



## Waunakee Rotary Club

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Thanks to Dr. Bob Klostermann, more dogs may be avoiding periodontal disease and other health problems.

Bob described his career as a veterinarian to the Waunakee Rotary Club during his classification talk Dec. 29.

He has lived in Waunakee since 1978, when he took a job with the Waunakee Veterinary Service. For the first 10 years of his career, Bob treated large animals, tending to cows in the morning and horses at night. But over his career, he gravitated toward small animals.

That gravitation was due, in part, to a feisty heifer that butted him in the head, causing him to hit the concrete and resulting in a brain injury.

He bought the Middleton Clinic, and while practicing in Middleton belonged to the Middleton Rotary Club. Bob is also a Paul Harris fellow.

Practicing in small animal medicine and surgery, Bob began devoting himself to the dentistry part of the practice, which was never taught when he was in veterinary school. He learned to clean dogs' teeth with sedation rather than full anaesthesia, he said. Periodontal disease is where a lot of diseases in animals and people originate, he said.

Bob began to work for Pfizer as a consultant. Bob said the U.S. has strict regulations preventing pharmaceutical sales associates from recommending different drugs to doctors, but fellow doctors can consult with their peers about which pharmaceuticals work for them.

Bob said he sold his practice in 2008, but he continues to work as a consultant. He said he does miss seeing the farmers, but he added that Waunakee is a great place to raise a family.

Bob grew up in Dyersville, Iowa, which he described as very similar to the Waunakee area. His grandfather and uncle ran the local bar there, he said.

Most of the folks there were German farmers, but they raised hogs instead of dairy cows.

"Moving here was pretty easy," he said.

The area was Catholic, and Bob attended Catholic school before attending Iowa State University's veterinary school.

Also at the meeting:

• Bill Erickson said Rotary Lights has done well this year. He said on Christmas eve, he received a plea for help from a Knights of Columbus member who was greeting cars. The volunteer said he was out of candy canes, there was cash all over the floor of the warming hut, and a line of cars was waiting. Bill and Jeanette came to the rescue. During the course of the evening, \$1,434 was donated.

• President John Cullen announced that Joy McMerty had her baby, a boy named Declan. Congratulations to the McMerty family!

• John also recognized all the members who showed up to sign Christmas carols at Waunakee Manor.

• And John recognized Susan Vergeront for organizing the

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### Calendar of Events:

- June 8-9, Rotary District Conference, The La Crosse Center on the Mississippi.

Christmas party. More than 70 people showed up for it.

Guests: George Devries, guest of Todd Schmidt.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Birthdays: Jan. 6, Paul Vilwock; Jan. 9, Bob Pulvermacher; Jan. 11, Greg Garton.

Anniversaries: None.

Prayers: Jan. 5, Pat Durden; Jan 12, Leonard Allen; Jan. 19, Susan Vergeront.

Programs: Jan. 5, Club Assembly; Jan. 12, Todd Schmidt Waunakee Village Administrator; Jan. 19, John and Maureen Van Dinter, Auxiliary Coast Guard.

Greeters: Jan. 5, Robert Ziegler and Paul Vilwock; Jan. 12, Mark Venditto and Richard Brewster; Jan. 19, Jim and Mike Ableidinger; Jan. 26, Peggy Acker-Farber and Leonard Allen.

### Make up meetings online

It's easy to make up a meeting on the Internet. The site is [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org). Print out the form and give it to Phil Willems, the club secretary.