

# Auxiliary Action

by Jane Ebert, president, American Angus Auxiliary



## Diverse strengths

Musing from a favorite spot in our home — the kitchen table — I am afforded a beautiful outdoor scene stretching across pasture, cattle, fishing pond and woodland.

Reflecting on the several states I will visit this year as the Auxiliary president convinces me that I have the best volunteer job in the world. In what other volunteer job could one be surrounded by Angus enthusiasts?

One of the greatest challenges of volunteerism is realizing that differences are good. Some days, John Gray's words seem true — "Men are from Mars, women are from Venus." Too often we are led to believe that differences are not good. Nothing could be further from the truth. Just imagine what a bland world it would be if we all had identical thoughts, ideas and experiences. We'd be bored silly. We need the different perspectives and insights that come from diversity, and the more perspectives the better.

That's one of the greatest assets in the Auxiliary. We recognize that much of our strength comes in knowing our leadership

team, membership and support systems. As our Auxiliary expands to reach new horizons, adjustment, anxiety and comfort zones reveal differences ... and that's OK.

We can explore differing thoughts and opinions within our organization without rancor. Perhaps some feel they need to adhere to historical foundations out of respect for those who laid the groundwork. Others are happy to build on the organizational foundation and search for creative delivery systems in meeting new challenges within, such as membership and resource development, to mention only a few. Either approach is OK. Let's celebrate our differences, because each of us was created as a unique person and there's nothing boring or bland about who we are.

### A new endeavor

The first-ever Auxiliary leadership conference, "Excellence, No Exception," will be conducted May 4-5 in Saint Joseph, Mo., at the American Angus Association (see

tentative schedule of events). The conference is designed to bring past, present and future Auxiliary leaders together to enjoy friendship, fulfillment and fun. You have the opportunity to join fellow members in designing a measurable course of action for the Auxiliary for the next five years.

The executive leadership team, using planning strategies offered by Angus Productions Inc. (API), Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), the Association and The Trust Co., offers a creative learning, sharing and planning weekend. Registration is \$35, and reservations should be made via Pat Grote by April 15. Reservation information is available from state Auxiliary leadership, national officers, national committee chairwomen or the Auxiliary Web site ([www.angus.org/auxiliary](http://www.angus.org/auxiliary)).

### In other news

The Auxiliary Extension Committee is working with the Atlantic National board of directors to organize the first Atlantic National Angus Auxiliary in May 2001. If you would be willing to help with the organization of the Atlantic National auxiliary or desire more information, please contact Annie Viator at (337) 276-7451 or me at (336) 731-4974.

The Auxiliary scholarship applications are available. Please check the Web site or contact your state scholarship contact or state junior Angus advisors to secure information and an application. Only the top male and female applicant from each state will be accepted for national judging. The national deadline is May 10; the national scholarship chairwoman is Pat Grote. Scholarships totaling \$8,000 are being awarded in 2001.

The Harvey Rattey bronze and pewter sculptures, "New Generation," are in high demand. Make sure you get one before the stock is depleted. Thanks to Belle Point Ranch for purchasing five sculptures at Denver. The proceeds provide funds for Auxiliary awards, scholarships and activities. Sculptures will make great gifts for any occasion, including Father's Day or Easter. Contact Yvonne Hinman at (406) 654-1809 for more information.

## TENTATIVE Schedule of Events

Locations or times may be subject to change. Watch for an updated schedule.

### FRIDAY, May 4

- 8 a.m.** Conference registration and welcome, American Angus Association
- 8:30 a.m.** AIMS workshop with Scott Johnson, Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) director, American Angus Association
- 10:30 a.m.** "Cheat Time, Not Taste!" with Deborah Leonard, public relations director, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)
- noon** Web marketing workshop with Angie Denton, Web marketing director, Angus Productions Inc. (API)
- 1 p.m.** "Lunch and Learn" with Bob Siemens, trust officer and senior vice president, The Trust Co., Saint Joseph, Mo.
- 2:30 p.m.** Guided tours of the Association and API
- 6 p.m.** Depart for evening social and dinner at the Saint Joseph Country Club

### SATURDAY, May 5

- 9 a.m.** "Excellence ... No Exception" with Nancy Sullivan, conference leader
- noon** Lunch
- 1 p.m.** Committee meetings
- 2:30 p.m.** Group committee reports/open committee discussion
- 3:30 p.m.** Open forum with the 2001 executive officer team
- 5:30 p.m.** Depart for barbecue dinner at the Pony Express Museum and presentation by James Fisher, junior activities director, American Angus Association

Thinking about special occasions with family and friends during Easter, Mother's Day, graduation, Memorial Day weekend or Father's Day? Next month, the Auxiliary will introduce a great beef offer that will provide eating enjoyment and convenience for your celebrations and gatherings. Watch for the announcement.

### On a historical note ...

Nov. 30, 1955: The Auxiliary scholarship program began. The initial amount awarded was \$100. The first scholarship committee consisted of Dorothy Wall, Willie Volkman, Mrs. Holbert and Mrs. Banscombe. They increased the initial amount to \$300 and presented the award to Kathleen Moore (now Kathleen Perry) of Bethel, Mo., at the Annual Meeting.



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## American Angus Auxiliary 50th Anniversary Print

The American Angus Auxiliary is proud to announce the release of a limited-edition, commemorative print with all proceeds going to the support of Auxiliary-sponsored youth scholarships. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Auxiliary, a special print was commissioned from renowned Angus artist Frank Murphy. Memorabilia from the past 50 years of the Auxiliary's activities and support of Angus youth and the American Angus Association are depicted in the print. Only 250 signed copies have been reproduced.

A signed and numbered print can be purchased for \$50, plus shipping and handling. Signed, numbered and remarqued prints are \$100, plus shipping and handling. All prints include a certificate of authenticity. Contact Marjorie Perkins at (830) 236-5897 to order your print today.



## 2001 American Angus Auxiliary Officers and Committees

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