



# The Little White Paper

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## **THE SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM WILL TELL THE HISTORY OF THE EWALD BROS DAIRY, ONE OF GOLDEN VALLEY'S EARLY BUSINESSES FOUNDED BY CHRIS EWALD**

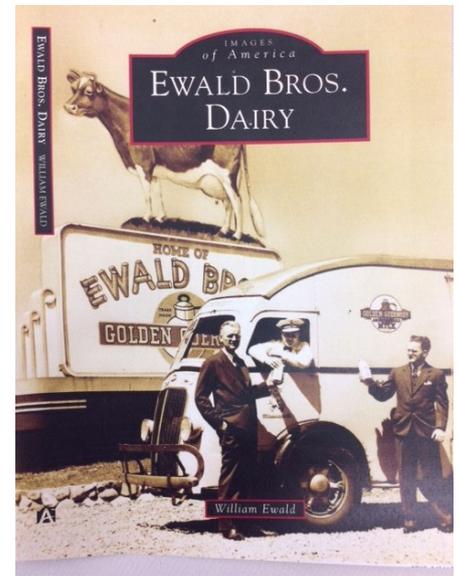
William Ewald, great grandson of Ewald Bros dairy founder, Chris Ewald, and family historian, has recently completed his book, "History of the Ewald Bros. Dairy", detailing the history of the family dairy business. The Ewald dairy existed in North Minneapolis for nearly 100 years, perhaps the most recognizable for their large 3-D busts of two giant Golden Guernsey cows jutting out from their billboards, created by Robbinsdale artist Bob Johnson.

Ewald's book was published by Arcadia publishing and became available August 7th. Ewald frequently is a guest speaker at local historical societies and is considered among the foremost authorities on the dairy business in the Midwest.



WILLIAM EWALD

The general membership meeting will be on Thursday, September 14th, at 7:00 p. m. held at the Society's historic church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden



EWALD BROS DAIRY

Valley, Mn 55427. Refreshments will be served following the program. The meeting is free and open to the public.

## **NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Society Vice President, Steve Schmidgall, and chairperson of the Nominating Committee, will place in nomination to the board for a three-year term, Don Anderson; and, Jenny Murphy

Brookins. As per Roberts Rules of Order, nominations may be made from the floor during the election process. It is required that any member in good standing who has his/her name placed

in nomination must have given prior permission to have his/her name nominated for the board of directors.

## HISTORY OF THE GOLDEN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

This is the second in a series of a script of a presentation to the Golden Valley High School Class of 1966 50-year reunion, July 30, 2016, by Bob Mattison, Golden Valley High School Class of 1966.

The community continued to develop, but it was not until the end of World War II that things really sped up. Young veterans home from the war were anxious to get on with their lives, build homes and start families. Golden Valley was the right path of a demographic tsunami. The population exploded, with people moving in and having babies – lot of them: us! The population of Golden Valley went from about 5,000 in 1948 to over 11,000 in 1958 and 23,000 in 1965. Predictions were made in 1948 that the population would top out at 30,000 (fortunately that never happened – it leveled off at 11,000.) Meadowbrook had to grow. A new state-of-the-art school was built in 1949, and was ready to greet our class as we started our educational journey in 1953. We were the first wave of the baby boomer's generation, and we presented huge challenges to the schools. Common school districts like Meadowbrook, which

could only keep children through 8th grade, faced an additional challenge: how to provide them with a high school education.

In 1948 the state stepped in, passing a School Registration law which required the counties to rationalize and consolidate school districts so that all students had a substantially equal educational opportunity. Hennepin County formed a School Survey Committee, which made recommendations for all the districts in the county. Among them was a recommendation that the Meadowbrook district join either Robbinsdale or St. Louis Park – preferably Robbinsdale, so the entire village would be in one district. This idea was fiercely opposed by many Meadowbrook district residents. There were also many who wanted Golden Valley to have its own school district contiguous with the borders of the village. (EDITOR'S NOTE: THE DREAM OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALL GOLDEN VALLEY DIED! This presentation, by Bob Mattison, to the Golden Valley High School Class of 1966, will be continued in the October issue of the newsletter of the Golden Valley Historical Society.

## THANKS TO THE RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Society has been very fortunate to have the expertise of some very qualified board members during the past fiscal year. They are Andy Snope, Crystal Boyd, Scott Goebel and

Linda Loomis. We thank them for their service. Crystal Boyd will continue to be the chairperson of the Museum Development Committee but not serve as a board member.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

The general membership meeting on Thursday, September 14th also will be the annual membership meeting of the Society with the election of members to the board of directors.

**October 12th**, general membership program will be Marshall Tanick, local lawyer-historian who will have a power point about how the Minnesota Vikings Football Team almost came to Golden Valley.

**November 9th**, GVHS Treasurer David Kuball will have a program about Immigration in the 1800's. He will cover immigration from Europe and answer the question why they left Europe and why they came to America. All the programs will be held at the Society's historic church at 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, Mn 55427. The programs are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the program.

