



Auxiliary Action

by Jane Ebert, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Highlights from the North American and more

Montana Angus Auxiliary members gave a pen-and-ink print titled "Pulling Together!" to attendees (more than 250 in all) at the American Angus Auxiliary's 2000 annual breakfast in Louisville. The Montana ladies definitely demonstrated pulling together. A big, Southern thanks!

It was standing room only as breakfast attendees participated in a dynamic roast honoring Dean Hurlbut for his service to the American Angus Association. Sandra McCurry, program chairwoman, coordinated the festive roast. Dean and his wife, Gloria, were presented the American Angus Auxiliary 50th Anniversary print numbered 43 in recognition of his 43 years of service to the Association.

Here are highlights from Louisville and other Auxiliary activities.

Murphy painting. Frank Murphy was commissioned by the Auxiliary to paint an Angus memorabilia montage celebrating our 50th anniversary. The original painting was auctioned at the Angus social during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Four Angus breeders teamed to purchase the painting for \$10,000, then donated it to the American Angus Association to be exhibited in the Saint Joseph, Mo., headquarters.

Purchasers were Dave McMahon, Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.; Barry Pollard, Pollard Farms, Enid, Okla.; Paul Hill, Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio; and Mark Nelson, Five Star Land & Livestock, Wilton, Calif. A hearty thanks to these buyers and the contending breeders. Proceeds will be used to enhance the Auxiliary's scholarship program.

No. 1 print. Twenty-one Montana Angus breeders pooled their money to purchase the No. 1 print of Murphy's Auxiliary anniversary montage. It will hang at Genex Hawkeye West in Billings. The \$2,100 donation will be directed to the Auxiliary's scholarship and awards programs.

Scholarship amount set. In 2001, \$8,000 in scholarships will be awarded to 10 Angus youth — five boys, five girls.

Computer technicians. Seven "computer-whiz moms" will assist the officer and committee teams. Joining us are Anne Lampe, chairwoman; Revonda Ratledge; Sherrie Grappe; Sharon Stevenson; Kay McCurry; Deb O'Neill; and Robyn Whitman. Welcome!

Auxiliary extension. Are you ready to revive or to establish an Auxiliary in your state? A great "get started" notebook was compiled for this purpose. Contact Annie Viator or Claudia Dilbeck.

Beef gift boxes. Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Auxiliary have teamed with Rocke's Meat Haus to simplify gift giving. For each of the five beef gift boxes ordered, Rocke's will donate 10% of the package price to the scholarship and awards programs. To order, visit the Angus Web site at www.angus.org or call me.

Sculpture. A sculpture of an Angus cow with her calf lying beside her, titled "New Generation," has been designed exclusively for the Auxiliary by Harvey Rattey of Montana. You can view the 3-by-5-inch sculpture at the Association booth at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) or on

the Auxiliary Web site. Contact Yvonne Hinman for more information. Proceeds will go to the scholarship and awards programs. (Pewter: \$100; bronze: \$350.)

Women's Vision... Making a Difference Conference. This seminar will convene in Saint Joseph, Mo., at the Association headquarters the last weekend in April or the first weekend in May. Look for more details to come.

CAB Building Blocks seminar. The officer team participated in the CAB Building Blocks seminar in December. Great opportunities will be shared with you in upcoming months. Thanks, CAB staff.

Denver Auxiliary Breakfast. All Angus breeders are invited. Prior to the bull show on Friday, Jan. 12, enjoy a dutch breakfast hosted by the Auxiliary from 7 to 9 a.m. in the NWSS Club room located on the exhibitors' floor at the show.

New in Denver. An Auxiliary fellowship has been scheduled Thursday, Jan. 11, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Denver Downtown Marriott.

FYI: Check www.angus.org on the Internet. Click the Auxiliary icon to see what is happening with our group. It's more than I can share in our monthly gleanings.

Watch for the 2001 Auxiliary Yearbook in the February *Angus Journal*. It'll be a keeper.

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