

# MIES MINUTES

Sunday, August 12, 2001

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

**T**he 85th Mies reunion was held on Sunday, August 12, 2001, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, Chatsworth, IL. The John C. Mies family was the host. President Jim E. Mies called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM. Last year's minutes were approved as submitted. The family observed a moment of silence in honor of Marge Ridgley, June Edmonds, and Catherine Mies. Jim thanked the John Mies family for doing a great job in hosting the reunion this year. There was a family auction. For the second year in a row, Jim E. Mies replaced our vacationing auctioneer and treasurer, Chuck Hanley, and items were displayed by the lovely Tim Mies. The largest purchases were sets of etched glasses and mugs, contributed by Sue Pachniak. Total auction proceeds were \$154.00. The family decided that treasury funds should be used for purchasing books to donate to local libraries in memory of deceased family members.

Oldest attending: Gerry Mies, 86  
Youngest attending: Grace Mies, one month.  
Came farthest: Rick and Sheilah Mies, Omaha NE  
Most in attendance: Charles, 15  
Total attendance: 48

### Officers for 2002

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

### Births since the 2000 Reunion

Ericka Renne Arnett, 07/27/01  
Matthew Lawrence Maldonado, 07/3/01  
Cassidy Pearl Burris, 11/9/00  
Garrett Lee Wendell, 01/31/2001  
Connor Wells Spence, 11/2000  
MaKenzi Paige Mies, 9/8/2000

### Family Reports

#### **Will Mies family, none present**

Marguerite Mies read a letter from Mary Brinton sending her regards to the family. Mary traveled to Havana, Cuba this year.

#### **Henry Mies family, 2 present**

Sue and Ken Pachniak were here. Sue said that Jeanette just celebrated her 83rd birthday, and is still active teaching water aerobics. Catherine Mies passed away on June 30, 2001. John II received a letter from Helen and Doc expressing at being unable to attend.

#### **John Mies family, 12 present**

Ann Finnegan reported on her family. Bill left Texas A & M and is back in private industry. He and wife Elaine just welcomed another grandchild, Matthew Maldonado. Ann added that her second grandchild is on the way.

Carol Mies Kurtenbach also reported her son Greg and his wife are expecting next month.

Adaline and Tom Cashore's son Steve is on the Indiana Champion High School golf team, Mishawaka, IN.

John II told the group that Barb's leg is still not healing from a break she sustained in March, 2000. Coincidentally, John lost control of his motorcycle last October on I-57 near Salem, IL, in an unmarked road construction zone, and crashed at 75 MPH. He rolled about fifty yards, but sustained only cuts, bruises, and contusions. His helmet was trashed, though. Their son John Jr. now works at the Developmental Services division of Southland in shipping and packing.

Campbell's Soup has settled with Karen Ferguson for submitting their recipes to the Mies Family Cookbook. Seems sales of soup rose after publication of the book, so Campbell's gave Karen stock in the company.

## **Frank Mies family, 3 present**

Rick, wife Sheilah, and Mildred were here. Rick reported that their daughter Rachel had just married, "a navy guy," (Kenneth Hammond). Their daughter Sara will complete her marketing degree next year. Rick and Sheilah visited Gen & Esther in CA last year. Esther fell and broke her hip, and is recovering slowly. Gen, who also does community service, is a great help to Esther. Rick is now the commander of the Strategic Command in Omaha. He was shown on CBS "60 Minutes," in a ceremony in Russia in 1998 during a nuclear arms inspection. Rick downed a raw egg washed down with a shot of whiskey in a ceremony with a Russian commander. The person that grimaced lost the challenge. Rick said he beat the Russian.

Peter Mies has retired from Ameritech, but is doing international consulting.

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## **George Mies family, 7 present**

Bob O'Connor reported on his family. Tom graduated from Northern Illinois in May. John is a senior in high school. Mary will start her fourth year of teaching kindergarten, and Bob was re-elected to his fifth term on Aurora city council. Frank and Barb O'Connor went to Havana, Cuba last year.

Dorothy reported that Tom's daughter Liz received her Master's degree, and is teaching math at York HS in Elmhurst, IL. She's also assistant track coach. Sandy and John Colvis still in Denver, visited in July.

Harold Mies family: Barb and Kevin Chapman sold their resort last March, after eighteen years in business. Erin is working in Copenhagen, DK, and Kelly is in Littleton, CO, and has a job as a nanny.

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## **Charles Mies family, 15 present**

Gerry still lives on the farm, near Ed, who farms with son Ted. Ed and Jean Ann's son Jonathon works at Schnuck's in Springfield. Their daughter Anna Richie has a family medical practice in Springfield. Ellen and Rob still farm near Taylorville, and son Ross is manager of Amerihost in Sycamore. Daughter Valerie is finishing at EIU and student teaching at Riverton. Vera and Patrick moved to Columbia, MO. Patrick is with the U of Missouri med school.

Jim Mies said Lee and family were on a cruise this week. They visited Rick and Sheilah in Nebraska last year.

Tim Mies said parents Dave and Sharron were down helping Lana & Glen finish some construction.

## **Anna Mamer family, 2 present**

Stu and Donna just returned from Wisconsin yesterday. Said not much changed in the family.

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## **Joseph Mies family, 7 present**

Cindy Wendell reported they have two new grandchildren. Sandy and Kay were here for the Sherfey's 50th anniversary in July. The sisters haven't been together for 20 years, and this year it was twice. Marcy's husband, Jerry Lierow retired from the Army last April. They will remain in Sherwood, OR.

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# **THANKS!**

To everyone who donated auction items this year: Ray Attig, Edie Mies, Sue Pachniak, Rick Mies, Mary Mies, Tom Attig, Patrick and Vera O'Donnell, and John C. II.

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## **Treasurer's Report**

The treasury balance as of 8/12/2001 is \$1,054.59. Books will be purchased with the funds, and donated to the library of the family's choice as a memorial to family members who have passed on.

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## **Going, going, GONE!**

This year we will be holding the 9th annual auction at the reunion. It ain't Ebay, but it's always fun. Bring something to auction off. Again, remember that unacceptable items include live poultry, used tires or batteries, broken appliances, or firearms.

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## **Historian's Report**

The next reunion will be held on August 11, 2002, at Chatsworth. This will be the 86th 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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## **Mies Cuban Connection?**

What's up with this? Two Mies family members, Frank O'Connor and Mary Brinton made trips to Havana, Cuba in the past year. So where's the cigars