

News of the Month – September 2014 Memorial High School – Class of 1959



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Dear Classmates,

September has arrived, and, with it, our 55th Reunion. Just one more week, and we'll be celebrating together in Eau Claire, Wisconsin!

Since we don't see one another every day as we did in high school, name tags have been prepared for all events for all members of the Class of 1959 who have registered for the reunion. Guests of classmates will be able to write their own name tags when they arrive, so everyone will be able to "recognize" each other at every event. **Lunch at the Farm** at the Chippewa Valley Airport will kick-off the weekend on Thursday at one o'clock. (Registration will start at 12:30 p.m.) Lunch will include soup and salad with a "make-your-own" sandwich, buffet style. There will be about 40 people attending, and it will cost \$10.00 per person with tax and tip included in the price. Some of you have contacted the Chippewa Valley Museum staff about the Thursday evening event, **Fournier's for a Night**, also. We hope you enjoy going "back to the fifties" and will have a great time dancing and eating, just as we did in 1959! The **Friday Party at the new Holiday Inn South** will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will continue until 11:00 p.m. Substantial snacks will be served, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and everyone will have a chance to enjoy the cash bar, which will be located in the banquet room throughout the evening. A number of golfers have signed-up for the **Saturday Golf Outing** for class members and guests. Judy Johnson Kneer has been contacting golfers with their tee times and groups, so all of you golfers should be ready to go early in the day on Saturday. Later in the day, starting at 3:00 p.m., there will be a cash bar set-up outside at **Lake Hallie Golf Club for our Class Dinner**. Cocktails will be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Dinner will be served outside at 5:30 p.m. Be sure to get there early enough to register and to get your name tags and place cards for the event. Place cards will be given to you when you register. Your place card will be bright pink if you are having steak, and it will be bright yellow if you are having chicken. You can write your name on the place card, and put it on the dinner tables, wherever you wish to sit. That will save your place at the table, so you can continue to socialize and visit with everyone until it's time for dinner. Also, the place cards will help the wait staff to know what you are eating when they serve dinner, so be sure you keep your place cards on the table! **Sunday Breakfast will be at the new Holiday Inn South**, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., on Sunday, September 14, 2014. It will be the last event of the reunion, and it will take place in a designated area of the main dining room at the hotel, so we can all sit together. Everyone who has signed-up for breakfast will be given a ticket when you arrive, after which you will go through a wonderful breakfast buffet and will join your classmates for one last get-together before taking off for various parts of the world.

Photographs will be taken at most of the events and posted on the class website following the 55th Reunion, so be sure you are in some of the pictures during each celebration. Dress for all events is casual. John Glenz will speak for a few minutes at the Friday night party, and Joy Borum will speak for a few minutes at the Saturday evening dinner. There is no major program planned for any of the events, so everyone can visit with each other throughout the reunion weekend and just enjoy being together. See you soon!

Our class sends our sympathy and caring thoughts to several families this month. Ardis Kirchhoff Garton Crowe, mother of our classmate, Karen Garton Miller, died on July 30, 2014. She had been a resident at Dove Healthcare West since 2012. Also a resident at Dove Healthcare West, Marie Stai, mother of our classmate, Clifford Stai, died on August 3, 2014. In addition, our classmate, Janet Rumphol, died on August 6, 2014, in Eau Claire. Janet loved children and took care of many during her lifetime. One of her favorite hobbies was crocheting baby hats for newborn infants at Luther Hospital. And Timothy Thompson, son of our classmate, Barbara Pendergast Thompson, and Doug Thompson, died on August 19, 2014. (You will probably remember that Tim's mother and our classmate, Barb, died on October 8, 2013.) We send our heartfelt condolences to all of these families at this sad time.

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