

MIES MINUTES

Sunday, August 11, 2002

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86th Annual Reunion

The 86th Mies Reunion was held on Sunday, August 11, 2002, at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, Chatsworth, IL. The George Mies family was the host. President Jim E. Mies called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. The family observed a moment of silence in honor of Robert "Russ" Babb, son of Hen & Ken. Jim thanked the George Mies family for doing a great job in hosting the reunion this year. Last year's minutes were approved as corrected. The correction concerned the wording, "...vacationing Chuck Hanley." It should be, "working Chuck Hanley." Or so he says. There was a family auction. Chuck Hanley was once again the auctioneer. Total auction proceeds were \$40.00. There is a total of \$966.56 in the treasury as of 8/10/2002.

Oldest attending: Gerry Mies, 87
Youngest attending: Ethan Finnegan, nine months.
Came farthest:
Most in attendance: Charles, 15
Total attendance: 44

Births since the 2001 Reunion

Ethan Mark Finnegan, 11/06/2001
Samantha Ann Mies, 12/10/2001
Noah Bradley Colvis, 03/03/02
Charles Ledford Patterson, 08/11/2002

Officers for 2003

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,
none present**

President Jim E. Mies read a letter to the group from Helen Mies.

**John Mies family,
14 present**

Ann Finnegan reported on her family. Bill has a new job. Ann has her nine month old grandson Ethan with her. Her son John left the military this year.

Carol Mies Kurtenbach has her new grandchild Emma with her. Tom and Addy Cashore are at a family wedding today. Brent Honegger, Tom's daughter Kelly's husband, was in a bad auto accident in June, but is recovering well. John C. and John C. Jr. are here without Barbara, she recently underwent her 20th surgical procedure to cure her broken leg, which happened in March, 2000. She was fitted with an Ilizarov device in an attempt to repair the bone.

**Next Mies Family Reunion
Sunday, August 10, 2003**

The 87th 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. 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

Jim E. Mies read letters to the family from Esther and Gen. Mildred Mies has moved into a private apartment with a roommate.

George Mies family, 9 present

Dorothy reported that Alice sends her regards to everyone. Marguerite is having problems with her hip, and couldn't be here today. Tom reported on his family, his daughter Elizabeth is a triathlete and won four letters at the University of Kentucky. Ann Finn reported, she had her granddaughter with her. She and Ron moved to a new residence in South Bend. Cathrine Liste is in the care facility at Hartsfield Village, Munster, IN. Mary O'Connor was here, sans Bob; he's running for State Representative and is making a campaign appearance today.

Charles Mies family, 15 present

Dave Mies reported that Lana and her husband moved to Lafayette, IN, from Mattoon, IL. They recently adopted a baby girl. Tim and Emilie couldn't attend today. Dick and Jane Hall's daughter Cynthia gave birth to a baby boy this morning, Charles Patterson. Gerry reported on her family, and told an anecdote about meeting all the Mies' at her first Reunion in 1937 when she and Clarence were dating. Gerry has severe macular degeneration, but still lives on the family farm and gets much help from her family. Jean Ann reported that Ed broke his leg badly in February, but is recovering very well. Jim Mies reported that Lee's wife recently retired from American Airlines. Jim and Mary's daughter graduated from the U of I, and will be attending Eastern Michigan University. Jim E. brought his girlfriend Jennifer to the reunion, but there was no vote on her. Jon Hanley adopted a dog from the pound.

Anna Mamer family, 4 present

Joanne Fisher, June's daughter, was here today. Her son was married May 4. He is a USMC helicopter pilot, and is stationed in Okinawa for three years. Janet and Bill Yodis recently retired, and are living in Roanoke, VA. Bruce Mamer is taking a sabbatical to author a second textbook. Jessica Mamer, daughter of John Mamer, is in Portland, OR, and is a computer programmer.

Joseph Mies family, 2 present

Bill and Donna Sherfey here, not much new in the family.

THANKS!

To everyone who donated auction items this year:
Tom Attig, Bob O'Connor, Dianne Hanley, and
Wheaton Mies.

Treasurer's Report

The treasury balance as of 8/10/2002 is \$966.56. 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 11th 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 87th 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

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