



# News of the Month – July 2014

## Memorial High School – Class of 1959

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Dear Classmates,

The members of the 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Committee met on June 17, 2014, and voted to go ahead with the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion during the weekend of September 11-14, 2014. So, all events will be held as planned. That includes the party at the Holiday Inn South on Friday evening, the dinner at Lake Hallie Golf Club on Saturday evening, the breakfast at the Holiday Inn South on Sunday morning, our regular monthly *Lunch at the Farm* on Thursday noon, and golf at Hallie on Saturday for all those who have signed-up. Because we don't have as many people registered for the reunion as we thought would be coming, we are going to have to budget very carefully to make sure we can meet our expenses. Rental of the rooms for the events on Friday and Saturday evenings add greatly to the cost of both major gatherings. It's not just the food. It's also paying for the venue, the extra snacks, tips plus taxes, and the mailing expenses/web site expenses for our class to be able to hold this fun celebration. So, we hope everyone will understand our budget concerns as we try to make this the best reunion ever for the Class of 1959.

The next meeting of the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee will be on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., at the Mill Ridge Condo Community Center. Anyone from our class, who would like to be on the committee, is invited to attend. Please call or email me for further information OR just show-up at the meeting to help. We will be finalizing committees and volunteering for specific tasks for the events.

Our class sends our sympathy and caring thoughts to our class member, F. David Rasmussen, whose son, Todd M. Rasmussen, died on May 3, 2014. Todd went to North High School in Eau Claire and served our country for over twenty years in the U. S. Marines. Please go to "What's New?" on this website to read the full obituary for Todd.

With other members of the Board of Directors of the Eau Claire Press Company, our classmate, Mark Atkinson, and his daughter, Susan Schmitz, were recently inducted into the Business Hall of Fame in Eau Claire. There was a nice article and picture about the event in the *Leader-Telegram*, which you can find by going to "What's New?" on this website. Congratulations, Mark!

In the same newspaper, there was a picture and article about Zach Halmstad, son of our classmate, Gail Dean Halmstad. Zach was the co-recipient of the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the Upper Midwest in the "Technology Software" category. That article is also available by going to "What's New?" on this website.

Several couples from our class are celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries this year. Dave and Karen Hulett had a big celebration in Florida. And Jean White Wold and Jim Wold had a party for friends and family at Hope Lutheran Church in Eau Claire to mark their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They were married on June 27, 1964. Meantime, Jim and Judie Hagen were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in Texas on May 16, 2014. Congratulations and much continued happiness in the years ahead to all of you!

Hoping to see you at the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion in September!



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