



News of the Month -- September 2009

Memorial High School Class of 1959

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

September 2009 is here, and so is our 50th Class Reunion! In less than two weeks we'll be celebrating at the Ramada Convention Center at the Four Corners of Eau Claire! People are planning to be here from all the corners of the United States except Alaska. (And we have had no reservations from foreign countries either!) However, from Hawaii, Maine, California, Oregon, Florida, and many states in between, classmates will be arriving for a fun filled weekend on September 11th. Our 50th Reunion will break attendance records with 258 people at the Friday night party and 249 people at the Saturday evening dinner. In addition to the two evening celebrations, there will be over 50 people having brunch together at the Ramada on Sunday morning. So, get ready for a wonderful weekend in Wisconsin!

Here are a few reminders to help everyone find the way to the parties and merriment! The Friday night party will run from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. and is in the LOWER level of the Ramada Convention Center. Please use the elevator or the stairway to the downstairs foyer where you can sign in and get your nametag for the evening. The tables will be divided alphabetically into four stations: A-F, G-La, Le-R, and S-Z. After that you can pick up your T-shirt and order a DVD or 50th Reunion Booklet if you have not done so and want one. Students from the Memorial High School DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) will be there to sell sweatshirts, hats, and other ECMHS souvenirs on Friday night also. When you have completed all of the things you want to do/see in the foyer, you can bring your memorabilia (Friday night only) into the party room and give it to Bob Nelson and his crew as they set up the display tables for the evening. (Be sure to pick up your memorabilia when you leave for the evening!) And then, just have a good time!! John Schaaf will give a short "Welcome" to the group at about 7:15 p.m., and group photos of those people who will be at the Friday night party only will be taken during the evening, but otherwise, it's a very informal night so that everyone can enjoy all the snacks and visit with classmates and guests.

On Saturday evening the cocktails, dinner, and program are on the MAIN FLOOR of the Ramada Convention Center. Cocktails will start at 5 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m., followed by the program, door prizes, and group photos. Sign in tables will be set up in the foyer in the same order as they were on Friday night so that everyone can get his/her nametag and place card. (Please write your name on your place card and leave it at a place setting at a table so that you can be up and about visiting with others before dinner. It will save your spot, and the wait staff will know what you ordered during dinner.) If you are bringing a door prize to the reunion, you can give it to the people at the "Door Prize" table when you arrive on Saturday evening. You will also have a last chance to order a DVD or a 50th Reunion Booklet that night. Most of all, have a good time with classmates and guests and enjoy the great program that is planned.

Brunch on Sunday will be served buffet style between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the hotel dining room. The Clear Water Room is next to the dining room and is reserved for the Class of 1959. See you there!



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