

# News of the Month – June 2011

## Class of 1959

### Memorial High School

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin



June 1, 2011

Dear Classmates,

A couple of our class members, at different times, emailed the same message to me this past month. It was about getting older. It was a fun email with all kinds of situations one gets into as the years go by – when we gain a little weight, develop some aches or pains, and aren't quite as agile as we used to be. I could, certainly, identify with the email and had a good laugh each time I received the message. However, after laughing heartily at it, I kept thinking about the opening page. It said, "Remember! Today is as young as you are ever going to be!" Although there was a lot of humor in the email, that part of it really made me think seriously about life, and it has "pushed" me to do some things I wasn't sure I could still do! If this is as young as I'm ever going to be, then I want to do whatever I can before I get any older!! I went to Lakeview Cemetery this past week and turned over the dirt and readied three graves for planting – digging out weeds on my knees. Then, I went back the next day and planted flowers with my nephew and two great-nieces. It was a lovely time with them, and I'm so glad I'm "young" enough to do it. I also started walking regularly again. I figure that I might not walk miles and miles, but a mile or two are better than none at all, and if this is as young as I'm ever going to be, I'd better do what I can! It's been a great lesson learned at this point in my life, and I thought I'd pass it along. In case anyone else in our class thinks that you're too old for anything, you might want to remember that today is as young as you are ever going to be and get moving! Thanks for the email, Classmates!

Two couples from our class are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries on the same day in June this year. Ken Hoepner and Barbara Jarvar Hoepner were married on June 3, 1961. And Greg Johnson and Judy Stelter Johnson (ECMHS/1960) were also married on June 3, 1961! Congratulations to all of you!

Karen Waterman Pizette, 540 Newport Drive, Indialantic, Florida 32903, sent us a new email address. It is: [kpizette@gmail.com](mailto:kpizette@gmail.com). Her telephone number is: 321-626-7781. Thanks for keeping us updated, Karen. It really helps!

Sadly, we have lost two classmates this month. Roderick G. Kolve died on April 29, 2011, at Luther Hospital after a long illness. Rod was married to Pam Kent. He worked for the City of Eau Claire for 36 years. You can read his full obituary by going to the "Memorial" section on this website and clicking on his name. Also, Dennis W. Murphy died just a few days ago, on May 26, 2011, at Mayo-Eau Claire (Luther Hospital). Dennis joined the U.S. Navy right after high school but lived in Eau Claire the rest of his life. You can read his obituary by going to "What's New?" on this website, which will give you a link to the obituary. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to the families of both of our friends.

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