

Chairmanship's in her blood

Auction chairman Peggy Harvey never thought she'd be asked to head the annual event which has become a way of life for her family.

"My sisters were astounded, but my mother was very proud," she said, laughing. "Mom said I'm just like my father, always volunteering to help out."

Peggy's father, the late Dr. Lester Jordan, was auction chairman in 1961. Peggy describes him as "the kind of person who would rather jump in, roll up his sleeves and get to work than simply sit back watching others."

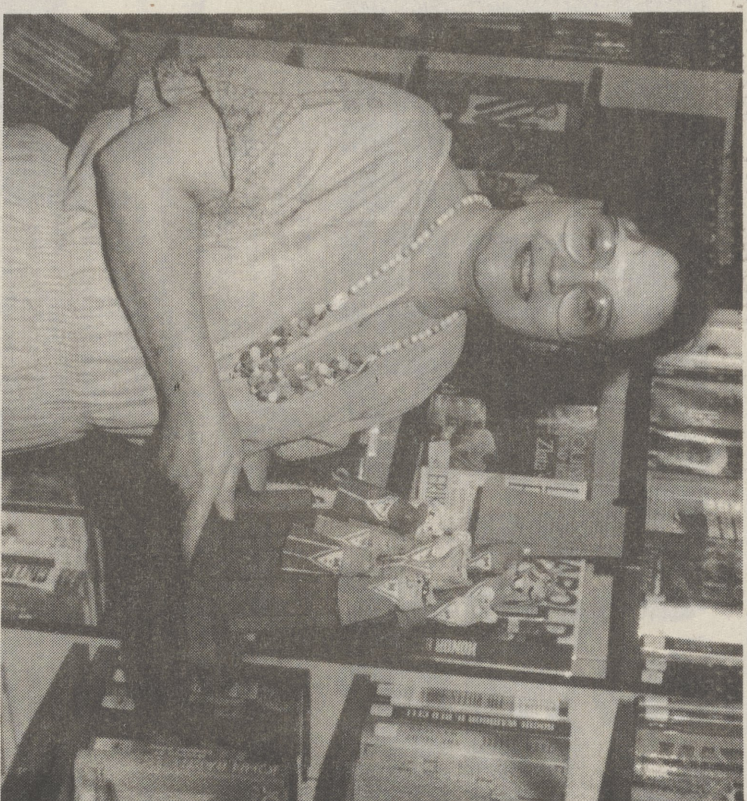
In the auction's early years, farmers often donated livestock, dogs and cats for sale. Dr. Jordan occasionally brought home a dog which had been donated but hadn't found a home, Peggy recalled. Her favorite was a big collie-German shepherd.

Auction chairman are usually groomed for the job, serving as co-chairmen the preceding year, but a last-minute glitch left the event without a leader when Adrienne Robinson suddenly found out she wouldn't be able to be chairman, Peggy said.

"The board asked me to be chairman in March," she said. "I never thought in a million years they'd ask me - the job and the responsibility are so much bigger than I am."

Peggy credits her predecessor, Joe Kluger, and co-chairman Connie Scott and Ernie Ashbridge with making her work much easier.

Kluger lent her all his materials from last year's auction, while Ashbridge handled the auction's kickoff dinner and Connie Scott made arrangements for all



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95 Auction Chairman

the tents and a trash hauler.

"I write notes to myself all the time, even while I'm driving," Peggy said. "Our people are wonderful - they have kept me abreast of everything that's been happening. It

Auction chairpersons through the years

1947 - Howard Risley	1972 - Clarke Bittner
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1949 - Howard Risley	1974 - James Anzalone
1950 - Durelle Scott, Jr.	1975 - John Sheehan
1951 - Harry Ohman	1976 - Howard Strom
1952 - Chick Smith	1977 - Kerry Freeman
1953 - Charles Thuss	1978 - Rena Rothschild
1954 - Robert Baehman	1979 - William Spurlin
1955 - William Wright	1980 - Joyce Kivlenko
1956 - Howard Risley	1981 - James Eason
1957 - Raymon Hadden	1982 - Joseph Killen
1958 - Charles Frantz	1983 - Joanne Freeman
1959 - Donald Smith	1984 - James Anzalone
1960 - Myron Baker	1985 - Monty Evans
1961 - Lester Jordan	1986 - John Shaskas
1962 - Richard Demmy	1987 - Debbie Dinger
1963 - Robert Fleming	1988 - John Shaskas
1964 - Frank Huttman	1989 - John Shaskas
1965 - Merl Faegenberg	1990 - Connie Scott
1966 - Jerome Gardner	1991 - Monty Evans
1967 - Harry Leiko	1992 - Connie Scott
1968 - Donald Anthony	1993 - Bill Jones
1969 - George McCutcheon	1994 - Joe Kluger
1970 - Robert Richardson	1995 - Peggy Harvey
1971 - John Casner	

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kind of flows, with everyone knowing what must be done and when to do things. We have a lot of people whom we can depend on to do things properly."

The hardest work - finding committee chairmen and organizing everything - is now over, she said. She doesn't anticipate any last-minute surprises.

"I've learned a lot," she said. "I've learned to say 'no' when it's necessary, and I've learned grace under fire, diplomacy. I also

learned that the job isn't too big for me or anyone - nobody can do it alone. You need good people to work with, as I have had. Although she hasn't set a goal for the auction, it generally raises between \$40,000 and \$50,000, she said.

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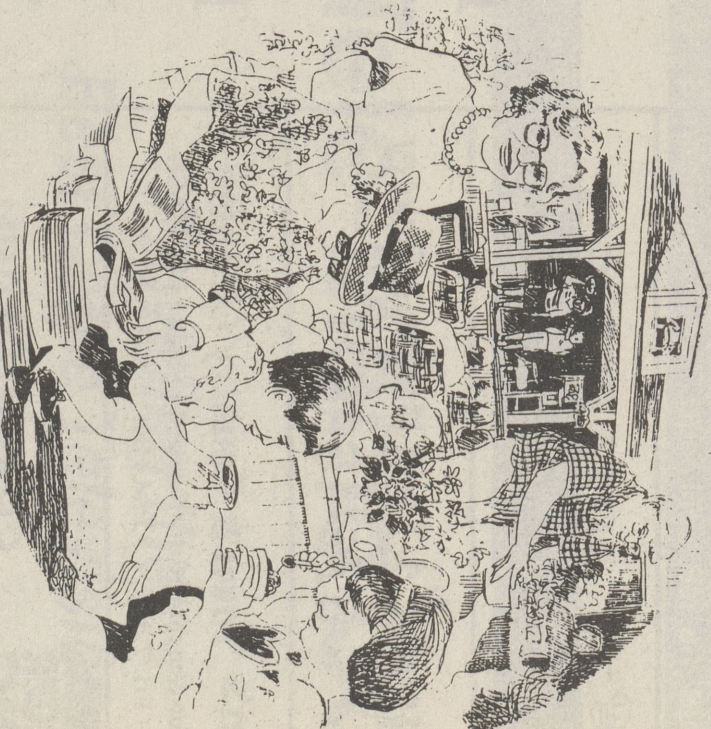


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