



# News of the Month - June 2013

## Memorial High School - Class of 1959

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

Our first Class of 1959 monthly Lunch at The Farm Restaurant at the Chippewa Valley Airport in Eau Claire was a huge success. Over twenty classmates attended the May luncheon and had a great time. The food and service were excellent. (Several tried the salad bar and liked it.) The acoustics were wonderful – as indicated by all who joined in some fun conversation. (Even people with hearing aids said that they could hear the people talking to them with no problem.) It was nice to have free and handicapped parking within easy distance of the restaurant. The handicapped accessible restrooms were clean and new. There were no stairs or curbs to stop anyone with a cane or wheelchair. And there are no outside doors to the private dining room, so no one was making deliveries while we were there. When asked about “positives” and “negatives” for our first Lunch at The Farm, classmates said that there were no negatives. And the only suggestion anyone mentioned – to make it even better – was to try a different table arrangement, because, with so many people there, one long table got to be VERY long. So, since the management at the Farm has told us that we can have the tables arranged any way we’d like, we are going to try a couple of different set-ups during the next months and see what you, our classmates, think about them. For instance, we have asked The Farm staff to use round tables in June. Each table seats five people, and that should make it easier to talk with the whole group instead of just those seated next to you. The tables will be near one another, and there is plenty of room to get up and visit with people before and after you eat, so feel free to wander around and “catch-up” with everyone. We’ll see how that goes. If the group likes the table arrangement, we’ll keep it. If not, we’ll try another possibility in July. **We hope to see all of you at The Farm on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., for our monthly luncheon.** (Class of 1959 lunches are held each month, on the second Thursday, at 1:00 p.m., at The Farm.)

Sadly, two of our classmates’ sisters died recently. Mildred Johnson Baker, sister of our classmate, Marilyn Johnson Howard, died on April 9, 2013. Mildred was a nurse who practiced and taught nursing for over fifty years. And Doreen Bjerke Howie, sister of our classmate, Dona Bjerke Machnik, died on May 14, 2013. Doreen was an outdoorswoman who loved fishing and hunting with her family. We send our sympathy to Marilyn and to Dona and their families at this sad time. You can find further information and the obituaries for both of these women at “What’s New?” on this website.

Mark Atkinson recently updated his address and other information. His permanent, year-round, address is now: 2573 – 7 ¼ Avenue, Chetek, Wisconsin 54728. His telephone number is: 1-512-560-5067. His email is: gr8jaguars@yahoo.com.

Did you notice, when you arrived at the *Home Page* of this website, that it has been visited almost 97,000 times? Not only are members of the Class of 1959 visiting “our” website, but there must be many others who find it interesting also! We can thank our classmate and webmaster, Steve Loken, for making it possible. We are so lucky to have him doing all the organizing, much of the writing, and lots of the proof-reading for the website. We can communicate on a regular basis because of Steve. Thank you, Steve, for all you do for all of us on a regular basis – month after month and year after year. We really appreciate all your efforts for the Class of 1959.

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