



News of the Month – May 2014
Memorial High School – Class of 1959
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
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Dear Classmates,

Registration for our 55th Class Reunion started out looking very good at the beginning of April. However, as the month ended, we only had twenty-five classmates send-in their reservation forms for the reunion. As a result, there is a real need for everyone who has not sent your reservation form to us yet to know that **the deadline of June 1, 2014, is extremely important.** We set the deadline early, because we need to know if we have enough people coming to the events to be able to pay for them. If we don't have at least 150 people attending, we really can't afford to go ahead with the 55th Reunion because of the event room rental fees being charged for Friday and Saturday nights – plus the cost of supplies needed for the events. So, if you want to have a 55th Reunion in September, and if you are planning to attend, please make sure you mail your reservation form by **no later than Monday, June 2, 2014.** The Reunion Committee will meet at the end of that week to determine whether or not we have enough reservations to go ahead with our reunion plans. (Just a couple of notes for your information: **1. 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.** 2. Attendance at our 50th Reunion was about 250 people each night and about 60 at breakfast on Sunday. 3. It doesn't matter how many people attend breakfast on Sunday in September, but you do have to register for it ahead of time. Since we will be located in a section of the hotel dining room, there is no special room fee for that event.) If we decide, because there are not enough people planning to attend the reunion, that we will not be able to have a 55th Reunion, it will be posted on the Class of 1959 Website as soon as possible after the first week of June, and all class members will be sent a letter indicating the cancellation. If we get enough (150+) reservations before June 1, 2014, to indicate that we will go ahead with the reunion, we will let you know that via the monthly website newsletter on June 1, 2014, so please get your reservations in ASAP. We hope to see you in Eau Claire on September 11, 12, 13, & 14, 2014!

Please note that if we do not have enough people planning to attend the 55th Reunion to make it possible, we would also have to discontinue the annual snail mail newsletters. The money donated at the reunions has supported the cost of the mailings, which is significant each year, and the cost of the class website – until now, but there would be no money to do that. However, if there is no 55th Reunion, Steve Loken has generously volunteered to pay the annual fee for the class website each year and to continue maintaining it as long as there is interest.

Many members of our class will remember Dale E. Krammes, who taught English, Radio & TV, and Speech when we attended Memorial High School. Later, he went on to serve as assistant principal at Eau Claire North High School for nineteen years. Mr. Krammes died on April 4, 2014, at the age of 93. He was a dedicated teacher who had a sense of humor and concern for others. Our thoughts are with his children and grandchildren at this sad time. An obituary for Mr. Krammes is posted on this website under "What's New?"

And Patrick M. McQuillan, brother of our classmate, Kathleen McQuillan Oium, died on April 2, 2014. Patrick was a few years older than members of our class, but many will remember him because sports were very important in his life, and he participated in a variety of events. We send our sincere sympathy to Kathleen and her family. An obituary for Patrick is posted on this website under "What's New?"

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