



# News of the Month -- May 2008

## Memorial High School Class of 1959

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Dear MHS Classmates,

With the month of May 2008, come many graduations in the lives of members of the MHS Class of 1959. Some classmates have children graduating from high school and college; others have grandchildren who are graduating, and a few have great-grandchildren who are graduating. I have a great-niece who is “graduating” from four-year-old kindergarten! It’s a milestone for each person – no matter the age. But, as we look at these young people and see each of them taking a big step to another level of life ahead, I can’t help thinking back forty-nine years to our own high school graduation. What excitement! What plans! What a time to celebrate! Somehow, I don’t think it seems very long ago. Those memories are still pretty vivid! However, when I realize that 49 years of life have gone by, and lots of challenges have faced all of us since then, I can begin to believe that we will be gathering for our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion next year. I wonder if any of us realized how fast time would go as we walked up to get our diplomas back in 1959!

We have found another person who was on our “Missing” list! Ginny Close, sister of Jane Close Christoffersen, was visiting Jane in San Antonio and happened to see our January newsletter. She noticed Elizabeth Draper Martin’s name on the list, and because Betsy’s brother, Bob, was in Ginny’s class, she knew how to find Betsy, which she did, and sent the info on to us. I emailed Betsy and received an email back saying that she didn’t know that she had ever been “lost.” Anyway, she has been “found,” and materials about the reunion have been mailed to her. That leaves the following twelve people still on our list of missing class members. They are: Steve Akey, Gayle Bellesbach, Donna Cramblit Klueckmann, Richard Giebel, David Hanson, James R. Jensen, Judith McMullen, Ruth Miller, Mary Monroe, Richard Schultz, Sharron Shaw, and Judith Smith. If you know anything about any of them, please contact me.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Committee met on April 17<sup>th</sup>. (Thanks to Steve Loken, there is a picture of the group on the class website and a list of committee members in the January newsletter as well as on the website.) We reviewed the questionnaire that went out after the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The dates for 2009 are the ones, which were chosen in the questionnaire. People voted to have nametags with high school photos on them again. Overwhelmingly, classmates do not want a band at the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, but “very quiet CD’s of fifties music” came in with about the same number of votes as “no music.” (If you have an opinion about this, let us know.) Except for one person, everyone who responded is planning to be at the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The Ramada Convention Center provides dessert with all meals, so that question became a non-issue. Most of the rest of the meeting was a discussion about all of the activities that will be planned for the weekend – especially during the day on Saturday, September 12, 2009. Committee members are coming back with long lists of ideas for Friday, Saturday, **and** Sunday when we meet in October 2008! It was a fun get-together with lots of enthusiastic classmates and good suggestions!

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