

## Message From 2020 Foundation President Brent Wheeler



### Continue to Support your Foundation

I still find it difficult to accept that this Ruritan year is rapidly ending. It has been anything but a normal year for each of us. Through it all the Foundation has continued to work. Our meetings with Investment Advisor Scott Carr have been ongoing and the pay out for BY\$ will be decided after our upcoming meeting.

With clubs only now beginning to meet, the Foundation made the decision to extend the deadline for club's \$300 deposit. The new deadline ended October 30<sup>th</sup> and was outlined in a blast update. Thank you to all who reached out to us and who took advantage of the extension.

As the Ruritan year comes to an end I would like to thank everyone for your support over the past years. Sheltering in place had not been my plan for this year but it was what was mandated for our safety. Safety was the reason for cancelling the Foundation Weekend. The hotel could not insure our safety nor provide the food and accommodations we have previously enjoyed. It is also why we haven't visit clubs and have watched other fun events being cancelled.

As our Ruritan National Convention approaches my years on the Foundation will end. I ask you to continue to support the Foundation with your donations and through its programs. Rest assured the Foundation will continue to grow under the direction of the 2021 Foundation President O.H. Bobbitt and the other Trustees. Again-thank you for this wonderful opportunity of service you have given me.

*God Bless America and may He also Bless our efforts as Ruritans.*

### Ruritan National Foundation

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Due to COVID-19 and the safety and health of all attendees, the Foundation Trustees voted to suspend the silent and live Foundation auction for the 2021 National Convention. So attendees are being asked to put away those items you planned to donate to the Foundation this year and bring them to Myrtle Beach, SC for the 2022 Ruritan National Convention.

### Opt-Out of Ruritan Solicitation Communications

Ruritan partners with Gallagher Affinity so that businesses such as Office Depot, Lifeline Screening, Choice Hotels, and Hertz may offer special benefits to Ruritan members as an extra "thank you" for what Ruritan members are doing in their communities. The mailings come from Gallagher; the Ruritan mailing list is never given directly to these businesses.

You are under no obligation to respond but if you would prefer not to get those mail offers at all – you can let us know by calling us toll free 877-787-8727 ext. 303 and leaving a message to take you off those mailing lists. Just leave your name and your club name. Or email us at [service@ruritan.org](mailto:service@ruritan.org).

Ruritan staff may also send email blasts to Ruritan leaders about other offers – supply sales, donation opportunities (i.e. St. Jude's Children's Hospital) etc. You can also opt out of those email blasts by calling the same number and leaving a message or emailing us at [service@ruritan.org](mailto:service@ruritan.org).

\*Note that there is a lead time on mailings and it could take 30 - 60 days to update mailing lists.