

2025 Foundation President Clinton Guy Cox

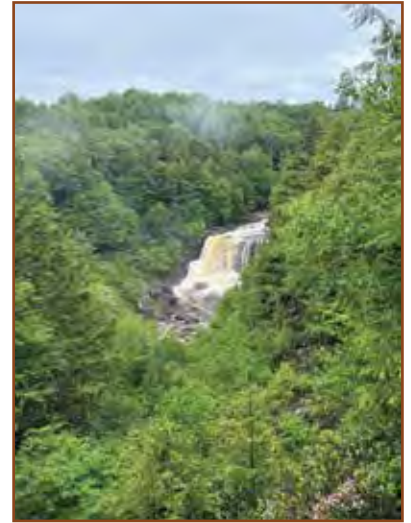


I want to thank everyone who attended the Foundation Weekend in June. We did a lot of traveling from site to site. In visiting these areas, I hope you will have an interest in coming back to see what other beautiful places West Virginia has to offer. I would have liked to have had the time to show you other tourist sites. I am hoping that by visiting these sites folks will want to come back and visit other tourist sites.

The Silent Auction brought in \$732.00 and the Live Auction brought in \$2,060 for a total of \$2,792. We sold seven Foundation pens for \$245.00, 16 "Million Dollar Club" pins for \$80.00 and had an additional \$198.00 in donations. This gave us a grand total of \$3,315 which will help with our "Build Your Dollars" Scholarship Fund.

The Trustees want to thank everyone who attended, donated items for the auctions, prepared and donated food for the Hospitality Suite and the lunch on Saturday.

When contacting Ruritan National Foundation please use the most updated fillable forms from the ruritan.org website. The "Build Your Dollars" Scholarship form is to be returned on or before September 1. Don't forget to include the check for \$300 for 2026. Remember your club will determine the scholarship recipient. Last year we presented scholarships to clubs for a total of \$675.00. Approximately \$77,178 in Contracted/Endowed Funds for scholarships were also given out this year. We have presented 485 checks for \$650 each to clubs for their scholarship recipients this year. 21 clubs missed the deadline and will either roll over their \$300 to the 2026 BY\$ program or ask for a refund. The first three quarters of donations/contributions received totals to \$137,471.10.



Your club may also contribute to the Foundation through the Birthday Club. The club donates \$2 per full member and receives a certificate at the district convention or \$10 per full member to receive a plaque. The form is also located on ruritan.org under Foundation forms.

Please do not forget to honor your members with a Tom Downing Fellowship. We have several older members that have worked for years to make your club a successful enterprise. Wouldn't it be nice to honor them with a Tom Downing in recognition for their many years of dedicated work. That form is also on the ruritan.org website.

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You or your club may also establish a Permanent Fund with a minimum of \$1,000. These funds can be named in honor or memory of an individual or to recognize a club or district. Permanent funds can be funded by a lump sum or through individual gifts over time. As these funds grow and reach \$10,000 you would be eligible for an Endowed/Contract Fund status and be able to choose their own recipient for a scholarship.



Endowed/Contract Funds can also be donated by individual, families, clubs, or districts to memorialize or honor someone with a named, endowed scholarship. The donor who establishes the fund is allowed to select a scholarship selection committee that chooses a scholarship recipient each year.

Another way to donate to the Foundation is through the Walmart Spark Good Round Up. If you are a customer ordering online through Walmart, you can round up to the nearest dollar and donate the change to the Ruritan National Foundation. Sign up at <https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood>.

The last program we have is the Invest Today... Impact Tomorrow. It is a 5-year initiative with a challenge of donating 60 cents a day to your Foundation which is a small sacrifice – less than the cost of a soft drink or a cup of coffee. By the end of the program on our 60th Anniversary, your support will have a profound and lasting impact on the education of young minds and tomorrow's leaders! This will be a total of \$219 per year and will be added to your present fund or you will be starting a new fund to achieve a Permanent Fund. When you complete the program, you will have contributed \$1,095. Use the Invest Today...Impact Tomorrow donation form from the Foundation's forms website.



Members of our Ruritan Clubs have been very gracious in their contributions to the Foundation. We only exist to assist the clubs in helping students to further their education through trade school, junior college, college, or university.

Thank all of you who contribute in some way toward helping students and possible Ruritan leaders in our future.

