



News of the Month -- December 2009

Memorial High School Class of 1959

Eau Claire, WI

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Dear Classmates,

The 50th Reunion Commemorative Book was mailed on November 6, 2009. Everyone who ordered a book should have received it no later than November 12, 2009. If you ordered one and did not get one, please contact me. Also, if you did not order a book and want one, there are a few extras that were printed, so send me a \$20.00 check made out to *ECMHS – Class of 1959*, and I will send you a book. We've had many very nice comments about the book, so you might be happy to have one.

At the same time the book was mailed, questionnaires were mailed to all members of the ECMHS Class of 1959 asking everyone to complete the questionnaires and return them to me. To date, we have only received 85 questionnaires. Since the answers on the questionnaires will determine how the 55th Reunion will be organized, it is important that we get a large number back to make sure the whole class is represented, so if you haven't returned yours yet, please do so NOW. At least your voice will be heard when the committee meets in January to make some preliminary plans for 2014. If you don't let us know what you want, you will have to live with the decisions that are made by those who have returned the questionnaires about our 55th Reunion.

Since the *Commemorative Books* were mailed, we have had a number of updates in addresses, emails, and telephone numbers. In addition to the updates, I made some typing errors when putting the book together. As the changes and corrections have come in, I've made changes in my book to update my edition. You may want to do the same thing. So, here are the changes.

1. Paul Anderson's email address is: GEORGIAPUPS2@AOL.COM
2. Louie Arnold's email address is: K9ALP@ARRL.NET
3. Barbar Bair Saba's street address is: 2464 Marilouise Way (Same city/state/zip)
4. Richard Barnes's address is incorrect in the book. No address given currently.
5. Wendy L. Bogue Milward has moved to: 1954 E. Sandra Terrace, Phoenix, AZ 85022
6. John Burmeister's telephone number is: 810-813-3953
7. Leslie Connell's telephone number is: 715-726-8981
8. Donna Cramblit Klueckman's address is incorrect in the book. No address given currently.
9. Richard DeVore's email is: jdrd3418@att.net
10. Margaret Dustan Manthei has moved to: # 604, 2880 Eleventh Pl., Kenosha, WI 53140 / telephone: 262-883-4348
11. Marlene Felton Miller has moved to: 134 N. Main St., Iron Ridge, WI 53035 / telephone: 920-387-9485
12. Gary Gaard's email is: grgaard@wisc.edu
13. Jim Hagen's street address is: # 214, 6607 Lake Woodlands Drive (Same city/state/zip)
14. Jim Henderson has moved to: 20442 County Highway F, Bloomer, WI 54724
15. Sandra Holter Ramer has moved to: Apt. 1N, 310 Palomino Lane, Madison, WI 53705 / telephone: 608-233-1736
16. Radina Jensen Welton has moved to: 482 Hitchcock Hill Road, Windham, VT 05359 / telephone: 631-751-4459

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17. Mike Kell went to grade school in Eau Claire but graduated from Menomonee Falls High School. He came to some of the earlier reunions but has asked to be removed from our mailing list in the future.
18. Jim Kosmo's street address is: 256 South Fifth Street (Same city/state/zip)
19. Mary Mierow Blakeley's email address should be: blakeley63@gmail.com
20. Anita Olson Hildebrandt's winter address is: # 240, 400 N. Plaza Dr., Apache Junction, AZ 85120 / telephone: 715-563-3995
21. Bill Perry & Lonnie Peterson Perry's email address is: perrys@citizens-tel.net
22. Karen Peterson Anderson sent an email address: kpeteand@comcast.net
23. W. Jean Prince Gragert's telephone number is: 863-699-0316
24. Dave Rude's email address is: ghofnme@gwtc.net
25. Tom L. (Red) Schwartz's email address is: SCHWARTZ.VAL@gmail.com
26. Marv Smith has moved to: 5465 Aldama Road, Las Vegas, NV 89122. His email address is: smithw55@cox.net. His telephone number is the same: 702-641-8750.
27. Linda Solberg Flaten's telephone number has changed to: 715-832-9648
28. Larry Bradford called today to tell me that Ed Spielman is alive. Larry talked with him and found out Ed lives in Eau Claire, and his telephone number is 715-835-7531.
29. Dennis Steinke's telephone number is: 715-723-2320
30. Curt Tweith's telephone number has changed to: 715-379-4490

If any of you find incorrect information about yourself in the 50th Reunion Commemorative Book, please contact me to make the corrections so that everything is updated at this time. There will be a snail mail newsletter that will be mailed to everyone in our class in February, and we want to make sure we have the right mailing addresses for all classmates so that everyone receives the newsletter. Also, the corrections listed above and any new ones that I receive between now and then will be in the newsletter. Thanks to your generosity, we have enough money in the Class of 1959 treasury to keep our class website going for five more years and to be able to send out a yearly newsletter to keep in touch with everyone on a regular basis in February each year until our 55th Reunion in 2014.

Sadly, we have lost another classmate. Robert Elwing (Robert Klopp) died on October 22, 2009. His wife, Robin, wrote us a very nice note and explained that Robert was diagnosed with liver cancer in August. His memorial service was on October 30th. She explained that Robert's step-father's name was "Klopp," so Robert grew up with that name when he went through the Eau Claire School System. He never knew his real dad because Robert was born a week before Pearl Harbor, which is where/when his father was killed. Robert's obituary is in the "Memorials" section of this website. He is listed as Robert Elwing, which was his legal name and the name he used throughout his adult life. I remember Robert very well from Randall School days and junior/senior high schools, and I'm sure many of you do also. It sounds like Robert had a nice family, a good life, and did a lot to help make life better for others, as well. I am so grateful Robin wrote us.

Have a blessed holiday season and a very happy new year.

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