



# News of the Month – November 2014

## Class of 1959 – Memorial High School

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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Dear Classmates,

There isn't much time between class reunions to sit back and relax, because we have to make some decisions early to guarantee that we will have a place or places to hold our next reunion, and the only way we can do that is to make our reservations for the next reunion shortly after the last reunion. Therefore, the 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Committee will be meeting early in the spring of 2015. Several classmates have already let me know that they want to be on the committee and will be glad to get together to discuss preliminary plans. So, if you are interested in working on the 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion, please write a note to me, email me, or give me a call, and I'll start a list of 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee Members. Then, when we are ready to meet in the spring, I can contact you and make sure that anyone who wants to be on the committee is there to help make the decisions that are so crucial to the success of the Reunion Weekend. Please include your email and snail mail addresses plus your telephone number in your contact information. The more the merrier! It's always fun to get together with classmates, even when there's a little work involved.

One of our classmates, who supported our class events for a number of years, died during the past month. John E. Woletz died on October 14, 2014. Even though John was not at our recent reunions, he always returned his information form and sent a donation to our class. He enjoyed getting the annual newsletters and wanted to help with our reunion expenses. Through the years, John had some significant health problems, but he and I stayed in touch, and it was always good to hear from him. He will be missed. He is survived by his brother, Bob Woletz, and many nephews, nieces, and cousins. We send our sympathy to them at this sad time. You can find John's obituary by going to "What's New?" on this website.

As promised, the letter and information from the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation has been mailed to all members of our ECMHS Class of 1959. You should have received yours by now. (If you did not, please let me know.) In fact, several members of our class have emailed or called to tell me that they have sent their donations already. That's wonderful! And Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe, who is the Executive Director of the Foundation, emailed to say that she is thrilled with the donations from so many of our classmates so quickly. (I won't know how much anyone is giving, and I don't care to know, but Mary Beth will let me know who gives something, so we know how many classmates have responded to the Foundation's needs.) Also, at some point, I'll make sure all of you know how many of our class members have given to the school system that gave so much to all of us.

Several people have asked about our Class of 1959 monthly lunches following our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion. There is no longer an "official" place for monthly lunches for the ECMHS Class of 1959, but there are several groups of classmates who do get together at various places each month. If you get together with classmates for lunch/dinner regularly and you would like other classmates to join you, you can contact Steve Loken or me, and Steve will put that information on our class website, so others can get together with the group(s) if they would like to do so. Please include the place, time, other relevant information, and the contact person in case anyone has any questions.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Happy  
Thanksgiving  
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