

# TRUE VINE TIMES

## Remember when....

~ Submitted by Bob and Linda Wideman



### Update on Rachel's brother Dan...

Rachel recently updated me on the status of her brother Dan. She writes,

***"Dan, the tall one in the middle, is the one we've been praying for. He is free from cancer as of now, but would still appreciate continued prayers for the side effects and the decisions he and his family are still facing."***

We are in the process of cleaning out our attic and basement for an anticipated move this spring. We came across files from the fundraisers and auctions that dated back to **1993** and thought we would share some remembrances with CCAM.

Our first auction fundraiser was held on the CCAM grounds on October 30, 1993, to benefit Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) to help with major flooding relief in the Midwest. It was cold the day of the auction with a northeast wind. The day after, we had 6-8" of snow and the tent was laying on the ground!

A year or two later, we did another fundraiser in October to benefit the Don Yoder family with a wheelchair accessible van for Yvonne Poole.

Another year we held a small auction to benefit Connie Bell (now Mrs. Connie Davis), who had two young daughters and had just recently lost her husband. John Wideman served as the auctioneer!

On October 31, 1998, we worked alongside other community people and churches to hold an auction to benefit Lance Salmon, a little boy in our community with some major health issues and medical bills. This one was held at the Newstead Fire Hall grounds.

Between 2000 – 2006, MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) benefit auctions were held at the WNY Event Centre (Antique World). In those 7 years, we were able, through the generosity of so, so many people, to send over \$260,000 to MCC for their relief programs throughout the US and the world.

After taking a year off from these fundraisers, we began the tradition of holding Fall Bazaars most years, utilizing our building, grounds, and every available person who was willing and able to help serve. These Fall Bazaars were also a way to help support MCC.

Some highlights from those early MCC Benefit Auctions included Ethiopian Food, Chicken BBQ, Homemade donuts, Pies, Children's Auction, Rummage

*A Thursday Evening visit  
with Martha Jane Albrecht,  
Jack and Pam Keough.*

*We had a really nice visit with Pam's mom, Marty. She is doing very well. Marty made an investment in an exercise bike to help stay active during the pandemic, upon the advice of her doctor. She continues to work toward increasing her time on the bike. Normally her, Shirley, and Joe Frey would be in Sarasota this time of year, but due to the pandemic, they are still in WNY. They are hoping to head to Sarasota after they receive their vaccine. Marty sends her love and wishes to the church family and looks forward to when we can all be together again.*



Sale, Friday evening meal and live music, along with pre-auctions fundraisers (Taco in a bag stand at Russell Park over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, Pies in the Park, dress down Easter, garage sale, and maybe others that we can't quite remember).

Even though we weren't able to have a Fall Bazaar in 2020 due to COVID, Lord willing, we will be able to keep the tradition going come the fall of 2021.



*I Will Follow* - Jon Guerra ([click on the picture](#))

You know your getting old when.....  
~submitted by Robert Mast

You and your teeth don't sleep together.

You try to straighten the wrinkles in your socks and you discover you aren't wearing any.

At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop, and you are not eating cereal.

Your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.

Happy hour is a nap.

Your address book has mostly names that begin with Dr.

Getting "lucky" means you found your car in the parking lot.

