

Ruritan National Foundation

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Year-End Wrap-Up

As we wrap up our calendar year there are several items your Foundation Trustees would like to remind you about.

National Convention

Don't forget the Ruritan National Convention in Hampton, Virginia on January 18–20, 2019. There are several Foundation events scheduled for that weekend, including:

- Silent auction through Friday afternoon;
- Live auction Friday night from 6:30–7:30;
- A workshop to answer your questions about the Foundation on Saturday afternoon; and
- Installment of your new Foundation President, Corky Camin, during the Saturday night banquet.

Incoming Foundation President Corky will be announcing the Build Your Dollar matching amount for clubs participating in the 2018–19 Build Your Dollar cycle during the banquet. We hope you will join us at these special Foundation events.

Give with the Foundation

As Christmas approaches and you cannot think of a present to give a Ruritan loved one, consider starting a permanent fund or donating to their existing permanent fund. A permanent fund, by definition, is an



fund with \$1,000 or more. This amount can be achieved either through a one-time donation or by several small donations over the years.

This is potentially a federal tax deduction for the donor because the Ruritan National Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. As always, consult with your tax professional.

Additionally, you could start a fund with a \$50 donation and receive a 50th Anniversary pin—only available until the end of the year. Remember, the investment income earned from donated money to permanent funds is used to give Build Your Dollar scholarships. So give to honor a loved one or a fellow Ruritan this Christmas.

Foundation Programs

A reminder to those 400+ clubs that mailed in their \$300 deposit for the 2018–19 Build Your Dollar cycle: anytime from January 1–June 30, you can pick your scholarship winner, send in your [claim form](#), and receive your check. The form can be found on the website.

Thanks to all the Ruritan clubs that participated in the Birthday Club Program and the Operation We Care Program. To honor your participation during this special 50th anniversary of the Foundation, we added the 50th anniversary emblem to your awards.



Birthday Club

Remember to encourage your club to be a part of the [Birthday Club](#)! Join [these clubs](#) in donating \$10 per active member to receive a recognition plaque to display proudly.



50 Years of Foundation

Time is running out to celebrate the Foundation's 50th anniversary by wearing an exclusive commemorative pin. Available only through the end of 2018, these collectible pins are given in recognition of your [donation of at least \\$50](#). Your donation is applied to a fund of your choice, or you can start a fund with your donation!

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