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50th Reunion – Class of 1959

Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Registration Newsletter – May 2009

2009



Deadline for the Class Reunion Registration is July 4, 2009!!

(All materials and information to register are included in this newsletter.)

NO OTHER NEWSLETTERS WILL BE MAILED PRIOR TO THE REUNION!

50th Class Reunion Planned for September 11, 12, 13, 2009

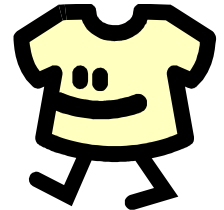
The 50th Class Reunion of the Eau Claire Memorial High School Class of 1959 will be held at the Ramada Inn/Convention Center in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the weekend of September 11, 12, & 13, 2009. Anyone who was ever a part of this class, at any level – from kindergarten through high school – is welcome to attend. The celebration will begin with a party at the Ramada Convention Center on Friday night. Many activities are planned for Saturday including a bus tour of Eau Claire, a golf scramble, a stroll to the new Phoenix Park and Farmers' Market, and a dinner and program at the Convention Center in the evening. The 50th Reunion will end with a brunch in the Clear Water Room at the Ramada on Sunday. During the Reunion Weekend, classmates and guests will be able to bring memorabilia for display at the Friday night party, pick up T-shirts they have ordered through this newsletter on Friday or Saturday evenings, win door prizes from all over the country at the Saturday dinner, show or enjoy looking at antique cars owned by classmates, and MOST OF ALL, catch up on friendships that are a half-century old! The articles in this newsletter will explain all of the above activities. All you have to do is read them, decide what you want to do, complete the Registration Form on pages 5 & 6, include your check for the amount indicated, and mail the form back no later than the Fourth of July!

FRIDAY PARTY WILL KICKOFF 50TH CLASS REUNION



The Friday Night Party will be held downstairs at the Ramada Convention Center from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m., on Friday, September 11, 2009. Snacks will be served during the evening and will include fruit & cheese kabobs, grilled vegetable kabobs, franks in a blanket, BBQ meatballs, a variety of pizzas, popcorn, chips & dip, crackers, etc. Cost per person for the evening is \$15.00. Cash bars will be set up to accommodate everyone. Please stop at the registration tables to pick up a name tag, to get a T-shirt if you ordered one, to drop off memorabilia for display, and to order a Reunion DVD, or to order a Reunion Booklet if you have not already done so. Dress for the event will be casual. Everyone should feel free to wear shorts, jeans, T-shirts, or whatever is comfortable.

T-SHIRTS FOR THE 50TH REUNION



T-SHIRTS FOR THE 50TH CLASS REUNION IN GRAY WITH A PURPLE DESIGN ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$5.00 PER SHIRT. THE T-SHIRTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE FRIDAY EVENING PARTY AND AT THE SATURDAY DINNER. IF ANYONE WANTS A SHIRT MAILED AFTER THE REUNION, IT IS \$1.00 FOR SHIPPING. SEE THE FORM ON PAGES 6 & 7 OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO ORDER A T-SHIRT.



Great Response on Door Prizes!

Thanks to many of our classmates all over the world for volunteering to bring door prizes to our 50th Reunion and to the enthusiastic work by members of the Reunion Committee, there will be lots of great door prizes given away at the Saturday Dinner Program. Anyone who still wants to volunteer to bring a door prize is welcome to do so. The more we have, the more fun it will be! See the form on pages 6 & 7.



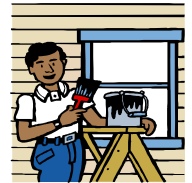
Golf Scramble on Saturday at Lake Hallie Golf Course – 9 a.m.

Members of the Class of 1959 and guests are invited to participate in a golf scramble at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at Lake Hallie Golf Course. The scramble is for men and women and is open to everyone regardless of ability. Golfers will pay for the golf outing at Hallie on Saturday morning. If you are planning to golf, please indicate that on the Registration/Order Form so that Bob Tarbox and Judy Johnson Kneer, organizers, can plan to accommodate everyone. Cost for this event will be nine holes with cart for \$18.00 or eighteen holes with cart for \$34.00. Snacks and beverages will be available.



50th Reunion Commemorative Booklet Committee Needs Your Input!

The 50th Reunion Commemorative Booklet Committee members want to put together a booklet with a short autobiographical write-up about every member of the Class of 1959. With the written information the group wants to include a high school photo from 50 years ago plus a current photo of each person. The only way this can be done successfully is with YOUR HELP. **When you return the completed Registration/Order Form, would you please include a one-page (or less) summary of your life since high school to this point and a current photograph.** The picture of you should be approximately two inches by three inches and on photo paper. Please try to make it a nice clear shot so that we can copy it into the booklet easily. If you have any questions about the summary or the picture, please feel free to call or email before sending it. The booklet can be ordered for \$20.00 on the Registration/Order Form included in this mailing, or you can wait and order it when you check-in at the Friday night party or the Saturday evening dinner at the Ramada Inn. You will receive the booklet by mail in late fall, 2009. The price includes printing costs plus shipping.



LOST & FOUND



Thanks to several people who helped, we have found some of our “missing” classmates since the January Newsletter was mailed. Bob Tarbox’s wife, Corry, found Steve Akey in Tennessee by using her computer skills. Steve Stolp found James R. Jensen in Marshfield, Wisconsin, by locating Jim’s sister through a member of the Class of 1958. And an anonymous note arrived recently with the name and address of Dawne Smuhl Sutton. Thanks, everyone, for helping find our classmates!

That means that we are now missing nine out of 489! The missing are: Gayle Bellesbach, Donna Cramblit Klueckmann (Mrs. James), David Hanson, Judy McMullen, Ruth Miller, Mary Monroe, Richard Schultz, Sharron Shaw, and Judith Smith.

Antique Car Show



- Don’t forget to indicate on the Registration/Order Form whether or not you are planning to bring an antique car to the 50th Reunion. Betty Pendergast Bowe and her committee will contact you about time and place for the antique cars prior to the reunion.
- Information about the car show will be given to everyone else when they register at the Friday party.

Check the Class Website to see who is coming to the 50th Reunion!!

Steve Loken will keep the 50th Reunion Registrations updated regularly!
ecmemorial59.com

Bus Tour of Eau Claire on Saturday at 10 a.m.



Eau Claire has changed a great deal in fifty years, so an upscale, professionally narrated bus tour of the city is being offered to members of the Class of 1959 and guests. (Actually, some of the members of the Reunion Committee, who live in Eau Claire, are planning to take the bus tour because it promises to be an excellent way to “catch up” on what’s happening in the Chippewa Valley.) The tour will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2009, and will take about one and one-half hours. Participants will board their Blackhawk Bus (with restroom) at the Memorial High School parking lot. There are 46 seats on the bus. Cost for this event will be \$15.00 per person – to be paid with your registration form when you mail it in.



From the Four Corners of the World To the Four Corners of Eau Claire



On Saturday evening, September 12, 2009, our class members and guests will gather in the upper level dining room of the Ramada Inn Convention Center to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion together. It will probably be the largest group of our classmates to get together in one place since our graduation day in 1959. It seems appropriate that it will be on the Four Corners of Eau Claire since we spent so much time there in our high school years and had our first class reunion a block away – at the Hotel Eau Claire – five years after we graduated. Over the years our class has had some great reunions, and we’re hoping this will be the best yet!

The festivities will start with cocktails from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. so that everyone has plenty of time to visit with friends from all over the world. Cash bars will be set up in the area. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. There are three entrée choices: (1) Smothered Chicken (chicken breast with peppers, onions, mushrooms, cheddar and Swiss cheese) -- \$26.00, (2) Filet Mignon with Port Wine Balsamic Sauce (6 oz.) -- \$36.00, and (3) The Vegetarian (mushrooms, red peppers, zucchini, squash, cheese, sweet potato, white beans & fresh fruit tartellette -- \$24.00. The following will be served with each entrée: organic mixed salad with a choice of French or ranch dressing, baby red potatoes, chef’s choice vegetables, bread/rolls, coffee, with carrot cake for dessert. Everyone will be given a color-coded card when you check in on Saturday night. You can use it as a place card. Write your name on it. Put it at your place on your table, and it will save your spot while you mingle with friends. The wait staff will also use the card so that they know which entrée to serve without having to ask you.

Before dinner we will remember classmates who have passed away with a Power Point presentation of their pictures that Steve Loken is preparing. Our class members, Pastor David Webster and Pastor Paul Blom, will read the names as the pictures are shown. Dave and Paul will also give the invocation.

Many people asked about “what to wear” to this event prior to the 45th Reunion, so the Reunion Committee members talked about that subject at our last meeting. All agreed that “casual” clothing would be appropriate. People will probably not wear jeans, but a skirt and top, casual dresses, polo/golf shirts with pants, and pants and a jacket would all be fine. Many of the women said they would be wearing pants and a top/jacket, and many of the men said they would be wearing a sport shirt and pants. The general idea is to just be comfortable, and don’t go out and buy anything new – unless you just want something new!!

Gail Dean Halmstad, Larry Bennett, John Glenz, Bette Mencil Wahl, and Kathy Turney Schellfeffer are preparing a great program for after dinner. Hopefully, YOU have sent in answers to the two questions they have asked each of us. If you have not, here’s a message from them to YOU.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SHARE YOUR STORIES & MEMORIES FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT PROGRAM!

We are offering a second opportunity for you to respond to the questions below. All of us working on the Saturday program want this to be a celebration that includes everyone! So, please send us your answers. (You can send your answers today or mail them with your registration form, short autobiography, and photo by the Fourth of July.)

- 1. What have you been doing during the past five years – since the 45th Class Reunion? (What new adventures, activities, or experiences have you had? Please tell us about them.)**
- 2. What are your favorite memories or unusual stories from our years at ECHS or MHS?**



Classmate William Ray Anderson Passed Away on February 17, 2009

Sadly, another of our classmates has passed on. Bill was born in Eau Claire on December 12, 1941. He grew up in Eau Claire, and he and his wife, Alice Marie Westvig, to whom he was married for 46 years, returned to Eau Claire when Bill retired in 1999 after 35 years as a high school teacher and media specialist at Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids. He is survived by his wife, Alice; two children, Mike and Kristine; and three beautiful grandchildren who were the light of his life. You can read more about Bill on the ecmemorial59.com website in the "Memorials" section.



Memorabilia Night – Friday



Don't forget! Tables will be set up to provide room for high school memorabilia on Friday night, September 11th. Scrapbooks, photos, and any other kinds of high school mementos are welcome. Please circle the right answer on the Reservation/Order Form if you are bringing some items. We want to provide plenty of room to display everything.

Your 50th Reunion Committee

Karilyn Sorenson Allen, Louie Arnold, John Baker, Carolyn Gabrielsen Barstad, Larry Bennett, Sharon Jacobson Bobeck, Diane Blakeley Boetcher, Betty Pendergast Bowe, Barb Schroeder Brandt, Kathy Smith Buchholz, John Coggins, Bonnie Bolier Curtis, Barbara Harmon Fleming, Kay Furrer, Mary Catlin Giammona, John Glenz, Gail Dean Halmstad, Sally Goss Hansen, Dave Hulett, Pat Severson Jensen, Max Hansen Johnson, Nancy Anderson Johnson, Karen Zutter Jorgensen, Judy A. Johnson Kneer, Priscilla Gram Kuehn, Rose Sosnouski La Point, DiAnn Thorson Larrive, Marilyn Severson Lee, Steve Loken, Karen Garton Miller, Bob Nelson, Jean Hanson Parr, John Schaaf, Kathy Turney Schellfeffer, Dorothy Sorlie, Dennis & Judy (Bonnin) Steinke, Bob & Leah (La Page) Turk, Curt Tweith, Bette Mencil Wahl, and Kathy Laursen White



Reservations at the Ramada Inn

Many have made reservations at the Ramada Inn already. If you are planning to do so, it would be a good idea to do it NOW! You can call 800-950-6121 or 715-835-6121. Identify yourself with "50th Reunion – Class of 1959." Rooms are \$85.00 plus tax per night.

Sunday Brunch Buffet in Clear Water Room



Many classmates have indicated that they would be interested in a Breakfast/Brunch Buffet on Sunday, September 13, 2009, to conclude the 50th Reunion Weekend. The Ramada Inn serves a terrific Brunch Buffet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sundays, so arrangements have been made for a special price of \$11.95 plus tax & tip per person for our class members and guests to enjoy this final event together. Everyone will be billed individually by the Ramada staff at the brunch, can go through the buffet line in the main dining room whenever is convenient, and will join other members of the Class of 1959 in the adjacent Clear Water Room, which has been reserved for the Class of 1959. Lots of the Eau Claire folks will be there as well as the "out-of-towners," so plan on this fun event to end our 50th Reunion Weekend in a really great way!



50th Reunion DVD!

A quality, professionally edited DVD featuring complete video and photo coverage of the 50th Reunion Weekend is available. It will be shipped approximately three weeks after the reunion. Contents will include: personal interviews and remembrances with you and your classmates, speakers and entertainment, coverage of all scheduled events, and photos assembled in slide show format. The DVD costs \$34.95, which includes shipping. You can order it on the Reservation/Order form included with this letter, order it when you check in at the reunion either Friday night or Saturday night, or order it after the reunion from Mike Hulett at 218-329-2929 or mikehulett@cablone.net. Mike is the brother of our classmate, Dave Hulett, and is making this DVD for us especially for our 50th Reunion.

Contact Information to Change Address/Telephone, Etc.

To update your address/telephone number/email address or to submit information to the website,

Contact Steve Loken

1. via the website: ecmemorial59.com
2. via email: Bravo@SJLoken.com
3. by telephone: 952-431-7435
4. by mail: 13863 Falcon Avenue
Apple Valley, MN 55124

OR

Contact Carolyn Gabrielsen Barstad

1. via email: cjbarstad@charter.net
2. by telephone: 715-835-5080
3. by mail: 4292 Mill Ridge Circle
Eau Claire, WI 54703





RESERVATION/ORDER FORM FOR THE 50TH REUNION (SIDE ONE)



DIRECTIONS: Please register and/or order items for the 50th Reunion by completing the front and back of this page **BEFORE JULY 4, 2009.**

When you have finished **SIDE ONE and SIDE TWO**, please mail to:

MHS Class of 1959
Carolyn Gabrielsen Barstad
4292 Mill Ridge Circle
Eau Claire, WI 54703.

Everyone who receives this mailing should complete the form on this page. Please indicate whether you do or do not plan to be at the reunion, and return this page by the Fourth of July to make sure your address information is updated. Since a booklet of all class members will be printed shortly after the reunion, it is important that all classmates **send a short autobiography and a current photo with this form** whether you are going to be at the reunion or not.

ADDRESS INFORMATION

NAME WHEN IN HIGH SCHOOL: _____

NAME NOW: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please check the appropriate responses below.

_____ YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE 50TH REUNION CELEBRATION.

_____ NO, I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND THE REUNION THIS YEAR.

Please circle the appropriate answers below.

I DO/DO NOT PLAN TO BRING AN ANTIQUE CAR TO THE REUNION.

I WILL/WILL NOT BRING MEMORABILIA TO SHARE ON FRIDAY EVENING.

I WILL/WILL NOT BE BRINGING A DOOR PRIZE.



RESERVATION/ORDER FORM

FOR THE 50TH REUNION (SIDE TWO)



DIRECTIONS: If you are planning to attend the 50th Reunion and/or want to order any items listed below, please complete the following form, enclose your check for the total amount, and return this page to the address indicated on Side One by July 4, 2009.

Please indicate the total amount you owe for the items in the blank at the end of each line. Add it all up at the end of the page, and send a check for that amount to “MHS Class of 1959” with this form.

1. I will attend the party at the Ramada Inn on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009.
(\$15.00 per person) ___ one person ___ two people....._____

2. I will attend the dinner at the Ramada Inn on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009.
(\$26.00 per person – Smothered Chicken) ___ How many?
(\$36.00 per person – Filet Mignon – 6 oz.) ___ How many?
(\$24.00 per person – The Vegetarian) ___ How many?....._____

3. I plan to have brunch at the Ramada Inn on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009.
(\$11.95 per person + tax & tip – Pay the Ramada staff at the brunch.)
Please indicate how many people plan to be at the brunch.
 ___ one person ___ two people.....Pay at brunch

4. I will go on the bus tour of Eau Claire at 10 a.m. on Saturday.
(\$15.00 per person) ___ one person ___ two people....._____

5. I plan to play golf at the “scramble” at 9 a.m. at Hallie on Saturday.
(\$18.00 for nine holes with cart/\$34.00 for 18 holes with cart)
Please complete the information below for the golf outing.
 ___ one person ___ two people ___ 9 holes ___ 18 holes.....Pay at Hallie
Average Score for 18 Holes _____ Name(s) _____

6. I want to order a 50th Reunion commemorative T-shirt.
(\$5.00 each – If you want this mailed, please add \$1.00 for each shirt.)
 ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL....._____

7. I want to order the 50th Reunion DVD NOW!
(\$34.95 – shipping and handling included)....._____

8. I want to order my 50th Reunion Booklet NOW!
(\$20.00 – shipping and handling included)....._____



GRAND TOTAL _____
(Send your check for this amount.)