

Volunteers Needed for Day of Caring Breakfast

The Day of Caring Breakfast—that the Hub Club serves—will be Saturday, October 15 at the 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 branch, at 228-8283 or email him at kyager@citi-zensmn.com.



Mark the Date on your Calendar— Fall Gala Monday, November 21

Plans are in the works for another great Fall Social for Hub Club members. The Gala will be held Monday, November 21 at the St. George Social Hall, beginning with social time at 5:00 p.m.

The menu will include pork chops, baked potatoes, glazed carrots, and apple dessert.

All Hub Club members are invited to a relaxing evening to reminisce about the past year and enjoy an evening with friends.

A message from our president, Dennis Sjogren

I opted out of writing this column last month, as the newsletter space was better used with Beth's most appropriate tribute to Jerome Forst and Brian's update on the Greenhouse Project.

You may have heard that longtime Hub Club members Pete and Linda Neigebauer most graciously donated \$20,000 to the Greenhouse Project through the District 88 Foundation. This most generous donation was reported in the *New Ulm Journal*, but much more fundraising still needs to be done in the coming weeks. Beth Fluegge and Jeff Nelson have a master list of targeted area donors and there may be others we missed when we put that list together. If you know of someone that should be contacted, please let Beth, Jeff, or me know.

Farm Show Chairman Don Sanderson convened the first planning meeting for next year's Farm Show on September 21. Last year's show was well attended and was a great fundraiser. At the meeting, responsibilities of committee members for the 2017 show were reviewed and discussed. Additional volunteers to help plan the show are welcome. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, October

25 at 3:45 p.m. at the New Ulm Chamber Office.

Michelle Schroeder and I are working to pull together a slate of seminars for the Farm Show. If you have ideas on new seminar topics, please let us know. We are also brainstorming for a theme for the 2017 show. Here, again, your ideas are welcome.

Weather, harvest, and low farm commodity prices have everyone concerned. Sweet corn, silage, sugar beets, and hay harvesting was tough. Let's hope that things dry out soon.

I missed last fall's Hub Club social but hope to make this most fun event this year, on November 21. Read about it in this newsletter.

Thanks to all of you for making this the wonderful organization it is. Ours is a great story of 40-plus years of volunteerism and leadership for the greater New Ulm community. Keep up the good work. Tell a friend... maybe they would enjoy being a member.

For our farmers and agribusiness workers, please keep safety in mind during these next months. I remember combining corn in December of 1968... it was not that fun!

Denny

Upcoming Hub Club Events

- Oct. Meeting—Tues., Oct. 4, 5:15 pm, UMMC
- Day of Caring Breakfast—Sat., Oct. 15, Jefferson Elementary Cafeteria, 6:30 am
- Farm Show Planning—Tues., Oct. 25, 3:45 pm, Chamber
- Nov. Meeting—Tues., Nov. 1, 5:15 pm, UMMC
- Fall Social—Mon., Nov. 21, 5:00 p.m, St. George



Hub Club members, Pete and Linda Neigebauer and their family, started the ball rolling toward the construction of the NUHS greenhouse with a \$20,000 donation. Pictured, from left: NUHS ag instructor Jeff Nelson, Amanuel Medhanie

holding Noah Medhanie, Kristen (Neigebauer) Medhanie, Pete and Linda Neigebauer, Kelsey Neigebauer, NUHS Principal Mark Bergmann, District 88 School Board Chairman Duane Winters, and Supt. Jeff Bertrang.

New Ulm Ag Dept. greenhouse grows to fruition with donor support

by Jeff Nelson, New Ulm
Ag Educator & FFA Advisor

The New Ulm High School Agriculture Department and New Ulm FFA are very thankful for the funding support toward the school's greenhouse from forward thinking donors. We would like to publicly thank all donors and encourage future fundraising support from local community interests.

The FFA Chapter is grateful for the dedicated community/program investment of \$27,000 from United Farmers Cooperative and its partnering corporations. Many Thanks to Jeff Nielsen, CEO; Jeff Franta, Board Chairman; the entire UFC Board of Directors, and Teresa Wendinger for providing UFC's outstanding support through developing donations of \$10,000 from the co-op and matching funds from three partnering Corporations—Land O' Lakes, \$7,000; Cenex Harvest States, \$5,000; and CoBank, \$5,000.

Farm-City Hub Club members Pete and Linda Neigebauer and their family have been long time supporters of agriculture education and provided a gracious donation of \$20,000 towards the purchase and installation of the new greenhouse. We appreciate their commitment to providing agricultural education opportunities for high school students and FFA members.

Pete and Linda shared their feelings. Pete commented, "Agriculture is a very important aspect of this community so it is just a way to help give students exposure to agricultural careers and opportunities." To that, Linda added, "At the time that the fundraising started, there were no pledges or anything that was offered as a donation. We just wanted to start the ball rolling with a sizable amount to encourage others."

Don Sanderson of State Farm

Insurance kindly pledged \$2,500. Tim Knaak gave a great donation of \$1,000 and Randy Rieke provided a helpful donation of \$750. Together, these donor contributions made the 1,400 square foot Greenhouse Project a reality.

This greenhouse will provide students and FFA members a platform to study agronomy, horticulture, and plant science curriculums. Future curriculum options will be pursued/added to the greenhouse facility to fulfill educational opportunities in wind power, through a wind turbine, and solar panels, along with hydroponics, biotechnology trials, genetics, and cultivar experiments. Exploration of current and future technologies — within the cutting-edge agriculture/industry areas mentioned— will allow our students to receive real world experience, providing them with the tools to succeed in the 21st century workforce.

Future greenhouse fundraising goals include hydroponic units, solar panels, and a wind turbine. Additional donations are welcome. Those interested in making personal, business, or corporate pledges/donations to the Greenhouse Project Fund, are asked to contact Jeff Nelson at the New Ulm High School, jrnelson@newulm.k12.mn.us or 507-383-4173.



NUHS officers and advisor Jeff Nelson gratefully accepted a donation from United Farmers Cooperative. From left: Nelson; FFA officers Kayla Brandes, Hannah Altmann, and Jacob Radloff; UFC board chairman Jeff Franta and UFC CEO Jeff Nielsen.

Contact information for 2016 Hub Club Officers

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Making Social Media Member Friendly

by Committee Chairperson Brian Fischer

Staying current is a challenge in many aspects of any business. The ever changing media world is no exception and waits for no one. If you're not on the bus, you're left behind. With this said, our Hub Club Committee met in September to assign focuses in reference to the Hub Club's web site.

Our committee's next three focuses will be to work on the home page appearances, brush up on procedural tasks, and—ultimately—get it to be an improved tool of information for club members as well as our community.

Home page appearance updates have already been made, with more to come. The Hub Club logo will be added to the top banner. Pull down menus will be rearranged and a possible new page

added for club membership announcements.

At the board level, we have approved an authority level for policy. This will give us consistency and direction with membership changes in the future. We are still working on posting responsibilities, with questions being “How many?” “Who?” and “What is our security backup?” These will all get finalized at our next meeting.

A goal for the Social Media Committee is to get to the stage where any club member can send information in and, through a chain of authority, this information can be posted if it's relevant to our mission statements which are “A need for better promotion of agriculture between city and rural business owners” and “Fostering the relationships between the rural and urban community.”

Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016; Upper Midwest Management

The September 6, 2016 meeting of the Hub Club was called to order by president Denny Sjogren at 5:14 p.m. Also in attendance were vice president Brian Fischer, vice president Beth Fluegge, secretary Ruth Klossner, membership chair Randy Schroeder, Don Sanderson, Doug Schottle, and returning member Ken Reckard.

The meeting agenda was approved on a motion by Schroeder and second by Fischer. The minutes of the July meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Fischer and second by Schroeder. The treasurer's report, as presented by Schottle, showed a balance of \$38,955.22. Klossner motioned and Sanderson seconded approval of the treasurer's report; motion carried. Schottle also presented a recap of the Bavarian Blast, showing \$23,814 in income and \$10,921 to date in expenses, with about \$1,750 due for sales tax; net income is expected to be about \$11,142, which will be split with the Nicollet County Pork Producers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Schroeder reported 138 members at that point; Rose Wendinger of Citizens Bank is the newest member.

Public Relations. Nothing new to report.

Social Media. Fischer reported that the web site has been cleaned up but needs redesigning.

OLD BUSINESS

NUHS Greenhouse Project. Discussion was held on when to release the names of donors. It was stressed that its important to

continue to make contacts for additional fundraising for continued needs, energy options. Fluegge was asked to check with ag instructor Jeff Nelson on how to proceed with contact.

Farm Show Committee Structure. Sanderson presented an outline of a proposed committee structure. Schroeder motioned and Fischer seconded approval of the outline; motion carried. Planned show dates are Friday and Saturday, March 3-4.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Social. Fluegge volunteered to pursue plans to hold the social Monday, November 21 at St. George. More details will follow in the October newsletter.

Day of Caring Breakfast. Date is Saturday, October 15 (it was incorrect in the September newsletter). More details will be in the October newsletter.

Lamberton Field Day buses. New Ulm Public and St. Paul's have expressed interest. Fluegge motioned and Schroeder seconded that the club sponsor buses for the schools wanting to attend.

Officer Slate, 2nd Vice President. The current officer was asked to seek a potential candidate; Fluegge noted that she had some ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on a motion by Fischer and second by Schroeder.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 4 at 5:15 p.m. at Upper Midwest Management.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary