Do You Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries?

Many years ago I read that people with the most birthdays live longer than those that have less. We just celebrated our grandson’s birthday with cake and ice cream and I realized it is a celebration of the past and what is to come.

This year we are celebrating 40 years in the auction business. It is hard to believe doing anything for that long and still remaining excited at the start of each auction. Close to ten years ago, Peg and I were invited to Wayne and Merridy Pike’s 40th celebration in the auction business. I still remember the fun night with music provided by Leroy Van Dyke and a gathering of friends and family to boot. Our celebration did not hold a candle to theirs; however, we had a barn dance, music played by our family, and visiting of auction family and friends.

We have been blessed to work in a business where you can make a difference in the lives of others and solve some problems along the way. As much as I love doing auctions, I love the fact that it is a family business and like farming, it works best when everyone is involved and helps pull the wagon as Paul C. Behr loves to say.

On June 1st Peg had a class to teach so I volunteered to man the clerking trailer. This left Joe and Mike to do the auction. Along with our team, they did it all. It went well and the family was happy. I realized Peg raised some fine boys that can do the work if Dad just gets out of the way. I also realized the line gets long when I visit with the bidders who are getting their numbers. I’ll have to work on that!

It only took me 40 years to realize what Don Babbitt told me 40 years ago when I asked him how do I get auctions from the established auctioneers in the area.  He said, “You just gotta out live ‘em!” Well, Don, our legacy carries on with our children and grandchildren as we celebrate our 40th anniversary and we live on!    Col Frank, MSAA EVP