

Make a note of it— Date Change for Annual Banquet

Although the annual Hub Club banquet is usually held the last Monday in January, this year's banquet will be earlier—**Monday, January 16**. Watch for complete details in the January newsletter—and be ready to sign up as soon as you get them.

Call for Nominees for Service to Ag Award

It's that time of year when the Hub Club asks its members to make nominations for the club's Service to Agriculture Award. The award recognizes a person (or couple) who has provided outstanding service to the agricultural community in general and/or the Hub Club in particular.

Think about people who you consider deserving, then email or mail your nomination to Secretary Ruth Klossner at cowlady@centurylink.net or 34085 515 Avenue, Lafayette, MN 56054 or call 507-240-0048.

Nominations are due Tuesday, December 6.

The award recipient will be selected by a committee of previous winners of the award. That group will meet by mid-December and the recipient will be notified soon after so that he/she can invite family and friends to the banquet.



NUHS Greenhouse Mtg.



Hub Club members and prospective donors attended an open house presentation at the new New Ulm High School Wednesday, November 16. Ag instructor and club member Jeff Nelson explained the process of funding and building the new greenhouse, as well as funds that are still needed. He then led a tour of the ag department and greenhouse.



Hub Club treasurer Shannon Hillesheim and second vice president Beth Fluegge made the check presentation to NUHS ag instructors and FFA members. From left: teachers Kelsey Brandt and Jeff Nelson, FFA president Kayla Brandes, FFA vice president Jacob Radloff, FFA sentinel Justin Hoffmann, Hillesheim, and Fluegge.

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Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2016; Upper Midwest Management

The November 1, 2016 meeting of the Hub Club was called to order by president Denny Sjogren a few minutes early, at 5:12 p.m., since vice president Brian Fischer had things to report and needed to leave early. Also in attendance were second vice president Beth Fluegge, treasurer Shannon Hillesheim, secretary Ruth Klossner, Doug Schottle, Kevin Yager, Don Sanderson, and Linda Neigebauer. (Some items of business were discussed out of order, but this report is in the order of the agenda.)

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Hillesheim and second by Fluegge. The minutes of the October meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Yager and second by Neigebauer. The treasurer's report, as presented by Hillesheim, showed a balance of \$30,547.72, with a number of recently received bills outstanding. The report was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. No report.

Public Relations. Discussed under other items of business.

Events—Farm-City Day. Yager reported that he has told KNUJ that the club will furnish grills & equipment, along with volunteers. He already had some volunteers lined up.

Social Media. Fischer reported that some things are still being tweaked.

OLD BUSINESS

NUHS Greenhouse Project. The open house date has been changed to Wednesday, November 16. Michele Schroeder has secured a \$250 donation from Thrivent to be used toward the cost of hors d'oeuvres.

Fall Social. Members were encouraged to sign up for the social. Fluegge and Klossner have an idea for table decorations.

Officer Slate, 2nd VP. Fluegge reported that she's talked to a number of potential candidates but does not have anyone in place yet. A volunteer would be appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

Hub Club Budget & Advertising. Fischer reported that he had contacted KNUJ about how advertising is booked and billed. He is also preparing an overall budget for the club, to be presented at the December meeting.

Hub Club Donation to Greenhouse. After some discussion

as to the amount, Klossner motioned and Yager seconded that the Hub Club donate \$2,500 to the New Ulm High School greenhouse, with consideration possible for additional donations in future years; motion carried.

Club Board Structure. A special meeting was set for noon on Wednesday, November 30, at Upper Midwest Management, to develop a board structure for the club.

Farm Rent Meeting. Sjogren suggested that perhaps the club should sponsor a farm rent meeting for landowners/renters in late November or early December. He offered five dates that Kent Thiesse would be available to present the meeting. Fluegge noted that AgQuest is holding a meeting, but was unsure of the particulars. A steering committee of Sjogren, Yager, Hillesheim and Jason Wohlers (Alliance Bank) will decide whether or how to proceed.

Hub Club Banquet Date. While the date had been set for Monday, January 23, there was some concern about officers being unable to attend. A tentative date of Monday, January 16 is being considered; membership chair Randy Schroeder will be asked to check out availability.

Community Safety Net. Schottle presented some material about the program that provides books to students. After discussion, the matter was dropped for lack of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. on a motion by Fluegge and second by Hillesheim.

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 6 at 5:15 p.m. at Upper Midwest Management.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

Hub Club to award scholarships

The Hub Club will award five or six scholarships—with a total value of about \$5,000—to current seniors at NUHS, NUC, or MVL, or the son or daughter of a Hub Club member (attending any school)—and planning to study ag, ag business, or natural resources at the post-secondary level. Students must have a 2.0 GPA.

Applications are available from school counselors or can be requested from Duane Laffrenzen at Citizens Bank (dlaffrenzen@citizensmn.com) or from hubclub@newulmtel.net. Applications deadline is March 15.

Upcoming Hub Club Events

- Farm Show Planning Meeting—Thurs., Dec. 1, 3:45 p.m., Chamber Office
- December Meeting—Tues., Dec. 6, 5:15 p.m., Upper Midwest Management
- January Meeting—Tues., Jan. 3, 5:15 p.m., Upper Midwest Management
- Annual Meeting & Banquet—**Mon., Jan. 16**, New Ulm Country Club



Fall social at St. George Parish Hall



Seventy-five club members enjoyed a great meal and time to visit at the fall social Monday, November 21. The Nicollet County Pork Producers grilled their delicious chops and the St. George ladies made the rest of the meal—baked potatoes, glazed carrots, and apple crisp. Thanks to them for the great meal!



After the meal, a slide show of photos from the past year's activities was shown.

Club members pitched in to help with the dishes and clean-up. Many hands made the work go quickly!

It was a fun evening and a way to say thanks to all our members who work hard for the club and community all year.



Fair Land Rental Workshops

As noted in an email sent to members recently, a series of Fair Land Rental Workshops are being offered by the U of M Extension Service. Trends in historic and projected farmland rental rates are used to help determine affordable and fair rents. No registration is necessary. For more information, email bauxx003@umn.edu or call 507-360-0664.

Workshops yet to be held are:

- Wed., Nov. 30, 9:30 a.m., Brown County Extension Office,

300 2nd Ave. SE, Sleepy Eye.

- Mon., Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m., Le Sueur County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building, Hwy 99, Le Center.
- Mon., Dec. 5, 1:30 p.m., Blue Earth County Historic Courthouse, 3rd floor conference room, 204 South 5th St., Mankato
- Wed., Dec. 14, 9:30 a.m., Health & Human Services Bldg., basement River Room, 622 S. Front St. St. Peter

A message from our president, Dennis Sjogren

What a great turnout for the Hub Club Fall Social at the St. George school November 21. Pork Producers' boneless pork loins, huge baked potatoes, buttered carrots, buns and coffee were served by a team led by Alma Forst. The social started with appetizers. Ken Reckard—a proud former Hub Club member and past president—has rejoined our group and served as wine master and beer dispenser. Welcome back, Ken. The great meal was topped off with homemade apple crisp.... it was great! Ruth Klossner presented a most interesting slide show of our past year. If you weren't able to attend, try to be there next year.

The joint New Ulm District 88 FFA/Hub Club Greenhouse fundraiser continues. Ag instructor Jeff Nelson and Beth Fluegge are at the forefront of this continued effort. Jeff made a most informational presentation at the new high school, then provided tours of the greenhouse, ag classroom, and shop on November 16. A number of Hub

Club members attended this most informational session. More funding is needed to complete the project and to add more greenhouse-related learning options for students.

Our Pancake Team joined with KNUJ Radio for the Farm-City Day celebration November 10 at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Pancake Master Kevin Yager and his team did their usual great job of serving a great breakfast.

Hopefully you will be able to attend our annual meeting and banquet...please note that the date for this most enjoyable evening of fellowship has been changed to Monday, January 16.

Many thanks to all who have made 2016 a most memorable year by the contributions you make to area agriculture. Try to think of people you know who may be interested in joining our group...just pass the names along to Randy Schroeder, our membership chairman.

Denny



The Hub Club "Pancake Crew" made and served the pancakes for about 600 people at KNUJ's annual Farm-City Day at the Youth Coliseum on the Brown County Fairgrounds Thursday, November 10.



Hub Club grilled pancakes for KNUJ Farm-City Day



Doing the honors for the Hub Club were Gene Slettedahl, Kevin Yager, Bob Ahlers, Ken Reckard, and Del Fischer, Jr., top left. Michele Schroeder entered the #4 plate of brownies in KNUJ's homemade bar contest—but took third place. Her son Aiden also made and entered a plate of brownies.



Open house at the Cow-Collector's Mooseum in Bernadotte, Sunday, December 4, 2-4 p.m.—Everyone welcome