

News of the Month – March 2011

Class of 1959 – Memorial High School Eau Claire, Wisconsin



March 1, 2011



Dear Classmates,

There have been a number of changes for many of our classmates and their families over the last months. As a result, this will be a bit longer than our usual monthly newsletter. And, as hard as it is, I'm going to start with our saddest news first. Several of our classmates have died recently.

Patti Peterson, wife of our classmate, Michael J. Peterson, emailed to tell us that Mike died on January 8, 2011. Since 1967, Mike and Patti had lived in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. They had two children and four grandchildren. Mike was the brother of our classmate, Annette Peterson Chartrand of Chippewa Falls. You can find a picture and obituary about Mike's life in the "Memorials" section on this website. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to Patti and to all the members of Mike's family.

Dave Shafer, classmate and brother of our classmate, Bruce R. Shafer, emailed to tell us that Bruce died on November 5, 2010. Bruce lived in St. Paul and was married to Barbara Shafer. He had one step-daughter and three grandchildren. You can find an obituary about Bruce's life in the "Memorials" section on this website. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to Barbara and to all the members of Bruce's family.

Our classmate, Charles E. Thalacker, died on February 19, 2011. Charlie lived in Eau Claire and was married to Trilby Thalacker. They had three children. He also had a sister, Lois Lee, of Eau Claire. You can find an obituary about Charlie's life in the "Memorials" section on this website. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to Trilby and to all the members of Charlie's family.

And, the father of our classmate, Jim Van Gorden, Schuyler "Bunk" Van Gorden, died on February 10, 2011. Many of you will remember Bunk, who attended many athletic/school events throughout our years at ECMHS. You can find an obituary for Mr. Van Gorden by going to *What's New* from the Home Page on this website and then clicking on "Bulletin Board." We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to Jim and Carolyn Van Gorden and to all the members of Bunk Van Gorden's family.

Since the *Class of 1959 February Newsletter* was mailed, we have received a great deal of information about our classmates. In fact, we have added two names to the list of *Missing Classmates*. Mail to Kathleen McQuillan Oium and to Barbara J. Voss Abraham was returned with no forwarding address. If you know any information that would help us find them, please contact Steve Loken or Carolyn Gabrielsen Barstad.

On the other hand, thanks to Tom Lindbo, we have found David Hanson. His address is: 111 Kellogg Blvd., Apt. 3004, St. Paul, MN 55101. Welcome back, Dave! We can take one person off the "Missing" List.

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Since the annual newsletter was mailed at the beginning of February, we have also received a number of address changes/corrections. Thanks to all of you for completing and sending your "UPDATE" forms from the newsletter. It really helps to keep in touch. Recent address changes are:

1. Barbara Back Johnson lives at: 600 Buffalo Street, #16, Mondovi, WI 54755
2. Mike Eaton has moved to: 1208 Glenn Place, #4, Eau Claire, WI 54703
3. France Larson Kelly has moved to: 2426 Post Road, #316, Warwick, RI 02886
4. Bette Mencil Wahl has moved to: 3346 Westhaven Court, Eau Claire, WI 54701
5. Phillip Millwood has moved to: 5852 Big Bend Loop, Anchorage, AK 99502
6. Betty Patrow Hellman lives at: 12713 Fieldcrest Road, South; Sparta, WI 54656
7. Terry Peterson lives at: 104 Janet Marie Lane, Winona, MN 55987
8. Janet Rumphol has moved to: 2013 Providence Court, Eau Claire, WI 54703
9. Dawn Smuhl Sutton has moved to: 4102 S. Aldon Road, Tucson, AZ 85735
10. Steve Speckien has moved to: 2534 New Pine Drive, Altoona, WI 54720
11. Joyce Walters Peterson lives at: 104 Janet Marie Lane, Winona, MN 55987

There have been some email changes too.

1. Karen Anderson Whitted's email is: KLWhitted@charter.net
2. Ken Hoepner's email is: tanzibk@aol.com
3. Sharon Jacobson Bobeck's email is: sharonkjb.@aol.com
4. Barbara Jarvar Hoepner's email is: tanzibk@aol.com
5. Greg Larson's email is: sandglarson@gmail.com
6. Marjorie Lee McCartney's email is: mommccartney@yahoo.com
7. Sharon Markle Bolch's email is: rsbloch78@gmail.com
8. Philip Melby's email is: phil.melby@att.net
9. Shirley Mittelstadt Rude's email is: shirley.rude@yahoo.com
10. Ron Nelson's email is: rmn@bloomer.net
11. Karen E. Peterson Anderson's email is: kpeteand1@att.net
12. Terry Peterson's email is: tpterson@charter.net
13. Dave Shafer's email is: laladave@q.com
14. Richard Sokup's email is: dnjsoky@yahoo.com
15. Rose Sosnouski La Point's email is: lapoint9021@charter.net
16. Joyce Walters Peterson's email is: jpterson@charter.net



We're getting a good return on the UPDATE forms from the *February Snail Mail Class Newsletter*. Thanks for sending them! If you haven't done so, please send yours now -- even if all of your information is the same. At least we'll know we haven't lost you, WHICH IS IMPORTANT. If you have had some changes in your information, PLEASE MAKE SURE you send the form back. We don't want to lose you!

Let's keep in touch!

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