

# The Noon News

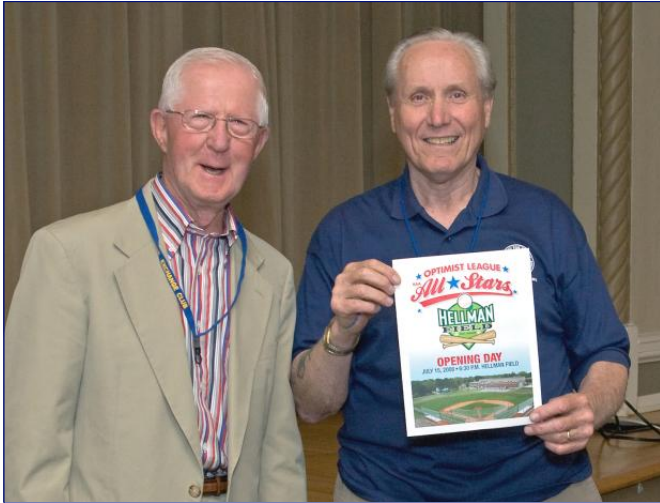
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**Hellman Field at Cunningham School** - Bob Hellman, Founder and CEO of Hellman and Associates of Waterloo, stopped by to tell us about the Hellman Field at Cunningham School project. Mr. Hellman's firm is involved with Cunningham School through the Partner's In Education program. A ball park was included on a list of projects the school staff submitted to the P.I.E.'s. With Bob's life-long love of baseball, he couldn't resist and the rest is history. Their [website](#) says it best, so we shamelessly lifted the story and included it here.



L to R: Bob Hellman and Exchangite Wendell Wexter

*location of Cunningham School for Excellence," said Hellman. "It was there that my lifelong passion for baseball was born. As a little league player all those years ago, I remember I lived for baseball. I also remember most often having to ride my bike to other parts of town to play ball."*

*Now, retiring as the founder and CEO of a successful advertising agency, Hellman decided he needed to give back to the game that had given him so much. He was excited when the opportunity arose to build a showcase ball field at the Cunningham School for Excellence near his childhood home.*

*Hellman and his family committed a \$75,000 memorial gift honoring his parents toward the development of a ballpark to be used by area little leaguers and women's softball players. He and staff members, along with the school, city of Waterloo, donors and area citizens worked to make the dream become a reality.*

*Hellman Field, as it was dubbed, features a totally equipped baseball field, including spectator bleachers, electronic scoreboard, sod infield and outfield, outfield fence, dugouts, concession stand and soon-to-be-added lights for nighttime games."*

The opening day for the park was on July 15<sup>th</sup>, capping off two years of work on the project. Well, almost. There are still a couple of items to complete that might stretch into next year, such as installing the lights and concession stand.

Bob invited the club membership to a VIP event on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30 to 5:00. He's planning a festive evening complete with bands and other entertainment.

Every retiree needs a good project and Mr. Hellman has certainly found his. He had so much fun with this one he's looking to build some more around town and is also reaching out to help other communities with similar projects also. Click [here](#) to check out the website for more information and to get involved also.

## NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

**Program** : Grant Veeder on Pres. Lincoln  
**Prayer** : Patty Foster  
**Pledge** : Shawn Harrington  
**Menu** : Roast Pork Loin with Apple Glaze

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**Jul 28:** Grant Veeder on Lincoln's Ties to IA  
**Aug 04:** TBA  
**Aug 11:** TBA  
**Aug 18:** TBA  
**Aug 25:** TBA

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

**Jul 28:** Roast Pork Loin With Apple Glaze  
**Aug 04:** Cheeseburger With Fries  
**Aug 11:** Meatloaf  
**Aug 18:** Chicken Fried Steak  
**Aug 25:** Orange Roughy  
**Order Chef Salad one week in advance**

## BIRTHDAYS

**Jul 24 :** Michael Brocka  
**Jul 24 :** Matt Gardner  
**Jul 29 :** Pat Cole

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President McGriff carefully observed: "When I was young I admired clever people, now that I'm old, I admire kind people."

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**Family Picnic** - President-elect Sharon Droste reminded us about the family picnic being planned for



Thursday, August 14<sup>TH</sup> at Exchange Park in Waterloo. We'll gather at 5:00 for a social time and the meal will be served around 6:00.

**Winter Cruise** - Check out page 3 for details on the winter cruise. Pat Cole needs to get the rooms booked by August 13<sup>TH</sup>. Contact Pat for more information—contact info is on page 3. In addition to being a great vacation, the Club receives \$80 per cabin as a fundraiser. Highly recommended.

**Guests** - Tammy Schlitter invited her daughter, Colette Doss, to join us for lunch. Colette is from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

**National Exchange Convention** - Last week, President-elect Sharon Droste gave an overview of the convention, held in St. Louis, MO. Sharon us that about 750 attendees were there coming and going at all times. The entertainment was good with Roy Firestone leading off the convention with an impressive show. DeLon Gobeli was recognized for the 10 new members he brought in and Diane Neebel for her President's Award. Our Club was also recognized for numerous Club achievements. Sharon felt the Youth Awards were very impressive. The attendees split off for training sessions and attended seminars relating to Exchange Club activities. A great time was had by all.

**Membership Roster Book Update** - John Woods has taken on the task of updating and maintaining the roster books. Thanks for stepping up for that, John.

*Editor's note: And, thanks to Jerry Anders for taking notes last week while we were away on vacation.*

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***Winter Escape***

***January 10-18, 2009***

***Carnival Victory***

***Southern Caribbean***

***Six stops in paradise:***

***San Juan, St. Thomas, Dominica, Barbados, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Kitts***

***Price for the 7 day cruise:***

***Balcony stateroom \$1099***

***Other staterooms may priced on request***

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The pre-night hotel in San Juan is unavailable at this time, but it will need to be included in the itinerary to enjoy a day in Old San Juan.

Airfare and transfers with Carnival Cruise Line \$752.70

Best rates on airfares will be researched at time of booking.

Cruise deposit \$500 per person

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