



## Gathering of the St. Paul Campus grads

Hub Club members Vern and Myrt Gieseke and Pete and Linda Neigebauer were among the former U of M-St. Paul Campus students who gathered at Bernadotte Saturday, September 15. Other club members taking part were Denny and JoAnn Schmidt, Ken Reckard, Michele Schroeder, and Ruth Klossner. Participants came from New Ulm, Courtland, Winthrop, Gaylord, Rush River, Hutchinson, and Morris. Pictured are, from left around the table: Vern, Pete and Linda, Bruce and Rosemary White, and Myrt.

## Start of Farm Show planning delayed

Because of a scheduling conflict, the first planning meeting for the 2019 Hub Club Farm Show has been delayed to Tuesday, October 9 at 12:01 p.m. at the Bank Midwest Conference Room.

Club members who would like to help plan the show are welcome to attend the meeting. Everyone planning to attend is asked to contact Don Sanderson by e-mail ([don@sandersonsf.com](mailto:don@sandersonsf.com)) or phone (507-217-7226) so Don has a lunch count.

## Important Notice—First call for Service to Agriculture nominees

In order to give potential Service to Ag recipients time to plan for the event, the Service to Ag selection committee will meet in November.

The Service to Agriculture 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 Kloss-

ner at [cowladyruth@gmail.com](mailto:cowladyruth@gmail.com), 34085 515 Avenue, Lafayette, MN 56054, or 507-240-0048.

**Nominations are due Tuesday, November 6.**

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

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. Meeting—Tues., Oct. 2, 5:15 p.m., UMMC
- Farm Show Meeting—Tues., Oct. 9, 12:01 pm., Bank Midwest Conference Room
- Day of Caring Breakfast—Sat., Oct. 13
- Nov. Meeting—Tues., Nov. 6, 5:15 p.m., UMMC

## Volunteers needed for Day of Caring Breakfast

The Day of Caring Breakfast—that the Hub Club serves—will be Saturday, October 13 at Jefferson Elementary). Six volunteers are needed to make and serve the breakfast. Helpers will need to arrive at 6:15 a.m. and should be finished by 9:15 a.m. If you can help, call Kevin Yager at Citizens Bank, Lafayette, at 228-8283 or email him at [kyager@citizensmn.com](mailto:kyager@citizensmn.com).

## ***A message from our president, Beth Fluegge***

There was a nice turn out for the annual plowing event held at our farm September 2. Twelve tractors and 30 bottoms came to turn over 30 acres of wheat stubble. Thank you to all participants and on-lookers. It was an incredible day!

During October, the Hub Club is busy with the Day of Caring Breakfast—October 13—working with the United Way. Thank you Hub Club members for making this possible. Our club is also sponsoring transportation for area school kids to attend the field day at the Southwest Research and Outreach Center in Lamberton.

Harvest time is upon us. Please remind your family, friends, and neighbors to slow down and always think safety during these busy times. The machinery that may slow your commute also contributes to your local economy and table. Please give it space. Even though you see it, the driver may not see you. Allow plenty of room when passing or ap-

proaching an intersection. Be aware of the flashers and turn signals on large machinery—it can be a lifesaver.

There are detours on nearly every road heading north out of New Ulm, road closures near Courtland, and some construction heading west toward Sleepy Eye. You and I know it is difficult to maneuver around town, now think about having to take a combine cross country just to get to a field because your road is closed or tore apart for the next two years. It is an inconvenience for everyone, but in the end it will benefit everyone.

I will end with a thought to ponder for the next month while you are waiting—either in church, the grocery store, or the grain line: Patience is not simply the ability to wait, it's how we behave while we're waiting.

Have a safe and happy fall,

Beth

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## **Contact information for 2018 Hub Club Officers & Directors**

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## ***Meet Your Hub Club Board Member: Kevin Yager***

**Family:** Wife Cheri Yager. Son and daughter-in-law Jeffrey and Tina and two daughters in Columbia Heights. Son and daughter-in-law Paul and Amy and a daughter in Burnsville. Daughter and son-in-law Laura and Tommy and a daughter and a son in Thompson, North Dakota.

**Club Member & Officer:** Member approximately 30 years. Current board member. Club president 2004 and 2005.

**Employer/Job Title:** Citizens Bank Minnesota, Vice President Ag Lending, 26 years. Previously worked in ag lending in Moorhead. 43 years of ag lending experience. Licensed crop insurance agent.

**Hometown:** Waverly, Minnesota; raised on a 160-acre, 35 cow dairy farm with five siblings.

**Education/Degree:** University of Minnesota, Bach-



elor of Science in Ag Business & Economics; University of Colorado Graduate School of Banking.

**Most influential person:** My parents who instilled a strong faith and work ethic in me.

**Favorite time of year:** Fall harvest when you gather in the fruits of your labor.

**Favorite Hobbies:** Taking the grandchildren fishing and on four-wheeler rides. Hunting & other sports. And a hobby I call recreational farming.

**Other organizations involved in:** Green Seam, South Central College Advisory, Minnesota Soybean Growers, University of Minnesota Alumni Association, Independent Community Bankers Investment Review Committee, numerous church committees.

## Meeting Minutes — Tuesday, September 4, 2018; UMMC

The September Farm City Hub Club board meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. by vice president Christina Schwab. Also in attendance were treasurer Shannon Hillesheim, secretary Ruth Klossner, and directors Doug Schottle, Don Sanderson, Randy Schroeder, Brian Fischer, and Kevin Yager. President Beth Fluegge arrived later.

The meeting agenda was approved by consensus. The minutes of the July meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Sanderson and second by Schroeder; motion carried. Hillesheim presented the treasurer's report that showed a checking balance of \$48,880.40. Fischer moved and Schroeder seconded approval; motion carried. Hillesheim reported that the gross income from Bavarian Blast was up by \$6,000. Some bills are still outstanding, but the final figures should be good.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Randy Schroeder reported 141 memberships.

Public Relations. Sanderson reported that the first Farm Show planning meeting will be Sept. 25.

Events. Yager noted that the Day of Caring Breakfast will be at Jefferson Elementary on Saturday, October 13. A request for volunteers will be in the October newsletter.

### OLD BUSINESS

Bavarian Blast. Fluegge reported the Blast food stand

did very well. Most bills are in. The net proceeds will be split 60-40 with the Pork Producers (40 percent to NCPP). The board thanked Beth and her committee for all their hard work in making the event a success.

Ideas for Hub Club Fundraisers or Events. Ideas suggested include food stands at Crazy Days, Hermafest and/or Octoberfest.

### NEW BUSINESS

Lamberton Field Day Busing. St. Paul's and Jefferson plan to go; the club previously approved the cost of busing. We'll wait to get the bill.

Annual Meeting Location. Klossner motioned and Hillesheim seconded holding the annual meeting and banquet Monday, January 21, 2019 at the New Ulm Community Center, with Hahns of Winthrop catering; motion carried. Schroeder will book the hall and Klossner the caterer.

Kiwanis Coats for Kids. The board took no action in regards to a letter from the Kiwanis Club.

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. on a motion by Hillesheim and second by Fischer.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 2 at Upper Midwest.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

### *Banquet date set Monday, January 21*

The date, time, and place has been set for the Hub Club's annual banquet—Monday, January 21 at the Community Center on German Street in New Ulm. Hahn's Dining of Winthrop will cater, as they did last year.

Complete details—and a request for RSVPs—will be in the January newsletter. In the meantime, please note the date and mark it on your 2019 calendar!

The evening will include the annual meeting, recognition of the new Service to Ag winner, and time to visit with friends.

## Linus Beranek, longtime Hub Club member, passes



Longtime Hub Club member Linus Beranek, 80, of New Ulm, passed away September 5 at his home. Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, September 11 at St. George Catholic Church, with burial in St. George Catholic Cemetery. Linus is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, three children, seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and other relatives.

## Fluegges host antique tractor plowing

Kevin and Beth Fluegge welcomed a dozen tractors and more spectators when they held the annual Lafayette area tractor plowing event Sunday, September 2. Friends and family members who didn't have rigs enjoyed watching.

