

News of the Month - January 2014

Class of 1959 - Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



January 1, 2014



Dear Classmates,

The members of the Class of 1959 Reunion Committee met on December 3, 2013, to discuss the 55th Reunion. As you know, plans were to have another three-day reunion with a Friday night informal get-together, a golf outing and tours of Eau Claire and Memorial High School on Saturday, followed by a served dinner and short program in the evening, with a breakfast on Sunday morning. However, there were many other ideas and suggestions put forth at the December meeting. Some people on the committee feel that the 55th Reunion should only be one night. Others think it should be two days. And others think we should go with the plan we had originally. As a result, the group decided that ALL class members should have input about the 55th Reunion, so YOU, the members of the ECMHS Class of 1959, will be receiving a questionnaire asking what YOU want for the 55th Reunion, which is planned for September 12, 13, & 14, 2014. The questionnaire will be mailed to you on January 15, 2014, and we would like you to return the completed form no later than **February 1, 2014**. We will tabulate the results, and we will, then, be able to plan the reunion that YOU want. Please watch for mail from the Class of 1959 in mid-January, and return the completed questionnaire as quickly as possible – but no later than **February 1, 2014**. Thanks for your help. We really need your input. Hopefully, we'll be able to send you definite information about the 55th Reunion sometime in March 2014. The information will include the dates of the reunion and how many days and what activities will be included. Remember, the choice is up to YOU, so be sure to complete the questionnaire and send it to us ASAP.

Sadly, there have been two deaths of relatives of our classmates this month. We send our sympathy to our classmates, Rodney and Judy Alf, because Rod's brother/Judy's brother-in-law, Frederick W. Alf, died on December 3, 2013. Born in 1932, Fred helped his family operate the Carryville Ferry as a youth and worked for the Dunn County Highway Department for 34 years. And Bob Nelson's mother, Ruby M. Nelson, died at age 103, on December 13, 2013, at the Syverson Lutheran Home in Eau Claire. Mrs. Nelson taught at elementary schools for 30 years in Downing, Mondovi, and Eau Claire. She also spent many years volunteering with numerous community and church organizations. Our hearts go out to Bob and his sister, Kay Nelson Whitney, who have given their mother such loving care through the years.

The January 2014 Class of 1959 monthly luncheon will be at The Farm at the Chippewa Valley Airport on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!



May you have love, happiness, and good health in the New Year.

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