

88th Annual Reunion

The 88th Mies Reunion was held on Sunday, August 8, 2004, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, Chatsworth, IL. The Anna Mamer family was the host. Vice-president Valerie Woods called the meeting to order at 1:45. The family observed a moment of silence in honor of Donna Mamer, who passed away since the last reunion. Valerie thanked the Anna Mamer family for doing a great job in hosting the reunion this year. Last year's minutes were approved as submitted. There was a family auction, led by Jim E. Mies. Total auction proceeds were \$76.00. There is a total of \$853.47 in the treasury as of 8/08/2003.

Oldest attending: Edie Mies, 85
Youngest attending: Dustin Haycraft, six weeks.
Came farthest: Vonnie Heineman, Kansas City;
Bruce Mamer, St. Paul, MN
Most in attendance: John, 21
Total attendance: 48

Births since the 2003 Reunion

Ava Maureen Kurtenbach, 10/09/03
Leeann Marie Finnegan, 08/22/03
Dustin Michael Haycraft, 7/27/04
Amber Jo Mies, 02/04/04
Elizabeth M. Fisher, 05/08/04

Officers for 2005

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

Family Reports

Will Mies family, none present

Henry Mies family, none present

John Mies read an email to the family from Thyra Curis.

John Mies family, 21 present

Vonnie Heineman spoke, she hasn't been to a reunion in years. She lives in a retirement home in Kansas City and enjoys it. Her daughter Joelyn and her fiancée Marty are here. They're going to be married in October. Vonnie's son Greg raises horses near Dallas, TX.

Addie Cashore reported that son Matt was married this year to Maria Rogers.

Tom Mies was kicked out of a campground in Mahomet last month for messing with stuff.

Carol Kurtenbach has a new granddaughter here, Ava Kurtenbach.

Ann Finnegan announced the birth of two new granddaughters, and reported that Bill's son Patrick received his Ph.D. last year.

John Mies reported on two abdominal surgeries he's had in the past year. The doctors are taking taking him and wife Barb apart piece by piece.

Frank Mies family, none present

John Mies read a letter to the family from Esther. General had a severe heart attack in December, but is now back at her apartment. Esther is enjoying life at the retirement home.

website: www.mies.org

**George Mies family,
3 present**

Dorothy reported on her family. Diane's son will be married in two weeks. Maguerite reported on her family. Granddaughter Kelly Chapman will be married next Saturday.

**Charles Mies family,
15 present**

Jim & Mary hosted a party for Edie last week celebrating her 85th birthday. Edie is still enjoying living on the farm. Sarah recently graduated with a Master's degree in Speech pathology. Lee and Sue built a new house in Elgin. They are enjoying their six grandchildren. Dave Mies reported on his family, and Ellen reported on hers.

**Anna Mamer family,
8 present**

Stu thanked everyone for their kind wishes after the passing of his wife Donna. He's still practicing law in Champaign, and is happy he lives in Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana. Bruce and Richard are here with him. Bruce just published his 6th Edition of "Film Production Techniques," and a second book will be released this month.

JoAnne Fisher reported the birth of a granddaughter last May. Her daughter Julie graduated from Valparaiso this year.

**Joseph Mies family,
5 present**

Steve and Cindy Wendell, their daughter Dawn, and two grandchildren are here. Cindy reported that Bill Sherfey had surgery to remove an enlarged spleen last Tuesday, and is in the hospital in Urbana. Cindy told the family that Wendell Farm is now a legal hunting preserve for deer, pheasants, and quail. They've planted a couple of sunflower fields for dove hunting. Their farm is on the web at www.wendellfarm.com.

**Next Mies Family Reunion
Sunday, August 14, 2005**

The 89th Annual Mies Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2005, 11:30 AM, at the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall, 5th & Spruce St., Chatsworth, IL, hosted by the Joseph Mies family. This will be the last reunion until 2007.

THANKS!

To everyone who donated auction items this year: Vera & Patrick O'Donnell, Tom and Addie Cashore, Valerie Woods, and John Mies.

Treasurer's Report

We've got between \$800 and \$900 in the treasury. If I ever hear from Chuck Hanley again, I'll be more exact.

Going, going, GONE!

This year we will be holding the 13th annual auction at the reunion. Bring something to auction off. Again, remember that unacceptable items include live poultry, scrap iron, refrigerator leftovers, or used tires.

Old Business

Because of declining attendance, the family voted to hold future reunions every other year. The next reunion will be held on August 12, 2007.

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