

# News of the Month – June 2014

## Memorial High School – Class of 1959

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin

June 1, 2014



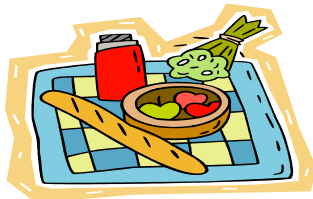
Dear Classmates,

The deadline for signing-up for our 55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion is today, June 1, 2014. As I write this letter, we have 114 people registered and planning to attend the events during the weekend of September 11, 12, 13, & 14, 2014. That number includes only 73 members of the ECMHS Class of 1959 and 41 guests. As you may recall, everyone in our class was sent a questionnaire earlier this year asking you if you wanted a 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, and if you did want a reunion, how you wanted it to be organized – one, two, or three nights, etc. It also asked if you planned to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Based on your responses to that questionnaire, the reunion committee members went ahead and planned a 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion with events to take place throughout the weekend, because the majority of your responses indicated that you wanted a two or three-day celebration. However, at this point, it doesn't look like many of you are planning to attend. As a result, we are giving you a two-week extension, but if we don't receive 75-100 more reservations by mid-June, the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee will meet to discuss canceling the reunion, because we can't afford to fund a two or three-day event with so few people planning to attend. On the other hand, if we receive enough registrations for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion events by June 14, 2014, and we find that we can go ahead with the plans – based on your responses by that date, we will, of course, do so. **If we don't have enough people registered to go ahead with the reunion, you will receive a refund check for the full amount you have paid to attend.**

Two of our classmates are celebrating important wedding anniversaries this spring. Kathy (Smith) and John Buchholz had a great picture in the Eau Claire paper last week indicating that they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on May 23, 2014. They had a pizza at Sammy's, because that was where they had their first date! And Pat (Owen) and Ken Reed will be celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 6, 2014. That's a lot of years! Our congratulations to both couples!

Sadly, some of our classmates have lost loved ones during the past month. Kay Furrer's step-mother, Lucille Weir-Furrer, died on April 26, 2014, in Eau Claire. Roy Larrive, husband of our classmate, DiAnn Thorson Larrive, died on May 18, 2014, in Eau Claire. And Susan White Aeby, wife of our classmate, Jim Aeby, died on May 27, 2014, in Stevens Point. The obituaries for all of these family members can be found on this website by going to "What's New?" In addition, our classmate, Sonja (Johnson) Backstrom and her husband, Tom, sent a note to let us know that they lost their daughter, Rhonda, to cancer on December 1, 2011. Our sympathy and caring thoughts are with all of our classmates and their families.

Three letters to our classmates came back with no forwarding addresses when we mailed the *Registration Forms* for the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. If anyone knows the current address for Gary Bunce, Joan Gunderson Cassata, or John Tweet, would you please let me know, so I can update the address in the class files and send a letter to that person. Also, if you know anyone else from our class who did not receive notification of the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion, please let me know that too!



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