

News of the Month – November 2017

Class of 1959 – Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



Dear Classmates,

Thank you to all the class members who sent updates on your addresses this month. It must be the most popular month for moving, because I have received several “change of address” notifications. I really appreciate you keeping your addresses up-to-date. It helps a lot.

Last month I asked all of our class members to let me know if you are doing any volunteering in your communities these days, but I only had one reply. I know that many of you volunteer at various places during the year, and it would be interesting for the rest of us to learn about some of the opportunities for volunteering that are out there, so let me ask you again. Are you doing any volunteering in your communities, and what kinds of volunteering are you doing?

Sadly, we have had several deaths related to our class this month. Maxine L. (Hansen) Johnson died on October 7, 2017, in Cumberland, Wisconsin. “Max” married Ron Johnson in 1962, and they made their home in Cumberland for many years. Max’s funeral was in Cumberland on October 28, 2017. Another of our classmates, Donald R. Felton, passed away at his home in New Auburn on October 26, 2017. Don was born and raised in Cleghorn. After high school he proudly served in the U.S. Army. He loved spending time with friends and family through the years. His funeral was on October 31, 2017. Many of you will remember our classmate, Don Fletty, who died on October 27, 2011. His sister, Patricia L. (Fletty) MacLaughlin, whom some of you knew, died on October 6, 2017. She was the tenth of thirteen children in their family. We send our condolences to these families at this sad time.

On Friday, October 27, 2017, our classmate, Jim Kosmo was at Volume One in Eau Claire to talk about his most recent novel. Jim “launched” *Monsters in the Hallway* to an overflow crowd that evening. Many of the people in the audience were high school classmates, which made it a great celebration for all of us. Jim has won eight National Book Awards as an author through the years. He is a well-known speaker and author. His book, *Still Standing*, is currently in its tenth printing. *Monsters in the Hallway* takes place in Eau Claire. It is available for purchase at Volume One, or you can contact Jim also.

Don’t forget that our class is still getting together at Mogie’s on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. There are usually about twenty class members who get together, so put the date on your calendar, and join the group on November 9th!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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