

News of the Month - July 1, 2017

Memorial High School Class of 1959 Eau Claire, Wisconsin



Dear Classmates,

Our 60th Class Reunion Committee will meet on Friday, July 14, 2017, at the Mill Ridge Condo Association's Community Center on the West Side of Eau Claire at 1:00 p.m. It is the same place we've had class committee meetings for the past two or three reunions. No one has been contacted by letter or by telephone about the meeting, but we hope lots of classmates will attend, so it is important that you put it on your calendar, remind other classmates about it, and will plan to be there to have your ideas heard and to discuss whatever activities and other events you'd like to include for our 60th celebration. If you need directions to the meeting or have any questions about it, please contact me as indicated below. (Our 60th Reunion dates are September 14, 15, & 16, 2019.)

Just a reminder to those of you who have not returned your updated class address forms that were sent to you with our annual snail mail letter this spring. Please make sure you are up-to-date with your mailing information, so you will receive any general mailings that go out to our class members this year. Since many of you have not returned the completed form, we don't know if your information is the same, or if you died, or if you moved. Please help us keep in touch.

Speaking of "keeping in touch" with class members, our class received a very nice note from our foreign exchange student, Claus Westphal, when he received our annual snail mail letter this year. He said that he was singing the song, *Memories are Made of This*, as he wrote the note to us. If you knew Claus when he was a foreign exchange student at Memorial and would like to write to him, just contact me, and I'll be glad to give you his address. I think he'd enjoy hearing from some of his ECMHS friends after all these years. However, I don't want to put the address on the website, because I don't want to inconvenience Claus with "junk email" as a result, so, just let me know via telephone or snail mail, and I'll be glad to give you the information.

Donations from class members for our class expenses are still coming in. Thank you so much for helping our class pay for the cost of having a website, for sending snail mail letters to all class members each year, and for making sure that we keep having reunions on a regular basis as long as we can get together. I keep telling people that the ECMHS Class of 1959 is the best class ever – anywhere, and it really is. What a wonderful group of people we've been part of for all these years!

This month it is exciting to recognize the fact that it was ten years ago when our class decided that we wanted an *ECMHS Class of 1959 Website*, and Steve Loken set-it-up. He has been the "web master" for the past ten years, and, during that time, the website has been visited 126,339 times – as of today. We are so fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated person to keep us all "in touch" with one another. A big "Thank you!" to Steve from our class for all you have done for all of us through the years. Without you, we'd be without a major communication system, and we need that to stay in touch. You have kept us together, and we appreciate all the hours and the effort that you have given for us.

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