

Auxiliary Action

by Yvonne Hinman, president, American Angus Auxiliary



Spring is the time for birth, rebirth

As Easter approaches, I would like to wish each of you a wonderful season shared with family and friends. May the season of rebirth bring new hopes and joys into your life.

Welcome to our newest members: Nancy Lammers of Iowa, Tammy Hill of Ohio, Debbie Claeys of Indiana, Nancy Emory of Oklahoma, and new lifetime member Jane Satree of Texas.

Renewing her dues is Mary Vejraska of Washington state.

Our organization is growing each month, and we invite you to join us. Simply send your name, postal address, phone, fax and e-mail address, along with \$10 for annual dues or \$100 for a lifetime membership, to Sharon

Sommers at 9414 S. 200 W., Silver Lake, IN 46982.

Sharon and the membership committee will be mailing out our *Auxiliary Yearbook 2000* to all members as their dues are paid. Our organization offers individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities.

The Extension Committee is taking on a new role this year by actively sharing information with areas and individuals who do not have an auxiliary. We want to be a link for those of you who would like

information or who have questions about forming an organization in your state or region. We'll also help with any part of your currently functioning auxiliary.

Please contact one of our co-chairpersons: Annie Viator [phone (337) 276-7451; fax (801) 730-8225; or e-mail annlv@worldnet.att.net] or Claudia Dilbeck [phone (918) 733-4958; fax (918) 733-2057; or e-mail, gdiacon@webtv.net].

Make note of this information as it was not published in our February yearbook.

Reminders

The American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship applications are now available from your state scholarship chairperson (listed in the February yearbook); call to receive a copy, or download it from the Angus Web page. Be sure to inquire about and to comply with your state's deadline and regulations if you acquire your information from the Internet.

If you know of any young Angus enthusiasts who are graduating this spring, encourage them to apply for a scholarship. The five winning girls will be invited to compete for the Miss American Angus title in November.

Historian Chairperson Lois Foster reminds us to send photos and news clippings concerning national and state auxiliary work to her so they can be included in this year's scrapbook. I know the beautiful scrapbooks are a labor of love for Lois, but I am sure she appreciates being sent information throughout the year.

With May and June just around the corner, how about a "beefy" gift for Mother's Day or Father's Day? The *Auxiliary/Certified Angus Beef™ Cook-Off* cookbook would be a terrific present for moms of all ages, as well as for those dads who love to grill. The cookbook contains a complete set of recipes, as well as the names of the contestants in the first 15 years of the cook-offs at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Cookbooks can be ordered from our Ways & Means gift catalog by calling (830) 236-5897 or sending e-mail to rmckp@gvtc.com.

I am still encouraging articles from Auxiliary ladies across the country who have something they would like to share with us. Articles should be a maximum of 150 words and pertain to Angus auxiliaries. This month our States' Corner article comes from North Carolina, and our author is someone most of you will recognize. She is our Auxiliary vice president, Jane Ebert.

Thanks for sharing this information, Jane. Hopefully it will inspire other states or regions that have not yet organized. Congratulations to each of the new North Carolina Angus Auxiliary charter members.

My parting thought for the month comes from John Andrew Holmer: "There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting up people."

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STATES' CORNER: Advice from North Carolina

Hooray for North Carolina! Twenty-five Angus women gathered in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Feb. 5, 2000, to organize the first Auxiliary chapter in North Carolina. To ensure visibility and communication for the organization, a meeting was conducted in December with 10 women attending.

These women established guidelines for the first charter meeting, developed a telephone tree for informing prospective members of the meeting, mailed announcement flyers to North Carolina Angus Association (NCAA) members' spouses and advertised in the NCAA newsletter. To add pizzazz to the charter meeting, an informal tea was conducted in honor of those in attendance.

A positive thrust for organizing the state auxiliary was chartering it in conjunction with the NCAA annual meeting. On the day of the meeting, officers and committee chairpersons were elected and appointed to serve for two-year terms.

Officers will be Nancy Crocker, president; Elaine Scarlett, president-elect; Elaine Wood, secretary; Lucille Leatherman, treasurer; and Jane Ebert, advisor. Committee chairpersons will be Sheila Willard, membership; Joyce Wall, ways & means; Sharon Mitchell, bylaws/historian; Martha Holshouser, awards and scholarships; Pam Christopher, publicity; and Jane Fowler, national meeting in 2001.

State and national dues were paid by 28 women, and three lifetime memberships were issued at the meeting site. Charter membership status was offered until April 1. Further membership inquiries can be made to Lucille Leatherman at (336) 731-8505.

For an additional boost to the organizational structure, a leadership and planning workshop was conducted in late February to develop a calendar, long- and short-range goals, and communication outreach.

