

News of the Month – January 2013

Class of 1959 – Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



January 1, 2013

Dear Classmates,

The 55th Class Reunion Committee will meet on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at the Community Center at Mill Ridge Estates Condominiums on Kane Road, between the North Crossing (Hwy. 312) and Folsom Street, in Eau Claire. The 55th Reunion is coming up in September 2014, so it is time to discuss some preliminary matters pertaining to the reunion as well as to decide what should be part of the annual letter to classmates. The annual letter gets mailed about the first of February, so it needs to get put together soon! Members of the 50th Reunion Committee have been mailed letters about the meeting, but anyone from our class is welcome to attend and to become part of the 55th Reunion Committee. We encourage as many classmates as possible to work on the reunion committees. For further information, you can call me or email me. The contact information is at the bottom of this letter.

Two of our classmates have lost loved ones during the month of December this year. Tamara Cveykus, daughter of our classmate, Veronica (Stafsholt) Card, and her husband, John Card, died in December. Tami married Andrew Cveykus in June 1996, and they had four children, all of whom are still at home. Our hearts go out to Tami's family and friends, and we send them our warm sympathy at this sad time. We also send our sincere sympathy to our classmate, Marvin M. Smith; his wife, Wendy; and their family – on the death of his mother. Edna Lillian Smith passed away on December 11, 2012, in Chippewa Falls. She worked at Gillette Tire Company before it became Uniroyal, and she was a long time member of Grace Lutheran Church. Mrs. Smith was 94 years old when she died.

Louie Arnold emailed some information about the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation (Founding Partners for Education). Louie lives in Ohio, and I live in Eau Claire. I even attend the Eau Claire Board of Education Meetings on a regular basis, but I learned a great deal from Louie about the Foundation, and I learned a lot more when I went online to find out some of the specifics. Louie would like our classmates to know that the Foundation is just starting to organize in Eau Claire, and if you'd like to give back to the educational system that prepared you for where you are today, here's your chance. The Foundation is an independent non-profit foundation dedicated to promoting learning opportunities for students. On your computer, just type in: *Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation*, and it will take you to a wonderful explanation about the Eau Claire Schools and what we can do to care for and to help educate ALL of our children.

And last, but definitely not least, a most wonderful thing happened this month! Our classmate, Larry Bradford, was given the Jefferson Award by WQOW-News 18 in Eau Claire. The Jefferson Award, sometimes called *The Nobel Prize for Volunteerism*, was pioneered more than 30 years ago. The award recognizes the dedication and service of volunteers who transform lives and strengthen communities across the United States. Through the years, year after year, Larry has volunteered for many wonderful causes – Fishing has no Boundaries, Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels – and by putting on his Santa suit at Christmas and swooping into children's lives on his motorbike.



Congratulations, Larry. You so deserve it! (More information at: WQOW-18-Jefferson Awards.)



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