

## Message From 2014 Foundation President Danny Privott



### Plan to Attend the Foundation Awards Dinner and Support the Foundation Auctions in Greensboro, NC

More than 18 months of planning came to a close September 12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> as Ruritan

Foundation supporters arrived at the Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks / Kitty Hawk to be a part of the 2014 Ruritan Foundation Fellowship Weekend. There were 126 registered for the Friday evening dinner and 131 attended the Saturday evening dinner.

Many attendees went to the various attractions such as Wright Brothers Museum and Monument and north to Corolla to see the horses on the beach. Others frequented the Hospitality Room or went out on the pier and on to the ocean. Thank you to all who helped in any way (donations for cost/food/helping) to make the Hospitality Room a big hit. I especially thank Linda who planned, arranged, and coordinated everything to make sure it was a success.

Several events highlighted the weekend. Friday evening entertainment was a nostalgic trip in the past with a portrayal by Ben Cherry, who has performed for 28 years as the Pirate Blackbeard. He presented a historical performance about the time when Blackbeard and other pirates were a menace to ships that sailed the oceans and sounds adjoining the Outer Banks. Many in attendance were thoroughly surprised to see that his guns had real powder in them and fired loudly. Foundation President Danny surprised everyone with a month of September birthday or anniversary party cake and ice cream social after the entertainment to close the Friday evening events.

Saturday morning four teams played in a golf tournament at Kilmarlic Golf Course and ten teams of two played in a Corn Hole Tournament in the hotel. Thank you to 1994 Foundation President Joe Hulver, Jr. for coordinating golf and to Davy Crocket District Governor Gregg Goode and Albemarle District Governor Ronnie Long for coordinating corn hole. Golf winners were: 4<sup>th</sup> place Terry Call, J.J. Bernard Lerch, III, Bob Houck, and Bruce Thompson; (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tied) 3<sup>rd</sup> place Eugene Tasker, Bobby Burton, Corky Camin and Larry Cassell; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Herman Hohlt, Phil Brohoun, Fran Bristow and Fred Beaver; 1<sup>st</sup> place **Joe Hulver, Jr., Jim LaFollette, Michael Chrisley, and Larry Campbell.** Corn Hole winners were: 3<sup>rd</sup> place James Mills, Jr. and Vicky Mills; 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jeff Privott and TW Hurdle; 1<sup>st</sup> place **Jimmy Bristow and Earl Taylor.**

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*Pictured above with Blackbeard and First Mate DeeGee is Cassie Hurdle (Danny and Linda's granddaughter.) Pictured right is J. T. Hurdle (Danny and Linda's grandson.)*



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During the Saturday evening dinner, several donations were received and awards were given. Tom Downing plaques and lapel pins were presented to Jack and Nan York (pictured left). Patricia Davis donated \$1,300 toward a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund. Tom and Gigi Foster presented a \$100 check to be applied toward their Cornerstone Fund. J.J. Bernard Lerch, III presented a check for \$500 for the Lothian Ruritan Club Fund #988 and \$1,000 for the Potomac District Misc. Fund #110. Larry Cassell presented a check for \$3,186.84 from Potomac District Golf Tournament. Awards for Golf and Corn Hole Tournament were presented to the above named winners.

On Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> your Trustees, Michael Chrisley, and Bonnie Westpfahl attended a meeting

with Scott Carr who represented the Carr Investment Group and gave an overview of the Foundation's investment portfolio for the past fiscal year. Beginning balance on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, was \$3,806,437 and with contributions and withdrawals, ending balance on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, was \$4,074,372 for a dollar gain of \$302,911 and performance of 8% overall.

This is the last year of the initial 5-year program called \$\$\$Million \$\$\$ Club and because not all Ruritans have given the amount necessary to acquire a pin and the fact that clubs are still getting new members, the Trustees voted to extend this program beyond the first five years. This also is the last of a two-year partnership agreement between the Foundation and Ameriprise Financial. Their representatives Calvin Klem and Charles Gentry will help provide financial planning and other educational resources to assist our Ruritan members. The Trustees also voted to extend this partnership for an additional two years. They will have a booth in Greensboro and present a workshop.

**NOTE: Foundation Workshops at National Convention:** Ameriprise Financial on Planned Giving for the Foundation – Friday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and Foundation Trustees on Foundation Programs – Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 10-11 a.m.

Please remember to bring items to donate for auctions. The silent auction will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and will close at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> for processing of bid sheets and will then reopen at posted time for pick-up and payment of auction items.

The Foundation Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and the live auction will begin immediately following the dinner and awards presentation.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Trustee. Although I will no longer be an active Trustee, Linda and I will continue to support the Foundation and I encourage each of you to also support the Foundation Education Fund, OWC, and Ruritan. Working together we can achieve any goal that we set out to do.

Let's work together to make both the Foundation and Ruritan the best they can be.



*Pictured are Ray and Bonnie Bowen with Foundation President Danny Privott at Foundation Weekend.*