

News of the Month – March 2013

Class of 1959 – Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

As I looked at the March calendar today, I realized there are a number of events that will be happening in the 31 days ahead. International Women's Day will be commemorated on March 8th. Following that, on March 17th, will be the traditional St. Patrick's Day festivities. Spring will arrive on March 20th. Passover begins on March 26th, and we'll celebrate Easter on the last day of the month. That's a lot to pack into one month. It's a good thing that there are 31 days in March, so we can manage it all! And just in case you haven't mailed your **CLASS OF 1959 ADDRESS UPDATE FORM** yet, it gives you 31 more days to do that too! I would like to publish the "update list" in the April 2013 *Website Newsletter*, so please get those forms mailed as soon as possible. We have received about 100 information sheets from our classmates. Thanks much to those of you who have returned the completed forms. It helps, tremendously, to keep track of everyone when you send the completed form to us. (Some have emailed the information, and others have called with the information. Either of those methods is great too – just so we get the correct information!) But it also means that more than 200 of you have not returned the completed forms. **We'd really appreciate it if you would!**

For those of you who have returned the completed forms, I want you to know how much fun it has been for me to get your notes, talk with you on the phone, or receive your emails. It's really good to hear from you – to know how you are doing and to hear about your families and your lives as we all get a "little bit" older. Most of the response forms we have received have indicated that many people are planning to be at the 55th Reunion. That's great! It will motivate the 55th Reunion Committee members to work that much harder to make sure the reunion will be the best ever – and just what you want – time to visit and spend time with all of our classmates while "catching up" on some of the changes that have occurred in Eau Claire over the years!

Speaking of changes, there is a correction that should be made in the annual snail mail letter. On the list of classmates who have died, please change Carol Pederson's last name to Carlson (not Carson). Carol was married to Bill Carlson. (Sorry! It was a typing error. If you see any other errors, please let me know.)

And, sadly, we send our sympathy and caring thoughts to our classmate, Jerry Haddeman, whose mother, Grace Haddeman, died on February 21, 2013. There was a lovely picture of Mrs. Haddeman with her obituary in the *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram* this past Sunday. You can find it by going to "What's New?" on this website, where Steve Loken has put a link to the information. Hugs to you and your family, Jerry.

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