



# News of the Month – April 2014

## Memorial High School – Class of 1959

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin

April 1, 2014



Dear Classmates,

Reservations for the 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion are starting to arrive. It's great to get the mail each day and to have reservations and messages from classmates from all over who are planning to be in Eau Claire to celebrate on September 11, 12, 13, & 14, 2014. So far, most people are signing-up for everything that will be going on all weekend – including the monthly Class Lunch at The Farm Restaurant (at the Chippewa Valley Airport) on Thursday and the breakfast at the Holiday Inn South on Sunday. It is “shaping-up” to be a really fun four-day event! Steve has started to put the names of those people who have already sent in their reservations on the class website, so you might want to check it periodically to see “Who’s Coming?”

One classmate, who is not going to be able to be here for the reunion, sent his regrets and enclosed a donation for our class treasury. He indicated that he likes to get the mailings, so he wants to help with the expenses for our class – especially the letters and website. I thought that was very nice of him, because our class treasury is really down after all the snail mail expenses we've had over the last five years, so, if anyone else who won't be able to be at the reunion would like to donate to our class, it would be a big help and much appreciated at this time. We will, again, be collecting small donations for our class treasury from those who attend the reunion on Friday and Saturday nights in September. Over the years, our classmates have been very generous at the reunions, and your donations have provided the funds for the yearly (sometimes more) snail mail letters and for the website. As a result, we have been able to stay in touch with everyone regularly and to keep addresses up-to-date. We only have a few people from our class whom we can't find, and that's amazing after all these years! Thanks to you!

If you have not received your *Reservation Letter* for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion by now, please contact Steve Loken or me, and we will make sure you get one. The letters should have been delivered by now – no matter where you live in the world. I had an email from our classmate, Robert Pratt, yesterday. Robert lives in London, England, and he had received his letter, so I'm figuring that everyone else should have received theirs too! The deadline for sending your reservations to us is June 1, 2014. Please try to get your reservations in the mail in plenty of time, so we receive them by the first week in June. We have to figure numbers for food, tables, etc. And we want to try to make sure everyone is comfortable and has enough to eat for each event, so your response to the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will help greatly. Also, if you will be staying at the Holiday Inn South, please make your reservations as soon as possible. The new Holiday Inn is very popular, because it is very nice, so please make sure you make your reservations soon – as explained in the letter.

Sadly, the Class of 1959 has lost another classmate. Nyles “Nub” Kohlhepp died on March 6, 2014. I had talked with Nub a few weeks before he died, when he called to ask about the questionnaire that went out to everyone in our class, and we had a really nice conversation. He had cancer but seemed to be doing okay at that point. In fact, he offered to help with the reunion, so if there were things to be done, he said that I should give him a call. Thus, it was a shock when I learned that he had passed on shortly after we talked. He was a good friend to many members of our class, and we will miss him. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to his wife, Kim, and to his family. You can read Nub's obituary by going to “What's New?” on this website.

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