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Reunion News Class of 1959

The Class of 1959 will hold its 55th reunion on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the 5100 Bar & Grill in McFarland (formerly Park Ponderosa and Edwards Park). Festivities featuring a cash bar and appetizers will begin at 4:30. A class picnic is scheduled for noon on Sunday, the 21st at the Dream Park Shelter in Winnequah Park. A mailing about the reunion was sent to everyone we had an address for in late April. For more information contact **Deanna (Mahoney) Gervasi** at dgervasi2@frontier.com or **Sharon (McCall) Malec** at smalec@charter.net.

Class of 1964

The Class of '64 will celebrate their 50th reunion with a casual gathering on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at the East Side Club on Monona Drive. Let's meet, reminisce and just have fun! Please email **Darlene (Smail) Woldt** for any updates – dwoldt@charter.net

Class of 1969

The Class of '69 will celebrate their 45th class reunion on August 1-2, 2014. **Cary Pierce** reports that “on Friday, August 1st, we will begin with a drop in gathering at 5:00 PM on the Rooftop (Inside in case of rain) of the Bourbon St. Grill. Appetizers and sweets will be available with a cash bar.”

Saturday morning, August 2nd we're planning a 9 hole golf outing at Monona. Registration will begin at 8:30 with tee times beginning at 9:00. At approximately 12:30, party barges will be available for cruising on Lake Monona. You may bring your own food and refreshments. Then at 6:00 we'll be meeting out at Door Creek Golf Course for a buffet dinner.

The cost for the Friday night drop-in and Saturday night event is \$40.00 per person. The golf and boat cruise will run approximately \$15.00 per person per event.”

A registration flyer will be mailed in early May with a cut-off date sometime in July. For further details check online at Classmates.com or contact **Cary Pierce** (cpierce3@charter.net), **Deb (Klement) Slotten** (608) 222-3106 or **Greg or Susan (Boyle) Radcliffe**.

Class of 1974

Attention MG Class of 1974: Please join us to celebrate our 40th Reunion on July 18, 19 and 20, 2014 at The

Country Inn & Suites, 400 River Place, Madison, WI 53716. We are going green and sent email invites if we knew your address. We have also mailed out invitations and look forward to hearing from you soon. Please contact **Kris Coppens** at kriscoppens@gmail.com or call (608) 850-3939; **Kathy Coppens** at klcoppens@gmail.com and **Ellen Heimann Kiel** at emkiel@chartermi.net with any questions.

Class of 1979

The Monona Grove Class of 1979 Reunion, is scheduled for July 19, 2014 at Ahuska Park, 400 E Broadway, Monona, WI beginning at 12:30 pm 'til we close down the park! Festivities will include a live band, Pilot, featuring classic rock and roll, plenty to eat and drink & lots of FUN!!! All for the low cost of \$45/person.

Please spread the word! Find us on Facebook under Monona Grove, with the senior yearbook profile picture! You can also contact us at: mononagrove1979@gmail.com or call **Jeff Machut**: 608-513-9334.

MG Football 1984 Division III State Champs 30th Anniversary Reunion

It's time to get back together and celebrate! The Monona Grove Football Boosters will hold their annual Golf Outing on Friday, July 18th (2014) at Door Creek Golf Course in Cottage Grove, WI. They are planning to recognize our 1984 State Football Championship achievement during the festivities. \$100 per golfer includes a T-shirt, 18 holes of golf with a golf cart and dinner. Mark your calendar and pass the word! Please contact **Scott Jenkins** at scott.jenkins@abbvie.com to be included in a mailing list and/or be added to a designated Facebook Group page.

Class of 1989

The Class of 1989 will hold their 25th reunion on Saturday July 19th at 7:00pm at Door Creek Golf Course in Cottage Grove, WI. \$20/person will include appetizers, tap beer, soda, and hours of fun with your classmates! In addition, a tour of the High School is tentatively planned for earlier that day. Please join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MGClass> to keep up on all the information or email **Kris (Zweifel) Frederickson** at kris@doorcreekgolfcourse.com.

Planning a reunion? Be sure to send us your reunion information so we can include it in upcoming issues.

Send the details to - mgtraditions@yahoo.com

Please send information for the next issue of

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MG Wins 2013 State Division 3 Football Championship!!!

The Monona Grove Silver Eagles completed a perfect 14-0 season by winning the third State Football Championship in school history on November 22, 2013. They came from behind to win a thrilling 21-17 victory over Greendale at Camp Randall Stadium.

On November 26, the Packers and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (WFCFA), named Coach **Mike Stassi** ('79) Wisconsin's High School Coach of the Year. Stassi, a running back who led the Silver Eagles to the 1977 State Championships, later played running back, defensive back and wide receiver for the Wisconsin Badgers under coach Dave McClain.

Please Be Seated (Again)!

When the new high school was constructed in the late 90's, the Education Foundation raised \$150,000 to pay for the installation of an orchestra pit in the new auditorium. Donors could "purchase" an auditorium seat with an engraved nameplate identifying a person, group or family designated by the donor. It was a great way to honor family members, current or former MG students, teacher and friends.

A limited number of seats are still available. Please consider honoring a new district retiree or graduate or anyone else connected with MG, with the purchase of an auditorium seat in their name. A plaque acknowledging the honoree will be placed on the arm of the seat. Each seat is \$300, with all funds raised going towards Fine Arts programs at the high school. All contributions are tax deductible. Please email us for more information at - edfoundation@mgschools.net.

Traditions Changes

In an attempt to include more information with each issue and control publication costs, MG Traditions has moved to semi-annual publication. Look for new issues in May and November of each year. Deadlines for each edition will be April 1 and October 1 respectively. We want to publicize your reunion plans, so please send us the details as soon as you have a date. We'll include it in every issue until the date of the event. We can also provide you with what contact information we have for your classmates. And, we'd be happy to include any news about yourself or classmates. Please send all news and information, updated mail and email addresses, etc. to us at mgtraditions@yahoo.com.

Teacher Retirements

Several familiar faces are retiring from the Monona Grove schools at the end of the current school year. They include –

Winnequah School - **Jill Jensen** (Music) and **Julie Witherall**, (Speech & Language)

Taylor Prairie School - **Kathy Huber** (Early Childhood, also Districtwide); **Jeanell Dailey** (1st Grade) & **Ellen Garske** (Early Childhood) .

Cottage Grove School - **James Steinke** (Library Media), **Deb Whalen** (Physical Education) and **Roberta Smith** (Special Ed Educational Asst)

Glacial Drumlin School - **Jacques Besant** (7th Grade),

Monona Grove High School - **Maury Smith** (Math), **Denise Peterson** (Social Studies) and **Susan Howe** (FACE)

Districtwide - **Nancy Evans** (Teacher Mentor), **Kathy Huber** (also Taylor Prairie)



Staff Notes —

Joe Blum, Madison, WI, physical education teacher and coach at Winnequah Middle School and Monona Grove High School for 30 years, passed away on April 16, 2014 in Memphis, TN.

Stan Fagerlin, Class of 1964, Merrill, WI reports that his father, **Charles Fagerlin**, Monona Grove School District Orchestra Director from 1962-1977, passed away on October 3, 2013 at the age of 92. He resided in Merrill, WI at the time of his death.

Karen Grimm, Madison, WI, physical education teacher and coach in Monona and Cottage Grove from 1965-1999, passed away on November 27, 2013 in Buffalo City, WI.

Fred Lehmann, Waterloo, WI, who worked as a custodian for the Monona Grove School District for 35 years until he retired in 2000, passed away on January 7, 2014.

Elaine Reppen, Stoughton, who was employed as the secretary at Cottage Grove School for 35 years, passed away on February 4, 2014 at the age of 90.

Alumni Notes

Sharon (Schluter) Brozek, Class of 1959, Sarasota, FL, passed away on November 12, 2013 after a 23 year battle with cancer.

Jacki (Larson) Brophy, Class of 1960, died peacefully at her home in Appleton, WI on Sept. 1, 2012 after a short battle with cancer.



Barbara Leetzow, Class of 1960, reports that after meeting to celebrate their 70th birthdays in 2012, she and several classmates decided to make it an annual event. They met at the home of **Carolyn (Wurz) Parker** for several days in August, 2013. Pictured above L-R are **Carolyn Parker, Sharon (Reynolds) Witt, Judy (Dyson) Archer, Barbara (Last) Leetzow, Claudia (Traisman) Ward, JoAnn (Brandt) Severson, Bonnie (Nelson) Schwartz and Judy (Carter) Petersen**. Shirts were donated by **Bob LaHaie**.

Myron Vedvik, Class of 1960, Green Bay, WI and his wife Karen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 25, 2014. They have been blessed with three children and their spouses, as well as six grandchildren with whom they've had many fun family experiences.

Duane "Dewey" Daugherty, Class of 1961, Sun Prairie, passed away on April 8, 2014. Among other things, he enjoyed his Tuesday lunches with his Monona Grove classmates.

Maureen "Mo" (Mosel) DeBroux, Class of 1961, Marshall, MI, passed away on November 29, 2013 following a courageous seven year battle with lung cancer.

David Doyle (Estero, FL), **Dale Larsen** (Dousman, WI/Naples, FL), **Dan Lavold** (Waupaca, WI), **Clay Russell** (Lady Lake, FL) and **Bob Smith** (Sparta, WI/Naples, FL) enjoyed a Class of 1962 mini-reunion on New Year's Day watching the Wisconsin Badgers at the Capital One Bowl football game in Orlando.

Jean (Braun, Leske) and Paul Gillette, both Class of 1962, recently moved to Sun Prairie, WI.

Jacquelyn (Hansen) Battle, Class of 1963, Monona, passed away unexpectedly at home on April 18, 2014.

Pamela (Larson) Snyder, Class of 1964, Madison, WI, passed away on March 28, 2014 from complications of frontotemporal dementia.

Theron McHone, Class of 1968, Columbus, passed away on December 5, 2013 after a brief illness.

John Ettner, Class of 1969, Brooklyn, WI passed away peacefully on March 29, 2014 after fighting an 11 year battle with cancer.

Gary Ettner, Class of 1971, Monona, WI, died unexpectedly on March 27, 2014.

Cherrie (Bohms) Huseby, Class of 1974, passed away on March 21, 2014 after a 3 1/2 year battle with lung cancer. She and her husband Flynn lived in Tucson, AZ. Cherrie devoted her life to ministry. She fought hard undergoing both chemotherapy and radiation.

Verle Wolf, Class of 1974, Monona, passed away on April 3, 2014.

Jeffrey Derer, Monona, Class of 1976, passed away on November 26, 2013.

Greg "Weasel" Markielewski, Class of 1977, Deerfield, WI, passed away on June 17, 2013, the day after his 54th birthday from complications due to diabetes.

Stephani George, Class of 1980, Dane, WI reports that she is getting married on June 28, 2014.

Nancy (Lumina) Dyer, Class of 1981, Madison, passed away on December 25, 2013.

Scott Jones, Class of 1982, Monona/Oxford, WI passed away on December 20, 2013 at his home.

Peter Streicher, Class of 1987, passed away after a lifelong struggle with clinical depression on November 21, 2013.

Jared "Gauge" Schumacher, Class of 2012, Cottage Grove, passed away on March 21, 2014.

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1972, Stoughton, WI. **Kris Coppens**, Class of 1974, Dane, WI. **Ellen (Heiman) Kiel**, Class of 1974, Madison, WI. **Patty Higgins**, Class of 1979, Cottage Grove, WI. **Carol (Kuhn) Kohl**, Class of 1979, DeForest, WI. **Steve Hussey**, Class of 1984, Okemos, MI. **Christina Opheim**, Class of 2007, Cross Plains, WI.

Let's Keep in Touch!

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