

\$\$\$Million Dollar Club\$\$\$ - 'Dime A Day'

The Foundation's newest fundraising program has just observed its 2nd anniversary. Participants in the program should send their DIME A DAY funds to the Foundation with a note of their name, address, club, district and the name of the fund being credited. A form is printed on the next page to assist you. Thanks to all Ruritans



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for participating in this very worthy fundraiser. **2012 Fellowship Event is a five-day cruise** on the Carnival Fantasy out of Charleston, SC, on September 10, 2012, to Nassau and Freeport in the Bahamas and returning to Charleston on September 15, 2012. A \$250.00 deposit per person will be due by February 15, 2012. Each person will need a valid passport. It is suggested that you

apply for your passport immediately as it takes some time to secure one. See the additional information in this magazine regarding this cruise and plan now to be a part of this fun and fellowship aboard the Bahamas Cruise in 2012. The Foundation Trustees at their meeting in September 2011 approved a new scholarship category that will be identified as **Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Fund**. Due to the near historical rate of unemployment, the Foundation Trustees are supporting a Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Fund. This fund targets those who have not attended school in several years and would benefit by attending a trade or vocational school to upgrade their skills for current or future employment. Application forms are available from the Foundation Office and must be received by the Foundation Office by April 1.

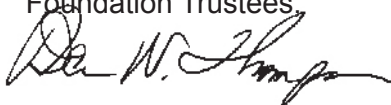
Many of the programs for both Ruritan and the Foundation have different dates to remember in order to qualify. One of those dates is the deadline for participants in the Build Your Dollar Scholarship Program. This requires a club to send in to the Foundation their \$300 qualifying deposit by September 1st. There has been some confusion thinking that date was October 1st, the same date as our Community Service Reports. The Trustees have changed the deadline date to send in the **\$300 qualifying deposit for the BY\$** from September 1st to **October 1st** beginning with the 2012-13 program year.

The 2012 Ruritan National Convention to be held in Raleigh, NC will feature the Foundation with our **Silent Auction, Workshops** on Friday, January 20, 2012, at 7am and 8 am, and the Foundation **Banquet** on Friday Evening with our **Live Auction** following the banquet.

Operation We Care (OWC): The Foundation started the fiscal year of October 1, 2010, with a Reserve balance for the OWC of \$86,260.37. During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, we received donations totaling \$94,169.90 and have responded to those sustained and reported losses from hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other declared tragedies totaling \$144,566.25. This leaves a Reserve balance of \$35,864.02 for future and unforeseen requests.

Thanks for your PAST, PRESENT, and FUTURE support of your Ruritan National Foundation.

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2011 Vice President Phyllis Lewter and Trustee Dave Freshly spend some time talking in the hospitality room Saturday afternoon at Foundation Weekend.