



Class of 1959 Memorial High School Eau Claire, Wisconsin Newsletter – April 2016



60th CLASS REUNION Let's Meet at the Four Corners! September 13, 14, & 15, 2019



The 60th Reunion for the Eau Claire Memorial High School Class of 1959 will be held the weekend of September 13, 14, and 15, 2019, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The votes came in from last year's snail mail newsletters to classmates, and, based on the answers to our questionnaires, the majority of classmates want to have a three-day reunion downtown at the totally renovated (NEW) hotel on Barstow Street, which is named "The Lismore." You can find it online and will be able to see what a beautiful venue it has become. As requested by most of you, all events, except the golf outing, will take place at The Lismore. The plan is as follows:

Friday, September 13, 2019: There will be an informal social evening for classmates and guests with a short program at The Lismore. Substantial snacks will be served with a bar set-up in the room for the evening.

Saturday, September 14, 2019: There are lots of changes happening in the city center of Eau Claire, and, since The Lismore is downtown, many people will want to explore that area during the day. In the evening, there will be a social hour and a served dinner with a short program following at The Lismore. Again, a bar will be set-up in the room throughout the evening, and classmates and guests can enjoy lots of good conversation and being together.

Sunday, September 15, 2019: There will be a brunch at The Lismore on Sunday morning, so classmates and guests can gather before everyone leaves to head home.

60th Class Reunion Committee Meeting on April 29, 2016

There will be a meeting to work on planning events for the 60th Class Reunion on Friday, April 29, 2016, at the Community Center at Mill Ridge Estates on Kane Road in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, at 10:00 a.m. Our classmate, Philip Melby, who lives at Mill Ridge, has made arrangements to be able to continue to rent the Community Center for our class. Thank you, Phil! Most of the people who have worked on previous class reunions know where it is located, but if you don't, and you'd like to be on the committee, just call Carolyn Gabrielsen Barstad (715-835-5080) for directions. Everyone from our class is welcome to join the committee. We need you!

Missing Classmates



Donna Cramblit Klueckmann
Nancy Julson Blaisdell
Judith McMullen
Ruth Miller
Judith Smith
Lyle Smith
Robert Steidtmann
Barbara J. Voss Abraham

THANK YOU FOR UPDATING
YOUR ADDRESS WHEN YOU
MOVE. WE APPRECIATE IT!

Meet Our Classmates At Mogie's Every Second Thursday!



Although the members of the ECMHS Class of 1959 have tried other places for lunch on the second Thursday of the month, none seem to be as popular as Mogie's. There's always good food, good drinks, and lots of good conversation as classmates "catch-up" with one another and enjoy being together there. So, if you're in the area and want to spend some time with friends, keep Mogie's in mind. Everyone is welcome at 1:00 p.m., on the second Thursday of the month!

Please Make Note Of Some Changes



Steve Loken, our class webmaster, and Carolyn Gabrielsen Barstad, who is the chairperson of our class reunions, have both moved recently, so their contact information has changed. Please make note of these changes in case you want to get in touch with one of them in the future.

Steve Loken's new information is:

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Rosemount, MN 55068

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Email: bravo@sjloken.com



Carolyn Gabrielsen Barstad's new information is:

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Eau Claire, WI 54703

Telephone: 715-835-5080

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Class Website

There is a new newsletter added to our Class Website that gives up-to-date information about our class activities and classmates each month. Please check it regularly at [<ECMemorial59.com>](http://ECMemorial59.com) for the latest information.



Memorial High School – Class of 1959

Classmates Who Have Died



- Wayne L. Albares (3/16/10)
- Dr. James R. Allen (7/30/02)
- Clarice Amble Pierce (Mrs. David) (11/12/14)
- William R. Anderson (2/17/09)
- Donald Baker (Date Unknown)
- Patricia Barby Moen (Mrs. Maynard) (11/28/11)
- Sonja K. Behlke Green (Mrs. James) (8/21/05)
- Michael L. Bell (11/12/12)
- Gayle Bellesbach Hildebrand (12/29/09)
- Clayton Bellows (6/27/11)
- Duane W. Berg (7/14/04)
- Shirley Berg Hasenmueller (Mrs. Charles) (2/26/03)
- Lyle Bien (9/21/09)
- Gerald Biesterveld (6/5/10)
- Carole Bliss Wisehart (9/13/15)
- Michael Blum (1962)
- Bonnie Bolier Curtis (7/17/13)
- Ronald V. Bollinger (1988)
- James Brandon (4/8/08)
- Joseph Buckwheat (6/3/99)
- Barbara Burr Larson (Mrs. LaVerne) (10/20/02)
- Judy Chaffee Butler (Mrs. Frank) (4/15/15)
- Judie Childs Lund (Mrs. Robert) (2001)
- Larry Christopherson (Date Unknown)
- Constance Clark Arndt (Mrs. Robert) (1987)
- Ralph Clark (1996)
- Jerry Cleasby (10/6/99)
- Karen Craney Brenner (8/22/03)
- Donald Cronkite (1972)
- Melvin (Shorty) Curtis (5/3/06)
- Patricia Dahlgren Solberg (Mrs. Ronald) (12/28/04)
- Gerald Dale (8/11/01)
- Robert A. Dole (12/9/10)
- John T. Eberhardt (6/16/11)
- Robert Elwing (a.k.a. Robert Klopp in school) (10/22/09)
- Sandra Engebretson Leatherman (Mrs. James) (5/21/03)
- Susan J. Engebretson BaDour (Mrs. John) (1/26/03)
- Eugene A. Engelbretson (11/6/15)
- Barbara Erickson Kleist (2/14/04)
- Judy Finn Schmidt (Mrs. Thomas) (9/13/09)
- Robert E. Fjelstad (7/2/14)
- Donald P. Fletty (10/27/11)
- Roger Freeman (11/4/13)
- Leonard W. Friede (4/25/07)
- Louise D. Froehlich Haldorson (Mrs. Roger) (1994)
- Gary R. Gaard (2/24/14)
- Thomas A. Garnett (9/3/11)
- Sharon C. Garton Delaney (Mrs. James) (Date Unknown)
- Ronald J. Geschel (1995)
- Donald E. Glenna (3/21/02)
- Linda K. Golle Livingston (Mrs. Jerry) (7/15/12)
- Thomas A. Graham (1/24/08)
- Maejean Graves Cooper (Mrs. Charles) (1/4/04)
- Eugene Gunderson (12/18/92)
- Craig Hagen (1979)
- Jane Hageness (1/20/03)
- Richard Harrison (1985)
- Steve Hoffmeister (1/22/11)
- Sharon Holbrook Cain (Mrs. John R.) (3/28/10)
- Thomas Holmes (1993)
- Joseph Horel, Jr. (1/29/99)
- Darleen Hysen (12/5/96)
- Gary F. Jackson (9/13/11)
- Bonnie Johnson Accola (Mrs. Paul) (6/28/75)
- Charles F. Johnson (7/21/12)
- Dr. Susan Johnson Anderson (Mrs. Steve) (5/5/05)
- Yvonne G. Johnson Bradford (Mrs. Neil) (11/6/02)
- Carol Jump Hamler (Mrs. William) (10/18/94)
- Howard Kildahl (1988)
- Fred H. King, Jr. (3/24/05)
- James Klawiter (7/13/07)
- Nyles R. Kohlhepp (3/6/14)
- Elsie L. Kolka Smiley (11/14/13)
- Roderick G. Kolve (4/29/11)
- Darlene Kosmosky Plemon (Mrs. Ray) (3/20/15)
- Weslyn J. La Muska (1/25/10)
- Joseph R. La Point (11/30/10)
- Roderick C. La Rock (2/7/04)
- Elizabeth L. Lane (12/16/05)
- Mary E. Lee Fletty (Mrs. John) (8/23/09)
- Edith E. Livingston Silbaugh (Mrs. Elmer) (9/7/04)
- Daryl Lovvik (2006)
- Gloria J. Marx Hestegan (5/4/96)
- Michael J. Mc Curdy (7/6/03)
- Ann M Mc Cutchen Hedger (Mrs. David) (Date Unknown)
- Maxine Mc Fadden Zich (Mrs. Gale) (9/24/96)
- James W. Mc Sorley (Date Unknown)
- Elizabeth (Bette) Mencil Wahl (Mrs. Eric) (12/27/15)
- Joyce Miller (Date Unknown)
- Carol Milward Ferris (Mrs. John) (Date Unknown)
- Shirley Mittlestadt Rude (Mrs. John) (1/16/16)
- Bernard (Bud) Moe (2/26/07)
- Mary Louise Monroe Schmaltz (3/28/10)
- Verlyn C. Moore (1/28/14)
- Arleen Morse Hughes (Mrs. Gregory) (12/5/01)
- David A. Murphy (7/22/95)
- Dennis W. Murphy (5/26/11)
- Barbara A. Otterson Rosentrater (Mrs. Art) (1993)
- Katherine Pachio (Date Unknown)
- Donna M. Pahl Brixen (Mrs. Maynard) (12/25/10)
- Katharine L. Paulson (2/26/04)
- Milo Paulson (1998)
- Allen J. Peden (3/23/15)
- Carol Pederson Carlson (Mrs. William) (1980)
- Barbara J. Pendergast Thompson (Mrs. Douglas) (10/8/13)
- Michael J. Peterson (1/8/11)
- Oscar E. Peterson (7/9/12)
- Thomas Phelps (11/6/09)
- Charles D. Pope (8/5/13)
- David Rude (10/10/10)
- Janet I. Rumphol (8/6/14)
- Rose Mary Schulde Mayer (Mrs. Frederick) (1994)
- Thomas A. (Punky) Schwartz (11/19/14)
- Bruce R. Shafer (11/5/10)
- James R. Sharkey (Date Unknown)
- Don J. Sheppard (9/8/84)
- Gerald A. Shermo (1/25/13)
- Opal Stage Luhman (9/1/14)
- Susan Starks Jackson (Mrs. Bruce C.) (7/26/14)
- Kenneth Stetzer (1984)
- Roger Stokes (3/27/99)
- Jodean Sturgis Randen (1972)
- Janet Targart Lorentz (Mrs. Robert) (1/9/91)
- Beverly Teigen Conley (Mrs. Gerald) (2/21/01)
- Charles E. Thalacker (2/19/11)
- Vivian Tollefson Lane (2/1977)
- Thomas L. Tompkins (5/5/06)
- Bernard F. Vogler (7/17/13)
- Clarrisa Waters (Date Unknown)
- Gary Weldon (7/16/76)
- Norm Werlein (5/5/09)
- Earl E. White (3/30/11)
- Jerene Wicklund Kinderman (Mrs. Robert) (1983)
- John E. Woletz (10/14/14)
- Donald Young (10/2/00)



Golf at Lake Hallie Golf Club



Golf will, again, be a featured event at our 60th Class Reunion. Judy Johnson Kneer, who has worked at Lake Hallie Golf Club for a number of years and has organized our Class Reunion matches in the past, has agreed to do so again in 2016. So, wherever you are in the world right now, keep practicing and keep playing, to make sure you're ready for the challenges your classmates will give you when you come back "home" in 2019 to play with all your classmates and life-long friends.



Traveling to Eau Claire

At this point, there are no public transportation planes flying into

Eau Claire from Minneapolis and St. Paul. There are, however, numerous vans that shuttle people back and forth to and from the airport in the Twin Cities each day. To make reservations for the shuttle, you can contact the Chippewa Valley Airport Service and make reservations ahead of time.

An alternate plan would be to fly to Eau Claire through Chicago. A flight from Chicago comes in and flies out of Eau Claire in the early afternoon each day.

Rental cars are available at the airport and at other places in the area.



Money Matters for Our Class

Our class has about \$2,100.00 in the bank. That sounds like a lot of money, but each time we do an annual mailing to class members, it costs our class between \$300.00 and \$350.00, so John Schaaf and I thought seriously about not doing a mailing this year. We talked about the fact that we are going to need some money to pay The Lismore Hotel to hold our reservations for the 60th Reunion, but, at the same time, we still need to keep doing the annual mailings to stay in touch. Therefore, we decided to go ahead and send out the class news for 2016. We need to stay in touch. However, if you have any extra money around, it would be great if you could contribute to our treasury. And we're not asking for a lot. If everyone sent \$20.00 to John for our treasury, we really would have a lot of money. His address is: 4306 Meadow Lane Eau Claire, WI 54701





Seven of our classmates died during the past twelve months. We will miss them very much. We send our sympathy and caring thoughts to their loved ones.

Darlene Kosmosky Plemon -- March 20, 2015

Allen J. Peden -- March 23, 2015

Judy Chaffee Butler – April 15, 2015

Carole Bliss Wischart – September 13, 2015

Eugene A. Engelbretson – November 6, 2015

Elizabeth (Bette) Mencil Wahl – December 27, 2015

Shirley Mittlestadt Rude – January 16, 2016

Ideas for the 60th Reunion



If you have some ideas about anything you would like to see become part of our 60th Reunion Celebration, please join the committee or talk with a committee member.

**Want to be on the
60th Reunion Committee?
(1959 – 2019)
Just come to
the First Meeting
on Friday, April 29, 2016,
at 10 a.m.
Mill Ridge Estates
Community Center.**

It's Not the "Old" Eau Claire Anymore!

There are many things that have changed in downtown Eau Claire since our 55th Class Reunion in 2014. You will be surprised to see The Lismore Hotel, where we are having our 60th Class Reunion. It's a beautiful building in the heart of the city. Not only that, you will enjoy the fact that there are a couple of new big parking ramps, so there's always a parking place. And there are theaters, restaurants, specialty shops, parks, and a view of the confluence of the Chippewa River with the Eau Claire River that we've never had before either. You'll love it!



**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF THE
ECMHS CLASS OF 1959**

PLEASE COMPLETE & MAIL THE FOLLOWING FORM TODAY!

It is important that every person who receives the annual class letter completes the form and sends it in even if you have not moved. It lets us know that you have this letter, and it assures us that we have the most up-to-date information about you, so you will keep getting these letters each year. (If you are married to a classmate, each of you should complete a form.) One of the reasons we send a snail mail letter once each year between reunions is to make sure we stay in touch, so please help us, and *if you move, please let us know*. Thank you.

NAME WHEN IN HIGH SCHOOL: _____

NAME NOW: _____

NAME OF SPOUSE/PARTNER/SIG OTHER: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

TELEPHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

COMMENTS:

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