

# Rotary O-Pinion

## ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Meeting each Monday 12:00 p.m. – Owatonna Country Club

**Four way test:** 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned?  
3) Will it build good will and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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### PROGRAMS

June 3: Farewell from Iringo  
June 10: Preview: Wenger Band Festival  
June 17: Claire LaCanne, Master Gardener: Pollinator Week  
June 24: Chuck Driessen: History of Culligan and Culligan Ultrapure  
July 1: Chuck Long, former U of Iowa Quarterback  
July 8: Erica Paley: RYE to Taiwan/Induction of new officers  
July 15: Sue Schroeder: Children's Remedial Fund  
July 22: John Hinderaker, president, Greater Minnesota Outreach  
July 29: "Nuga" Atewologun, President, Riverland College  
August 5: Preview: SCFF: Scott Kozelka  
August 12: Brian Wright, Park and Rec. Scholarships  
August 19: Christian Berg, OPD...Human Trafficking  
August 26: Nikki Erickson: "Visiting My Mother's Murderer"  
September 2: No Meeting...Labor Day  
September 9: SPAMBassadors from Hormel in Austin  
September 16: Al Smith Pencil Drawings  
September 23: Richard DeBeau and Alan Anderson: Climate Change and Rotary Action Team  
September 30: Visit from District Governor Paul Perez

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Monday, July 29, 2019

Editor: Todd Hale

**THIS WEEK:** Welcome to "Nuga" Atewologun, President of Riverland College

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jerry Deetz, July 31, Tom Kuntz, Aug. 1, Troy Klecker, Aug. 2

## **NEWS FOR ROTARIANS**

### **RESTORING THE HOME OF ROTARY'S FOUNDER**

Robert C. Knuepfer Jr. is chair of the restoration project of Paul Harris' home in Chicago. He was asked what the home looks like now: "The exterior is mostly finished. We put a large addition on the back of the house that accommodates at least 40-50 people. We envision that any ROTARY-CENTRIC organization, from Interact to Rotaract to clubs could rent it as a meeting space. We're still working to restore the interior to what it looked like in 1947 when Paul Harris passed away. He lived there from 1912 to 1947, so we are using old photos to replicate the furniture and décor of the time. We will also display artifacts, like a baseball Paul Harris threw out at a Cubs game in the early 1900's."

Knuepfer was also asked why this project was important to him. "From a historical perspective, this is an iconic residence. From an American point of view, it's the Mount Vernon of ROTARY, the home of our first president. Many other early ROTARY members also gathered there. Founding member Silvester Schiele lived directly behind Paul Harris, and it's said they wore a path between their back doors as they plotted the future of ROTARY."

AUGUST GREETERS INCLUDE JIM KILLEN, ANDI ARNOLD AND JOSH MEILLIER

## **FAIR NOTES**

The new barn at the fairgrounds will be named the Wayne and Betty Kubicek Family Cattle Haven. Special financial support for the barn was provided by this couple.

Volunteers are needed to host the Muckle Museum and assistance with parking. If you can end a few hours as a volunteer during fair week, call the fair office at 451-5305.

Brochures for the fair will be coming out in area newspapers however you can pick up as many as you ant by stopping by the fair office.

Fair dates are August 13-18.

**Oops!** A London sunbather was left in shock after a frozen corpse fell out of the sky and nearly killed him. John Baldock was dozing in his garden when a Kenya Airlines flight lowered its landing gear before landing at Heathrow, disgorging a stowaway who died at high altitude. Moments later the rock-hard body landed like a bomb three feet away from where Baldock was lying, creating a crater and shaking neighbors' homes. Witnesses said Baldock was "badly shaken".

THANKS TO ROTARIANS DR. JOHN MUELLERLEILE AND KIM COSINS FOR PROVIDING MUSIC FOR OUR MEETINGS. THIS SETS US APART FROM OTHER CLUBS!

Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went there! It was the bathroom, but still.....