

# NEWS OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2017



## MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1959



Dear Classmates,

First, I'd like to apologize for not getting a website newsletter out to you last month. As many of you know, I had cataract surgery on February 23, 2017, and I thought I would be able to work on the letter during the days immediately following surgery. What I didn't realize until I tried to start writing the *March Website Newsletter* was that my sight would change enough so that I couldn't use my "old" eye glasses very well, because it was hard to see the computer screen clearly. Thus, after a few frustrating starts, I asked Steve to put a message on the website explaining the situation and that there would be no letter from me in March because of the surgery. As it's turned out, I just received my new eye glass prescription early this past week, and I am doing much better. However, a word of warning to all of you who might need cataract surgery in the future: you might want to plan for some healing time between your surgery and your new eye glasses. It will make a difference!

The good news is that SPRING is coming to Wisconsin! As I look out the window, I don't see a "speck" of snow anywhere. Hopefully, we can plan on an early spring, because John and I are moving back to "our" condo at 4292 Mill Ridge Circle, Eau Claire, WI 54703, as of May 1, 2017, which is where we were for about ten years before we moved here to 2002 Redwood Drive. The difference is that we moved to a split-level house where we are now, and we've been blowing snow, shoveling, cutting grass, and such since we moved to Redwood Drive, so we've decided – as many of you have – that we don't want to do that anymore! As a result, when our old condo came back on the market, we decided to return to easier living, and we're starting to pack.

Thank you to all of our classmates who have been sending contributions for our class treasury to John Schaaf. With our annual snail mail letter going out to all classmates next week, we really need the money at this point to pay for the printing and postage, plus we need to put a down payment on our reservations at The Lismore for 2019, so we appreciate your gifts very much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Most importantly, we hope you have put the dates for our 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on your calendar for September 13, 14, & 15, 2019! I talked with Melissa at The Lismore, and she suggested I send you a survey with the annual *Snail Mail Newsletter*, so that we plan the reunion just the way YOU want it to be. Please look it over carefully when you receive it, complete the survey, and send it back to the address indicated on the survey – immediately after May 1, 2017. Your help is much appreciated.

P.S. The yearly snail mail newsletter for the ECMHS Class of 1959 will be headed your way in a few days. Please respond to the survey, and feel free to make suggestions for the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

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