

Message From Executive Director Michael Chrisley



Fun with a Purpose

It was the perfect day. The sun was shining brightly, it was in the low 70's and there was just a slight breeze. Nearly 150 of us had gathered in Winchester, Virginia to play some golf. How could it get any better? Let me tell you. Today was different. We knew that we were going to have some fun, but in addition to having fun we were playing golf with a purpose.

For over 20 years the **Rappahannock District** has sponsored a golf tournament. Each year the tournament raises nearly \$10,000. In 20 plus years that's over \$200,000 for the Ruritan National Foundation. But one member of Rappahannock District, Joe Hulver, was not satisfied with that and suggested that the annual

funds raised from the tournament be used to match donations for Tom Downing Fellows. Still easy math. \$200,000 times two is approaching a half million dollars.

This money is invested through the Tom Downing Fellow Fund which is unrestricted. Unrestricted funds are used to fund the Build Your Dollar program in the Foundation. The Foundation invests donations with a money manager. Our investments have done very well over the years. All this taken together means that more and more students receive the benefit of a scholarship from the Ruritan Foundation through the local club. Win for the Foundation, Win for the local club, most importantly Win for the Student. Not your typical day of golf.

The Foundation has given thousands of scholarships over the years. Every time we help a young person succeed we help our country and hometowns all over the country. These young people will be the leaders of our future. As one of our former Ruritan National Presidents used to say "young people make up a small percentage of our current membership but they make up 100% of our future membership." He was 100% correct.



We hope you have a great summer of fun. If you have the opportunity, have "fun with a purpose." Pictured in the front (l-r) are 2000 Ruritan National President and 1997 Foundation President Jim Lafollette, 1994 Foundation President Joe Hulver, Past National Director Jim Hambach, Past National Director Earl Garvin, and 1987 Ruritan National President and 2007 Foundation President Bob Houck. Pictured in the back (l-r) are Past National Director Mike Morrison, Executive Director Mike Chrisley, and Foundation Trustee Corky Camin.

New Clubs

<u>New Club</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Sponsoring Club</u>	<u>DRM</u>
Elkton Middle School Ruri-Teen	9	McGaheysville	Becky Lane
Roaring Round Hill Ruri-Teens	3	Round Hill	Pearl Underwood

* DRM stands for Distinguished Ruritan Member, who is the person most responsible for organizing the new club.