

Auxiliary Action

by Yvonne Hinman, president, American Angus Auxiliary



Scholarships, awards, gifts and communications tools

The American Angus Auxiliary this year will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to 10 high-school graduates. Scholarships will be given to five boys and five girls who have participated in Angus activities. The five girls will have the opportunity to vie for the title of Miss American Angus in November.

Contact your state scholarship chairperson for an application and your state's scholarship deadline. They were listed in the *Auxiliary Yearbook 2000*, which was published as an insert to the February 2000 *Angus Journal*. Jane Ebert is our national scholarship chairperson. Call her if your state does not have a contact person.

Renee Driscoll, national chairperson for achievement certificates, reminds all junior Angus members they are eligible to apply for this award each fall. The Certificate of Achievement Award is issued to recognize achievement on national, state or district (tri-county) levels and in all competitions recognized by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). If you are not familiar with this program and would like more information, please contact your state award chairperson or Renee at (319) 668-2082.

A special thank-you to Scott Johnson at the American Angus Association for keeping our Web page updated. He has entered information concerning contacts and events for the new year on our Auxiliary page. You can access this

information through the Association's Web site (www.angus.org).

Scott also has listed the Angus items available from our Ways & Means Gift Catalog. If you prefer to have a hard copy of the catalog, call Marjorie Perkins at (830) 236-5897 or fax your request to (830) 236-5896.

Thanks to the current state of communication technology, shopping has been made easier. You can now order by mail, phone, fax or e-mail; and you can pay by check, American Express, Discover, Visa or MasterCard.

Please remember that each time you purchase Angus items from the Auxiliary Ways & Means, you are directly supporting the scholarship program and the many awards that our Auxiliary bestows upon Angus youth each year.

The longer I live the more I am convinced that communication is the cornerstone of a good relationship. Whether it is between two people or a large group of people with a common cause, communication is the key to success.

A few weeks ago I had an opportunity to join the NJAA Board of Directors for a seminar in Wooster, Ohio, sponsored by the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Program. CAB Program directors shared detailed information about each of their divisions and their responsibilities. We toured the facility, and during breaks we had a chance

to visit with staff members.

This type of intercommunication energizes individuals and strengthens the foundations of our individual Angus organizations. Thank you to CAB Program staff for including the Auxiliary in this value-added program.

During the visit to the CAB Program headquarters, I also had the opportunity to meet and talk with the NJAA Board of Directors. These young men and women who wear the distinctive green jackets are a remarkable group and an asset to our Angus world. If you don't know them, take the initiative to introduce yourself the next time you see them at an event. You, too, will be impressed.

Realizing it is sometimes difficult to interact with other Auxiliary members across the country, I suggest we use a portion of this monthly column as a communications corner to share ideas that might be beneficial to other Auxiliary groups. Your article could be information about a successful fund-raiser or how your state handles scholarship applications or plans a field day — anything that has worked especially well for your organization. Please send your writings to me, and I will include them as space permits. Articles need to be signed and a maximum of 150 words.

Our first contributing writer is Pam Patterson. (See the next page.) She and her husband, John, own the 3210 Angus Ranch near Columbus, Mont., and are the parents of junior Angus members Tom and Mark Patterson. Thanks, Pam, for taking the time to share with us!

When I talked to Pam about submitting an article, I had no idea it would center on communication. It only reinforces my thoughts on how important it is for all of us to keep in touch and to share our knowledge. Communication is the name of

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Message from Montana

by Pam Patterson, Montana Angus
Auxiliary vice president

The Montana Angus Auxiliary is a large and active group. The major obstacle we must overcome is the fact that Montana is a big state. Distance prohibits us from gathering more than two or three times a year.

An innovation of our president, Sharon Stevenson, was the development of the Montana Angus Auxiliary Directory. This directory profiles each member in a resumé format that includes information about our families, personal interests and off-farm occupations, and it details the scope and marketing of each individual Angus operation.

Realizing that we live in an age of rapid communication, sometimes our lives get so hectic we lose track of the important things. This directory offers each of us a communication network at our fingertips that allows us to keep in touch with Angus friends all over our state.

The lifeblood of any organization is an informed membership. It is our hope that this directory accomplishes this purpose.

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