



News of the Month - September 2013

Class of 1959 - Memorial High School

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



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Dear Classmates,

September always makes me a little nostalgic for the years I spent teaching/counseling in the Eau Claire School System. I still feel as though I should be doing lesson plans and getting ready to go back to school. The good thing is, however, that even without a new school year to plan, it does seem as though September is a busy time for all of us “retirees.” Friends are back from vacations. And programs, classes, and gatherings at various places are just beginning. We are very fortunate that we have so many endeavors from which to choose at our age. Isn't it great to be part of the Class of 1959, to have grown-up during the fifties, and to still have so many good activities available to us as fall begins!

One of those activities is, of course, our Class of 1959 Lunch each month. The *September Lunch at The Farm at the Eau Claire Airport* will be at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 12, 2013. There is free parking, plenty of room to seat everyone comfortably, and a fun group of classmates – ready to greet you when you arrive. Handicapped accessible restrooms are right across the hall. I hope to see you at *The Farm*!

You may have noticed that Kay Furrer's picture was not in the photos from the last monthly lunch. The reason she was not there is that Kay had a stroke several weeks ago and has been in the hospital. She is now recovering at Dove West in Eau Claire. I have visited Kay several times, and she is making a lot of progress in her recovery. She is having some problems with her speech and with her right side, but she is getting stronger and is having therapy regularly. She is ready for company and would enjoy having visitors. You can park in “visitor parking” out front and enter by the front door. Kay's room number is 1218. The staff members are helpful and pleasant, so feel free to ask for directions. Early evenings and weekends would be good times to plan a visit.

We send our sympathy to the family of Charles D. “Chuck” Pope, who was a member of the Class of 1959. Chuck died on August 5, 2013. Chuck was part of our class for many years and joined the U.S. Navy prior to graduation. Many of our classmates would have known him. Please go to “What's New?” on this website to read his obituary.

We also send our sympathy to the family of Lloyd F. Johnson, who died on August 2, 2013. Mr. Johnson was the step-father of our classmate, Kenneth Stetzer, who died in 1984, and many of Ken's friends will remember his step-father through the years. Please go to “What's New?” on this website to read Mr. Johnson's obituary.

The 55th Reunion Committee will meet in late September. If you were on the 50th Reunion Committee or have let me know that you'd like to be on the 55th Committee, you will receive an email or snail mail with a specific date and time. Hope to see you there!

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