

Ewald Lammerding 1988 School 2020 Honorary Life Member

Ewald was raised on a dairy farm with one brother and three sisters, outside Grand Valley, ON. His first three years of schooling took place in a one room schoolhouse in Marsville, eventually High School in Orangeville, ON. He first ventured into western Canada when he was 17, and thereafter lived in Vancouver, Calgary and Banff, where he met and married Traci. They moved to Saskatoon in 1982.

In 1985 he opted to continue his education, choosing Agriculture. While attending the U of S, Ewald initiated the Wheat for Flour program in conjunction with the Saskatoon Food Bank which the SVAA continued for many years. He worked for Animal and Crop Sc. during school breaks, then upon graduation began work at the Goodale Research Farm, the WCVN's cow/calf operation at Floral, SK. His job consisted of farm operations, but primarily as the Herdsman of the research herd of Muskoxen housed at the Goodale facility. This was a unique work experience that his children, Matthew, Jaime and Maria grew up around and participated in [CFQC: Muskoxen on the Prairie]. His next move was to the Greenbrae Dairy research facility on campus, as Herdsman. To satisfy his wanderlust following his employment with the U of S, he took to the road driving long-haul into the US. He now contracts with area farmers for spring seeding and harvest.

In 1985, Ewald joined Big Brothers/Big Sisters serving as a Big Brother to four boys over thirty years. The last two boys currently attend university. While a teenager in Ontario, Ewald began his association with the Red Cross/Canadian Blood Services. Over the years he has donated 266 units of blood and plasma and has been fortunate to be a bone marrow donor. A medical condition later forestalled his ability to donate.

The Lammerding Farm in Germany dates back to 1540 and is operated by Ewald's first cousin. During a recent visit to Germany, Ewald's research discovered a branch of long lost cousins, he then orchestrated a Lammerding/ Gausepohl reunion between cousins old and new.

Ewald first served on the Saga Executive in 1995, brought on board by Grattan O'Grady. For many years he participated in and helped organize the Saga Bonspiel, until it's demise. He joined Bernie Sonntag publishing *The SAGA* in 2008, taking the reins in 2012. For the last few years he has also been the Banquet Chair.