

MIES MINUTES

Sunday, August 10, 2003

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87th Annual Reunion

The 87th Mies Reunion was held on Sunday, August 10, 2003, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, Chatsworth, IL. The Charles Mies family was the host. President Tim Mies called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. The family observed a moment of silence in honor of family members who have passed away since the last reunion: Mildred Mies, Helen Mies, Cathrine Liste, and Geraldine Mies. Tim thanked the Charles Mies family for doing a great job in hosting the reunion this year. Last year's minutes were approved as corrected. The birth of Emma Aileen Kurtenbach 9/20/2001 was omitted. There was a family auction, led by Jim E. Mies. Total auction proceeds were \$98.00. There is a total of \$861.47 in the treasury as of 8/10/2003.

Oldest attending: Edie Mies, 84
Youngest attending: Nicholas Mies, four months.
Came farthest: Sandy Colvis, Phoenix
Most in attendance: Charles, 15
Total attendance: 48

Births since the 2002 Reunion

Garrett Michael Hennigar, 02/04/2003
Ethan Anders Mies, 03/20/2003
Dain Maxwell Richie, 05/01/2003
Nicolas Eastman Mies, 04/25/2003
Camryn Elizabeth Mies

Officers for 2004

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

Family Reports

**Will Mies family,
none present**

**Henry Mies family,
2 present**

Mindy Curis and her son Chris were here. Mindy reported that Wheaton is in Assisted Living in Chattanooga, TN. Jon's son Benjamin will attend Worcester Polytech Institute in MA. Jeanette is still teaching water aerobics.

John Mies read a letter from Doc. Jeanette's grandson Zach represented the state of Washington in the US PGA Junior Championship, and made the final round, losing to the eventual winner.

**John Mies family,
14 present**

John Mies reported on his family. Wife Barb had her leg amputated last October, but is getting along well with a temporary prosthesis. Addie and Tom Cashore here with daughter Annie.

Ann Finnegan here with son Mike and grandsons Cole and Ethan. Her son is expecting their first child soon.

Carol and Steve Kurtenbach son's Greg and wife are expecting their second child in October.

Next Mies Family Reunion Sunday, August 8, 2004

The 88th Annual Mies Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2003, 11:30 AM, at the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall, 5th & Spruce St., Chatsworth, IL, hosted by the Anna Mies Mamer family. Please bring a covered dish, table service for your family, and beverages. Coffee and ice cream will be furnished.

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Frank Mies family, none present

John Mies read a letter from Peter Mies. Pete's daughter Jenny and husband had a son, Garrett Henniger. Pete's daughter Janice was married last May.

George Mies family, 12 present

Bob O'Connor reported on his State Representative race last year. It is not true that he was defeated by an opponent who died a week before the election. Their son John is here today. Mary is going back to teaching this fall, Frank O'Connor will be here next week for his 50th high school reunion. Dorothy reported that Alice Rachel is still at Evenglow, and there was a memorial service for Cathrine in Pontiac last Spring. Tom Attig reported his daughter Elizabeth spent two months in France for the Tour De France.

Charles Mies family, 15 present

Dave Mies said they have four grandchildren now, and Sharon loves grandparenting. Jane Hall said that Dick is retired from the county board, but Craig is now on it. Jane and Dick will celebrate their 45th Anniversary in December. Ellen Woods reported on her family. Stephanie and Ross Feier have a CD and game store in Rochelle. Vera reported that Ed and Jean Ann went to Hawaii for Ed's 60th birthday and their 35th wedding anniversary last month. Patrick and Vera have moved back from New Orleans to the Springfield area. Edie is still living on the farm, and Lee and Sue are both enjoying retirement. Jim Mies reported on his family. Jim E. lives in Peoria, and Sarah is in Ypsilanti MI working on her master's degree.

Anna Mamer family, 2 present

Stu reported that Joanne Edmonds is moving from Valpraiso to Ohio. Jim Edmonds moved from Seattle to Annapolis for job purposes. Louisan will be 93 this month.

Joseph Mies family, 3 present

Bill and Donna Sherfey here, and son Bill. Cindy Wendell was unable to attend this year.

THANKS!

To everyone who donated auction items this year: Vera & Patrick O'Donnell, Marguerite Mies, Tom Attig, Steve Kurtenbach, Ellen Woods, and John Mies.

Treasurer's Report

There is a total of \$861.47 in the treasury as of 8/10/2003. 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.

Going, going, GONE!

This year we will be holding the 12th 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.

Historian's Report

The next reunion will be the 88th annual reunion. It has been held every year since 1911, except for the years during World War II. 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

New Business

Because of declining attendance, discussion of holding the Reunion every two years was discussed. Dave Mies led the discussion. No decision was reached, and the topic will be discussed in 2004.

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