

Message From 2018 Foundation President Jayson Duncan

Happy 50th Birthday to the Ruritan National Foundation



At the National Convention in 1968, the members voted to start the Ruritan National Foundation. We have spent the past 50 years giving scholarships and grants as our way of community service. The Foundation will continue this journey with your help and support. The Foundation would like to say

“Thank You” for your support in the past and in the future.

As part of the birthday celebration, the Foundation is offering a beautiful 50th anniversary pin (pictured on the right) in exchange for a \$50 donation. This promotion will be limited to this year so contact the Ruritan National Office, your District Promotion Chair, a Foundation Trustee or go to the Ruritan National website.

Your Foundation Trustees are also asking each club to become a \$10 per member “Birthday Club.” You will receive a plaque at your district convention and you can have your donation added to a permanent fund of your choice. This is an opportunity for your club to give back to the Foundation.

We continue to encourage clubs to give the Tom Downing Fellow Award to club or community members who have gone above and beyond to make your community a better place to live. This award cost \$500 and honors a recipient with the highest honor Ruritans can give.

The Trustees are happy to announce that if your club participated in the Build Your Dollar program during 2017, you will receive a \$600 check when you send in the name of your scholarship winner. In order to receive your \$600, your club representative will need



be accompanied by the Build Your Dollar Deposit Form and postmarked on or before October 1, 2018, for your club to be eligible.

The Ruritan National website has all the forms you will need to work donate and apply for all the Foundation programs. I encourage you to contact your District Foundation leaders, your Foundation Trustees, or the National Office for information, questions, or programs on the Foundation. Pictured on the left is Fran Bristow receiving a Tom Downing Fellow Award and both Fran and Jimmy Bristow receiving a 50th anniversary pin from Ruritan Foundation President Jayson Duncan. Past National Director Joe Jaynes and current National Director Glen Broadwater received Tom Downing Fellow Awards at the National Convention in Charleston.

Ruritan National Foundation

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to complete the one-page Build Your Dollar Claim Form and submit it to the Foundation by June 30, 2018. To participate next year, your club must make a deposit of \$300 in order to reserve a Build Your Dollar award for your

club's scholarship recipient. Your club's check must