

## National Foundation President O.H. Bobbitt III



Wow, can you believe the 2022 Ruritan Foundation Fiscal year has come to an end. Your Ruritan National Foundation Trustees continue to work to make the Foundation as efficient as possible and at the same time protect the assets that you have placed in our care. I think we are all aware that the markets have not been many people's friends this year, but your Trustees have continued to work with the RNF Investment Advisor to maintain the balanced portfolio while providing the cash necessary to deliver the Build Your Dollar and contract fund scholarships. This year was a first for the RNF as the Build Your Dollar match was 150%.

Thank you to the 438 clubs who awarded \$328,000 in Build You Dollar scholarships during the 2022 award year. 463 clubs made the wise decision to send their deposit for the 2023 Build Your Dollar award year. The 2023 match will be announced at the National Convention in Kingsport.

For the first time in two years the Ruritan National Foundation Trustees were able to host a RNF Weekend. This year's RNF Weekend was held in Pigeon Forge and had approximately 75 attendees.

Your RNF Trustees are also excited to let everyone know that again for the first time in two years we will host both a silent and live auction at the Ruritan National Convention in Kingsport. Please bring items that you would have in your own home for the silent auction.

I would like to personally thank Graham Bryant, Phillip Bradshaw, Guy Cox, Josh Adams, and Brent Wheeler (ex-officio member) for the commitment and expertise that each of them has brought to the RNF Trustees board. I would also be remiss if I did not thank Bessie McCormick, Foundation Specialist. Bessie has brought a level of administration to the RNF that we have not seen in a long time.

I appreciate the opportunity that Ruritans have provide to me to serve as the 2022 RNF President/Trustee and look forward to supporting the RNF in whatever opportunity may present itself in the future.

