

News of the Month - June 2012

Class of 1959

Memorial High School Eau Claire, Wisconsin

June 1, 2012



Dear Classmates,

Memorial Day was a little different for a lot of people in Eau Claire this year because we had a big storm the Thursday before the weekend. No one was hurt, but the wind took down trees all over the city. Carson Park and Riverview Park took a beating, so many of the beautiful trees in both areas are gone. And, throughout the city, trees fell on the rooftops of a number of houses, and many homes were without electricity for two or three days. But, often the hard times in life bring out the best in people, and this storm certainly did that. Neighbors helped neighbors, and when a plea was sent out asking people to meet on Sunday to help clean-up Lakeview Cemetery for Memorial Day, more than 200 residents showed up and worked until the job was done. The Memorial Day Parade went on, as it always does, at 9:30 a.m., Monday, and it was great! I always love to see the bands marching in the parade, and they were wonderful. Memorial High School, North High School, Regis High School, DeLong Middle School, Northstar Middle School, and South Middle School all marched. They sounded terrific, and for those of you who were in the band in high school, you'll know what I mean when I say that they "made their corners sharply" and looked wonderful too. Crews are still working all over town, but we had a great Memorial Day Weekend despite the storm. However, for those of you who no longer live in or near Eau Claire, you'll see some changes when you come "home."

Karen Garton Miller sent an email to let us know that her email address has changed. Karen's new email is: karenmiller1k@gmail.com.

And, sadly, Karen Sletner Schick's husband, Glen W. Schick, died on Monday, April 30, 2012. Karen and Glen lived in Chippewa Falls throughout their married life. His obituary is on our class website. You can find it by going to *What's New* and checking the "Bulletin Board." We send our sympathy to Karen and her family. Our thoughts are with you.

Thank you to all of you who emailed me about the story of my sister's life with polio. I learned that others in our class had family members who had polio also, and each faced the challenges the disease brought in different ways – but, always, with courage. For whatever reason, polio seemed to bring out great strength in its victims, and studies show that most were over-achievers in life.

Some of you may remember that our class motto was, "The past is in our hearts; the future is in our hands." Since we're living in a year of political turmoil, it seems like a good time for all of us to take that motto seriously. For those of you living in Wisconsin, please plan to vote on Tuesday, June 5th, and Tuesday, November 6th. For those of you in other states, remember to vote on November 6, 2012, and in any other elections in your state this year. The future really is in our hands.



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