



# Auxiliary Notes

► by **Pat Grote**, president, American Angus Auxiliary

## Auxiliary revisits history, looks to the future

*Only with the American Angus Auxiliary could a lady from Kansas, Sandra McCurry, arrange entertainment worthy of an Academy Award year after year for the Auxiliary breakfast in Louisville, Ky. New singing and acting careers are launched every year at this event during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). This year featured "The Trash Cats" of Haven High School, Haven, Kan.*

### Other breakfast notables

Also at the breakfast, we honored a very deserving Distinguished Woman. That honor went to Linda Brost, Marshall, Ill. She has a passion for the Angus industry, its past and its future.

We were reduced to tears by a selection of sentimental songs from Margaret Brost, and our hearts raced with the beat from "The Trash Cats."

The North Carolina women and men are to be complimented on their Southern hospitality and the beautiful decorations provided by Jane Fowler and her family.

How many of you recognized the Angus matchbooks, circa 1973, that were distributed at the Auxiliary breakfast? I hope you took your matchbook home; they truly are collectibles.

### Anniversary celebration begins

While in Louisville, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the American Angus Auxiliary. The celebration abounded with stories and memories that filled the numerous Auxiliary scrapbooks from years gone by.

The scrapbooks were accompanied by stories told by Dean Hurlbut, Jeannette Stevenson, Bette Votaw, Lucile Patton, Kathy Dubs, June Hagenbuch, Lori Fink, Nellie Meinders, Linda Brost, Ardyce O'Neill, Karen Eikmeier, Mary Patton, Velma Krininger, Roma Wallace, Becky Bradley, Anne Patton Schubert, Dessie and Jim Moxley, Lois Foster, Sandra Wallace, Sandra McCurry, Susan Quam, Renee Driscoll, Jane Ebert, Yvonne Hinman, Amy Iman Bellis, Nancy Sullivan and many more that I'm sure I have left out.

Jamie Gorham took pictures for the memory book that will be on display at next year's celebration ending the 50th year.

### Generous support

Rachel Breck, artist and longtime Angus enthusiast, created an original Angus scene in crewel needlework that was auctioned at the Angus Reception at the NAILE. Also auctioned were baseball bats autographed by famous ballplayers and a cap autographed by Mel Gibson. All of the items were auctioned for the Auxiliary scholarship fund.

The crewel needlework was purchased by Bob Laflin. Jot Hartley purchased the bat autographed by Mark McGwire, who announced his retirement the same day. Jerry Forsythe purchased the bat autographed by Robin Ventura and the bat autographed by Todd Helton. Steve French and Julie McMahon French purchased the cap signed by Mel Gibson.

Our holiday room was a success, thanks to our partners — the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board; Weekenders clothing by Pam Silveira; and Longaberger baskets, available from Ardyce O'Neill. We have received many requests to repeat our holiday room next year, and we will work hard to achieve this goal.

Thank you so much for all your support.

### Ways & Means chairwoman

I would like to introduce Gigi Jordan Hunter, our new Ways & Means Committee chairwoman. Gigi's family has been in the Angus business since the 1920s. She and her husband of 22 years, David, and their sons (Clint, 20, and Jordan, 14) live on a 90-acre farm near Fair Grove, Mo. Gigi and David are involved in their sons' activities. They travel to several Angus shows every summer, including the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). They try to attend as many cattle sales as possible, where Clint works as a ringman and pre-sale fitter.

Gigi is the librarian for kindergarten through 8th-grade classes at her local school. She also writes a weekly column for the local newspaper and is a contributing writer for *Missouri Angus Trails*. She still finds time on Sunday to teach a class at her church.

Our hats are off to all the workers not mentioned and to all of those at home supporting us so we can spend our time working and supporting the future.

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## Join us in Denver

The American Angus Auxiliary has several events planned at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., later this month:

- The American Angus Auxiliary will host a meeting with the American Hereford Women and the National Organization of Poll-Ettes at the Marriott City Center on Jan. 17 at 8 a.m.
- The American Angus Association reception will be Thursday evening, Jan. 17, at the Marriott City Center.
- Anita Becky is coordinating the Angus Gatherin' Breakfast Buffet on Friday, Jan. 18, from 7 to 9 a.m. in the National Western Club, located in the Hall of Education.

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# Scenes from *Louisville*



► Pat Grote, Bennington, Okla., is the 2001-2002 president of the American Angus Auxiliary.



► Jane Fowler and her daughter, Giny Fowler-Wheeler, Zebulon, N.C., created the floral arrangements for the Auxiliary Breakfast and 50th Anniversary Reception. The arrangements were in memory of Angus breeder J.R. Fowler Jr., who passed away this year.



► Scholarship winners vying for Miss American Angus were (from left) Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, Md.; Jennifer Johnson, Tompkinsville, Ky.; and Rebecca Nida, Red Rock, Okla.



► The Trash Cats of Haven High School, Haven, Kan., performed at the Auxiliary Breakfast on Sunday morning. The group was sponsored by Jerry Lehmann, Roger Jacobs, Tom Burke, Eddie Sims, Scott Crawford, Tracy Harl, Craig Conover and Cecil McCurry.



► Serving as the 2001-2002 American Angus Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C., advisor; Amy Iman Bellis, Orrick, Mo., secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) Pat Grote, Bennington, Okla., president; and Nancy Jo Sullivan, Marietta, Ohio, vice president.



► Linda Brost, Marshall, Ill., was named the 2001 American Angus Auxiliary Distinguished Woman. Brost is one of only 17 in the history of the organization to receive the honor.

