How Old Are Ya?

Is that a personal question?  I had to ask one of our female auctioneers that very question last month. Although the auxiliary does not have a life membership, the MSAA does. When the dues statements are sent out there is an explanation on how to get to be a “life” member.  My friend, Allan Kahler, said it best many years ago: “70 is just a number; if you are still doing what you love ya should be paying full dues if you are an active auctioneer rather that the half price.” Other Hall of Fame members also believe in giving back to the MSAA and have done the same as well.

Every year some members (that I know are over 70) pay to help offset a new person that is having a hard time paying their dues. This helps keep the new members attending and getting involved.  (For those of you that do not know, here is a little secret for you: The Hall of Fame for many years has collected first time attendee cards and has paid for the auctioneer to come back the following year to help them with conference registration cost.)

Thank you to all the Hall of Fame members who donate to this fine venture, too.  When we talk about donating, thank you to everyone that has stepped forward to help President Thompson by being a sponsor again this year. It is appreciated.

A few years back Wally Laumeyer tried to challenge some of our retired members to donate to the scholarship fund or consider an endowment to continue with the goal of helping young people make it in the auction world.  This continues to this day. Thank you, Wally.

Well, circling the wagons, in September, I turned 22 for the third time. I tell folks I’m 22 with 44 years of experience. While I am updating dues, it reminds me to tell you to let me know when you hit 70 so I can have you listed as a “Life Member” on our site and your dues are now 50% of the current amount. This year's dues were $100 plus $5 for the auxiliary.  If you are over 70, it would be $50 + $5 for auxiliary. It just works better when you put on your dues statement you were 70 on the 4th or whatever date you celebrate your experience.  Keep me posted when the celebrations are and keep gaining knowledge.

With Auctions in Mind,

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