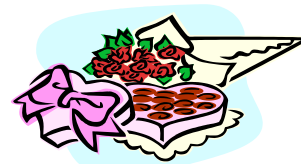


NEWS OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2014

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 1959

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN



February 1, 2014

Dear Classmates,

As you know from the *January 2014 Website Newsletter*, a questionnaire was mailed to all members of our ECMHS Class of 1959, in mid-January. You were asked to indicate your answers, make comments if you wished, and return it by February 1, 2014. From your answers, decisions will be made about our 55th Class Reunion, which is scheduled to be held the weekend of September 12, 13, and 14, 2014, in Eau Claire. As of today, we have had about 125 questionnaires returned. The results will be counted on Friday, February 7, 2014, and the 55th Reunion Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, to make final plans for the reunion – based on your wishes. So, if you haven't returned your questionnaire yet, please send it today! No answers will be counted after February 7, 2014. The members of the committee want to plan the reunion that you want, but we can only do that if we know what you want. After the 55th Reunion Committee meets on February 11th, a letter explaining the plans for the 55th Reunion and a registration form will be mailed to you as soon as possible – hopefully, in early March. Obviously, the sooner you know exactly what's going on, the sooner you can make your plans for a really fun reunion in September. So, check this website on March 1, 2014, and look for a letter via snail mail in early March with registration materials inside. We want YOU to be part of a great celebration in September!

Meantime, if you are in Eau Claire on the second Thursday of any month, remember that the Class of 1959 gets together for lunch on the second Thursdays of the month all year long at The Farm Restaurant at the Chippewa Valley Airport at 1:00 p.m. There is free parking. The building is handicapped accessible – as are the restrooms. We get together in a private dining room where the acoustics are great. (Even our classmates who have hearing problems have said that they can carry on conversations there.) And everyone seems happy with the menu, which includes salads, sandwiches, etc. We'd love to see you whenever you can make it.

Words seem so inadequate as we offer our sympathy and condolences when a loved one dies. And this month, because there are so many who have been beloved members of our families and of our class, it is especially difficult to express that sadness in words. Just know that the thoughts and prayers of many classmates are with you at this time. Philip J. Hauser, husband of our classmate, Clarice Books Hauser, died on Sunday, December 8, 2013. He graduated from Regis High School, and Philip and Clarice and their family lived in Superior. Charles, T. Hagen, brother of our classmate, Jim Hagen, died on December 23, 2013. He was an active member of the Shrine Drum Corps for 44 years and served as Deputy Fire Chief of the Town of Washington Fire Department. On January 15, 2014, Sophie M. (Rundberg) Bliss, the mother of our classmate, Carole Bliss Wisheart died. Mrs. Bliss was born in Eau Claire on September 19, 1909. She was 104 years old when she died. On January 15, 2014, Winifred (Meier) Johnson Krause, the mother of our classmate, Judy A. Johnson Kneer, died. Mrs. Krause was also a life-long resident of Eau Claire and graduated from Eau Claire Senior High School in 1935. And, on January 28, 2014, our classmate and friend, Verlyn C. Moore, died. A Celebration of Vern's Life will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2014, at Lake Hallie Golf starting at noon. You can find the obituaries for all of these people by going to "What's New?" on this website. They will be missed by so many as we think of their families and friends with sympathy and hugs.

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