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**Class of 1959  
Memorial High School  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

2014

**55<sup>th</sup> CLASS REUNION REGISTRATION**

**The Deadline for the Reunion Registration is June 1, 2014!**  
*(NO OTHER NEWSLETTERS WILL BE MAILED PRIOR TO THE REUNION.)*



**55th Reunion to be Held  
September 12, 13, & 14, 2014**



The votes are in, and our class has chosen to have a three-day reunion the weekend of September 12, 13, & 14, 2014. Most of you indicated that you want to have informal events, so the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee has decided to have two informal evenings – one on Friday and one on Saturday with breakfast on Sunday. The Friday evening get-together and breakfast on Sunday will be at the NEW Holiday Inn South, just off Highway 94, near Oakwood Mall in Eau Claire. It’s a lovely hotel with a large banquet room, which will accommodate our group beautifully. We will have our own cash bar in the room plus round tables with lots of chairs and substantial snacks – much like we had at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. There will be a short “welcome” by John Glenz plus a chance to have your photo taken with your elementary school friends during the evening, and the rest of the night will be for visiting and just enjoying being together.

Only a few people indicated that they want to tour the City of Eau Claire or Memorial High School, so it was decided that we will get current maps of the Eau Claire area and distribute them to anyone who wants them on Friday night. (The maps are available through the “Visit Eau Claire” tourism office and are well done and easy to follow.) That way, classmates can take their own tours on Saturday if they wish to do so.

Golf will be offered at Lake Hallie Golf Club on Saturday for those who wish to play. It will be followed by a late-afternoon get-together for our whole class at Hallie Golf Club with a plated/served dinner in their pavilion for everyone during the evening. We will be able to enjoy the beauty of the area and be inside or outside as we wish. There will be a short “welcome” by Joy Borum and a chance to have your photo taken with groups of classmates during the event, but, mostly, it will be an informal evening for all of us to enjoy “catching up” with others and the beauty of Wisconsin.

Sunday breakfast will also be held at the Holiday Inn South for all members of our class. Many who attended the Sunday breakfast at our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion loved it and want to have that option, so it will be part of the weekend. We hope to see you there! **The articles in this newsletter will explain all of the above activities. Just read them, decide what you want to do, complete the Registration Form, include your check for the amount indicated, and mail the form to the address given no later than June 1, 2014!**



**Reservations at the Holiday Inn South**



The get-together on Friday night and the breakfast on Sunday morning will take place at the Holiday Inn Eau Claire South. The Holiday Inn is NEW this year and is a beautiful facility. We have been given a special price of \$109.95 plus tax for rooms for our class members. All rooms have refrigerators and microwaves. The Hotel Reservations number is: 1-800-315-2621. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of the ECMHS Class of 1959 to get the special rate. The address for the hotel is 4751 Owen Ayres Court. However, the hotel is so new that the street is not on most GPS devices yet, so if you’re looking for directions to the Holiday Inn Eau Claire South, use the Globe University address, which is 4955 Bullis Farm Road, Eau Claire. It will get you to the new hotel, which is just next-door.



## FRIDAY PARTY WILL START A WEEKEND OF FUN FOR OUR 55<sup>TH</sup> CLASS REUNION



The Friday Night Party, which will start the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend for the Eau Claire Memorial High School Class of 1959, will be held at the Holiday Inn Eau Claire South from 5:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12, 2014. Substantial snacks will be served during the evening from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and will include Johnny's meatballs, mini sliders, deviled eggs, arancini, Johnny's bruschetta, caprese salad skewers, etc. A cash bar will be set-up in the room to easily accommodate everyone. Cost per person for the evening is \$30.00. Please stop at the registration tables in the foyer to pick-up name tags and to check-in for the evening. Dress for this event, as well as all of the other events scheduled for the weekend, will be casual.

Please Note: Many of you from out-of-town have asked to have events scheduled at hotels, so you don't have to drive after the party. You will find information on Page 1 of this newsletter about making reservations at the New Holiday Inn Eau Claire South. The hotel is nicely-located, so you can find lots of activities, shopping, and easy access to other parts of the city. We think you will enjoy your stay at the Holiday Inn.

### Buffet Breakfast on Sunday at The Holiday Inn



Johnny's Italian Steakhouse at the Holiday Inn Eau Claire South serves a wonderful buffet breakfast on Sundays, so we have contracted with them for a special section of the restaurant to be reserved for members of the ECMHS Class of 1959 for the buffet breakfast on Sunday morning, September 14, 2014, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. You must pay for your breakfast with your class reunion registration in order to get the special price and to be assured of seating in the Class of 1959 breakfast section on Sunday. The special price for the buffet, which includes coffee and juice, is \$12.00. (You will be given a coupon at the reunion which you will present at breakfast on Sunday.)

#### Class Reunion Committee

If anyone would like to join the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee, you would be very welcome. We need your help with lots of jobs ahead. Contact Carolyn Gabrielsen Barstad.



### Who's Coming to the Reunion?

As he did for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Steve Loken is going to publish a list of the people who have registered for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion on the Class of 1959 Website as the registration forms come in. So, if you're wondering who else is going to be at the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, all you have to do is go to our Class of 1959 Website <ecmemorial59.com> and look at the "Who's Coming?" page. And while you're there, you'll find a lot of other information about the Class of 1959 too!

#### Contact Information

To ask a question, 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 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



### Thursday, September 11, 2014 "Back to the Fifties" for the Class of 1959



There are some events going on in Eau Claire before the "official" start of our 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on Friday, September 12, 2014, that you might like to know about, so you can arrive a day or two early. On Thursday, September 11, 2014, we have our monthly Class of 1959 "Lunch at the Farm." The restaurant is located at the Chippewa Valley Airport and is handicapped accessible with a big private dining room for our class. The acoustics are great, so it's a fun place to be at 1:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. We hope you'll plan to be there on September 11, 2014.

Also, the Chippewa Valley Museum is sponsoring "Fournier's for a Night," which is one of the fund raisers for the museum, on Thursday evening, September 11, 2014, at Florian Gardens in Eau Claire. A Fifties Dinner is planned, after which, the *Thundermen* are going to play Fifties Music for dancing. There will be memorabilia on display, and guests are being asked to dress in the styles of the 1950's. This is definitely a chance to go "Back to the Fifties" and have a great time, but space is limited. As the event gets closer, you will be able to find further information on the Chippewa Valley Museum's website, or you can call 715-834-7871, or go to <info@cvmuseum.com>.

## What Happened to the Ramada Inn?



As you know, our class had reservations to have our 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion at the Ramada Inn again this year, so you might be wondering why the venue has been changed. There is good reason. The Ramada Inn needed a lot of updating and renovating, but the owners could not afford to do the job, so the hotel went out of business a few months ago. It has now been purchased by a group headed by Zach Halmstad, son of our classmate, Gail Dean Halmstad, and is in the process of being totally redone. However, there is a lot to do, and it will not be finished until 2015. Thus, we had to change the plans for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. It's exciting to know that the downtown hotel is becoming a beautiful building and an asset to the Eau Claire community again – thanks to Zach and his group. But, at this point, we had to change our plans, and we were fortunate enough to find the NEW Holiday Inn Eau Claire South available. We hope you like it.



## Golf Planned for Reunion



on Saturday



The 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at Lake Hallie Golf Club. Members of the Class of 1959 and guests are invited to participate. The golf outing is for everyone regardless of ability. Golfers will pay for their golfing at Hallie on Saturday morning, but if you are planning to golf, please indicate that on the Registration Form, so Judy Johnson Kneer, who is the organizer of the event, can plan to accommodate everyone. Cost for the golf outing will be based on senior rates, which are nine holes with/without a cart for \$20.00 or eighteen holes with/without a cart for \$37.00. Snacks and beverages will be available.



## **SATURDAY EVENING DINNER AT LAKE HALLIE GOLF CLUB ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014**



On Saturday evening, September 13, 2014, all of our class members and guests will gather for dinner at Lake Hallie Golf Club to celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion together. The golf outing will finish sometime between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., so the dinner festivities will start with cocktails at the pavilion outside the clubhouse at 3 p.m. A cash bar will be set up in the area, and there will be plenty of time to visit with classmates before a plated dinner is served at the pavilion at 5:30 p.m. (The staff at Lake Hallie Golf Club has offered to serve the dinner instead of having a buffet supper, so we can relax and enjoy the evening a lot more comfortably.) Everyone has a choice between two dinners. Please indicate on the *Reservation Form* whether you want (1) Sirloin Steak, baked potato, vegetable medley, and salad (\$25.00) OR (2) Pecan Chicken, wild rice mixture, vegetable medley, and salad (\$24.00). Everyone will be given a color-coded card when you check in on Saturday. You can use it as a place card 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. There will be a short “welcome” by Joy Borum before dinner and a chance to have your picture taken with classmates during the evening, but, mostly, it will be an informal evening for all of us to enjoy “catching up” with others and the beauty of Wisconsin.





# MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 1959

## CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DIED



- Wayne L. Albares (3/16/10)
- Dr. James R. Allen (7/30/02)
- William R. Anderson (2/17/09)
- Donald Baker
- Patricia Barby Moen (Mrs. Maynard) (11/28/11)
- Sonja K. Behlke Green (Mrs. James) (8/21/05)
- Michael L. Bell (11/12/12)
- Gayle Bellesbach Hidebrand (12/29/09)
- Clayton Bellows (6/27/11)
- Duane W. Berg (7/14/04)
- Shirley Berg Hasenmueller (Mrs. Charles) (2/26/03)
- Lyle Bien (9/21/09)
- Gerald Biesterveld (6/5/10)
- Michael Blum (1962)
- Bonnie Bolier Curtis (7/17/13)
- Ronald V. Bollinger (1988)
- James Brandon (4/8/08)
- Joseph Buckwheat (6/3/99)
- Barbara J. Burr Larson (Mrs. LaVerne) (10/20/02)
- Judie Childs Lund (Mrs. Robert) (2001)
- Larry Christopherson
- Constance Clark Arndt (Mrs. Robert) (1987)
- Ralph Clark (1996)
- Jerry Cleasby (10/6/99)
- Karen Craney Brenner (8/22/03)
- Donald Cronkite (1972)
- Melvin (Shorty) Curtis (5/3/06)
- Patricia Dahlgren Solberg (Mrs. Ronald) (12/28/04)
- Gerald Dale (8/11/01)
- Robert A. Dole (12/9/10)
- John T. Eberhardt (6/16/11)
- Robert Elwing (a.k.a. Robert Klopp in school) (10/22/09)
- Sandra Engebretson Leatherman (Mrs. James) (5/21/03)
- Susan J. Engebretson BaDour (Mrs. John) (1/26/03)
- Barbara Erickson Kleist (2/14/04)
- Judy Finn Schmidt (Mrs. Thomas) (9/13/09)
- Donald P. Fletty (10/27/11)
- Roger Freeman (11/4/13)
- Leonard W. Friede (4/25/07)
- Louise D. Froehlich Haldorson (Mrs. Roger) (1994)
- Gary R. Gaard (2/24/14)
- Thomas A. Garnett (9/3/11)
- Sharon C. Garton Delaney (Mrs. James)
- Ronald J. Geschel (1995)
- Donald E. Glenna (3/21/02)
- Linda K. Golle Livingston (Mrs. Jerry) (7/15/12)
- Thomas A. Graham (1/24/08)
- Maejean Graves Cooper (Mrs. Charles) (1/4/04)
- Eugene Gunderson (12/18/92)
- Craig Hagen (1979)
- Jane Hageness (1/20/03)
- Richard Harrison (1985)
- Steve Hoffmeister (1/22/11)
- Sharon Holbrook Cain (Mrs. John R.) (3/28/10)
- Thomas Holmes (1993)
- Joseph Horel, Jr. (1/29/99)
- Darleen Hysen (12/5/96)
- Gary F. Jackson (9/13/11)
- Bonnie Johnson Accola (Mrs. Paul) (6/28/75)
- Charles F. Johnson (7/21/12)
61. Dr. Susan Johnson Anderson (Mrs. Steve) (5/5/05)
62. Yvonne G. Johnson Bradford (Mrs. Neil) (11/6/02)
63. Carol Jump Hamler (Mrs. William) (10/18/94)
64. Howard Kildahl (1988)
65. Fred H. King, Jr. (3/24/05)
66. James Klawiter (7/13/07)
67. Nyles R. Kohlhepp (3/6/14)
68. Roderick G. Kolve (4/29/11)
69. Weslyn J. La Muska (1/25/10)
70. Joseph R. La Point (11/30/10)
71. Roderick C. La Rock (2/7/04)
72. Elizabeth L. Lane (12/16/05)
73. Mary E. Lee Fletty (Mrs. John) (8/23/09)
74. Edith E. Livingston Silbaugh (Mrs. Elmer) (9/7/04)
75. Daryl Lovvik (2006)
76. Gloria J. Marx Hestegan (5/4/96)
77. Michael J. Mc Curdy (7/6/03)
78. Ann M Mc Cutchen Hedger (Mrs. David)
79. Maxine Mc Fadden Zich (Mrs. Gale) (9/24/96)
80. James W. Mc Sorley
81. Joyce Miller
82. Carol Milward Ferris (Mrs. John)
83. Bernard (Bud) Moe (2/26/07)
84. Mary Louise Monroe Schmaltz (3/28/10)
85. Verlyn C. Moore (1/28/14)
86. Arleen Morse Hughes (Mrs. Gregory) (12/5/01)
87. David A. Murphy (22/95)
88. Dennis W. Murphy (5/26/11)
89. Barbara A. Otterson Rosentrater (Mrs. Art) (1993)
90. Katherine Pachio
91. Donna M. Pahl Brixen (Mrs. Maynard) (12/25/10)
92. Katharine L. Paulson (2/26/04)
93. Milo Paulson (1998)
94. Carol Pederson Carlson (Mrs. William) (1980)
95. Barbara J. Pendergast Thompson (Mrs. Douglas) (10/8/13)
96. Michael J. Peterson (1/8/11)
97. Oscar E. Peterson (7/9/12)
98. Thomas Phelps (11/16/09)
99. Charles D. Pope (8/5/13)
100. David Rude (10/10/10)
101. Rose Mary Schulde Mayer (Mrs. Frederick) (1994)
102. Bruce R. Shafer (11/5/10)
103. James R. Sharkey
104. Don J. Sheppard (9/8/84)
105. Gerald A. Shermo (1/25/13)
106. Kenneth Stetzer (1984)
107. Roger Stokes (3/27/99)
108. Jodean Sturgis Randen (1972)
109. Janet Targart Lorentz (Mrs. Robert) (1/9/91)
110. Beverly Teigen Conley (Mrs. Gerald) (2/21/01)
111. Charles E. Thalacker (2/19/11)
112. Vivian Tollefson Lane (2/1977)
113. Thomas L. Tompkins (5/5/06)
114. Bernard F. Vogler (7/17/13)
115. Clarrisa Waters
116. Gary Weldon (7/16/76)
117. Norm Werlein (5/5/09)
118. Earl E. White (3/30/11)
119. Jerene Wicklund Kinderman (Mrs. Robert) (1983)
120. Donald Young (10/2/00)



# RESERVATION FORM FOR THE 55<sup>TH</sup> REUNION (SIDE ONE)



**DIRECTIONS:** Please register for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion by completing the front and back of this page by **JUNE 1, 2014**.  
When you have finished SIDE ONE and SIDE TWO, please enclose your check made out to “MHS Class of 1959” and 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 even if you are not planning to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion.**  
Please indicate if you do or do not plan to be at the reunion, and return this page to the address indicated above by June 1, 2014, to make sure your address information is updated.



## ADDRESS INFORMATION



NAME WHEN IN HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME NOW: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate response below.

\_\_\_\_ YES, I PLAN TO ATTEND THE 55<sup>TH</sup> REUNION CELEBRATION.

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



COMMENTS:



# RESERVATION FORM FOR THE 55<sup>TH</sup> REUNION (SIDE TWO)



**DIRECTIONS:** If you are planning to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, please complete the following form, enclose your check for the total amount, and return this page to the address indicated on Side One by June 1, 2014. (All prices include: taxes, tips, facility rental fees, decorations, extra treats, etc.)

Please indicate the total amount you owe for the weekend 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 Holiday Inn on Friday, September 12, 2014.  
(\$32.00 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ one person \_\_\_\_\_ two people.....\_\_\_\_\_

2. I will attend the dinner at Lake Hallie Golf Club on Saturday, September 13, 2014.  
(\$25.00 per person – 8 oz. Sirloin Steak) \_\_\_\_\_ How many?  
(\$24.00 per person – Pecan Chicken) \_\_\_\_\_ How many?.....\_\_\_\_\_

3. I will have breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Sunday, September 14, 2014.  
(\$12.00 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ one person \_\_\_\_\_ two people.....\_\_\_\_\_

4. I plan to golf at Lake Hallie Golf Club on Saturday, September 13, 2014.  
(\$20.00 for Nine Holes) \_\_\_\_\_ one person \_\_\_\_\_ two people.....Pay at Hallie

Name(s) of Golfer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

5. I plan to golf at Lake Hallie Golf Club on Saturday, September 13, 2014.  
(\$37.00 for Eighteen Holes) \_\_\_\_\_ one person \_\_\_\_\_ two people.....Pay at Hallie

Name(s) of Golfer(s) \_\_\_\_\_

6. I plan to have “Lunch at the Farm” with the Class of 1959 at 1:00 p.m. on  
Thursday, September 11, 2014.  
(Pay at the Restaurant) \_\_\_\_\_ one person \_\_\_\_\_ two people.....Pay at Lunch

7. I would like to attend the Chippewa Valley Museum’s fund raiser,  
“Fournier’s for a Night,” on Thursday evening, September 11, 2014.  
(I will follow-up on the information in this letter and will try to get  
tickets for that event.) \_\_\_\_\_ one person \_\_\_\_\_ two people.....Pay the Museum



**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Send your check for this amount.)