

MIES MINUTES

Sunday, August 8, 1999

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83rd Annual Reunion

The 83rd Mies reunion was held on Sunday, August 8, 1999, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, Chatsworth, IL. The Anna Mamer family was the host. President Adaline Cashore called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The 1998 minutes were approved as submitted. The family observed a moment of silence in honor of Georgianna O'Connor, who died this July. Adaline thanked the Anna Mamer family for doing a great job in hosting the reunion this year. There was a family auction. (Chuck Hanley, Auctioneer) The largest purchase was a pair of tickets to Notre Dame vs. Arizona, contributed by Ady and Tom Cashore. The highest bidder was Geoff Kurtenbach at \$105.

Family Reports

Will Mies family, none present

John read a letter from Mary Brinton, sending her regards to the family. Mary visited England, Wales, and Ireland this summer.

Henry Mies family, 3 present

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

Oldest attending: Harold Mies, 86
Youngest attending: Cole Finnegan, 2
Came farthest: Nathan Colvis, Phoenix, AZ
Most in attendance: John, 19
1999 attendance: 61

2000 Officers
President **Ady Cashore**
Vice-president **Jim E. Mies**
Sec./Historian **John C. Mies**
Treasurer **Chuck Hanley**

Jon Mies gave a brief explanation of the HopRod gas powered pogo stick they had brought to auction off. In the early seventies, John A. Mies sent one of them to Wheaton, and one to Ernie Mies. The pogo sticks were manufactured for only a brief time because of liability lawsuits from injuries.

Helen Schilf sent a letter to John sending regards to the family.

John Mies family, 19 present

Ann Finnegan reported that Bill and Elaine are here from Texas this year. They became grandparents this year with the birth of a son to their daughter Betsy. Ann said her daughter Becky just bought a house in Pontiac, and daughter Karla graduated in June as a radiology technician. Ernie Mies family: Tom's son Scott graduated from the U of Illinois in December and is working in the Chicago area. Carol Kurtenbach said she recently changed jobs, and is now working at a bank in Chatsworth. Her and Steve's son Greg is engaged to be married next August. Barbara Mies reported that son John graduated from Urbana High School in May, and that John Sr. was named to the Marquis "Who's Who in America," for the year 2000 edition. John is an Internet service provider, and owns a web development and hosting company based in Champaign. Joseph Mies family: Karen reported that she's a great-grandmother, with the birth of a son to her granddaughter, Talia.

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BIRTHS SINCE 1998 REUNION

Logan Wyatt Mies, 8/15/98
John Nolan Maldonado, 2/08/98
Jonathon Dan Robinson, 5/10/99
Geno Borrego, 11/15/98
Abigail Harcharik, 2/1/98
Mahalia Freier, 7/10/99

Frank Mies family, none present

John read a letter from Esther, sending her regards. Kathy and Jim Page are preparing for two exciting events in 1999, their daughter Robin will be married in September, and Tracy is expecting her first child in December. Lea and John Eggebrecht's daughter Echo Holly will graduate from the Chicago Art Institute in December, and son Michael is working in New York.

George Mies family, 10 present

Bob O'Connor thanked the family for their kindnesses after the death of his mother in July. His wife Mary is back teaching full time. Son Tom will be a junior at NIU this fall, and John will be a sophomore in HS. Frank and Barb are doing well, and traveling a bit.

Ann Finn reported that Cathrine was here from Florida for a visit. Susan Kotora and family still live in Crete.

Dorothy said that Tom and Carol Attig moved from Ohio to Batavia, Illinois. Sandy Colvis' son Nathan, from Phoenix, is here at the reunion. Sandy's son Jeff was married last March.

Marguerite told the family that Harold is now living at Livingston Manor in Pontiac. Alice Rachel was unable to attend this year, she is recovering from a broken hip. Henry and Jane Mies became grandparents last year, with the birth of a son to Andy and Misti. Barbara and Kevin's daughter Erin is working in Denmark for two years. Kelly graduated from the U of Minnesota in June, and will attend grad school there.

Charles Mies family, 16 present

Clarence Mies: Gerry told the family that the first Mies reunion she attended was 61 years ago, and that she has only missed one since then. Dave and Sharron have moved to Goshen, IN, after living in St. Joseph, IL for twenty years. Lana was ordained as a Methodist minister in June, and she and husband Glenn are expecting their first child in January. Tim married Emelie Sims in May, and are living in MD. Ellen and Rob still farm and Ellen teaches in Decatur. Their first grandchild, Mahalia, was born to Stephanie and Ross Freier in July.

Ed Mies reported that son Jonathon graduated from HS this year, Anna is a resident in Springfield, and her husband Bill is starting his chiropractic business. Ted is helping Ed farm, and works some hours at a community college.

Jane and Dick Hall have moved to his family's farm house. Craig was elected to the Sangamon County Board last November.

Charles Mies: Jim said his parents were unable to attend, due to Charles' health. Jim E. is still working for MD, Inc., and recently transferred to the Peoria facility.

Anna Mamer family, 9 present

Stu reported that he and Donna moved from their Urbana home of 47 years to a retirement village in Urbana. Sons John and Bruce are here. Bruce recently has had the second edition of his book, "Film Production Techniques," published. John's daughter Jessica graduated from Wesleyan University, and works in NYC.

Joseph Mies family, 4 present

Cindy Wendell reported that Marge moved to an assisted care facility in Bellvue, WA. Heather and her husband Bobby Robinson had a son, Jonathon, in May. Angi is home this summer doing intern work at Thorp Seed company. She will be a junior at SIU, and is on the Dean's list.

Donna and Bill are still retired. Son Bill is the activity director at the Institute of European Studies in Vienna.

THANKS!

To everyone who donated auction items this year:
Bill Mies, Addy & Tom Cashore, Steve & Carol Kurtenbach, Diane Hanley, Ann Finnegan, Wheaton Mies family, and Stu & Donna Mamer.

Treasurer's Report

The treasury balance as of 8/8/99 is \$903.86. The family has discussed what to do with the excess funds, and a committee was appointed. The committee will discuss plans this year, and present them to the reunion in 2000.

Auction FEVER!

This year we will be holding the 6th annual auction at the reunion. It ain't Ebay, but it's always fun. Bring something to auction off!

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 84th 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