

# MIES MINUTES

Sunday, August 6, 2000

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## 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

The 84th Mies reunion was held on Sunday, August 6, 2000, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, Chatsworth, IL. The Joseph Mies family was the host. President Adaline Cashore called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. The 1999 minutes were approved as submitted. The family observed a moment of silence in honor of Harold Mies, Charles Mies, John Edmonds, and Lloyd Heineman. Addy thanked the host family for doing a great job in hosting the reunion this year. There was a family auction. (Jim E. Mies replaced our erstwhile auctioneer and treasurer, Chuck Hanley) The largest purchase was a set of knives, contributed by John C. II, high bidder was Greg Bednarik at \$41. Total Auction proceeds were \$188.00.

John C. II told the family that the Campbell Soup Company has begun litigation against the Mies family concerning the publication of the "Mies Family Recipes" book. It seems that several of the recipes submitted by Karen Ferguson were copyrighted by Campbell's, and were taken directly from the labels of the cans. Campbell's has contacted the family attorney, Bob O'Connor. Bob told the group that Campbell's is demanding either a \$500,000 settlement, or immediate liquidation of the remaining copies, either through family sales or destruction of the remaining copies.

**Oldest attending:** Gerry Mies, 85  
**Youngest attending:** Calyssa Ritchie, one month.  
**Came farthest:** Greg Bednarik, Ft. Worth TX  
**Most in attendance:** John, 21  
**Total attendance:** 60

### Officers for 2001

**President** Jim E. Mies  
**Vice-president** Tim Mies  
**Sec./Historian** John C. Mies II  
**Treasurer** Chuck Hanley

### Family Reports

#### Will Mies family, none present

John C. II read a letter from Mary Brinton sending regards to the family.

#### Henry Mies family, 3 present

Wheaton, Cathy and Jon were here. Wheaton reported, "We're here," and that not much had changed.

#### John Mies family, 21 present

Ann Finnegan reported on her family, and Vonnie Heineman said that she was stopped by the police the night before, but they didn't rough her up. Her son Greg and daughter Joelyn are here.

Tom Mies said he had married Maribeth Norris last spring, and his daughter Kelly had a new baby, Megan Honegger.

Carol Kurtenbach reported that her son Greg was married yesterday (Greg's not here today). Her husband Steve is recovering well from a stroke he had last fall. Karen Ferguson pointed out that her son Richard (Chip) and daughter Sally came to the reunion. John C. II told the family that his wife Barb broke her leg her leg in a fall down the stairs in March. His son John C. Jr. is working at Manor Care Nursing Home in Champaign.

#### BIRTHS SINCE 1999 REUNION

Angelo Borrego, 01/01/2000  
Isaiah Luke Robyne, 01/15/2000  
Hannah Noelle Colvis, 01/17/2000  
Eleanor Margaret McGrady, 02/07/2000  
Elisabeth Grace Mies, 04/22/2000  
Megan Leigh Honegger, 05/02/2000  
Calyssa Richie, 07/09/2000

## **Frank Mies family, none present**

John read a letter from Esther and Mildred, both sending their regrets and wishes for a happy reunion.

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## **George Mies family, 6 present**

Bob O'Connor reported on his family. Dorothy said Cathrine fell and broke her hip in late April, and is moving to an assisted care home in Indiana. Marguerite reported on her family.

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## **Charles Mies family, 20 present**

Gerry Mies reported on her family. Gerry turned 85 this year.

Ed Mies proudly pointed out that his month old granddaughter, Calyssa Richie is here. His son Jon works at Schnuck's Grocery. His son Ted is in Nova Scotia today with a Soil & Water Conservation group.

Ellen Woods said that her daughter Stephanie works for Monsanto in Sycamore. Valerie will be a senior at EIU.

Dave Mies told the group he and Sharron had been married 30 years in June. They moved to Goshen IN last year. Daughter Lana finished seminary school, and is an ordained Methodist minister. She and her husband had a son, Isaiah, last January. Tim and wife Emily moved back to Champaign, Tim has a job in the Biology and Agronomy department. Emelie is completing a Masters in Education degree.

Patrick O'Donnell was here sans Vera today, she's working.

Jim Mies reported that Sarah will be a junior at the U of I. Jim E. moved to Troy, IL, and will be starting an MBA program at SIU. Mary is still teaching, Jim is temporarily retired.

Lee and family still in Elgin, his son Kirk and wife Renee had a daughter, Elisabeth this past year.

Marilyn and Jay Merz family: Meredith working for Ernst & Young in Chicago, and Dan does computer consulting

Chuck Hanley family: Kris and family live in Indianapolis; Jon and fiancée Amy will be married next May in Peoria. Sara lives and works in San Jose, CA.

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## **Anna Mamer family, none present**

## **Joseph Mies family, 11 present**

Cindy Wendell reported that Marge is still living in an assisted care facility in Bellvue, WA, not far from Kay. Kay, Marv and family all doing well. Sandy and Bill are still living in Georgia and all are well. Cindy reported that Dawn and Lawren and their families are here today. Dawn is now a registered nurse, and Angi has one more semester to graduate from SIU. Angi did her internship for the National Cotton Counsel this summer.

Donna Sherfey said that their son Bill is back in the states, living in Minnesota and is back at his job at The Blake School.

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# **THANKS!**

To everyone who donated auction items this year: Bob O'Connor, John C. Mies II, Jean Mies, Jim & Mary Lou Mies, Jon Mies, Cindy Wendell, Ann Finnegan, Joelyn Bednarik, Patrick O'Donnell, Jim Mies.

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## **Treasurer's Report**

The treasury balance as of 8/6/2000 is \$1,023.54. The family has decided to use these funds to purchase books, to be donated to the library of the family's choice, in memorial to family members who have passed on.

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## **Auction FEVER!**

This year we will be holding the 8th annual auction at the reunion. It ain't Ebay, but it's always fun. Bring something to auction off! Please do not bring items that did not sell at your last garage sale, live animals, tires, or any used major appliances.

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## **Historian's Report**

The next reunion will be held on August 12, 2001, at Chatsworth. This will be the 85th annual reunion. We can take pride in the fact that we are one of very few families who can boast such a long string of annual events. Please try to encourage attendance within your family. - JCM II

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## **Tim Mies Elected VP**

South Park fans chanted, "Timmmmy!!" as Tim Mies was unanimously elected vice-president of the family. He will succeed Jim E. Mies as president in 2002.

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