



Auxiliary Notes

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The Auxiliary was busy at NJAS

Ever wonder how people and organizations are initially joined together, then go separate ways and later reconnect? I question this at times, but a recent trip to the dentist gave me an answer.

Shared roots

Several months ago, I had a root canal. It was successful ... until I went out of town. A toothache turned up in the exact spot where I'd had the root canal.

Returning home, a visit to the dentist revealed that I had a unique dental challenge. My one-of-a-kind tooth formation had produced a single, Y-shaped canal. In other words, the canal went around both sides of an "island," then reconnected below it.

But what does dentistry have to do with the behavior of an organization?

At times we wonder how organizations survive when we consider the diversity of their memberships. Like teeth coming in, members join an organization at various points in time. Some "Y" to the right and some "Y" to the left, but when it all boils down to the root of the matter, each player shares in the mission of the organization.

We all work in uniqueness, creativity and commitment whether we work on the left or the right side of the "Y." I wasn't able to experience relief from the pain of my root canal until both sides of the Y merged into one. It is the same with organizations; wholeness comes when members commit to work together to achieve the goals and mission of the organization.

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Juniors recognized

At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo., the Auxiliary recognized our future, our youth.

Scholarship winners for the male division are Jonathan Barnes, Dolphin, Va., first; Kyle Conley, Clarksdale, Mo., second; Kristopher Lynn, Springfield, Ky., third; Adam May, Mineral Point, Wis., fourth; and Wrex Phipps, Kearny, Neb., fifth.

Scholarship winners for the female division are Rebecca Nida, Red Rock, Okla., first; Jennifer Johnson, Tompkinsville, Ky., second; Minnie Roberts, Sarcoxie, Mo., third; Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, Md., fourth; and Emily Hogberg, Mason, Mich., fifth.

The five ladies will have an opportunity to compete for Miss American Angus in November at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Cook-Off winners

Overall winners in the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off fresh-meat division were Michigan, junior division; Montana, intermediate division; Indiana, senior division; and Arkansas and Missouri (tie), adult division.

In the quick-and-easy category, winners were Indiana, junior division; Iowa, intermediate division; Kansas, senior division; and Iowa/Wisconsin, adult division.

The Black Kettle Award is presented in memory of Paul St. Blanc to the Cook-Off team that earns the most points. The Indiana senior team in the fresh-meat category was this year's Black Kettle Award winner.

Other awards

The Janet Castle Crystal Award promotes and encourages participation in educational events. Winners were John McCurry, Burrton, Kan., and Brittney Creamer, Montrose, Colo.

Dean Hurlbut presented the first-place showmanship award, a silver bowl, to Rachel

Postin, Stephens, Ga. Other silver bowl showmanship award winners were Robbie Smith, Lebanon, Tenn., second; Sarah Fuller, Twin Falls, Idaho, third; Lana Myers, Jennings, La., fourth; and Lacey Robinson, Montgomery City, Mo., fifth.

The Silver Pitcher awards were presented to the male and female accumulating the most cattle-show points during the NJAS. Sherrie Grappe, Auxiliary Silver Pitcher awards chairwoman, presented the awards to Wesley Womack, Pembroke, Ky., and Emily Pohlman, Norfolk, Neb.

Meeting in Denver

Each committee gave a report during our business meeting at the National Western Club. Several committees have requested changes in their guidelines and committee status.

The Advisory on Trust Committee is requesting to change to standing-committee status from ad hoc status. The Membership, Ways & Means and Miss American Angus committees are asking for guideline revisions. The Advisory on Trust Committee status request will be printed in "Auxiliary Notes" in the October issue, and we'll vote on the request at the Annual Meeting.

In Denver, 54 ladies attended the luncheon meeting and fashion show. The membership and visitors were introduced to special fund-raisers that benefit Auxiliary educational efforts. Soon to be marketed and available at the NAILE are knitted blankets featuring the new *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) logo; a china steak platter featuring an Angus steer and the CAB logo; Angus signature china; 2001 CAB corporate holiday beef gift boxes; and Weekender's Clothing sponsored by Pam Silveira and Andra Campbell.

In Louisville, the Ways and Means booth will display the results of a new "face-lift." It was suggested to the Executive Committee in Denver that we survey Auxiliary members who have home-based businesses to determine if they would like to participate in a "holiday store salesroom" at the NAILE, with a percentage of the sales going to the educational activities of the Auxiliary. Any Auxiliary members who have an interest in this opportunity should call me immediately.

Check "Auxiliary Notes" in the October issue for the schedule we'll be offering in Louisville. Visit www.angus.org/auxiliary for additional information.

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