News of the Month -- October 2009
Memorial High School Class of 1959
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

October 1, 2009

Dear Classmates,

According to reports from all over the United States, our 50th Reunion was a big success! Thank you for all your nice comments and support. We have a very special class, and the committee members want to make sure the reunions are special for all of you who travel from near and far to be here, so we're glad you had a good time. We hope you're already looking forward to 2014!

Classmates and guests really enjoyed the Friday night party because everyone had a chance to get around and visit with other people from various parts of the country while munching some good food at the buffet and picking up a drink at the bar. John Schaaf did a great job of welcoming everyone, and the Memorabilia Table was a big hit during the evening. T-shirts were picked up, maps of the area were available, DVDs of the reunion could be ordered, and the DECA class from Memorial High had a wonderful "shop" there for MHS grads to purchase clothing, etc. It was a fun evening for all with many staying up until the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday gave classmates a chance to explore Eau Claire, to visit the Farmers' Market, to play golf with other MHS friends, or to just "hang out" and have a good time together. Dinner was super on Saturday evening, and the well-planned program gave us all a chance to remember our classmates who have passed on as well as a chance to catch up on news about our classmates who are still with us. Again, no one really wanted to "call it a night," and there were many people at Sunday brunch who admitted they weren't used to staying up so late anymore!

More than 265 people were at the Friday night party, and over 255 were at the Saturday evening dinner – a major record for our class, which helped to make it so much fun for everyone.

Last week, the DVD of our reunion was mailed to those classmates who had ordered it. It's great and really captures the feeling of the whole celebration. If you did not order it and still want to do so, you can contact Mike Hulett (Dave's brother) by email <mikehulett@cableone.net> or by telephone at 218-329-2929. Or you can send a check for $34.95 to Hulett Resources, 4016 South Rivershore Drive, Moorehead, MN 56560.

The 50th Reunion Booklet will be mailed to you at the end of October or at the beginning of November – depending on when it is finished. (It will include a questionnaire about the 50th Reunion.) If you did not order a booklet prior to the reunion and still want one, you can send me a $20.00 check made out to "ECMHS Class of 1959," and I will add you to the list. Deadline for any booklet orders is Monday, October 12, 2009.

Photos of our reunion, taken by Jim Urness and Steve Loken, are being put on our class website daily, so be sure to take a look at them while you are here. It certainly appears as if we had a good time!

Those of you who were at the Saturday evening dinner program on September 12th will remember the announcement of greetings sent from Germany by Claus Westphal, our foreign exchange student at Memorial High during our senior year. Some of you have asked for Claus' email address so that you can write to him. It is <clauswestphal@web.de>.

Sadly, I also have to tell you that we have lost three of our class members during the past month. Mary Lee Fletty died on August 23, 2009. Judy Finn Schmidt died on September 13, 2009. And Lyle Bien died on September 21, 2009. Please read their obituaries in the "Memorial" section of this website. It's hard to believe that we have had 83 class members pass on. We miss them all.

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