**ANOTHER JOKELA AUCTION ~ Repeat Auction Clients!**

As I write this article, Winter is fast approaching. It has been down to 18 degrees - at least that’s still above zero!

I have a lot of memories of past auctions working with my parents. It seems I keep running into people we have either conducted auctions for before, or we have conducted auctions for their parents or their grandparents. I find myself telling my husband Dave, or my son Logan, about conducting an auction as we drive by this place or that place. Sometimes I remember the actual year, or else I mention what decade it probably was…10 years ago, 20 years ago, or even back in the 80’s or 90’s. There are a lot of good memories, comical situations, or special items that were sold that day that enable me to remember!

Dave or Logan sometimes say, “you’ve told me that before!” Sometimes, Dave says, “you tell me that every time we drive by here!” I guess it’s hard to give up those good old memories especially when those special people in your life (my parents) are no longer with you here on this earth!

Here’s an example of a family we have conducted several auctions for: In 1993 we sold out a dairy farm for a gentleman about ten years younger than my Dad. He quit milking cows at that time. Last summer we sold an Estate auction for two of his brothers. This summer we sold the last of his items on his farm. This winter we will sell his house full of his wife’s unique items, hundreds of porcelain, glassware, and antiques from Spain and Portugal. She was from Spain and passed away a few years ago. Now, he is preparing for the day when he may need to move into a smaller house or apartment.

Another example is the former Val Chatel Ski Resort just north of Park Rapids. My Dad was the first ski instructor there in the1950’s after he returned home from WWII as a 1st Sergeant and ski instructor for the 10th Mountain Division. The Ski Resort/Lodge/Restaurant had a liquidation auction on Sept 17, 1988. We sold the Commercial kitchen equipment, the Restaurant/dining room furniture, the Chalet furnishings (13 rooms), hundreds of pairs of downhill skis, boots, poles, cross-country ski equipment, (2) Snowcats, boats, canoes, plow trucks, tour bus, Commercial sewing equipment, office equipment, lawn and maintenance equipment, and more! A full day of two auction rings! The next auction we had for the Val Chatel Ski Resort was the actual Real Estate, acreage, and buildings we sold on October 12, 1990. The final auction held on October 1, 2011 was for the present owner who passed on and we sold his personal items and also the Viking Theatre items which was constructed after the ski resort auction to utilize the beautiful lakeside property.

It goes to show that if you do your job to the best of your ability, it will be recognized, appreciated, and you’ll never run out of work!

See you all in January in St. Cloud!

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