

# Ruritan National Foundation

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## 2019 National Convention Recap

As we begin the new year, let's first take a moment to look back on the Foundation's progress last year.

### 2018 Foundation Highlights

- The Foundation had an overall **gross return of 9%** on its total investment portfolio at the conclusion of fiscal year 2018
- **Over 500** clubs submitted deposits of \$300, securing their 2019 Build Your Dollar (BY\$) scholarship.
- **424** Ruritan Clubs received a \$600 BY\$ scholarship to award, for a total of **\$254,400** in scholarship aid to Ruritan communities.
- Ruritans presented **78** Tom Downing Fellowship awards to honor exceptional members.
- **Over \$140,000** in total donations to the Foundation

### Looking Ahead to 2019

Your Foundation Trustees are expecting another great year for 2019. Newly installed Foundation President Corky announced during his remarks at the Installation Banquet that the 2019 BY\$ scholarships will again be **\$600!** This means every club that made a \$300 deposit before

the October 1, 2018 deadline will receive \$600 to award to students in its community, which is great news for our clubs and students going on to higher education programs.



*A hand-made quilt is on the block during the Foundation Live Auction at the 2019 Ruritan National Convention.*

We are also pleased to announce that the Foundation auctions at the National Convention

raised **over \$12,400!** Thank you to everyone who donated auction items and to all those winning bidders. Your donations are essential to helping our future funding of scholarships.

Thank you to all members, clubs, and businesses who have donated to the Foundation. This is your Foundation and we can't make it better without your help.

With that said, if your club has not donated to the Foundation, please consider participating in the Birthday Club and becoming a regular annual donor. Your contributions help grow the BY\$ program. Also, outstanding Ruritan members need to be recognized. You or your club can do this through a [Tom Downing](#)

[Fellowship](#) award. Fewer than 3% of our Ruritan members are Tom Downing Fellows, and you can help change that.

In closing, we had a great year but we couldn't do it without you. So here's a great big THANK YOU!



### 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. Your club can also participate by donating \$2 per active member.

### Contact Us!

Have questions about the Foundation? Feel free to reach out to us. We are here to serve you.

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