

MIES MINUTES

Sunday, August 9, 1998

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82nd Annual Reunion

The 82nd Mies reunion was held on Sunday, August 9, 1998, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, Chatsworth, IL. The Charles Mies family was the host. After a family photo was taken at 1:30, President Dave Mies called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The 1997 minutes were approved as submitted. The family observed a moment of silence in honor of Mary Mies, who died since the last reunion. Dave thanked the Charles Mies family for doing a great job in hosting the reunion this year. There was a family auction, (Chuck Hanley, Auctioneer) which raised a total of over \$340 for the reunion treasury. The largest purchases were several embroidered Mies Reunion T-shirts, contributed by Wheaton and Jon Mies.

Family Reports

Will Mies family, none present

John read a letter from Mary Brinton, sending her regards to the family. She has two grandchildren now, Louise has a 5 year old, Elise, and Laurel has a six year old, Monica. Mary gets to LA occasionally and sees Gen and Esther.

Henry Mies family, 3 present

Wheaton and Cathy reported that HJ and Janet are living in MA, and are "home alone" now. Mindy and Paul are still in Fleetville, PA; daughter Thyra Graduated from college this spring. Chris will graduate next spring. Jon and Heidi are still in Signal Mountain, TN, Heidi is starting a new career as a grade school teacher. Cathy and Wheaton are in their retirement village in Signal Mountain.

Helen Schilf sent a letter, Rich and Ed both visited them in the past year. Doc had open heart surgery to replace a valve, but is now doing well.

Susan Pachniak sent an email to John. Jeanette sailed to England last September, and visited friends in the Netherlands. She also visited Bill in VA; his daughter Barbara is recuperating from a serious motorcycle accident last September.

John Mies family, 23 present

There were four people present from the John A. Mies family in CA. John's daughters Liz and Barb, and Barb's daughter Andrea were here. Erin Wilkinson, Mary's daughter also came with them, and paid her own airfare so she could attend. Liz hadn't been to a reunion since 1966, and Barb hadn't since she was a small girl. The John C. Mies family had a "mini-reunion" the night before. Ann Mies had her grandson, Cole Finnegan with her today.

Carol Mies Kutenbach's son, Jeff, graduated from high (over)

1997-98 BIRTHS

Abbeygail Maren Harcharik, 2/1/98
Brock Kellan Honegger, 10/20/97
Taylor Dawn Burris, 2/12/98
Jack Joseph Corso, 12/31/98
Kaylee Ann Kerr, 1/12/98
Evan McDade Patterson, 12/12/97
Marissa Keeley Arnett, 09/09/97

Oldest attending: Alice Rachel Mies, 90
Youngest attending: Jack Corso, 7 months.
Came farthest: Liz Mies Lawrence, Barb Mies Waterman, Andrea Waterman, Erin Wilkinson, Southern CA
Most in attendance: Charles, 33
1998 attendance: 82

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Treasurer **Chuck Hanley**

school this year, as did Jim Mies's (CA) daughter Danielle. Kathleen and Greg Bednarik became the only brother/sister to win the certificate of excellence Award South, for the top 5% of sales for the Western Bell Yellow Pages in 1997.

Frank Mies family, 1 present

John read a letter from Esther, sending her regards. Mildred moved in with Peter and family in their new house last Sept. Pete will start teaching a class in telecommunications at Keller Grad School this fall, in addition to his day job with Ameritech. Ken's son Jason, and Pete's daughter Jennifer will both be married this fall. Rick is now a four star admiral, and lives near Omaha. He is the head of the US Strategic Command, which was formerly known as the SAC.

George Mies family, 16 present

Dorothy told the family that the entire Attig family is here this year, with the exception of Carol. Bob O'Connell had planned to be here, but is taking care of Georgie today. Tom Attig reported this was only his second reunion visit in 26 years. Cathrine is here again this year for the second year in a row. Ray and Dorothy are now living six months in Pontiac, and six months in Naples, FL.

Charles Mies family, 33 present

Lee reported on his family, and told the family that the Mies cookbook will be ready to ship in September. Jim Mies said daughter Sarah was starting at the U of I this fall. Charles Mies celebrated his 80th birthday last week. His family has 100% attendance this year. Dave Mies has been commuting to work in Iowa for the last year.

Anna Mamer family, 2 present

Stu reported that all were doing well, not many changes. He and Donna had to leave early due to obligations in Urbana.

Joseph Mies family, 4 present

Cindy Wendell reported that Marge will have a corneal transplant this week. Steve and Cindy are still farming, Lawren and his family will be moving out to the Wendell property. Bill and Donna will be visiting Marge later this month. Their son Bill is spending the summer in Austria once again this year.



THANKS!

To everyone who donated auction items this year: Patrick O'Donnell, Vonnie & Lloyd Heineman, Jim Mies, Joelyn Bednarik, Tom Attig, Ellen Woods, Tom & Addy Cashore, the Chapman family, Wheaton and Jon Mies, John Mies, Tom Mies, Dorothy Attig.

Treasurer's Report

We have been building up quite a fund since we have been holding the reunion auctions. Chuck Hanley is a bit mysterious about the exact figure, but I think it's somewhere in the high hundreds. Maybe we should decide on a plan to use these funds for a family project this year.

Auction FEVER!

This year we will be holding the 5th annual auction at the reunion. What with the picture taking, the auction took a little more time this year than it usually does, which caused some scheduling problems for people with a long drive home. This year we'll change the format somewhat. If there are multiple items, we'll auction the first one off, then sell the remaining items to the next highest bidders at the same price.

Historian's Report

I've found all of the old minutes, with the exception of 1932, and 1934-40. If you have a copy of the missing minutes somewhere around, please bring them to the reunion so that I can copy them. On another note, this year will be the 83rd 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