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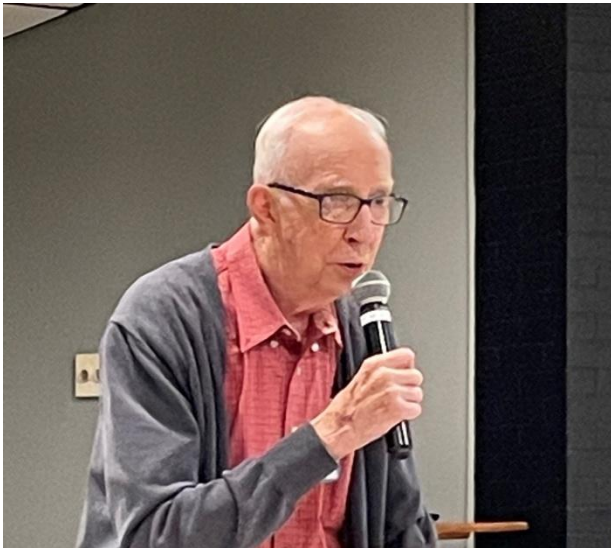
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## Special Issue

June 16 TBA  
June 23 Member Junior College importance  
(personal)  
June 30 Club Business meeting..



June 9 Dr. John Eppley, D.V.M. talked about his career as a veterinarian in Iowa private practice as well as the Pharmaceutical industry. John was a graduate of Ohio State University with his D.V.M. degree. It had been my impression that he had a career in small and large animal care. Wrong again. It turns out that had been his original intent, but very soon after starting, he realized that was not going to be his career work. He searched for a fit and after a year and a half he got an offer from The Fort Dodge Laboratories in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They produce some pharmaceuticals for animals and did research on related items. This must have fit for a career as he did it for over 30 years. He found the work stimulating and interesting in many ways. The company had 45 salesman, so he was one whose job was to find a fit for a product in his area of expertise.

As one might imagine, the area of research crossed lines with Human meds and treatment. Many treatments are parallel with humans. They had to determine what was the fit between humans and large animals. The treatment systems had to be

impressive, safe and profitable. John's retirement was in 1993 at which time he was head of Quality Control and Assurance.

At this time the businesses were changing. Fort Dodge was bought by Wyeth Pharmacy, This became part of the German company Pfizer. In 2017 This was bought up by Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical of Indianapolis. I'm not sure who has ownership today, but you get the picture that there is a lot of change in ownership due to different companies varied interests where they can make a profit.

This was a real different program for us as it exposed us to a big business that has become even larger with the advent of the Covid pandemic.

John and his wife Jody moved to Rochester a few years ago to be closer to their family. They now reside at Charter House after living a bunch of years in a lovely home they had built on the west side of Rochester.

At some point John had time to pursue re-finishing furniture. He was very good at this.

John said he and his wife had a short work related trip to Ukraine. They were there for 1-2 weeks, but got a very favorable picture of the people and the country as a whole. He says it is rich in grains and many agricultural products.

John made the comment that things have changed in Veterinarian training. Now, classes are 80% female on the side of animal care. (My dentistry classes are now about 55% women) This is true in professional schools today. He says that a very popular area in vet training is 'geriatric' care. It appears that man will do anything to extend the life of any living creature.

Thanks again to Dr. Eppley for an interesting introduction to the Veterinarian profession.

**Comments: At business meeting, the Club voted to support the 'Bench in a Park' project to tune of \$250**

# Pizza Ranch Project

June 27....Remember, it is a fund raiser and is easy to make some money for scholarships , etc.

## Rummage sale next weekend:

We will meet for lunch as usual at Eagle's Club Thursday June 16. Then, all who can, will travel to Roger's home to help set up for sale on Friday and Saturday. Austin and Roger can't do everything for this project. Help all you can. Spouses or others are welcome to help.

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- \*\*\*\*\*Life Member

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- \*\*\*Richard Kersten, Deceased. One of origan members.
- \*\*\*Dick Weltzin, Deceased

**The Kiwanis Club of Rochester meets every Thursday at the Meeting Room in The Eagle's Club SE Rochester.** Meetings last about one hour. Lunch is served for \$14 and includes a generous entrée, salad or veggie and light dessert.

### Newsletter Changes

Remember to call **Clare Warren at 254-2087** if you have anything you feel is newsworthy. We are trying to get the newsletter out every other week. It can be effective if you feed in the right information. Feel free to contribute something for publication!

**Be sure to read the roster once in awhile and report any errors to C. Warren**

**Why not!** If you have a computer, why not try to receive the **Kiwanis Newsletter via e-mail**. It is a quick and easy way for us to get the letter to you on time. We now have 19 ACTIVE members receiving it regularly. They enjoy the ability to get it in COLOR. It will be sent as .pdf file to you directly of can see on the web site at [www.kiwanisroch.org](http://www.kiwanisroch.org) 2018-19



