

Hub Club Annual Meeting and Banquet Monday, January 22

Hub Club members are encouraged to join their friends as the club reviews the past year, salutes Service to Ag recipient Michele Schroeder, and looks ahead at the annual meeting and banquet, Monday, January 22 at the **Courtland Community Center**. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m., the meal at 7:00 p.m., and the annual meeting and roast to follow. Cost of the meal is \$20.00 per person.

Annual dues of \$25.00 are also typically collected at or before the annual meeting. Members are encouraged to mail their payment for the meal(s), as well as dues, prior to the meeting. This will help reduce the bottleneck at the registration table.

Your banquet invitation is on the back page of this newsletter. Please respond by Friday, January 12.

2018 Proposed Officer Slate

During the Hub Club's annual business meeting January 22, the 2018 slate of officers will be presented for election. Proposed officers are Beth Fluegge of rural New Ulm, president; Ken Reckard of New Ulm, first vice president; Christina Schwab of rural Gibbon, second vice president; Ruth Klossner of Lafayette, secretary; Shannon Hillesheim of New Ulm, treasurer; and Brian Fischer of Courtland, director for a one-year term.

Nominations for all positions will also be accepted at the annual meeting.

Continuing directors are Randy Schroeder of Morgan, membership director; Kevin Yager, events director; Don Sanderson, public relations director; and Marie Guggisberg and Doug Schottle, directors-at-large.

Denny Sjogren is completing his service to the board as a director the past year and president before that. Thank you, Denny!

Upcoming Events

- January Board Meeting—Tuesday, January 2, 5:15 pm., UMMC
- Farm Show Committee Meeting—Tuesday, January 9, noon, Bank Midwest, Center & Broadway
- Banquet, Annual Meeting & Service to Ag Presentation—Monday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. dinner, Courtland Community Center
- February Board Meeting—Tuesday, Feb. 6, 5:15 p.m., UMMC

New Hub Club Apparel available

Check page 4 of this newsletter for all the details

Farm Show Committee



The 2018 Farm Show committee has been meeting monthly to make plans for another great farm show. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 9, at noon at Bank Midwest.

Contact information for 2017 Hub Club Officers & Directors

President	Brian Fischer—Phone: 507-354-2674; Email: brianf@designhomecenter.com
1st Vice President	Beth Fluegge—Phone: 507-359-2260 or 507-993-5195; Email: kdfluegge@nutelecom.net
2nd Vice President	Ken Reckard—Phone: 507-301-1570; Email: kreckard@comcast.net
Secretary	Ruth Klossner—Phone: 507-240-0048; Email: cowladyruth@gmail.com or hubclub@newulmtel.net
Treasurer	Shannon Hillesheim— Phone: 276-0716; Email: shillesheim@bankmidwest.com
Membership Director	Randy Schroeder—Phone: 507-246-1000; Email: rschroeder@frandsenbank.com
Events Director	Kevin Yager—Phone: 507-228-8283 (W); Email: kyager@citizensmn.com
Pub. Rel. Director	Don Sanderson—Phone: 354-8524; Email: don@sandersonsf.com
Director-at-Large	Dennis Sjogren—Phone: 507-228-8519; Email: sjogren8519@gmail.com
Director-at-Large	Doug Schottle—Phone: 507-217-6186; Email: dschottle@ummc.co
Director-at-Large	Marie Guggisberg—Phone: 507-276-8615; Email: mariieg@nutelecom.net

A message from our president, Brian Fischer

With the year 2017 coming to a close, I want to say thank you to our Hub Club members for your encouragement and support during this past year. I truly enjoyed leading our club through the 2017 year and appreciated the opportunities that flowed from it.

Unless you have taken the opportunity, or presently are involved, you may not realize how important everyone is, and how the helpful flow of volunteers and organizers shine when we do our events.

Our club's involvement has an impact in our community. We participated in or instigated at least four breakfasts, where attendance is increasing every meal. We organized Family Night on the Farm and—if you attended that event—you realize that we made a big difference, not only with small children but with the

many adults who were present as well.

The Farm Show is an event that brings vendors and consumers together as we promote agriculture and related businesses. Other 2017 events included the Ag Day parade, Southern MN Youth Dairy Show, and Cash Wise brat stand. We donated dollars to Nicollet 4-H, Brown County 4-H and Brown County Fair; presented a total of six scholarships, and helped with transportation of school kids for local field trips. These are just a few purposes that the club dollars raised are used for.

Thank you, Farm City Hub Club. This organization has—and continues to be—a bright spot in our local area promoting of agribusiness.

Brian

Please RSVP...

The Hub Club's annual meeting, banquet, and Service to Ag roast is set for Monday, January 22 at the Courtland Community Center

Next Farm Show planning meeting is Tuesday, January 9

The third meeting to plan the 2018 Farm Show will be Tuesday, January 9 at noon at the new Bank Midwest. If you'd like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact chair Don Sanderson at 354-8524 or don@sandersonsf.com.

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.

Secretary has new email address

Hub Club secretary Ruth Klossner is changing her email provider. As a result, she has a new email address—cowladyruth@gmail.com. Or, email can be sent to hubclub@newulmtel.net.

Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2017; Bank Midwest

The December 5, 2017 meeting of the Hub Club was called to order by president Brian Fischer at 5:16 p.m. Also in attendance were vice presidents Beth Fluegge and Ken Reckard, treasurer Shannon Hillesheim, secretary Ruth Klossner, and directors Doug Schottle, Randy Schroeder, and Marie Guggisberg.

The meeting agenda was approved by consensus. The minutes of the November meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Hillesheim and second by Guggisberg; motion carried. The treasurer's report was presented by Hillesheim and showed a checking balance of \$33,511.84. Klossner moved and Schroeder seconded approval; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Schroeder reported that membership is 151.

Public Relations. No report.

Events. No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Hub Club Apparel. Samples of three items were displayed and photographed. Order forms will be in the January newsletter and at the annual meeting; order deadline is February 2 for pick up at the Farm Show.

Fall Social Appreciation Event. Approximately 70 people enjoyed the evening at St. George. Considering the cost of the event, the possibility of holding it only in the club's major anniversary years (45 years in 2019, for example) was mentioned. The idea will be discussed further.

NEW BUSINESS

Farm Show. The next Farm Show committee meeting is Tuesday, December 12.

Recruitment of New Board Members. A new second vice president and a director to fill Denny Sjogren's one year term are needed. Fischer is working on it.

Club By-laws. The suggested changes were approved at the membership meeting at the Fall Social.

Annual Meeting Venue. Plans for the January 22 banquet, meeting, and Service to Ag presentation are in place as noted in last month's minutes. Michele Schroeder was named Service to Ag honoree.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. on a motion by Hillesheim and second by Schroeder. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 2 at 5:15 p.m., at Upper Midwest Management.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

*Please sign up for the banquet and/or
pay dues by Friday, January 12*



Hub Club Apparel Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Jacket

\$55 each

Available in Ladies' or Men's, sizes small thru 3X



Two-Tone Pullover Hoodie

\$50 each

Smooth fabric,



Zippered Hoodie

\$29 each

“Sweatshirt material,” Unisex, sizes small thru 3x



All styles with Hub Club logo; available only in black

Please indicate Size and Quantity you wish to order:

Quantity

Size

Cost

TOTAL COST \$ _____

Place orders at the annual meeting or send order form and payment (payable to Hub Club) to Beth Fluegge at 54480 Co. Rd. 15, New Ulm, MN 56073 by February 2, 2018. Clothing will be distributed at Farm Show



Dear Farm-City Hub Club Members,

Please join us for the Hub Club’s Annual Meeting and Banquet at a new location—**the Courtland Community Center**—Monday, January 22. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m., with a three-meat buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$20.00 per person. Non-members and friends are also invited to attend and require reservations.

Our new Service to Agriculture recipient, Michele Schroeder, will be honored after the dinner.

Door prizes will be awarded. If you have a door prize to donate, please contact Delbert Fischer, Jr., (507-359-9493) prior to the meeting.

Hub Club annual dues of \$25.00 per membership (couple, single, or business) are also due at this time. We ask that you RSVP in writing by Friday, January 12, and include your payment for meals and dues. This will speed things up at the registration table the evening of the banquet. We will have an “express line” for members who have already paid for their meals and dues. Please remember, if you tell us that you will attend, we include you in the count, and the Hub Club is charged for your meal, whether you come or not.

There’s a special bonus for those who pay dues early! We’ll have a drawing at the annual meeting for all who pay dues by January 11. The winner will get a refund of their membership dues for the year.

You can mail your RSVP and check (payable to Farm City Hub Club) to:
Randy Schroeder, 33763 327th Ave., Morgan, MN 56266

Or you may drop it off to Randy’s attention at the downtown location of Frandsen Bank & Trust in New Ulm.

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Name _____ Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

— # of banquet tickets at \$20.00 = \$ _____

Dues (\$25.00 per membership) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

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