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Dr. Ronald W. Roskens, global businessman and former president of the University of Nebraska, was toasted and roasted at the club by a group that included his son Bill Roskens, the president of First Care Inc. Others delivering darts were emcee John Nelson, chairman and CEO of the SilverStone Group; Dr. John Christensen, chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha; Dr. Robert Langdon, cancer specialist, and Bill Cutler, vice president of Heafey-Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak & Cutler Mortuaries. A sampling of the night's mirth: From Nelson: "Ron (chancellor of the University of Nebraska from 1972-77 and president of NU from 1977-89) is being honored a little bit late in his career. When he was a boy, the Dead Sea was only sick." From Bill Roskens: "I've been preselected by my father to give his eulogy upon his demise. I hate to waste all of that material tonight, so I'm saving the nice stuff." Christensen donned a long prosthetic digit to demonstrate Roskens' oratory skills and said: "He may indeed have the longest index finger of anyone I know, and I'm grateful that he didn't pursue a career in medicine." In addition to the centerpiece drawing of Roskens standing on NU's campuses and wearing the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun, artist Jim Horan depicts Ron's boyhood on a Iowa farm and his career in Washington, where he was administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.