



News of the Month -- August 2009

Memorial High School Class of 1959

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

We are breaking records with the reservations we've received for the 50th Class Reunion! There are more classmates signed up for the 50th Reunion – on both Friday and Saturday nights – than attended the 45th Reunion, and with the number of guests of class members registered, we will have bigger total numbers on both nights in 2009 than we did in 2004. It's exciting for the 50th Reunion Committee members to see the reservations coming in and to look forward to seeing everyone in September. We hope you're checking the class website to see who's coming and how the numbers change each day.

Yes, even now, they are changing each day! We had to set an early deadline for reservations because we had a number of events planned, and we needed to know if all of them would be a "Go!" or if we might have to cancel some of them because there weren't enough people to follow through with the plans. By using the Fourth of July deadline, we learned that we would not be able to sponsor the Bus Tour of Eau Claire, nor would we hold the Antique Car Show. The bus tour needed to have forty people sign up to come out financially "even" after hiring a bus and a good tour guide of the city. Only twenty people planned to go on the bus tour, so, regretfully, we had to cancel it. We sent a note of explanation with a refund to those who had already paid for the bus tour and hope they will enjoy other activities on Saturday morning. Also, many of the Class of 1959 antique car owners from all over the country did not want to drive their antique cars to Eau Claire. Thus, we only had six area people who indicated they would bring their antique cars to the 50th Reunion. As a result, we sent a note to invite those classmates to bring their cars to the reunion if they wish to do so, but we cancelled the car "show." However, we are happy to announce that everything else is a "Go!" And everyone can still plan on a fun-filled weekend in Eau Claire!

Since July 4, 2009, we have had a number of emails, phone calls, and letters asking if it is too late to register for the 50th Reunion. **It is NOT too late!!** But it will be soon. **Our absolute final deadline is Thursday, August 20, 2009.** So, you still have time if you have not registered yet. The registration form is on this website and can be printed and mailed quickly. But, please don't wait until the very last minute! "The sooner, the better" because immediately after that date, we have to let the people at the Ramada Convention Center know how many to expect on Friday night and on Saturday night. It really would help us tremendously for you to get your registration in **ASAP**, which will enable us to get the information to them by the deadline. You must register **ahead of time** for either or both nights.

A NOTE TO EVERYONE – WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO BE AT THE REUNION

We want everyone in the Class of 1959 to send your current photo, your short autobiography of the last fifty years, and the form that was mailed to you in May to the address below. PLEASE send all three of those items even if you are unable to be at the reunion. We hope everyone will do that so that all of our classmates are included in the 50th Reunion Booklet AND so that we know where you are when we start organizing our fifty-fifth reunion!!!

Hoping to see you soon!

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