## 2025 Foundation President Clinton Guy Cox



In sharing my first article as the Ruritan National Foundation President, I want to thank all of you who brought items to the National Convention and offered them for the Silent and Live Auctions. There were items that we would have preferred to be in the Live Auction, but because of time constraints, we were told to try to keep the Live Auction items to 15. I am sorry that we had to place your items in the Silent Auction. Please forgive us for not being able to place them where you wanted them.

I also want to thank all the individuals who volunteered their time to help serve with the Trustees before, after, and during the Auctions.

We had a lot of fun serving you. I apologize to the Trustees because I had to spend a lot of my time giving speeches for Past Foundation President Phillip Bradshaw. As most of you know, there was a death in his family and he and Stella could not attend the convention. Congratulations Phillip for your leadership during the past six years while serving on the Foundation. You are an amazing leader.

We were able to make some changes this year that helped you, the Ruritan member, when it came time for you to pick up your items and get them paid for. We are also planning to make more changes next year to make the auctions go better and faster for check-outs.

I am in awe of those who have preceded me as the President of the Foundation. I fully recognize their deep commitment and genuine concern for the members of our organization. I hope to continue working on behalf of those who have given so much to the young people we work so hard to honor with scholarships. I want to be clear that it is your Foundation and I intend to serve you to the best of my ability. With that understanding, I want you to know that I am always open to suggestions from the membership.

