

Pewaukee's First Veterinarian

by Penny Williams

Following the passing of friend and long time PAHS member, Lois Royske, I am writing this article in honor of Lois' contributions to the preservation of Pewaukee's history. I have chosen this issue's historical article to be about her grandfather, Dr. John Kolander.

John Kolander was born in 1858 in Germany but came to America with his parents in search of a better life at the age of 12. They lived briefly at a farm in Richfield but chose Pewaukee as their permanent home. After graduation from high school, John decided to pursue a degree as a veterinarian and chose to pursue his chosen field at the Ontario Veterinary College in Toronto, Canada. However, he was not just a veterinarian, because he had chosen to specialize in animal dentistry and had also taken extra classes to further his knowledge in that field.

After graduation, he returned to Pewaukee in 1894 to start his own practice. At the time, he was the only practicing veterinarian in all of Waukesha County, so there was no shortage of business. In time, he married and started a family of his own. He purchased a house at the corner of Clark Street and St. Paul Street (now the east end of Oakton Avenue).

When the veterinary business slowed down, John served as a volunteer in Pewaukee. He once owned a dry goods store, and was well known in the community. He passed away in 1943 and was missed by many.

The Tree Lighting... (yup, last December!)

by Cliff Muehlenberg

When we're keeping a sharp eye out for the first daffodil, it's not easy to think back to the season of red, white fur and holly. But for a moment, let's take a brief look back to the most joyous of seasons and red cheeks.

As we all have a lot to be grateful for, we at PAHS have much to be grateful for also. If you missed the annual meeting held at the library, we always thank our volunteers that make all of it possible. Without each and every one we'd be dust in the wind.

Thank you to every volunteer whether you worked at one event or every week of the year. We need you all and appreciate each of you as though you threw the life ring we caught.

This year our Volunteer of the Year was again an exceptional person who joins a very select and special group of people. Our Volunteer of the Year for 2019 is Kathy Sampson! (applause here...).

In addition to our volunteers, there are donors that made our Tree Lighting possible and beautiful. Our COMMUNITY TREE was donated by North Shore Bank under the auspices of their manager Anne Kagerah. Additionally, she assisted children in making their ornaments "to take along and hang on their home tree". She will glitter for the rest of the year from the experience. Thank you Anne.

Again, the generosity of a long time Pewaukee, Tom Krasinski donated the two

6 ft. wreaths to PAHS. One circled a pair of windows on the front of the Clark House and the other circled a large window on the front of the Steele Exhibit Bldg. Both were lit and furthered the spirit of the season. Thank you Tom.

Many other volunteers also made the Tree Lighting memorable. Thanks to Santa for taking a day away from his toy shop! He did have a few wood chips still in his beard and to Mrs. Claus for her welcoming spirit and ability to calm the nerves of anxious youngsters. Also the Civic Broadway Singers sang a variety of Christmas songs not usually heard. A truly spirited group!

And to the Kiwanis Club who passed out cookies, hot chocolate and poinsettias. They have sponsored the event for several years. And the Girl Scouts who decorated the Clark House and assisted in Santa's gift shop.

And to any others I've unintentionally left out.

**Spring Is
When You
Feel Like
Whistling
Even With
A Shoe
Full of Slush**

Doug Larson