



## Hub Club Annual Meeting & Banquet

Even though the roads were VERY icy, more than 140 Hub Club members and guests made it to the New Ulm Country Club for this year's banquet, annual meeting, and Service to Ag award presentation Monday, January 16.

Club member Joe Maidl was roasted and toasted—and visited by Santa Claus!!!



Roast speakers were Andrew Maidl and Ruth Klossner, above; Jim Bartels, right; and Matt Mages and Paul Guggisberg, below.



Program emcee Pete Neigebauer presented the Service to Agriculture plaque to Joe Maidl, above. Joe gathered his family for a photo after the banquet. Seated with him in the front row are, from left: Betty Maidl, Aimee Altmann, Deb Maidl, and Dianne Kuester. On floor: Alex and Sam Berkner. Standing: Kayla and Allan Campbell, Jazmyne Miller, Andrew Maidl, Jessica Maidl, Travis and Ellie Anderson, Tom Ubl, Dennis Kuester, and Kim Volk.



After thanking the group and expressing his honor at being in the group of Service to Ag recipients, Joe called up Jim Bartels, son Andrew, and friend Dave Trebelhorn to give a "Lafayette Ein Prosit" toast.



Look for more banquet photos throughout this newsletter

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## Board Meeting Minutes January 3, 2017; UMMC

The January 3, 2017 meeting of the Hub Club was called to order by president Denny Sjogren at 5:13 p.m. Also in attendance were vice presidents Brian Fischer and Beth Fluegge, treasurer Shannon Hillesheim, secretary Ruth Klossner, Doug Schottle, Randy Schroeder, Don Sanderson, Ken Reckard, John Luepke, Joe Maidl, and Ann Vogel.

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Fischer and second by Schroeder. The minutes of the December meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Sanderson and second by Fischer. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$22,985.27. Klossner moved and Luepke seconded approval; motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Schroeder reported 142 memberships.

Public Relations. Sanderson reported that the Farm Show billboards should go up January 16, in three locations around town.

Events. No events.

Social Media. Fischer reported that the web page is "looking good" and is functioning well. He expressed appreciation to high school student Alec Harder for his hard work in cleaning it up. On another matter, Fischer reported that he has cleared up some concerns with advertising.

### OLD BUSINESS

Club Board Structure. Fischer presented the organizational chart that was developed to clarify the board's structure. Fischer moved and Luepke seconded changing the titles of the membership, events, and public relations "chairs" to "directors," and that those positions have voting authority in the board structure; motion carried. Fischer moved and Fluegge seconded that three "at-large directors" with alternating terms be added to the board, with voting authority; motion carried. These changes will be presented for approval at the annual meeting. If approved by the membership, the board will consist of 11 members with voting authority—president, two vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, membership director, events director, public relations director, and three at-large directors. Input from all club members would be welcome at board meetings, but only the 11 board members

would have voting authority.

Hub Club Banquet/Annual Meeting. Schroeder reported that reservations continue to come in. Room set-up will be at 5:00 p.m. Fluegge and Klossner will supply table decorations.

Farm Show. The next committee meeting is Thursday, January 12 at 3:45 p.m. at the Chamber office. A hospitality room coordinator has been identified.

### NEW BUSINESS

FFA Week Breakfast/Banquet. The pancake breakfast will be Wednesday February 22. The likely date for the banquet is Monday, February 20 (postponed to May 8). The matter of a Hub Club donation to FFA was tabled to the next meeting. Sjogren reported that he received word that day that the NUHS Ag Department received a \$15,000 grant for the greenhouse project from the Minnesota Ag Educators Leadership Council.

4-H Donations. Tabled to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. on a motion by Luepke and second by Schroeder.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 7 at 5:15 p.m. at Upper Midwest Management.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

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## Walk like a penguin!



With the parking lot, sidewalks, and streets very icy the evening of the annual meeting and banquet, Hub Club member Dr. Ann Vogel suggested that people "walk like a penguin" when they left. Much to the delight of the audience, she even demonstrated, suggesting using a wide base and waddling!

## ***A message from new president, Brian Fischer***

It was great to see the big crowd at our annual meeting. Our membership has grown—and for good reasons. We are part of a club that connects with people from many walks of life. If you were to scan the membership crowd, you would even start to notice younger generations getting involved. This is all good for our ag-business community.

I want to welcome the new officer and director slate for 2017, and thank the 2016 leaders for serving. A special thanks to Denny, Randy, and Ruth for the meeting organization—nice job. Thanks also Dr. Ann for arranging the fruit and demonstrating the penguin waddle, to brother Butch (Delbert) for gathering all the door prizes,

to the New Ulm Country Club for the wonderful meal and to Pete for emceeding the roast.

Finally one more congrats and thank you to Joe, our Service to Agriculture recipient, and the many ways he has impacted our community.

I am excited to serve as your club leader for the upcoming year. 2017 will be no different than years past. We will be involved in a lot of events and ask that, as members, you take the opportunity to help out when possible. Involvement can be very gratifying and is much appreciative.

Contact information for all the board members is found in this newsletter and on our web site.

## **Farm Show Planning Well Underway**

### **• Hub Club will run food stand • Volunteers needed March 9-11**

The March 10-11 Farm Show at the New Ulm Civic Center is our club's major fundraiser.

Don Sanderson is chairing this year's show. Please share any ideas or concerns with him. The club will again run the food stand with Del Fischer, Jr. and Mary Struss in charge.

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Don writes, "Thanks to all members who in some form or fashion work at preparing for the farm show or volunteer during the show. The committee has been tirelessly working to prepare for a successful show but that is only half of the equation. If you have volunteered in the past, thank you and we look forward to seeing you again this year. If you have not had the opportunity to help in the past, we look forward to seeing you this year.

"Most importantly, we ask that you pray for good weather and a special blessing for the show's success."

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**Volunteers are needed** Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 9, 10 & 12 at these times—

- Show set-up Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m.
- Food stand Friday and Saturday
- Farm Show office Friday and Saturday
- Hub Club safety booth Friday and Saturday
- Show cleanup Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
- And, bars are needed for the club's food stand.

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Some of you signed up to help at the annual meeting. For those who didn't, Michele Schroeder has agreed to handle sign-up and/or make "reminder" calls to get enough volunteers.

Please help make Michele's job easier—

To offer to help, call Michele on her cell at 276-4810. Shifts are usually two to three hours. Michele can provide more details. Volunteers should wear their Hub Club shirts. Instructions will be posted at the respective booth.

It's not necessary to sign up to help with set-up or clean-up...just come! The more hands helping, the less time it takes. (Pizza and pop will be furnished and the March meeting held when Thursday evening's set-up is done.)

As for the bars for the food stand...they should be a "crumble" bar that can be cut and packaged in plastic wrap without sticking. Please, no soft bars and no frosting that would make it difficult to package.

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As of Wednesday, January 25, 70 booths—of the 115 available—were spoken for. We need more exhibitors. If you work with an agri-business that has not been at the Farm Show, please contact the owner/manager to encourage him/her to take part this year.

If everybody works together, we can make the 2017 Farm Show another big success!!



**The Farm Show billboards are up—on the north edge of Klossner, on the south edge of New Ulm, and out toward Essig.**

## Hub Club scholarship applications due March 15

The Hub Club will award five or six scholarships—with a total cap of \$5,100— to students who are currently 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 Duane Laffrenzen at Citizens Bank (DLaffrenzen@citizensmn.com) or from secretary Ruth Klossner (hubclub@newulmtel.net). Applications are due March 15.



2016 Hub Club President Denny Sjogren conducted the annual meeting, finishing his year at the helm.

## Hub Club Officers

Brian Fischer took over as president at the conclusion of the meeting.



The 2017 Hub Club officers and board. From left: Ruth Klossner, secretary; Beth Fluegge, first vice president; Brian Fischer, president; Ken Reckard, second vice president; and Shannon Hillesheim, treasurer. Standing: directors-at-large Marie Guggisberg, Denny Sjogren, and Doug Schottle; Randy Schroeder, membership director; Don Sanderson, public relations director; and Kevin Yager, events director.

***Thank you, Denny, for leading the Hub Club this past year!***

## Volunteers needed—FFA Pancake Breakfast

Kevin Yager needs about a half dozen volunteers to help at the Wednesday, February 22 pancake breakfast at the NEW New Ulm High School. Serving will start early (6:00 or 6:30?), so volunteers will have to “rise & shine.”

If you can help, please call Kevin at Citizens Bank, 228-8283.

## Scholarship Thank You

Dear Hub Club Members,

I would again like to thank you for this wonderful scholarship opportunity. This monetary award will be very helpful as I continue my education at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point in my declared major of Resource Management Law Enforcement with a minor in Criminal Justice. Thank you again!

Maria Vogel

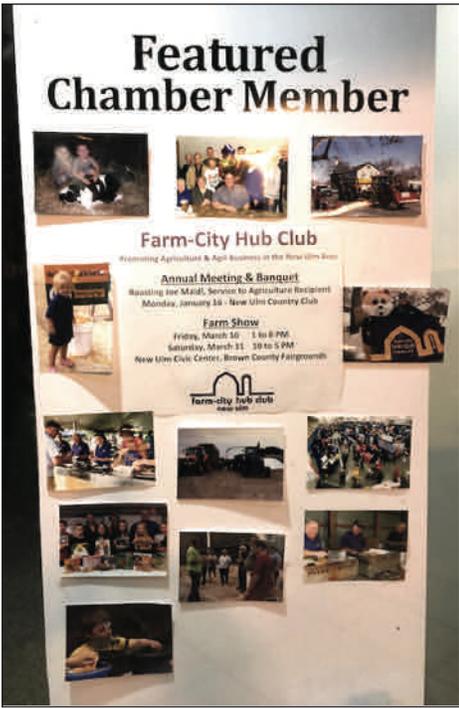
## Upcoming Hub Club Events

- Farm Show Meetings—Mon., Jan. 30 & Wed. Feb. 22, 3:45 pm; Chamber
- February Meeting—Tues., Feb. 7, 5:15 p.m., Upper Midwest Management
- FFA Pancake Breakfast, Wed., Feb. 22
- Farm Show Set-up and March Meeting—Thurs., Mar. 9, Civic Center on Fairgrounds. Set-up first, followed by pizza & meeting,
- Farm Show 2017—Fri.-Sat., Mar. 10-11, Civic Center, Fairgrounds.

## Internships Opportunities Available to Area Youth

A number of area co-ops and businesses are looking for summer interns. If you know of a college student looking for an opportunity to intern this coming summer, please share this information with them.

<u>Co-op</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Positions</u>
SCG&E	Becky Jeppesen	320-833-3003	scgemn.com	agronomy, feed, ag business
UFC	Jenny Krohn	507-647-6600	ufcmn.com	various departments
Wakefield Pork	Sarah Marketon	507-237-5581	wakefieldpork.com/careers	swine production
Christensen Farms	Kelsey Seidl	507-794-8568	christensenfarms.com/	swine production



The Hub Club was featured in the Chamber window during January.

## Realigning Hub Club's Board Structure

Much committee work has been done over the last few months to review and update the Farm-City Hub Club's organizational chart. Through this committee review, good things have come about and the realization that a few things needed to be realigned. At the 2017 annual meeting, a presentation on the reorganization was discussed. It was moved forward to accept board recommendations for revising our present organizational chart. Motions approved included changing the membership, public relations, and events officer titles to directors and to give them the authority to vote at board meetings. Also approved was adding three director-at-large positions to the leadership team with the authority to vote. This organizational chart will soon be posted on the website and in a future newsletter. With this action, we now have five officers, three directors, and three directors-at-large having the authority to vote on behalf of the membership at board meetings. Board meetings are still open to the membership and we encourage participation. The board will update the articles of incorporation to reflect the membership action.

### Dues due now

If you missed the banquet and have not yet paid your 2017 Hub Club dues, they are \$25 for the year, payable to New Ulm Farm-City Hub Club.

Dues can be mailed to:  
**Randy Schroeder**  
**33763 327th Ave.**  
**Morgan, MN 56266**

Or they may be dropped off at the downtown location of Frandsen Bank & Trust, New Ulm, to Randy's attention.

## New Farm-City Hub Club Members Welcomed at the Banquet and Since

Randy "Butch" Altmann	Ken & Patricia Reckard
Mark & Brenda Bergmann	Gerald and Doreen Schmitt
Shari & Cody Fischer	Mike & Audra Shaneman
Alec Harder	Mike Webster
Lloyd Hoffmann	Rose Wendinger
Bret Johnson	

## More pics from the 2017 Annual Meeting/Banquet



Duane Laffrenzen introduced the 2016 scholarship winners. Jeff Nelson spoke about the greenhouse at the new school, then asked the FFA officers to introduce themselves and speak. Randy Schroeder and others awarded door prizes at program's end.



# 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

## Farm-City Hub Club, Monday, January 16, New Ulm Country Club

In spite of icy roads and parking lots, a total of 142 members and guests enjoyed the annual banquet of the New Ulm Hub Club Monday evening, January 16, 2017. During the social hour and dinner, members could watch the 2016 year-in-review slide show.

First vice president Brian Fischer gave the invocation before the two-meat buffet meal. Santa made a visit during the meal, especially to “turn the tables” on honoree Joe Maidl.

The annual meeting of the Hub Club was called to order by President Dennis Sjogren at 7:56 p.m. Printed copies of the 2016 annual meeting minutes were available on the tables for members to review. A motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer Shannon Hillesheim presented the treasurer’s report, which showed a year-end balance of \$25,641.60, compared to \$20,438.79 a year ago. Hillesheim briefly reviewed the finances and noted that income from both the Farm Show and Bavarian Blast were up. A motion was made, seconded, and the report was approved on a voice vote.

The slate of officers for 2016 was printed in the banquet program; one director position was open. Marie Guggisberg was nominated. No other nominations were made for any office. Nominations ceased on a motion and second that was carried. Officers elected were: President—Brian Fischer; 1st Vice President—Beth Fluegge; 2nd Vice President—Ken Reckard; Secretary—Ruth Klossner; Treasurer—Shannon Hillesheim; Membership Director—Randy Schroeder; Events Director—Kevin Yager; Public Relations Director—Don Sanderson; and Directors—Dennis Sjogren (one year) and Doug Schottle and Marie Guggisberg (two years).

Fischer reported that the board has worked on a new organizational chart. On a motion by John Luepke and second by Michele Schroeder, the organizational chart was accepted; motion carried. The new structure clarifies that, while all members are welcome to attend board meetings, only officers and directors can vote. With the approval, the board can move forward on updating the articles of incorporation.

Duane Laffrenzen reported that the scholarship committee had selected five recipients for 2016—Elias Berdan, John Schwartz, and Nicholas Stadick of New Ulm Cathedral; and Maria Vogel and Lee Webster of New Ulm Public. Vogel and Webster were present to thank the club for the scholarships and report on their schooling. Laffrenzen noted that the club has awarded \$57,100 in scholarships, to 96 students, since 1994.

FFA Advisor Jeff Nelson introduced chapter officers who then told of chapter activities. Nelson thanked the club for its support of high school ag programs and especially its part in securing financing for the greenhouse at the new high school. To date, approximately \$120,000 has been raised, with an additional \$60,000 being sought for solar, wind, and aquaponics.

There was no additional business to be conducted.

Joe Maidl received the Service to Agriculture award. He was introduced by program emcee Pete Neigebauer who reviewed some of the many things Joe has done for the club and commu-

nity. Maidl is the 38th recipient of the award. Speaking during the program were son Andrew Maidl, Ruth Klossner, Matt Mages, Paul Guggisberg, and Jim Bartels.

Neigebauer presented the Service to Agriculture plaque on behalf of the club. In his response, Joe noted that he was very honored to accept the award and to be added to the list of recipients. He thanked nominator Michele Schroeder, the Service to Ag Committee, his wife and children Andrew and Jessica, his parents, and all the FFA advisors at NUHS over the years. He invited Andrew, Jim Bartels, and Dave Trebelhorn in giving a “Lafayette toast” to the audience.

Winners of a free year of club membership in the early-bird drawing were Ed and Connie Brown.

With Randy Schroeder doing the drawing, volunteers distributed the numerous door prizes that had been collected by Del Fischer.

President Sjogren introduced the new officers and asked them to come forward. He turned the meeting over to new president Brian Fischer. With the Country Club parking lot being very icy, Fischer called on Dr. Ann Vogel who suggested that people “walk like a penguin” when they went out on the ice—and demonstrated how to walk with a broad base and to waddle!

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

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## Photos to be added to Web Page

The Hub Club Website is ready for pictures. Things change daily and it’s a task to stay on top of any social media, especially our website and Facebook page. The board decided months ago that we needed to maintain current social media aspects. Revamping our web page has been a process. If you go to the page today, you will not see any spam, but more importantly you will see a tool for recruiting.

The social media committee continues to tweak and add things as we go. Layout and pages have been created and completed. The next stage is to add photos. We are striving for the goal of making this page user friendly and to have it a tool for the club.

I must admit that, at times, it put me out of my comfort zone, but we need to move forward with technology for it is the connection to our youth and will help the future of our club. If you’re on Facebook, like us and share the page. You can get there by using the link tab on the web page (<http://farmcityhubclub.net/>).

Brian Fischer for the Social Media Committee

## March Newsletter will be out early

Because I won’t be able to work on the newsletter the last week of February, the next FOG newsletter will come out early (about February 22). All input for that newsletter should be submitted by Friday, February 17. Thanks for your help!