and part-time police officer specializing in forensic investigations.

**Why did you decide to run for Town Council?** *"I decided to run for Rougemont Town Council because I embrace the ideas of public service. I have been a public servant for the past twelve years and enjoy witnessing the democratic process at work. I believe that by taking an active part of the process that we can change people's lives for the better."*

**What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?**

1. *As a councilman I would first like to see an improvement in police and fire services. The quality of Rougemont resident's livelihoods are tied intricately to both.*
2. *I would like to seek grant funding to help improve the water issues that have plagued the town square for years with little improvement.*
3. *Finally, I would like to improve, on a small scale, commercial development in the area.*

**What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?** *"I would like to say to the residents of Rougemont; that by electing me as a town councilman that you can expect your issues to be addressed with a listening ear and appropriate action to improve our town. If elected you can be sure that you will have a councilman with experience in municipal policing and government making decisions that will make our great little Rougemont an even better town in which to live."*

### Wallace W. O'Briant - 67

**How long have you lived in Rougemont?** 8 ½ Years

**What is your occupation and Employer?** Retired from construction work ...

**Why did you decide to run for Town Council?** *"I was asked by some of the Steering Committee members to run. I have an interest in improving the community and getting to know the residents of Rougemont."*

**What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?**

1. *Working to get street lights for safety.*
2. *Getting a clean water system for the residents.*
3. *Have a strong mayor to organize the community.*

**What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?** *"We have a beautiful and growing town. Let us work together to improve the area and make it a more beautiful and pleasing place to be. By communicating with one another we can decide what challenges we face and work on those things that need improving."*

### Patricia Poole Russell - 68

**How long have you lived in Rougemont?** 63 Years

**What is your occupation and Employer?** Retired - DUMC (34 years) Farming - Entire Life

**Why did you decide to run for Town Council?** *"Some people asked me to and I thought we should have enough candidates for a choice should the measure pass."*

**What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?**

1. *Provide a vehicle for the people of Rougemont to choose their own destiny.*
2. *Provide balance in a Town Council should one be needed.*
3. *Respond to those who asked me to file.*

**What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?** *"Many people express unwillingness to raise our taxes. Others question any change. However, change is life, and I would rather have a say in changes coming my way than not."*

### Denise A Smith - 58

**How long have you lived in Rougemont?** 12 Years.

**What is your occupation and Employer?** Environmental Compliance - CREE Corporation.

**Why did you decide to run for Town Council?** *"I love living in Rougemont and would like to see the town improve."*

**What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?**

1. *Very light Commercial so we could have a Grocery Store and small shops.*
2. *Town clean up to make Rougemont more appealing and make sure we get the money we deserve to improve our town.*
3. *Have sidewalks and street lights along the main area of town.*

**What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?** *"I have been visiting Rougemont since I was a little girl. I grew up Horse Back Riding in the area so I made the decision to build my home in Rougemont in 1999". "I would love to see Beauty come to Rougemont a little Art and Food here and there and more Family Events and Youth Activities." "I will do my best to oversee that Rougemont receives the money it deserves and is well spent".* ( I LOVE LIVING IN ROUGEMONT )



### D. Artemas "Lee" Holden - 67

<b>How long have you lived in Rougemont?</b>	4 Years - Moved from Anaheim California.
<b>What is your occupation and Employer?</b>	Semi-retired. Self Employed / Consultant / Marketing / Client Retention / ID Theft Protection / Webmaster
<b>Why did you decide to run for Town Council?</b>	<i>“It is part of the democratic process – having a say in our own destiny – to get our fair share of what we send to the state and county for the benefit of the community, The Town of Rougemont”.</i>
<b>What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Maintain and preserve the rural character of Rougemont.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Spruce it up a bit - perhaps a farmers market, a community center - playground for our children and grandchildren, and a place for the residents to gather together.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Create a reserve fund for emergencies, to take advantage of grants for rural communities and make it a place that others would WANT to visit ...</i></li> </ol>
<b>What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?</b>	<i>“Democracy is about choices – we – the citizens of Rougemont have the ability to take control of at least a part of our future destiny and as the “Town of Rougemont” create a better work and living environment for all of Rougemont ... no matter how you feel about the issue - come November I encourage you to VOTE – 100% participation would be nice. (smile). I promise to promote public policy that encourages a balance among economic growth, development, the environment, and community needs while protecting the rights and interests of Rougemont property owners.</i>

### Danielle Kowalczyk - 27

<b>How long have you lived in Rougemont?</b>	1 Year - Growing up in a military family, I moved about every other year. I spent 4 years in Baton Rouge, LA while attending Louisiana State University, then moved to Ft. Bragg where my husband was stationed with the 82nd Airborne until 2009. We then moved to Raleigh, where we lived until June of 2010, when we moved to Rougemont.
<b>What is your occupation and Employer?</b>	Program Manager - Duke University's Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership & Ethics (COLE)
<b>Why did you decide to run for Town Council?</b>	<i>“Although I haven't lived in Rougemont long, I feel a strong sense of community and have felt a warm welcome by the residents I have had the pleasure of meeting thus far. The favorable environment of Rougemont has encouraged me to lay down my roots and raise my family here. I want to run for town council to help Rougemont remain a safe, friendly place where my daughter and future children can grow up. I'm very enthusiastic about the possibilities for positive change that the council can create. I understand the importance of diversity in any organization, and I feel that I can add that diversity to the council, not only through my gender and age, but also my life experiences”.</i>
<b>What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Establish a police force to improve response time. Not only will this action improve safety in the community, but will also assist with economic growth.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Beautify the town center ...</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a: <i>Construct a new sign to help brand the town, and ensure that Rougemont is recognizable to people passing through.</i></li> <li>b: <i>Improve the landscaping so the appearance of the town center reflects the pride of the residents.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>Long Term           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a: <i>Build sidewalks to improve safety and instill a sense of community</i></li> <li>b: <i>Create a community park, which will not only add a strengthened sense of community, but will boost economic development.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <i>Start a farmers market, which I believe has the potential to establish an identity for Rougemont. We are capable of this because of our geographical advantage, with many farms within a small radius of the town. It will offer added conveniences to residents, without growing commercially, and therefore preserving the small town atmosphere. It will also bring visitors and it turn, business and economic growth.</i> <p><i>I envision the land where the farmers market is held, doubling as a community park. Money generated from the farmers market can be used for other programs, or used for improving the park and adding additional community amenities.</i></p> </li> </ol>
<b>What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?</b>	<i>“I'm enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve on town council. I believe conservative spending, and positive growth, through programs that will benefit residents and bring in additional funds, but also preserve the small town feel, are essential. As a mother, I have a huge stake in preserving the town as a place my family can safely and happily grow.”</i>

# Vote on November 8th

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<http://rougemontnc.us/Incorporation.php>



### Linda Huff - 66

**How long have you lived in Rougemont?** 31 Years

**What is your occupation and Employer?** Artist, Freelance Designer

**Why did you decide to run for Town Council?** *"I am aware because of my tenure on the Planning Commission and my work with the Democratic Party of the profound lack of a voice there is for people living in Northern Durham County. I can see that our needs and desires will be shut out of the conversation at such times as the more urban interest in the County decide development in our area that benefits them. No zoning laws are absolute and what protections we have right now for our way of life could vanish instantly. I care very much for this locality and believe I can be a stalwart defender of our rural interest."*

**What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?**

1. *I would like to have a Rougemont representative on all of the advisory commissions to the Planning Department, including the Planning Commission.*
2. *I would like our tax dollars used in ways that benefit all Rougemont residents*
3. *I want our community to have a say in the way our community develops.*

**What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?** SEE - Why did I decide to run for Town Council.

### Linward Hedgspeth - 63

**How long have you lived in Rougemont?** 63 Years

**What is your occupation and Employer?** IBM / Global Execution Worldwide Manufacturing Quality Engineering

**Why did you decide to run for Town Council?** *"To be part of a team to bring about positive innovative improvements to our community."*

**What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?**

1. *I would like the Town Council to help the community be more self sustaining, secure and safe.*
2. *Have a reliable source of clean healthy water.*
3. *A community wide affordable high speed internet service.*

**What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?** *"I want to aid the community in becoming innovative, by seeking recommendations from the Rougemont residents, Some points of interest include but not limited to, safety, clean water, transportation, emergency planning, community wide affordable internet service, neighborhood watch, lighting and recreation (i.e. public park, bike/walking trails, sidewalks etc)".*

### Layton S. Oakley - 72

**How long have you lived in Rougemont?** 63 years since 1948 - except 2 years in the army and 15 month in Durham.

**What is your occupation and Employer?** Retired - worked 30 years for the City of Durham

**Why did you decide to run for Town Council?** *"Because of my work experience with the City of Durham for 30 years working in the Engineering Department drawing maps, designing streets, surveying, and paying contractors. Also my knowledge of this area and the good people that I have grown up with here and desiring to give back to the community."*

**What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?**

1. *As a town, we would be able to have say over how and where our tax money is spent.*
2. *As a town, we would be able to be eligible for grants from the government for projects we desire.*
3. *I would like the Town Council to always keep in mind the humanitarian needs of this community. Those who have lost their jobs, lost their homes, helping them to keep their dignity by giving our support in any way we can.*

**What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont** *"As a long-time resident of Rougemont, I'm very interested in all the residents being heard and served equally- Farmers have been the 'stay' of Rougemont for many years and they are important to me and this community. For what we pay in taxes, we are not receiving the benefits we deserve.*

### Edgar Johnson - 68

**How long have you lived in Rougemont?** 68 Years

**What is your occupation and Employer?** Landscaping Contractor

**Why did you decide to run for Town Council?** *"To have a say in community affairs."*

**What are the 3 main things you would like to have the Rougemont Town Council accomplish?**

1. *Getting water in Rougemont.*
2. *Work on Emergency Action Plan.*
3. *Listening to what people need.*

**What would you like to say to the residents of Rougemont?** *"That Rougemont will be better tomorrow than it is today."*



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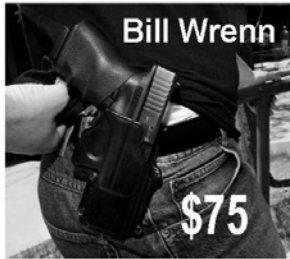
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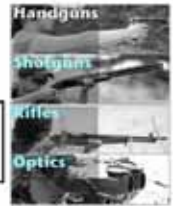
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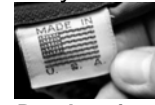
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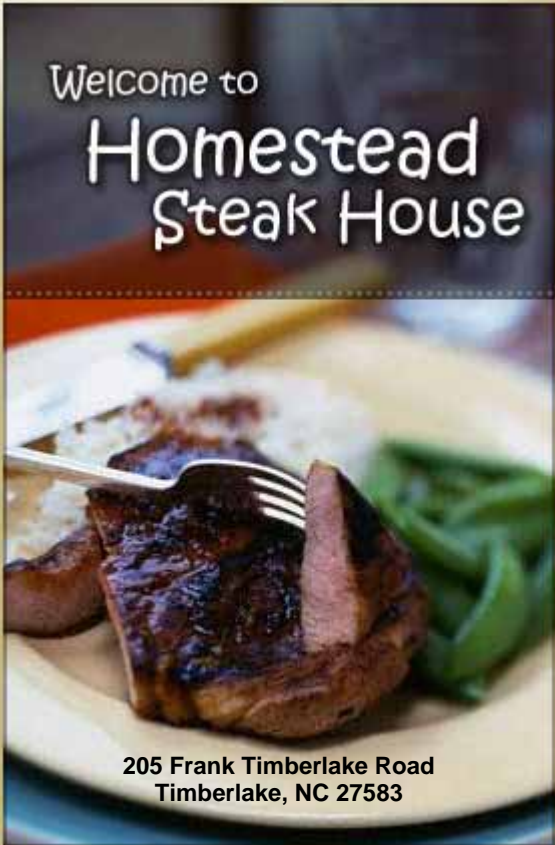
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