

Hub Club Annual Meeting and Banquet Monday, January 21

Hub Club members are encouraged to join their friends as the club reviews the past year, salutes Service to Ag recipients Randy and Carol Schroeder, and looks ahead at the annual meeting and banquet, Monday, January 21 **at the Community Center in New Ulm, 600 N. German**. 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 11.

2019 Proposed Officer Slate

During the Hub Club's annual business meeting January 21, the 2019 slate of officers will be presented for election. Proposed officers are Ken Reckard of New Ulm, president; Christina Schwab of rural Gibbon, first vice president; second vice president (still open); Ruth Klossner of Lafayette, secretary; Shannon Hillesheim of New Ulm, treasurer; Marie Guggisberg, director for a two-year term; and Beth Fluegge of New Ulm, 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 Doug Schottle, director-at-large. Brian Fischer is completing his service to the board as a director the past year and president before that. Thank you, Brian!

New Ulm FFA hosting bloodmobile

The New Ulm FFA chapter is sponsoring a blood drive Friday, December 28 at the high school. The drive is open to the public, and FFA members would love to see some Hub Club members there.

Appointments are available from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To sign up, visit the Red Cross website at redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and type in New Ulm's zip code (56073). Or, appointments can be made by emailing Kelsey Brandt at kbrandt@newulm.k12.mn.us.

Upcoming Events

- January Board Meeting—**Thursday, January 3**, 5:15 pm., UMMC
- Farm Show Committee Meeting—Tuesday, January 8, noon, Bank Midwest, Center & Broadway
- Banquet, Annual Meeting & Service to Ag Presentation—Monday, January 21, 6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. dinner, New Ulm Community Center
- February Board Meeting—Tuesday, Feb. 5, 5:15 p.m., UMMC

Hub Club member recognized

Hub Club member Beth Sletta, A STEM teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in New Ulm, has been awarded the Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom 2019 Outstanding Teacher Award. She was selected for her efforts in immersing her 650 elementary students in agriculture through their STEM lab and schoolyard garden.

The award is presented annually to a Minnesota teacher who exemplifies excellence in the classroom and a passion for teaching agriculture.

Sletta will receive a \$500 stipend and up to \$1,500 in expenses to attend the 2019 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Little Rock in June.

Applications available for Hub Club 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-sec-

ondary 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@newulm.tel.net. Application deadline is March 15.

A message from our president, Beth Fluegge

I am truly looking forward to our annual banquet on Monday, January 21. It promises to be a wonderful evening with lots of reminiscing and fun rolled into one.

If you are interested in being on the Hub Club board or on a committee, please ask any of the officers on how you can volunteer.

I want to thank the Farm City Hub Club as I enjoyed being your president this past year. I am truly grateful for the friendships and loyalty of our members.

Have a Very Happy & Blessed 2019!

Beth



Meeting Minutes — Tuesday, December 4, 2018; UMMC

The December 2018 Farm City Hub Club board meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. by president Beth Fluegge. Also in attendance were vice president Ken Reckard, acting treasurer Doug Schottle, secretary Ruth Klossner, and directors Don Sanderson, Randy Schroeder, Brian Fischer, and Marie Guggisberg.

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Sanderson and second by Fischer; motion carried. The minutes of the November meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Guggisberg and second by Schroeder; motion carried. Schottle presented the treasurer's report that showed a checking balance of \$39,410.41. Fischer moved and Reckard seconded approval; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Schroeder reported 142 memberships, with Kate and Brad Graham being the newest members.

Public Relations. Sanderson reported that the next Farm Show planning meeting will be January 8. He asked for input on billboards. Fischer moved and Guggisberg seconded that the club contract for three billboards for one month, starting February 10; motion carried.

Events. The Farm-City Day breakfast went well. Board members encourage members to wear their club shirts when working at an event.

OLD BUSINESS

Fundraising Ideas. Tabled.

Club's 45th Anniversary. Ideas were considered, including a banner at Design Home and a display at the Farm Show.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Directors. Fischer reported that he has a possibility for second vice president.

Annual Meeting Plans. Guggisberg motioned and Klossner seconded that the club look into hiring a bar for the event, with Schroeder to make appropriate decisions after more study; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

The next meeting is THURSDAY, January 3 at Upper Midwest Management.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

Contact information for 2018 Hub Club Officers & Directors

President	Beth Fluegge—Phone: 507-359-2260 or 507-993-5195; Email: kdfluegge@nutelecom.net
1st Vice President	Ken Reckard—Phone: 507-301-1570; Email: kreckard@comcast.net
2nd Vice President	Christina Schwab—Phone: 354-5922; Email: cschwab@live.com
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	Brian Fischer—Phone: 507-354-2674; Email: brianf@designhomecenter.com
Director-at-Large	Doug Schottle—Phone: 507-217-6186; Email: dschottle@ummc.co
Director-at-Large	Marie Guggisberg—Phone: 507-276-8615; Email: marieg@nutelecom.net



Dear Farm-City Hub Club Members,

Please join us for the Hub Club’s Annual Meeting and Banquet at a new location—**the Community Center in New Ulm (600 N. German)**—Monday, January 21. 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 recipients, Randy & Carol 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 11, 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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