



News of the Month for October 2008 Memorial High School Class of 1959 Eau Claire, Wisconsin



Dear Classmates,

The 50th Reunion Committee is meeting on October 30th, in Eau Claire. There are 42 people working on the reunion, and letters have been sent to them with information about the meeting. It will be an important few hours because we'll be deciding which activities we want to include for the 50th Reunion, and we'll be setting up committees to carry out the plans. For instance, Phoenix Park, along the Chippewa River in downtown Eau Claire, has been turned into a beautiful area. On Saturday mornings there is a wonderful "Farmer's Market" in the park. You'll definitely want to see it and sample all the "goodies." But what else do you want to do during the day on Saturday in addition to exploring downtown Eau Claire? As you envision yourself here, what do you see? Golf? City tours? Shopping? Riding the bike trail? We want to plan things that you think will be fun and exciting to celebrate the fifty years since we've graduated from high school. Therefore, if you have suggestions and ideas to share about any part of the weekend – the Friday night "Welcome Party," Saturday evening dinner, Sunday morning breakfast -- including the programs and activities, PLEASE send them to us NOW! You can do this by going to the "Suggestions" section on this website, or you can email your thoughts directly to me. Either way, we'd love to hear from you, and we will try to do whatever you'd like to make this the best reunion ever.

We are already receiving door prizes from around the country! That's great! If you haven't thought about it, and, especially if you live in a different state, you might want to start thinking about bringing a door prize to "show off" your area of the world. You can send the door prizes to me ahead of time or bring them with you. Just let us know what you're planning!

I haven't heard from anyone around the country about the idea of inviting former teachers to our Saturday evening celebration. I saw John Bowman at the apple orchard yesterday. He looks great and is willing to give us the names of those people who are still around if we want them. For instance, I know John Gallagher and Thom Frisbie also live in Eau Claire. So, what do you think?

This is your chance to have some input about our 50th Reunion. Please send your ideas ASAP so that we can discuss them at the meeting on October 30th, and can start working with them right away! We're looking forward to seeing you arriving *From the Four Corners of the World to the Four Corners of Eau Claire* in September 2009! And as you leave to go home afterward, we want to hear you say, "That was the best reunion ever. Am I glad I was here!"

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