

Upcoming Events

Oct. Meeting—Tues., Oct. 3, 5:15 p.m., New Ulm High School Ag Room. *Note change of location—enter by the Greenhouse doors on west side of school*
Farm Show Committee Meeting—Tues., Oct. 10, noon, NEW Bank Midwest building, Center & Broadway
Day of Caring Breakfast—Sat., Oct. 28, Jefferson Elem.
Nov. Meeting—Tues., Nov. 7, 5:15 p.m., UMMC
Fall Social—Mon., Nov. 21, St. George Parish Hall

Volunteers needed for Day of Caring Breakfast

The Day of Caring Breakfast—that the Hub Club serves—will be Saturday, October 28 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, at 228-8283 or email him at kyager@citizensmn.com.

Swan Lake breakfast to benefit Hub Club family hit by tornado

The annual men's breakfast at Swan Lake Lutheran Church on the Fort Road, east of Klossner, will be a fundraising benefit for the Kevin and Beth Fluegge family whose farm suffered significant damage in a July 9 tornado.

The breakfast is Saturday, October 7, from 6:00 to 9:30 a.m., with a free will offering. The menu includes scrambled eggs, ham, pancakes, and beverages.

Come on out to support the Fluegges!

Revised club by-laws ready for vote

Enclosed with this newsletter are the proposed revised Hub Club bylaws. The board has worked on these updates since January, doing bits and pieces at the regular meetings.

Our goal is to have all members review these documents. If you see anything that you question or have concerns about, feel free to email or call club president Brian Fischer (507-276-6322) and he will take your concerns to the board.

A short special club meeting will be held at the fall social to vote on the revisions. By doing this, the task can be completed so that it won't take time at the regular annual meeting in January (which is always a full evening).

Please review the bylaws, as well as the organizational structure chart that was approved last January.

Thank you in advance for your help and thank you to the board for its continued work on this task.

Mark the date on your calendar—Fall Social Monday, November 20

Plans are in the works for another great Fall Social for Hub Club members. The Gala will be Monday, November 20 at the St. George Social Hall, beginning with social time.

Complete details—and a request for RSVPs—will be in the November newsletter.

All Hub Club members are invited to a relaxing evening to reminisce about the past year and enjoy an evening with friends. It's a chance for the club to thank members for all their hard work all year long.

A message from our president, Brian Fischer

What a beautiful time of year as nature takes its course and starts showing off its colors. It's been good to see some warm and sunny weather. After a day's time of drying, you can see the crops maturing. Harvest will be starting, or has already in a few places.

I hope you all have a good and safe harvest. May the breakdowns be few and the trips to the elevator many! Stay safe.

On the agenda for our October board meeting will be

final numbers on Bavarian Blast, continued discussion of our annual meeting venue, finalizing details for our fall social November 20 at St George, planning for the Day of Caring breakfast Saturday, October 28, and starting to talk about the 2018 officer slate.

As noted above, the revised club bylaws are ready for voting and will be presented at a brief special meeting at the fall social. They're being sent with this newsletter and we ask you to review them before the social.

Contact information for 2017 Hub Club Officers & Directors

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Important Notice!

First call for Service to Ag nominees

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

The Service to Ag 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 Klossner at cowlady@centurylink.net or 34085 515 Avenue, Lafayette, MN 56054, or call 507-240-0048.

Nominations are due Tuesday, November 7.

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.

Looking for Hub Club minutes and newsletters from 2009 (and a few others)

Although the Hub Club had several totes full of printed materials and other memorabilia stowed away in the storage unit, its club minutes from the year 2009 are missing. Nearly all minutes from the club's start in 1974 through the present are accounted for—but there is nothing from 2009. Also missing are the January 2010 monthly and annual meeting minutes as those from the December 2011 meeting.

Likewise, copies of the club's newsletter, *The Hub*, from its start in March 1987 through the present were found—with the exception of the years 1995, 1996, and 2009.

If you have any of these minutes or newsletters, we'd appreciate getting them to complete the club's files. The totes have been organized so it will be easier to find things in the future.

Fluegges host antique tractor plowing

Kevin and Beth Fluegge (right) welcomed about a dozen tractor lovers and their rigs when they held the annual Lafayette area tractor plowing event Saturday, September 9. Some of the plows had trouble getting going, but repairs and adjustments were soon made. Friends and family members who didn't have rigs just enjoyed watching.



Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017; UMMC

The September 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 president Ken Reckard, secretary Ruth Klossner; directors Dennis Sjogren, Doug Schottle, Randy Schroeder, Don Sanderson, Kevin Yager, and Shannon Hillesheim; and member Michele Schroeder.

The meeting agenda, with several additions, was approved on a motion by Schottle and second by Sjogren. The minutes of the July meeting, as published and summarized, were approved on a motion by Sjogren and second by Sanderson. The treasurer's report was presented by Hillesheim and showed a checking balance of \$37,821.90. Sanderson moved and Schroeder seconded approval; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership. Schroeder reported that membership is 151.

Public Relations. See Billboards below.

Events. See New Business below.

OLD BUSINESS

Hub Club Apparel. Fischer will work with Beth Fluegge to determine options.

Bavarian Blast. Hillesheim reported that net income from the event is \$6,619.26, after sales tax, with half of that to go to the Pork Producers. Expenses were the same as last year. Income was down, which board members were surprised at.

Family Night on the Dairy Farm. Hillesheim reported that expenses totaled \$927.22. With \$475 in cash donations, the cost for the event was about \$450. Yager motioned and Sanderson seconded that the club give the Hoffman family \$100 in Chamber Bucks for graciously hosting the event; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed By-Law Revisions. With the revisions complete, Schroeder motioned and Hillesheim seconded that the proposed revisions be emailed (or mailed) to members with the October newsletter, with the revisions to be voted on at a short special club meeting at the fall social. Members having questions are encouraged to talk to a board member about them prior to that time. Motion carried.

Use of St. George Parish Center. The club prepares much of the food for Bavarian Blast at the St. George Parish Center kitchen.

Reckard motioned and Hillesheim seconded a donation of \$300 be made to St. George Parish for the use of the facilities; motion carried.

Billboards. After considering the cost of billboards (\$1,600 each time), Klossner motioned and Yager seconded that the club do billboard advertising only for the Farm Show through 2018; motion carried.

Annual Meeting Venue. Locations and costs for the annual meeting were considered with the St. Paul's Fellowship Hall and the Courtland Community Center being the favored locations. Prices of a two-meat buffet catered by Swany's and Hahn's were considered. Information on availabilities will be gathered and the board will make a final decision. Tentative date for the annual meeting/banquet is the fourth Monday of January, the 22nd.

Lamberton Field Day. Reckard motioned and Yager seconded that the club pay for bus transportation for New Ulm fourth graders attending the field day; motion carried.

Day of Caring. Yager reported that the event will be held Saturday, October 28. The Hub Club will again serve the breakfast. Yager will set up on Friday evening, with others handling the actual breakfast.

Fall Social. Tentative date was set for Monday, November 20; Fischer will check with St. George to see if the event can be held there as it's been for several years.

Farm Safety. Reckard reported that he plans to attend a Farm Safety program in Iowa on Tuesday, September 19 to gather ideas; other club members may accompany him.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Reckard and second by Schroeder at 6:33 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 3 at 5:15 p.m., with location to be determined (possibly the new high school).

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Klossner, Secretary

Farm Show planning meeting

The first meeting to plan the 2018 Farm Show will be Tues., Oct. 10 at noon at the new Bank Midwest. More people are needed to be on the committee—if you can help, please contact chair Don Sanderson at 354-8524 or don@sandersonsf.com.

Let's celebrate with the Schroeders!

Jason and Michele Schroeder invite all Hub Club members to join them for a joint 40th Birthday Party on Saturday, November 11, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Courtland Community Center. Please join them as they give 'Cheers to 40 Years!'

Please return Hub Club items

Over the years, the Hub Club has acquired a lot of equipment and supplies that are used for various events. Most of those things are kept in our storage unit on the north end of New Ulm. Sometimes, however, items are used at an event—and aren't returned immediately.

This summer, club members scrambled to find a tote of Hub Club towels, etc. If someone has the tote—intending to return it when they had time—please return it or get it to a board member.

And, please remember, if you use supplies and equipment for an event, please return right away so they're there for the next use. Thanks!