



Let Your Light Shine

Light. Without darkness no one would recognize the light. It pierces the darkness in a way that allows us to see all the good the dark is hiding. Sometimes we take the light for granted. Good things happen all the time.

People are almost conditioned to see the problems or the roadblocks or the bad things happening in the world all around us. Wouldn't it be nice to turn on the evening news and see story after story of all the good things that people are doing all over the world? Wouldn't it be nice to take the remote and go from channel to channel and see good deed after good deed being done in every state of the nation, or every country of the world? By and large this is not the way things are presented to us. We see all the problems of the world and after we are sufficiently depressed, we get one good news story to try to pierce the darkness we were subjected to over the last hour or half hour.

Not so with your Ruritan magazine. Take your remote and go from page to page of our magazine and see story after story of the light we bring to communities. See the peoples lives you touch with grants, or awards, or just plain help. These acts are light.

Your generosity to First Lady Anne's program to help St. Jude is light. Children and their families get bad news every day of every year. You have been and will be light to those children and families. St. Jude is light to those children and families.

Your generosity is a warm blanket wrapped around these children in the cold experience of a cancer diagnosis. Thank you for being the kind, giving people that I know you to be. Thank you for being thoughtful and giving to children and families that you may never meet or know. That is the spirit of light Ruritan brings to the community.

We have all been tested by the hardships of the pandemic. From day to day, week to week and month to month the landscape changes, and how we operate in it. It would have been easier to just stop and wait for this all to be over to get back to the work we do. But that is not our way. We rise to this, just as we have risen to all other obstacles by rolling up our sleeves and getting to work helping the people that need us. I have no doubt that you will continue bringing light to your community.

We hope that your families are safe and well. We hope that the Christmas season brings you light and hope. Thank you for all that you do to make this country and world better one community at a time.

