

Auxiliary Action

by Mary McCurry, president, American Angus Auxiliary



Mark your calendars for upcoming Auxiliary events

Brunch, anyone? The Auxiliary activities at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) will take on a new look this year in Louisville, Ky. Mark your calendars to attend a fabulous brunch on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. in the Executive West. Please note the new day and time.

The annual meeting will follow immediately. The meeting, following a more consolidated format, will conclude by noon. We hope the brunch format will offer a more relaxed atmosphere, perfect for Sunday morning in Louisville. Program/Hospitality Chairwoman Sandra McCurry is planning an extravaganza, so watch out! Be there to see the results, and you won't be disappointed.

Take note

- The Auxiliary's Web site is off to a great start. We have had a tremendous number of hits and appreciate everyone's checking out the site. Recent additions to the site include scholarship applications and membership applications.
- Don't forget Ways and Means as your place to shop for Angus items. We are now accepting MasterCard and Visa. Contact Marjorie Perkins, HCR 1, Box 22, Smiley, TX 78159; (830) 236-5897; fax: (830) 236-5896; or e-mail: rmckp@gvtc.com.
- The scholarship deadline is May 25 for states to submit to the American Angus Auxiliary their top boy and girl applicants. For more information, contact Yvonne Hinman, PO Box 122, Willow Creek, MT 59760 or call (406) 285-6755.

Welcome, new members

Montana, you are unbelievable! Another large group from Montana has joined the Auxiliary as annual members. (Is there a recruiting effort going on there?) Welcome aboard to Tammy Duncan, Monto Keough, Sharon Rennie, Pam Bilyeu, Ethel Lund, Margaret Schulz, Beth Green, Maggie Siewert, Margaret Felton, Babe Goggins, Annette Harrison, Pam Patterson and Marian Van Dyke. Which state will be next?

Welcome to new life member Ann Bell from Georgia, our Miss American Angus contest co-chairwoman.

Thanks to all the mothers out there — have a special Mother's Day!

Mary

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: In honor of Mother's Day

When the good Lord was creating Mothers, He was into His sixth day of overtime when the angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this order?"

"She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 movable parts — all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up, a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair, and six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands ... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing Me problems," said the Lord; "it's the three pairs of eyes that Mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know; and, of course, the ones here in front so that she can look at a child when he goofs and say, 'I understand and I love you' without uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "come to bed. Tomorrow...."

"I can't," said the Lord; "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger, and can get a 9-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a Mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this Mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel. The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there."

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