

News of the Month – December 2016

Memorial High School – Class of 1959



Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Dear Classmates,

Although we don't have snow in Eau Claire yet, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around the city. Many of the downtown businesses and malls in the area are all lit up with holiday decorations and fun displays. People are out shopping and having a good time getting ready for all the festivities ahead.

This past month has been interesting for me, because several classmates have sent updates on their addresses, so I have communicated with a few members of the Class of 1959, which is always nice. And some people have requested information about getting "in touch" with classmates, so I have followed-up on that too. Just a reminder to everyone: if you move, please send your new address to me, so we can keep our records up-to-date and know where you are when the annual letters are mailed in the late spring. And, keep in mind: we are now half-way to our 60th Reunion in 2019. The way time goes these days, it will be here before we know it. Maybe a 60th Reunion Meeting would be a good idea during the summer of 2017? Please let me know what you think.

John and I have had a sad month during November. John's son/ my step-son, Mike Barstad, died on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, in Menomonie, Wisconsin. Mike graduated from Memorial High School, had a BS degree in Mathematics, and was very athletic. He, especially, loved to water ski on the Chippewa River. He will be missed.

As a follow-up to the *November Website Newsletter*, I thought I'd let you know that all of the schools in Eau Claire had Veterans' Day Programs on November 11, 2016, and I did attend the Veterans' Day Program at Sam Davey School. It was wonderful! There were many veterans at the program. They had been invited by students to attend, and each was introduced and asked where and when he/she had served our country. The program was so meaningful, and I was so proud to be an American. Thank you to all the veterans in our class for keeping our country free.

Warm wishes for a holiday season filled with love, friendship, and family,



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